



Kitchener Schwaben Club

Issue # 1 January 2020

NACHRICHTEN

WICHTIGE DATEN/IMPORTANT DATES 2020

WEDNESDAY: Country Line Dancing....7 pm

WEDNESDAY: Karaoke.....6:30pm

THURSDAY: Kids/Youth Dance Practice.6:30 pm

THURSDAY: Karaoke.....6:30 pm

FRIDAY: Fish Fry and/or Schnitzel.....5-8 pm

FRIDAY: Karaoke.....6:30 pm

SUNDAY: Schwaben Dancers Practice.3:30 pm

SUNDAY: Donau Dancers Practice.....6:30

pm

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| New Year's Eve Dance | Dec 31 st |
| Filmnachmittag..... | Jan 5 th |
| General Membership Meeting..... | Jan 8 th |
| Kammeradschafts Abend | Jan. 11 th |
| Schwaben Country Night..... | Jan 18 th |
| Miss Schwaben Ball | Jan 25 th |
| Schwaben Country Night..... | Feb 1 st |
| Filmnachmittag Feb..... | Feb 2 nd |
| General Membership Meeting..... | Feb 12 th |
| Valentine's Tribute. New Kidd in | Feb 15 th |
| Family Day | Feb 17 th |
| Klub Gruendungsfest..... | Feb 29 th |
| Filmnachmittag March | Mar. 1 st |
| Ladies Meeting / Bingo..... | Mar. 4 th |
| Schwaben Country Night..... | Mar. 7 th |
| General Membership Meeting..... | Mar. 11 th |
| Schlachtfest | Mar. 21 st |
| Ladies Meeting / Bingo..... | April 1 st |
| Schwaben Country Night..... | April 4 th |
| General Membership Meeting..... | April 8 th |
| Trachtenfest – Kitchener | April 18 th |
| Tribute Concert | April 25 th |
| Filmnachmittag..... | April 26 th |
| Schwaben Country Night..... | May 2 nd |
| Mother's Day Luncheon | May 3 rd |
| General Membership | May 13 th |
| Rosenball | May 23 rd |
| Sick Benefit Meeting | May 27 th |
| Spaghetti Dinner..... | May 30 th |
| Ladies Meeting / Bingo..... | Jun 3 rd |

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020



Miss Schwaben Ball 2020

The crowning of our New Miss Schwaben

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Buffet Dinner
Hall opens 5:00 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

Tickets available until January 17th, 2020



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President's Report

Bericht des Präsidenten

Happy New Year 2020. In 2019 my focus was on updating several of our policies and procedures. 2020 will be about setting our vision for the future. To be an active participant in defining this future, you need to be a member of our Sick Benefit Association. With the recent changes in our Constitution, membership to the Sick Benefit Association is open to all Schwaben Club members irrespective of gender and over the age of 16. Application forms for membership to the Sick Benefit are available in the office. The Sick Benefit meeting is scheduled for May 27th so your completed application for membership, signed by a physician, must be into myself or Heidi before February 27th to be eligible to vote at the meeting.


Please remember that it is not my job as President to set the future direction; it is my job to ensure that the direction defined by the Sick Benefit Association is followed. The present direction (as per the Sick Benefit Meeting of May 2018) is to try to get the club to a revenue neutral position. I don't know what the future direction will be, but I hope it is one that places emphasis on membership coming together, young and old, and sharing in our cultural heritage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Herold - President



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All 2020 memberships need to be paid by January 15th before late fees will be applied.

NEW: Late fee of \$30 will apply AFTER January 15th, 2020.

Pay your 2020 memberships at the office, in person or over the phone, from

9-5 pm Monday OR at last Members Meeting December 11th.

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership Director

Welcome New members

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Rod Braun



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Hallo und ein frohes neues Jahr allerseits! Hello and Happy New Year everyone!

For those who don't know me, my name is Erin and I am a newer member of the club and the Schwaben Dancers. This past October I was selected as KW Miss Oktoberfest 2019 and what a whirlwind it has been. I am so grateful to have met so many of our members and if I haven't met you yet, I look forward to doing so this year!

