

Kitchener Schwaben Club

NACHRICHTEN

ISSUE # 8 2019

Important Dates / Wichtige Daten 2019

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TUESDAYS: Table Tennis	7:00pm	
WEDNESDAYS: Karaoke	6:30pm	
THURSDAYS: Kids/Youth Practice	6:30pm	
FRIDAYS: Karaoke	8:30pm	
FRIDAYS: Fish-Fry/Schnitzel SUNDAYS: Schwaben D. practice	5-8 pm 3:30pm	
SUNDAYS: Donau Dancers practice	6:30pm	
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Korean Cooking Class	July 21 st	
August Filmnachmittag	Aug. 11 th	
General Membership meeting	Aug 14 th	
Tag der Donauschwaben- Milwaukee	e Aug 30	
September Filmnachmittag	Sept 8 th	
General Membership meeting Sept 11 th		
Kirchweihfest	Sept 28	
Oktoberfest	Oct. 11	
Donau Halloween Dance	Oct. 26 th	
Ladies Anniversary	Nov 23	
Christmas Luncheon	Dec. 8	
German Christmas Show	Dec 15	



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President's Report – Issue 8

I wanted to start by letting everyone know that our Office Administrator Melissa Gissing has accepted a new job and will no longer be working at the Schwaben Club by the time you receive this report. We wish her the best in her new endeavour, but still look forward to seeing her and her family on a regular basis as active members of our club. Please bear with us during the upcoming few months as we hire and train a new employee.

As a reminder, we will be holding a member's meeting on August 14th and a Sick Benefit meeting on September 4th. For those Sick Benefit members that would like to review the proposed changes to the Constitution in advance of the September meeting, please email me directly at <u>glennjherold@gmail.com</u> or leave a message at the office for me to call you.

Next time you are at the club, you may notice that we have two new pool tables. Our goal is to try to increase the number of pool teams that use our club as their home base, especially after one of the other halls in town recently closed. The Board has also decided to retain the services of a part time security guard on select evenings; with increased patronage comes increase risk, and we want to ensure the safety of our guests

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold - President

Bericht des Präsidenten

Als erstes möchte ich Euch wissen lassen, das unsere Büro Mitarbeiterin Melissa Gissing eine neue Arbeitsstelle angenommen und nicht mehr für den Schwabenclub arbeiten wird in der Zeit wenn Sie diese Nachrichtenausgabe erreichen. Wir wünschen Melissa alles gute für die Zukunft. Aber wir werden Sie und Ihre Familie noch auf regulärer Basis als aktive Mitglieder in unserem Club sehen. Bitte seien Sie in den zukünftigen Monaten geduldig mit uns, weil wir eine neue Person suchen und anlernen müssen.

Zur Erinnerung , wir werden am 14. August eine Mitgliederversammlung und am 4. September eine Sick Benefit Versammlung haben . Für die Sick Benefit Mitglieder die gerne die vorgeschlagenen Veränderungen zur Verfassung vor der September Meeting einsehen möchten , senden Sie mir bitte eine email an <u>glennjherold@gmail.com</u> oder lassen Sie bitte eine Nachricht in dem Büro für mich , Sie anzurufen .

Das nächste mal, wenn Sie im Club sind, werden Sie bemerken, das wir zwei neue Billardtische haben. Unser Ziel ist, die Anzahl der Billard teams die unseren Club als Hausbasis benutzen zu erhöhen, insbesondere weil eine andere Billardhalle geschlossen hat. Der Vorstand hat beschlossen eine teilzeit beschäftigte sicherheits Person an bestimmten Abenden einzustellen. Mit zunehmender Kundschaft kommt ein zunehmendes Risiko und wir wollen die Sicherheit unserer Gäste und Angestellten gewährleisten.

Respektvoll

Glenn Herold Präsidentent Kitchener Schwaben Klub

CULTURAL CORNER KULTURECKE

Cultural Director

I can't believe it is August already! Where has the summer gone?

