

Kitchener Schwaben Club

Issue # 2 February 2020

NACHRICHTEN

WICHTIGE DATEN/IMPORTANT DATES 2020

MONDAY: 16-30 Ballroom Dancing. WEDNESDAY: Country Line Dancing WEDNESDAY: Karaoke THURSDAY: Kids/Youth Dance Practic THURSDAY: Karaoke FRIDAY: Fish Fry and/or Schnitzel FRIDAY: Karaoke SUNDAY: Schwaben Dancers Practic	z7 pm 6:30pm ze6:30 pm 6:30 pm 5-8 pm 6:30 pm ce3:30 pm
SUNDAY: Donau Dancers Practice	•
Schwaben Country Nights	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 Gründungsfest	Feb 29 th
Filmnachmittag March	Mar. 1 st .
Ladies Meeting / Bingo	Mar. 4 th .
Schwaben Country Nights	Mar. 7 th .
General Membership Meeting	Mar. 11 th .
Schlachtfest	Mar. 28 th
Ladies Meeting / Bingo	April 1 st .
Schwaben Country Nights	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 Nights	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 .



Note: Schlachtfest Date Change

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) CHILD (7 & UNDER): FREE DOORS OPEN: 5:00 P.M. BANQUET SERVED COUNTRY-STYLE: 6:00 P.M.

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President's Report Bericht des Präsidenten

At the Member's meeting in January we presented a review of the 2019 Budget and, although we need to wait for the Financial Report to verify the final results, we appear to be very close to achieving the goals set out by the Sick Benefit Association. I want to thank the Executive, staff and the general membership for all they did to make this possible – without all of your assistance and support, we would not be here.

Please note the new Family Day event on February 17^{th,} which is the official Family Day statutory holiday We wanted to hold more family-oriented events and thought this would be a perfect opportunity. I hope that everyone is able to come out and join us for a day of food, dance, fun, crafts and Gemuetlichkeit.

So, everyone is aware, we are also hosting the Landestrachtenfest on April 18th. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Canadian Verband meeting earlier in the day (details pending) and share in the camaraderie of our fellow Schwaben Clubs from across Ontario that evening.

Lastly, in 2011 we sent out a questionnaire in hopes of getting member's input on why they first joined the club, gauging if the club/executive/staff were meeting their expectations, and determining what the future direction of the club should be. Included with this Nachrichten is a copy of a similar questionnaire so we can:

- (A) Compare if/how things have changed over the last 9 years,
- (B) See if we have improved the member's experience at the club, and
- (C) Once again gauge future expectations.

I ask that each member of the club, including our youth who are part of a family membership, fill out a copy of the questionnaire and return it to the office by March 31.

Respectfully Submitted, Glenn Herold - President

Bei der Mitgliederversammlung im Januar habe ich den 2019 Jahreshaushalt präsentiert , aber wir warten noch auf den finanziellen Bericht , um das Ergebnis zu bestätigen . Es sieht so aus als ob wir unser Ziel erreicht haben , welches wir uns bei der Sick Benefit Association vorgenommen hatten . Ich möchte danke sagen zu den Bordmitgliedern , den Angestellten und den gesamten Mitgliedern , um dieses zu erreichen . Ohne Eure mithilfe und beteiligung würden wir es nicht ge- Schaft haben . Nochmals Danke schön .

Bitte denkt daran, das am 17. Februar der neue Familientag ist, welcher nun ja ein offizieller Feiertag ist . Wir möchten mehr Familienorientierte Veranstaltungen abhalten und denken das dieser Feiertag ein perfekter Anlass ist . Ich hoffe das alle die Möglichkeit benutzen um mit uns an diesem Tag bei gutem Essen , tanzen und Gemütlichkeit teilzunehmen .

Als Erinnerung , wir laden dieses Jahr als Gastgeber am 18. April zum Landestrachtenfest in unserem Club ein und jeder ist willkommen die Kameradschaft aller Schwabenclubmitglieder von Ontario an diesem Abend zu pflegen und aufrecht zu erhalten . Auch ist jeder zur "Kanadischen Verbands Versammlung "

{der genaue Termin wird noch bekannt gegeben } herzlichst eingeladen .