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our club for the outpouring of support. I came to the dance group unsure of what to expect. I was welcomed with open arms and many smiles. Miss Schwaben 2019 was my first club event and I was again welcomed with the warmth and hospitality of our club. I am proud of my German heritage - my Opa was born in Ziegelhausen, now a suburb of Heidelberg and my Oma, originally born in Hungary, grew up in the same region. Through the club I have learned about both my cultural roots and the unique stories that each one of us has in our family heritage, whether or not we are of German descent. We all come together, united in the fact that we connect with the culture of this club.

During Oktoberfest, walking through the doors of the Schwaben Club was so exciting because I knew I was home. Thank you to everybody for the always energetic welcome. I would like to extend a huge thank you to those who volunteered and worked throughout Oktoberfest, ensuring the enjoyment of all. Thank you to our Executive Board for advocating for our club and a successful Oktoberfest. Thank you to the Schwaben Dancers, for inviting me to jump into their pre-planned setlists and dance as much as I could throughout the festival!

To the youth of our club – I encourage you to ask me about my experience. Fifteen years ago, I was a young girl who looked up to Miss Oktoberfest but never thought I could one day be in this position. Today it still feels like a dream, one that I am so grateful to be living. I hope that my story will inspire others to follow their dreams, whatever they may be. Please don't hesitate to reach out, I would love to hear your story!

Thank you again everybody, for the constant support that has been given over the past year. My time at the club has truly exemplified that friendship is not determined by the amount of time you have known someone, but rather, by the connection you hold with others. Thank you all for keeping the spirit of the club and Gemütlichkeit alive in this community. Wishing you all the best for 2020 and see you soon!



Prosit!

Erin Wetzel



Kindergruppe und Jugendgruppe

This last month has certainly proved itself to be a busy one! After a short break after Oktoberfest, we jumped right into rehearsals for Frauengrundungsfest and the Christmas luncheon. Both our groups participated enthusiastically at these events either through dancing or through Christmas poem readings and singalong carols for the Luncheon. All performances were well received. Our dancers have every reason to be proud of their performances! Our rehearsals will continue until December 19th when we will all take a well-deserved break until January 9th. After the Christmas break, we will jump right back into preparing for the annual Miss Schwaben Gala Ball on January 25th.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Leah Schummer on moving up to the Jugendgruppe. We are sure you're going to find more challenges and fun dances to learn. We would also like to welcome our newest member to the Kindergruppe, Sofia Andrews. Sofia joined us in November and has enthusiastically jumped right into the fun! Welcome Sofia!

I would once again like to thank our dancers, dedicated instructors, Kirk, Sheri and Angele, as well as all the parents for all their commitment and hard work which has led in a successful 1st half of our dance season. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, or as they say in Germany, Frohe Weihnachten, and a Happy New Year!

Mike Kleser

President of Kinder/Jugend Dance Committee



CULTURAL REPORT

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2020. I hope this year brings joy and happiness to you and your family.

I hope to see many people out on Jan 25 for Miss. Schwaben. We have a lovely young woman running this year. I will not say who, you will have to come out and support her yourself. I hope also to see a lot of past Misses. out this year. Anyone that is thinking or knows they will be out, please if you could email me and let me know your coming that would be great my email is: tina.mcquabbie@gmail.com.

Tina McQuabbie

Cultural Director, Schwaben Club

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder,

Es freut mich sehr um Ihnen als Unterhaltungsdirektorin fuer einen Jahr zu dienen.

Ich danke Lena Herold voraus fuer Ihre Hilfe, Rat und Aufmerksamkeit.

Ich freue mich darauf, mit allen Schwabengruppen zusammenzuarbeiten.

Dear Members,

I am happy to serve a one-year term as Entertainment director. I wish to thank Lena Herold for her direction and guidance. I look forward to working with all the Schwaben Groups.