It is a month until Milwaukee. I hope everyone going has booked a hotel room.

There is not much going on right now except, the start of the planning of Kirchweih in September. I hope to see many people there, as it will be the start of a new club tradition that night!!!

See you in September!

Tina McQuabbie Cultural Director

Performance for ION Start Up with Schwaben Dancers June 22nd

These are from the ION start up weekend. The Schwaben Dancers performed 3 times on Saturday June 22nd at the ION stop on King St. by the Oktoberfest office.









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What our youth had to say about their experience at the 2019 Jugendfreundschaftslager

I had a stellar time in Cincinnati, Ohio participating in Jugendfreundschaftslager. I saw friends I haven't seen in almost a year, and made some new ones, all the while learning about my heritage and history as a Donauschwaben. From a tour around the German neighbourhood of Cincinnati called "Over the Rhine", to learning about the journey from the homeland by three ladies who actually lived through it, to learning how to sing, cook, and dance, with my fellow youth. I look forward to the friendships that I made that weekend and look forward to passing on the knowledge I have gained.

Nolan McQuabbie, Mr Schwaben 2019

What a great time we had in Cincinnati! From June 27-30th, ten youth and three chaperones from our dance groups and Freundschaftgruppe went to Cincinnati for Jugendlager 2019. This year was my 3rd year going, and I was still as excited as ever!

The weekend was filled with lots of laughter, fun and cultural activities. It was amazing seeing friends that I haven't seen in a year and meeting new ones. The first night we were there, we learned about the difficulties our ancestors faced trying to find new homes that were safe. We got to experience what it was like to go through the health tests to get the documentation needed to travel, and were told which town or city we had been placed in. After we were put into groups, we were challenged to make our own Ulmer Schachtel out of cardboard boxes. Our ancestors made boats called Ulmer Schachtel to sail down the Danube River to arrive at their new homes.

The next day we went on a walking tour of "Over the Rhine" which is where German immigrants settled when they came to Cincinnati in America. The main train station where everyone arrived is still there! It was interesting to see how German street names changed during the War when there was fear of Germans. We then visited an underground brewery and learned that at one point, beer was safer to drink than water. Even children drank beer! We also saw two beautiful churches. In one, there was a crypt. Later we went swimming at Coney Island and after pizza in a park, we saw a Cincinnati Reds baseball game.

On Saturday, we heard the stories from some of the Omas, and their journey as young girls coming to start their new lives in North America. Throughout the day, we also learned some traditional songs and dances. My favourite part of the weekend was when we made ornaments. We individually traced and painted the Schwaben crest. They are currently being baked in a kiln and will be returned to us on Labour Day. We also learned recipes on how to make traditional German cookies and Spätzle. We saw how a pig and chickens were roasted over coals, and how it turned into a delicious supper! Our last night was a super fun celebration. We all shared our favourite dances and learned from each other. Over all the weekend was an absolute blast and I cannot wait until next year to see our friends again in Detroit!

Emma Becker

Got to meet new friends and catch up with old ones, while learning about the struggles the Schwabisch people went through to travel to new lands. Also got to talk with some of the ladies that went through the journey to Cincinnati, and the struggles their families went though.

Nickolaus Leipold

This year, I went with the Kitchener Schwaben Club youth group to Cincinnati to attend the annual event of Jugendlager. Even though it is only my second year attending, I have already learned so many valuable things about German heritage and culture that I couldn't imagine possible. Throughout this weekend, I learned the history and importance of how the Schwaben heritage truly started. It opened my eyes to how hard people had to work to start a new life in a new land and how hard it must have been to leave behind everything they were used to, but still manage to preserve the rich Schwaben culture. We were told stories by real Schwaben

immigrants about their childhood and their stories coming over to America. It was truly eye-opening to actually meet someone in real life who had undergone this journey. This weekend, I met so many new people from all across North America most of whom I now call my friends. I had so much fun meeting new people, learning about my heritage, dancing, cooking, baking, singing, making crafts, touring the city in Cincinnati, watching my first baseball game; the Reds and the Cubs at the Great American Ball Park, partying, sleeping in tents in 100 degrees weather, and overall having the time of my life. I always have so much fun at Jugendlager and can't wait for Labour Day to see my friends again as well as the following Jugendlager to have as much fun as I have had in these past years. I look forward to attending in the years to come!