Zum Abschluss , im Jahr 2011 , hatten wir einen Fragebogen gesendet , in der hoffnung Antworten von den Mitgliedern , warum sie dem Club beigetreten sind und ob sie zufrieden sind wie der Club funktioniert und geleitet wird und auch Vorschläge wie der Club in der Zukunft funktionieren und

geleitet werden sollte zu bekommen . In dieser Nachrichtenzeitung wird ein ähnlicher Fragebogen beigelegt sein , damit wir :

A} vergleichen ob und wie sich einiges verändert hat in den letzten 9 Jahren .

B} sehen ob sich die Erfahrungen der Mitglieder verbessert haben .

C} weitere Verbesserungen für die Zukunft erfüllen können .

Ich frage jedes Mitglied vom Club einbezogen die Jugendlichen die ja ein teil der Familienmitgliedschaft sind eine Kopie des Fragebogens auszufüllen und bis zum 31. März im Büro abgeben würden .

Respektvoll Glenn Herold - Präsident



Membership Report

Happy New year everyone!

I didn't have a chance last month, so I am expressing my heartfelt thank you to all members who were present at the November elections for voting me back in for another 2 years as the Club's Membership Director & Sick Benefit Secretary.

By the time you have read this, I would hope that all of you have paid your 2020 Membership. The due date was January 15th. For any unpaid memberships, the late fee is now in effect since January 16th.

There was a good response to the late reminder letters I sent out on January 2nd for unpaid 2020 membership payments. Many members came in after Jan 5th and paid in person or paid over the phone at the office to avoid the new Late fee.

In August 2019, the board decided to change the membership payment rules for the better. We asked all members to pay by the end of the year for the upcoming year 2020 ahead of time. This information was written in the monthly Nachrichten Sept to Dec 2019. This was also posted on the club board Oct to Dec This new change in payment rule was done to provide those that pay memberships in a timely fashion to enjoy & appreciate the benefits that comes with your club membership.

We (the Executive) apologize if there was any confusion or incorrect interpretations of our intentions.

Also, by having the membership payment expectations in place earlier, more memberships would be paid on time and not lacking or remaining unpaid for up to half of the present year. Keeping track of unpaid memberships in a present year was much more work.

Unpaid members do not receive the Nachrichten, nor have their birthdays posted. Unpaid members also pay non-member or full price for club events until the membership is paid.

Club Membership Benefits

Present members of the club have the following:

1) Receive discounts on the club monthly event tickets.

2) Receive your monthly Nachrichten without any pauses.

3) Members do have an opinion and a voice on any general decisions at the monthly members meeting on the operations inside the club, such as event changes, or present small repairs needed under \$5000.

Sick Benefits, Applications and Explanations

I apologize on behalf of the Board/Executive if there was any confusion on applying for Sick Benefits.

To apply for Sick benefit, you must be a present or new member with a paid membership of the club in place.

Joining the Sick Benefit is optional. You will not be forced to join it. The option to join sick benefit is open to all members age 16 to 99+ including retirees

The administration through myself and the office of maintaining these 2 lists- the club memberships and the Sick Benefit Members list is related for we need the information on each member such as home address, contact info, joined date of club etc.

Benefits of being a sick benefit member are listed below:

1) You will be invited to any sick benefit meetings scheduled for the upcoming year.

2) If you are 18 years of age and over-, you will have the right to vote and have a voice at those meetings on the club's buildings, property and decision making on the future of our club and also any large repairs needed over \$5000.

3) If you are age 16 to 64, presently working and became sick or injured and experience loss of income, you are able to make a claim for sick benefit payments if you do not have any insurance benefits, or any other benefits, while you are not able to work.

4) Members age 65 years and over would not be able to make a sick benefit claim since they are receiving a pension. The good news is that these members still have a say on the decisions at the sick benefit meetings on the future of our club.