Entertainment News:

On Monday February 17th 2020, Family Day, a new event is being held from 11-5 with music, dancing, games, crafts and fun for the whole family at the Schwaben club. Admission is free for children under 10 years, 11 and up entrance cost is \$10 plus taxes. Light kitchen menu will be available. For more details see Andrea's poster in this issue of the Nachrichten. Tickets available in the office.

Country Line Dancing continues into the new year with ever-increasing numbers. Free on Wednesdays starting at 7 pm with open bar and food from our kitchen. More dancing and fun coming. Look for posters for country Schwaben night January 18th and February 1st!

The Mia San K-W FC Bayern Fan Club is back in January 2020 for two games at the Schwaben club. The dates are Sunday January 19 at 9:30 am and Saturday January 25 at 12:30 pm. Doors open half an hour before the game starts. For further details check out the poster in the Nachrichten. Come out for some great soccer!

Liz O'Reilly

Entertainment Director

LADIES FRAUENGRUPPE

FRAUENGRUPPE GRUENDUNGSFEST

We acknowledged our invited guests, the past presidents of the Frauengruppe, there are 2 that could not be with us that evening, Judy Hanke due to her hip surgery – we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back soon, we did send her flowers and thanked her for her support – also Matilde Geiring who is now in a retirement home and we have sent her flowers as well and thanked her for her time, We have 2 Past Presidents that are with us tonight, Mary Hild and Susan Cook. Thank you, ladies, for all your leadership over the years.

Also, there are ladies that have been part of the Frauengruppe for a long time and are celebrating a milestone birthdays this year.

Kathie Becker celebrated her 80th Birthday in September

And on Nov 23 Katie Neuberger is celebrating her 90th Birthday

To you ladies and all the members we thank you for your hard work and dedication - it does not go unnoticed, we hope you will continue helping us with our traditions

We also want to acknowledge and thank Glenn Herold, our club president and the Board of Directors for their continued support. These bottles of wines on the table you enjoyed this evening were a gift from the executive.

I wanted to thank my VP, Barb Schlosser-Hill who has been instrumental for the Filmnachmittag – who does the research, picks out the films and orders them months in advance. Also, for all you have done with this past Kirchweih – implementing traditions – I know how much work went into that – and I thank you for your leadership in taking that on. To the rest of my committee – Jenn for your creativity with the centrepieces and programs, Penny for your help with the finances and purchasing flowers and Lea for for your great personality – you help wherever required. We all make a great team.

Thank you for your commitment, guidance and support during the past year.

We acknowledged Stefan Orsan who has always helped us set up the Filmnachmittag each and every Sunday for the past several years.

Thank you also to the Untergruppes for the contribution, gifts and good wishes to celebrate our Anniversary. We truly appreciate it.

This past month we did enjoy a Wine tour and thought it was going to be a great success with 40 ladies signed up – and much to our dismay decreased to 15 on that day. We also did Zumba once a month because we heard ladies were interested and then that fizzled out as well. We have a lot of new ideas but without your involvement and your commitment we cannot continue to do these things. We have ladies that have young families and unable to attend our meetings or have prior commitments however now with social media – we can email you the minutes and announcements. We do encourage you to come out a few times to help support our events. These ladies are an integral part of our club, so please consider joining us and if you any ideas please let us know.

We have a lot of members that cannot come out each month due to failing health, or homebound and our numbers are declining not only at our meetings but here at our Frauengruppe Gruendungsfest.

Next year we will be celebrating our 85th Anniversary and if the numbers keep declining and new members aren't coming on board, then we may have to look at celebrating the anniversaries with other club events.

We will gather again in March for our first meeting for 2020.

KIRCHWEIH

I also wanted to acknowledge Philip Neidert donating Betty Neidert's tracht to the Frauengruppe where young ladies can wear this at Kirchweih or Landestrachtenfest. We thank you for the contribution and we will wear it with pride and keep her in our hearts.

