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- April 22
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New Years Eve...... TBA

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President's Report

Oh my gosh! January has come and gone already! Where does the time go!

It was nice to have the warmer temperatures in January, but I think we all missed seeing Mr. Sunshine this last while!

And of course, being winter time, many of us have had to deal with the colds and flu bugs which of course, seem to hang around for a long time.

We started off with our very nice New Year's Eve Celebration. It was a nice turnout and also a delightful evening. I was very happy to see some our Transylvania friends out to enjoy the evening and to ring in the new year.

A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all. The Blue Waves band provided great music and folks were constantly on the dance floor enjoying themselves.

On January 14, I, along with other members of our club, attended the annual Kammeradschafts Abend hosted by the Transylvania Club. This is an evening of fellowship with members from all the German organizations in the region. A lovely meal, entertainment by their Choir, the Transylvania dancers and dancing music provided by the Seven Castle's Band made for a very enjoyable evening. \

Also at this event, Fred Lowrick, outgoing President of K-W Oktoberfest, presented all the Club Presidents with a token of appreciation for their donations to restoration and re-installation of the KW Glockenspiel.

On January 28th, Jessica Hill was crowned our Miss Schwaben 2017 at our Miss Schwaben Ball. Jessica is eager and very enthusiastic to begin her journey as our new Miss. I am sure she will be a great ambassador for our club and that she will have much enjoyment in doing so.

The event was well attended and much fun. I want to thank all the volunteers, organizers, who always do a terrific job decorating the hall (folded Rose Flower napkins were lovely, thanks Jennifer for teaching us!!!), and to the kitchen staff for the great food and great service.

Our new Board of Director's is settling in nicely. With several first time Directors, it is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and eagerness in the roles they have taken on, as is the ongoing dedication and passion of our longer term Directors. However, it is a bit of an adjustment for our Board as a whole, as our first time Directors are going through somewhat of a learning curve, but with the help, guidance and support from our longer term Directors they are catching on quickly and nicely.

We have several upcoming events in February. On February 11th, we have our awesome Valentine's Day Concert, "A New Kid in Town, An Evening of the Eagles" by Canada's #1 Eagles Tribute Band.

On February 18th, we will celebrating the 86th Anniversary of our Club and will be honouring some of our members for milestone membership years and service. I look forward to enjoying this upcoming event wit all If you, or anyone you know, is possibly planning on tying the knot in near future, please let them know, the Schwaben Club is hosting a Wedding Showcase on February 26th, 11am - 4pm.

Until next month!

Monica Anstett President

WHAT'S GOING ON Manager's Report

I always like getting the month of January out of the way, the weather is usually cold and so are the bookings. One of the nicest things about January is the crowning of the new Miss Schwaben. Congratulation to our new Miss Schwaben Jessica Hill. I know you will have an exciting year ahead and I hope that you will enjoy it to the fullest.

February will start us off with a new idea of concerts, dinner shows, and dances. The Schwaben club has 12 different musical events booked starting with the Valentines Dinner and Show on Saturday February 11th featuring the Eagle tribute band "New Kid In Town", and going right through to June17th with the fabulous band "Group Therapy". Please check out the total schedule and come out to these events. You won't be disappointed with the amazing talent that's coming to perform for YOU here at the Schwaben Club.

We are branching out and always looking for new ideas to generate more revenue for the club. If you have any ideas for an events that you think might be great at the club please bring them to me and I will see if we can make it happen..... see you at the Schwaben Club.

Don Egley General Manager

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Membership & Events

Membership renewals for 2017 are due and rates are below:

Student >>> \$25 Seniors >>> \$40 Single >>> \$50 Family >>> \$80

Effective March 1st - a LATE Fee of \$5.00 will apply to unpaid memberships.

Teenagers/students over 16 years of age are welcome to pay for your own Student or Single Membership.

You will become a member on your own and after 3 months you will have voting rights.