Stefanie Kahnke

After a long car ride, I got to catch up with some old friends in Cincinnati! After setting up our tents we got to rest and have dinner. I was one of only a few people in our Club that passed the physical testing as part of our group activity for our first night. The next day we did our walking tour and had fun swimming. The baseball game was hot and very bright in the stands. Saturday was the cultural day and I had fun talking with the older Schwaben ladies, baking and dancing.

This may be my last year as I am older and think the younger members might fill the spots, but I really like going, I learn a lot and I had a lot of fun. Thanks!

Tye Herold

Cincinnati hosted an incredible Jugendfreundschaftslager from June 27 th until June 30 th . I would like to start off by thanking the chaperones that made this event possible for us to attend. As someone who has been lucky enough to be at the past four Jugendfreundschaftslagers, I try my best to soak up as much new information as possible from other cities and Omas - like a little sponge. One thing that I thought was interesting was that the German street names were changed in Over the Rhine, a largely German populated area in Cincinnati, just like how our city name change locally from Berlin to present day Kitchener. Although our cities are hours apart from each other, they still had to deal with the same struggles and were stripped of their German culture.

Being Donau Schwaben is something I am so proud of, my great grandma tells me stories of her homeland, but it was nice to hear new stories from other Schwaben people. We were taught what our ancestors had to sacrifice for us to live the best life we can. We were told how they gave up everything for us. I could see the pride in all the Oma's eyes when they saw the roughly 40 Donau Schwaben youth cook traditional meals, sing the anthem and dance together.

This weekend was not just about getting to travel around seeing Cincinnati, it was about us learning more about our culture and it was about creating everlasting bonds with other Donau Schwaben youth across North America. The youth are the future of our culture, not just in Kitchener but worldwide. I know so many people who would have quit their clubs dance group but stay knowing they have the Jugendlager or events like Landes to look forward to each year. I've met some of my closest friends four years back when Toronto hosted. Now that everyone is growing up and starting to head to post-secondary or other life changing events, I can see that without this event, many would leave and never come back to their club, but because of the bonds they have made, they want to stay and make more memories with fellow Donau Schwaben people their age. These events help to keep our clubs alive now and for hopefully generations to come.

Shayla Herold

I had an amazing time on the Jugendlager trip. The most memorable part of it was learning about Over the Rhine and learning more about the Donauschwaben history of how some of them settled down and made a life in Cincinnati.

Ray Tomchick

(more comments and photos follow on page 7)

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My favourite part of Jungendlager is always meeting new friends from across the county. I also enjoyed learning more about my culture by being taught how to make spaetzle and German cookies in the kitchen. The Coney Island water park was amazing! I can wait until Landes 2020 to see all my Schwaben friends again!

Sarah Dieter



2019 Jugendfreundschaftslager in Cincinnati Ohio











I'm not sure about everyone, but it looks like our group is having a lot of fun and had great representation! Amazing! Way to make our Club proud. Make sure this fall to reach out to one of these young people and ask them about this! Jungendlager; for those interested, is for those between 16 and 25 so our Schwaben Dancers A great time was had by all who attended the 2019 Jugendlager in Cincinnati, Ohio. Youth from Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis, Kitchener, Leamington, and Toronto attended with two or three chaperones from each Club. It was an amazing, event-packed weekend as you will see from the accounts of the youth themselves.

Thirteen of us left Kitchener on Thursday, June 27th, and drove for almost nine hours to our destination. It was a lot of fun on the road trip, singing and listening to music, so the time went quickly. When we arrived the kids rushed to see their friends and say hello.