Christmas Luncheon – December 8th, 2019

This year, the Frauengruppe (Ladies Auxiliary) joined with the Schwaben Club to co-host the annual Christmas Lunch. Ladies group members were given the discounted price as this was also the Frauengruppe Weihnachtessen. Combining with the club's event ensured most members would be able to attend as this event was not held in the evening and allowed children and grandchildren to join in. It was wonderful seeing many members with their families!

The emphasis this year was on showcasing a traditional Schwaben Christmas. The craft table taught the children about Krampus, and St. Nicklaus, while tables were decorated with spruce twigs and the ever-popular Clementine and candle lights. The Donau Dancers started the event with a wonderful dance, highlighting the reason for the season. The combined Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe members with their parents sang traditional children's songs while the Jugendgruppe members recited poems. The Kindergruppe also showcased their dancing skills to a modern Christmas song. The Schwaben Dancers spruced up a favourite dance to a Christmas carol. The Advent wreath was introduced by Shay Herold and Nick Leipold. (Let us not forget the WONDERFUL BUFFET – delicious as always)

A shout out to our club president Glenn Herold who attempted a difficult German version of The Night Before Christmas – thank you to Wolfgang Khanke who stepped in to help!

Thank you to Miss Schwaben and Mr. Schwaben who served not only as greeters, reciting poetry and as Santa's helpers!

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Lunch!

REMINDER FILM NACHMITTAG...Sunday, January 5th

Due to the nasty weather conditions, the December Filmnachmittag was cancelled. We regret that the movie scheduled for Dec.1st was not able to be rescheduled in December. It will be planned for the 2020 schedule!

The new films have arrived, and we hope that everyone can join us again in the New Year as we gather to enjoy friendship and fellowship while viewing some great classics!

Sunday, January 5th is Dort in der Wachau. Movie starts at 2:30 – doors open at 2 p.m. Cake and coffee available to be purchased (bar will NOT be opened!)

PLEASE REMEMBER there will NOT be any LUNCH MENU served in the new year!

Submitted by: Members of the Frauengruppe executive.

German Show Dec 16, 2019



ANNOUNCEMENT. - Ankündigung

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club

Who celebrate their birthday in the month of
January

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG

An allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener, Schwabenklub,
Die im Monat **Januar** Geburtstag feiern.

| Name | Birthday/Geburstag |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Margareth Messmer | 01 |
| John Hild | 01 |
| Lisa Schaadt | 01 |
| Heiko Walder | 03 |
| Eva Jaronski | 04 |
| Jade Lang | 04 |
| Werner Haas | 05 |
| Karen Braun | 07 |
| Jennifer Randall | 08 |
| Hedwig Rybczynski | 12 |
| Adolfine Falkenberg | 12 |
| Susanna Elter | 13 |
| Paul Schneider | 14 |
| Tim Strub | 15 |
| Debra Vickman | 16 |
| Margaret Willyung | 18 |
| Andre Killingbeck | 19 |
| Shayla Herold | 19 |
| Hedwig Schattka | 19 |
| Melissa Ferguson | 21 |
| Margarete Schilling | 23 |
| Christopher Gellner | 24 |
| Mary Kraehling | 27 |
| Amy Lantz | 27 |
| Michael Cook | 29 |

THE SCHWABEN CLUB OF KITCHENER CELEBRATES THEIR

89 GRÜNDUNGSFEST ANNIVERSARY



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

MEMBER: **\$35** (\$30.97+HST)

NON-MEMBER: **\$40** (\$35.40+HST)

CHILD (8-14): **\$13** (11.50+HST)

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Schlachtfest

Saturday, March 21, 2020

MEMBER: **\$38** \$33.63 + HST

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CHILD (8-14): **\$13** \$11.50 + HST
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Filmnachmittag – Jan. 5th, 2020



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 doors open 2:00 pm
 film begins 2:30 pm
 coffee & cake available

February 2nd. Der Schwarzwaldhof
 March 1st. den die Musik und die
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 March 29th. Brief eines Unbekannten
 April 26th. Heimatlos (mit
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FEBRUARY FILMNACHMITTAG



Der Schwarzwaldhof
February 2, 2020

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 Doors Open 2:00 pm
 Film Begins 2:30 pm
 Coffee & Cake Available

To all Club Members,

Recently, Constitution Amendments were approved by the Sick Benefit Association. Our Constitution consisted of, and still does, a 2-tier membership. Those being the Canadian Sick Benefit Association Members, and the Schwaben Club Members. This is now clearly defined and outlined in the newly amended Constitution. Copies can be obtained from the Club office.