If you have moved or changed your address recently, inform our Club office and then Melissa and I will update the lists so you can still receive your Nachrichten.

Sick Benefit members who are not exempt, the annual \$12 fee is due for 2017

Death Benefit members - there is \$1 due in 2017 for 1 member who passed away in 2016

Bring your Sick and Death benefit booklets when paying for your membership dues to get them updated.

Geburtstage für März

Allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener Schwabenklubs, die üim Monat März Geburtstag feiern.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch und das Beste im neuen Lebensjahr.

Name	<u>Geburtstag</u>
Nowak, Robert	03
Watchorn, Jeff	09
Westwell, Kim	09
Stickel, Josef	10
Gruenwald, Konrad	10
Kleser, Wilfried	11
Putschli, Magdalena	12
Putschli, George	12
Schade, Frieda	13
Groh, Joe	14
Offak, Eric	15
Zettel, Doris	15
Kleser, Mike	16
Dennis, Ken	17
Ries, Edmund	20
Bruckler, Mary	21
Bekiroski, Hannelore	22
Szierer, Henry	22
Nemeth, Frank	23
Gellner, Brandy	26
Gottsman, Siegfried	27
Jessica Hill	30
Obert, Paul	31

Any questions, feel free to contact me or the club office.

Our club still has the lowest club membership rates of the region's 5 German clubs!

Encourage your friends & family to join our club! Happy New Year!

Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Director & Finance Secretary

Frauengruppe

It is with regret, that I have accepted Tina MacQuabbie's resignation as Secretary to the Frauengruppe. We thank her for time this past year.

We are also still looking for a 1st Treasurer as Monika Hoedl has finished her term. If you are willing to help please let me or the club know.

I can honestly say that the Treasurer will need to be filled sooner than later or we won't be able to run the Frauengruppe . If you can commit some time, we would appreciate it. Please note, we will meet again Wednesday, March 1st at 7 pm Let's hope February and March are like January, less snow and not so cold.

Helga Peller, President

Barbara Schlosser-Hill, Vice President

Annie Lutz, Social Director

Elizabeth Schiketanz, 2nd Treasurer

Helga Peller President

Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe

It was great to see everyone back the first Thursday in January after a nice break over the holidays. They soon got into the swing of things to prepare for the Miss Schwaben Ball.

Both the Kindergruppe and the Jugendgruppe learned new dances. They all looked so grown up in their formal attire the night of the Ball. The Kindergruppe performed a beautiful waltz and the Jugendgruppe elegantly danced the Kirchweih Landler.

What handsome gentlemen and lovely ladies we have!

It was very sweet to see the admiration in their bright eyes as they watched our Princess Jessica waltz her first dance. I could see all the young ladies counting the years until it might be their turn.

Our next big event will be Grundungsfest, our Club's anniversary. We continue to practice each Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. I know some people have been asking about how to join our groups. Youth between ages 4-16 are welcome to come and give it a try. The kids have fun, and lasting friendships are formed.

Anyone interested can contact me at: lea_schwabenclub@icloud .com

Don't forget our Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is coming soon! Tickets are only \$12 for a huge meal! Melissa has them available in the office. Our dancers will entertain you and there will also be a silent auction.

If you are able to contribute an item to donate to our silent auction it is greatly appreciated. All money supports our Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe for uniforms, and to subsidize out of town event expenses for our dancers.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the evening of March 4th. You don't want to miss this fun event!

Lea Becker President

> **Filmnachmittag** Please call the Schwaben Club at 519-742-7979 for more information

Freundschaftsgruppe FE3RUARY EVENTS

Friday February 10th – Rock Me Dance at Club

Runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

At the request of group members, we will

continue to work on our line dance that we started last year to Rock Me by voXXclub.

Saturday March 4th – Games/Wii Night

Will start after the Spaghetti Dinner

Mead to head dance offs, games, etc.

To be added to the email list, please contact Glenn at **glenn.schwaben@gmail.com.**

Remember: Family & friends are always welcome.