After we set up our tents and had some supper, we jumped right into our first cultural activity. We had the opportunity to simulate the experience of Schwabian families that travelled down the Danube River to find new homes and start new lives. Although it was a fun activity, we got a better understanding of the many trials and very difficult journey.

The next day our hosts in Cincinnati treated us to a tour of some of the important landmarks and the district where many Germans came to settle. We saw the train station where immigrants would have first landed in the city, toured an old underground brewery, and saw beautiful historical churches, including Old St. Mary's where the Cincinnati Donauschwaben gather to begin the Kirchweih celebration each year. Later, we were able to enjoy an afternoon swimming at Coney Island (named after the original in New York), then a winning Cincinnati Reds baseball game complete with a fireworks display.

Our last day was spent learning old songs, new dances, and cooking traditional Schwabian recipes. It was great to see how engaged the young people were. I feel they achieved a better connection to their culture especially after listening to three women share the stories of their lives and journey to America.

When our young Schwobs get together it is absolutely a sight to see. Where else would you see teens standing and chatting, and then rush to the dance floor when a polka or friendship dance is played? I am so thankful that our youth have had this opportunity!

Lea Becker, Freundschaftgruppe

Squeezing photos in where I can







Membership/Mitgliedshaft Report	Haus & Hof	
Thank you	We are still looking for a volunteer for cutting the clubs	
Heidi Peller-Oliver	grass. Tools are supplied, any one interested	
Membership Director	please contact the club.	
New Members:	Joel Wideman	
None to announce	Haus & Hof/Property Manager	

SCHWABEN DANCERS

Once again, the Schwaben Dancers were invited back to once again perform at the German Village during the Brantford International Villages Festival, "The World at Your Doorstep" over four fabulous days from Wednesday July 3rd to Saturday July 6th, 2019. This was the 46th Consecutive Annual Festival of bringing world class memories with 17 Festival Village Halls for you people to enjoy.

They did fabulous performances over these 4 days, and received a huge thank you for bringing much joy to this one family:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you. On Friday night, my husband and I took my 89 year old father in law to the German Club in Brantford to celebrate the Villages Festival. This was the first year since we moved my father in law from Muskoka, where he lived with his wife of over sixty years, to the Brantford area. He was so excited to attend this event, and was absolutely thrilled to speak his native tongue to one of your dancers. We haven't seen his face light up this much since before his wife passed away four years ago. Thank you so much for bringing joy to this man. It is appreciated more than you will ever know.'

Mhairi Frommer





















Oktoberfest; are you ready!













HAPPRY BIRTHDAY

To all members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club, who celebrate their birthday in the month of August.

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG

An allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener Schwabenklubs, die im Monat August Geburtstag feiern.

August/ August Birthdays

Name	Gerburstag
Grau, Mary	2
Potzauf, Heidi	3
Mulligan, Christina	3
Milla, George	6
Cole, Catherine	6
Pastoric, Vanessa	6
Thompson, Sheri	9
Thompson, Melodie	11
Pottkamper, Chris	15
Offak, Josef	16
Hoffmann, Neil	22
Koenig, Anna	23
Holland, Johanna	23
Speckner, Andrea	23
Offak, Maria	24
Anton, Peter	25
Schuster, John	25
Kauck, Frank	26
Thompson, Christopher	27
Wetwell, Ashley	27
Obert, Elizabeth	29
Lipp, Anton	30
Speckner, Richard	30
Cook, Jennifer	30
Muller, Helmut	31
Markowiak, Stanley	31

Announcements / Ankündigung

Filmnachmittag – August 11th



Sept 8th – Unter Palmen am Blauen Meer – Oct.20th – Freddy Quinn in Weit ist der Weg





The Table Tennis group just made a \$200 donation to the club

Thank you very much!