One of the main Constitution changes recently made, is that Club Members of **any** gender, and/or are over age 50, can now apply to become a member of the "Sick Benefit Association".

I wholly support this change of inclusion and the removal of the age cap. Current dues/fees to join the Sick Benefit Association, are \$12.00 per year and you must obtain a medical certificate from your physician for review by the Sick Benefit Committee.

Sick Benefit Members are eligible to apply for financial support should they become sick or injured, causing you to be unable to work.

This benefit was very helpful to our family members such as our great grandparents, grandparents, parents, who immigrated here from the homeland, to help and support these families in times of need.

Also, only the Sick Benefit Members who have been a member for at least 3 full months and are 18 years of age, have the right to vote (see Article 7.5) on anything regarding the "Property" of the Association. (see Article 14.1) This includes, but does not limit, components like selling or not selling our building and land, as well as the approval of major repairs and/or upgrades.

In addition, only Sick Benefit members have a voice and a vote regarding any future Constitution changes, (see Articles 17.1 and 17.2). Personally, I hope to see ongoing future discussions regarding possible additional changes and/or updates to our Constitution.

As a "club member only", you cannot claim the sick benefit, nor do have a voice or the right to vote on the aforementioned matters.

Over the past many years, I have seen and worked with many dedicated "club only" members who gave and continue to give, so much of their time and effort to preserve our Donauschwaben culture, heritage and club, and assist in running and supporting non cultural business which brings in much needed revenue in order to sustain the home of our beloved Schwaben Club. However, in the overall scheme of things, they don't have a voice or vote on some very paramount matters.

I feel that it is important that ALL members have the same rights of having a voice and a vote regarding such paramount matters, in order to determine what is in the best interest of the Sick Benefit Association Members and the Club Members together. Now, many of our "Club Members", who did not before, now have the opportunity to join the Sick Benefit Association so that they too, can be heard and to have a vote on some very important matters of our club.

I have already submitted my application to join the Sick Benefit Association, which hopefully will have been approved by the time you read this, and I would like to encourage all "club members only" to consider applying to become a member of the "Sick Benefit Association".

Monica Anstett Club Member/Past Präsidentin



Schwaben Country Nights

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Upcoming shows For 2020:

Feb 1st - Bareback Riders

March 7th - Galley West

April 4th - Hometown Rebound

May 2nd - Dan Younger

June 6th - Laura Rose

July 4th - Ally Howatt

Aug 1st - Brandon Silver & Sylvrado

(* regular country nights will be \$10)
(* Bands subject to change)

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Deadline for submissions must be received by
5pm on the 10th of the month.



FREUNDSCHAFT GRUPPE: News

We are excited to be kicking off the new year with some sensational activities for our youth.

On January 6th from 7-8pm we are having our first dance class in our NEW Ballroom Dancing Program! The classes will run Monday evenings (not on holiday Mondays) from January 6th to May 11th. The cost is \$50 (to be paid at the first dance class) and it includes the participants ticket to Rosenball 2020 where they will be showing off all they have learned at a formal dinner dance on May 23rd, 2020. The dances that will be covered this year are: Waltz, Polka, and Swing. The age range for this activity is 16-30 and registration deadline is December 30th by emailing schwabyouth@gmail.com, after that time, we will look at our registered numbers and see if we space to open it up to additional age groups.

Our other January activity is a Sausage Making Class! This is taking place for our youth on Friday, January 17th starting at 6:30pm. Please register by Friday, January 10th by emailing schwabyouth@gmail.com or signing up on the sheet in the foyer of the Schwaben Club. Each participant will get to take home some sausage. Cost: \$7.

Frohes neues Jahr!