Glenn Herold Freundschaftsgruppe Coordinator

Donau Dancers

On Jan. 14 several Donau Dancers attended Kameradschaftsabend at the Alpine Club, hosted by the Transylvania club. What a great opportunity to spend time with all our friends from the various local German clubs. A delicious traditional meal of roast pork, roasted potatoes, red cabbage, sauerkraut and mixed vegetables was enjoyed by all the guests. The meal was completed with å light lemon cake, tea and coffee which was served by the Transylvania dancers.

Bob Foster shared the vast history of all the local German clubs and associations in the K-W area. He stressed the need and the importance for all of us to work together to continue to keep the German heritage alive in our community. Kameradschaftsabend is the perfect opportunity to reflect on these thoughts and memories as we all strive to work toward this common goal. The Seven Castles kept us entertained on the dance floor with both traditional and some modern music. We all enjoyed the youthful exuberance of the Transylvania Dancers.

It is the youth of all of our clubs who will continue to live and share the heritage of all of our German clubs. [Thank you to our gracious hosts for such a wonderful evening.

Joanne Holland Vice President

Miss Schwaben was held Jan. 28, 2017 and what a magical evening it was. The hall was beautifully decorated! The Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe each danced elegantly. The Donau dancers and the

Schwaben dancers together danced the Landler. Hope everyone enjoyed it!

It was wonderful to see my cousin, Beth Neidenbach (Dietrich) 1979 celebrate with us. I also caught up with Lisa Schaadt (Tadros) 1995 when I ran along side that year with Christina Kunz 1998 and Sheri Thompson (Trojan) 1999. Reminiscing the pageant and how we are proud to be all friends and our family part of the Schwaben Club still today. To my daughter, Jessica Hill who was crowned that evening, your Oma and Opa would have been so proud of you, as I am as well. May your year be filled with wonderful memories. Keep smiling! You will be a wonderful ambassador for our club.

We are starting to prepare some finishing touches for our 9th Annual Viennese Ball fundraiser on May 27, 2016 as well as the Grundungsfest Anniversary coming up very soon!

Helga Peller President





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Miss Schwaben 2017

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No matter how troublesome the past was, you can always begin anew in the present. Whatever you can do or dream of, start it. Boldness possesses genius, power, and magical might! Start it now!"

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

For many, the New Year begins on the first of January, but not all cultures follow this Gregorian edict. For us it begins with the Miss Schwaben Ball. We reminisce and bid our farewells to the past and begin anew with a stately event and coronation of the present.

To honour the past, we thank Samantha Hild for representing our organization in 2016. In spite of the many challenges you faced over the year you survived. We wish you well on your next journey.

Moving to the present we thank everyone who participated in making it a truly special evening. We are looking forward to all the opportunities this year will offer. May our new Miss have much success over the coming year.

Congratulations, Jessica Hill, Miss Schwaben 2017!

Randolph Betsch Schwaben Dancers









Playing dress up with her mama's Miss Schwaben attire (circa 2002, Andrea Adam) ...maybe one day she'll represent her heritage and the Club with her own sash & tiara. All the best to the new Miss.



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Schwander, Benno

Passed away on Saturcay, January 28, 2017 at the age of 83. Husband of the late Berta Schwander. Cherished father of Rita Schwander, Benno Schwander Jr. (Bonnie), Ralph Udo Schwander (Doris). Grandfather of Jenny (Allen), Christina (Jeff), Anthony (Leanne); great-grandfather of Michael, Noah, Henry, Alexander and Chelsey.

Für immer weg Wenn einer meiner Freunde plötzlich nicht mehr da ist, dann bleibt mir nur noch Einsamkeit. In Angst bin ich umhüllt von Kopf bis Fuß. Verloren ist der Glaube und alle Träume ausgeträumt... Es weint, es schmerzt, vermisst so deine Nähe – mein Herz! Die größte Narbe meines Lebens.



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