The Executive Board

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Sick Benefit Members Notice

Sick Benefit Members Update

Next Sick Benefit meeting Sept 4th

The Constitution Review committee will be reviewing the proposed changes with legal counsel, as requested by the Sick Benefit membership, and will be presenting the proposed changes for ratification at the Sept 4th meeting

Thank you

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Sick Benefit Secretary





"WHAT'S GOING ON"

MANAGERS REPORT

This summer has been a hot one, enjoy because you know what's in store for us later in the year. July and August are the usual slow months but we do have two exciting shows coming to the Schwaben Club on August 16th and 17th. LARRY BERRIO, a very popular country artist will be making his long awaited return to Kitchener on Friday August 16th. He has a large fan following who are excited to see him coming back into town. The James Cameron Band will be the opening act. The buzz is out there so join the fun and get your tickets soon. Then on Saturday August 17th GROUP THERAPY with opening act RANDOM TASK will be here for a "Mid-Summer Melt Down Dance Party". These two bands are very good and will have you on the dance floor all night long. Tickets for both these events are now available in the office. Then, of course, we start up a very busy time of the year from September right straight through to the end of the year with a full house on New Years Eve.

It is with great mixed emotions to have to say good-bye to Melissa Gissing, our Office Administrator. She has taken a new career path that she feels is a good opportunity for her and family. Thank you Melissa for your 9 years of service here at the Schwaben Club. You were truly a valued employee and I will miss you; but we know that we will still see you around the club as a member and offering your services as a member around the club. All the best.....

Exciting times are head and I hope to see everybody soon at many of our great events we have planned here at the Schwaben Club.

Don Egley Manager









News from the Frauengruppe/Ladies Auxiliary:

What's happening with the Ladies Group?

We have set up an email for contacting the Frauengruppe! Use our email to reserve your spots for future trips, events or to get your newsletter! (yes, the ladies group has their own newsletter – for those members who want to keep in touch however cannot commit to attending our monthly meetings!)

Email: Kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com

We are hoping everyone is enjoying the summer! Those who don't have air conditioning you can come visit the club during the weekday's regular business hours and enjoy the 'free' cool air! Bar is open and there is a bar menu for those who have the munchies!

The Frauengruppe is offering a **Cox Creek Winery Tour on Saturday, October 26^{th.}** There will be a bus leaving the club. The tour begins at noon and is expected to end around 2:30 p.m. The tour will include four wine samples, cheese and cracker trays and free time to shop and enjoy other wines.

A minimum of 20 people is needed to keep the reservation. The cost will be the following:

- ► \$20.00 for Frauengruppe members
- ≻ \$32.00 for Non-members

Prices above include transportation from the club to the tour and back to the club. Send an email to kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com to reserve your spot. Frauengruppe members will be first on the list followed by any non-members.

*** A small non-refundable deposit will be required to hold your spot***

UPDATE ON KIRCHWEIH

Rosemarin plants have been planted and hopefully are growing! (mine seem to have withered away!) We are hopeful our club will be decorated by many Strausses at our event on Saturday, September 28th.

If you are wearing a Tracht or willing to donate your Tracht to be worn that day, please contact the Frauengruppe committee. This year, with the help of Cathy Thompson, a new march will be presented showcasing the past, present and future,

Hope to see you at Kirchweih!

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer – enjoy! See you in September!

The Ladies Group Committee

Helga, Barbara, Lea, Penny and Jenn

NEW Good Morning Everyone,

Welcome to our new Frauengruppe Email! (Thank you to Jen for setting this up!)

Reminder - Korean Cooking class is Sunday, July 21st - SIGN UP is till Monday, July 15th - if less than 6 people registered, we will have to cancel this event.

WINE TRIP - October 26th - see newsletter for details!

Sign up for ladies group members in good standing will start on Monday, July 15th as we will need to confirm at end of month to reserve our transportation. PLEASE respond to this email address to reserve your spot. This event is for those 19 yrs and older.

Do you know of any high school teens needing community hours? We are looking for help in setting up at our film events. Great way to learn the language too!

Happy Summer Birthday wishes to all - enjoy the summer!



Regards,

Frauengruppe Newsletter







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