Lena & Shay Herold and Lea & Emma Becker
The Freundschaftgruppe Leaders



-NEW-

Ballroom Dance Program

Waltz, Polka, & Swing will be covered

Starting January 6th - register today!



Ages: 16-30 years old*

Cost: \$50 & includes your ticket to Rosenball 2020

Run by: The Freundschaft Gruppe Instructors: Mishii and Paul Groh

Program Date: Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm

January: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February: 3rd, 10th, 24th, March: 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th,
April: 6th, 20th, 27th, May: 4th and 11th.

The participants will show off what they have learned at Rosenball 2020 on May 23rd.

To register for the program or to get additional information, you can email us at schwabyouth@gmail.com

*Ages may be adjusted depending on space availability Deadline to register: December 30, 2019


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The award recipient will receive:

1. Up to \$200 reimbursement of money spent towards Schwaben (German) Culture.
2. Recipients name on plaque in display case.
3. Invitation for recipient and one guardian to the Kitchener Schwaben Club Anniversary Celebration.

Criteria:

1. Submit an essay about "My Opa" by January 31, 2020 via email to schwaben@kitchenschwabclub.com. Maximum 1000 words.
2. Must be a member of the Kitchener Schwaben Club (through either a family membership or student membership).
3. Must be between the ages of 6 and 25.
4. Must attend the Club's Anniversary Celebration in order to receive the award.

Recipient will be chosen by the Kitchener Schwaben Club President and the award sponsors Rick and Lisa Schaadt,

The award will be presented each year at the Kitchener Schwaben Club's Anniversary Celebration. Recipients will have one year from date of presentation to be reimbursed. Reimbursement will be taken care of by the sponsors upon receipts being submitted to the Kitchener Schwaben Club office. For eligible reimbursement please ask the sponsors; examples include dance registration, dance shoes, cost of travel to out of town Schwaben Club events.



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SHARING OF OUR PAST

Our members have asked us to make sure we try to record the history of our senior members so we can learn and understand our past better. We are going to continue to take time to record interviews and share those discussions with all of you as a new addition to the Nachrichten. If any member is interested in speaking to a Club member to record their memories please email schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com or leave your name at the office and someone will contact you to arrange a time to talk.

We will kick off this new initiative this off by using portions of an interview taken last year by Shay Herold for the Oma Abt essay. She interviewed her great grandmother Marion (Marianna) Nuxoll (nee Laub).

"I was born in Vizejdia, Romania on April 2, 1921 and I arrived in Canada in April of 1938, I was 17 and had come to Kitchener because my parents had moved here 10 years before that. They moved here to make money and had thought that they would move back home to buy more land which is what my grandparents did (they had moved to Philadelphia and had worked there for 10 years and moved back). But because of the war the economy was not good, my parents didn't make the money they needed, so they stayed in Canada and I joined my parents.

I remember when I travelled to Canada, my uncle made my Dad summer sausage and I packed it so well in my bag. It was a big expense for my Uncle, and I was happy to bring the gift. When I arrived in Halifax, a man that was working there inspected my bag and saw the sausage and took it from me. I was so disappointed I couldn't give it to my father."

"What I remember about my village is that we were good at working farmland. We worked hard, and our people were friendly. All the kids would say God bless you as they walked by.

I would like this generation of Schwaben people to remember what their families tell them about how we lived and to try to hold onto those traditions as long as they can. My village was small, the people were friendly, we knew everyone and their business. You talked to everyone. It reminds me of the Schwaben Club now. It is like a second family. The traditions are important to keep. I loved Kirchweih, it was 3 days and 3 nights of dancing. The boys wore the white shirts and ribbons on their arms, the hats looked great – the men would pop up when they danced, like a rooster. So, keeping the culture and our way of life is important.

I would also say that life was simpler back home, I didn't have much, but life in some ways was nicer with no money. We grew our own vegetables and made our own meat. I remember enjoying my feather pillows. Here some people work to live but we led a basic life in our village, and it was a good life. So, remember to enjoy what you have."



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