5) Existing sick benefit members before 2020 are grandfathered and are still valuable sick benefit members.

The next Sick Benefit meeting is scheduled for May 27th. If you would like to become a sick benefit member before this date to attend, you must fill out an application form, have your physician fill out their section, pay the \$12 fee to **join before Feb 27th**. Applications are

available through me or at the office. Applications will be reviewed by myself and the President for approval. New sick benefit members will be announced at monthly members' meetings.

Hope to see you all at our club anniversary at our 89th Gründungsfest on Feb 29th.

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership Director, Sick Benefit Secretary

Welcome NEW Members!!

Alex Grandmond

Jesse Wolfe

John Hutfluss & Cathy Hutfluss

Christine Faller & John Johnston

Byron Barclay

Ben Meyer

Megan Wirtz

Thanks, Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Director

New Years Eve at the CLUB





the New Year's Eve Party with the Marley Hill Band and New Year's Eve Karaoke











<u>Kameradschaftsabend</u>















Kindergruppe und Jugendgruppe

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season full of joy. After the break its now time for us to get back to work. Our 1st practice was held on Jan 9th and the dancers got straight to work. We have many events coming up with the Miss Schwaben ball on Jan 25th the 1st annual family day fun day at the club on Feb 17th and Gründungsfest on Feb 29th its going to be a busy time of year. Remember to mark the dates. Again, a big thanks to our instructors Sheri. Angele and Kirk and our parent committee for all the hard work in helping to keep our dance groups to be successful, fun and entertaining

Mike Kleser

President of Kinder/Jugend Dance Committee



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ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Ich hoffe, viele von Ihnen bei unseren neuen Veranstaltungen und besonders bei unseren klassischen Schwaben Veranstaltungen zu sehen, einige davon mit The Golden Keys.

The 2020 Schwaben Club events continue with old favourites and expand with some new features: country nights with live entertainment monthly and Family Day.

Family Day on Monday February 17th is moving ahead with lots of planned activities: family entertainment, crafts, food and drinks from 11-5 pm. Check out the poster, order your tickets and join us for a fun-filled day for young and old alike. We hope to accommodate everyone.

Mia San soccer fan club continues here at the Schwaben. Dates for February are:

Saturday February 1st 9:30 am

Sunday February 9th 12:00 pm

Sunday February 16th 9:30 am

Saturday February 29th. 9:30 am

Games and times may change. The Fan Club will let you know of changes. See poster in this edition of Nachrichten for more details. Please follow MiaSan KW on social media. We appreciate your "likes". Email <u>miasankw@gmail.com</u> to join this amazing fan club.

Country Line dancing continues free every Wednesday starting at 7 pm. Country Schwaben Nights continue February 1st with live entertainment featuring Bareback Riders. March 7th, we have Galley West. Doors open at 8 pm. Buy your tickets from Tracy in the office or at the door \$10 for regular nights. Bands are subject to change. See posters for more details.

Members please mark your calendars and check out the posters for the Schwaben Club's 89th Gründungsfest Anniversary on Saturday February 29th featuring The Golden Keys.

A new Mr. Schwaben will be introduced at Schlachtfest Saturday March 28th again with entertainment by The Golden Keys.

The Freundschaftgruppe is proud to announce that The Ballroom Dance program has begun with close to 20 participants ranging in age from 16 to 30. Plan to come out and celebrate waltz, polka and swing with them at our Rosenball on May 23rd. More details to follow.

Also mark May 30th on your calendars to attend the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser evening for family fun, good food, laughter and enjoyment with your Kitchener Schwaben club family.

Request: please save and pass on Christmas cards, used and/or new in German and English to Liz OReilly or leave for me with Tracy in Schwaben office.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with us at our events,

Wir freuen uns, Sie bei unseren Veranstaltungen zu sehen und nit Ihnen zu feiern,

Liz OReilly, Entertainment Director



LADIES FRAUENGRUPPE

Happy New Year!

It is with sadness that I mention the passing of Elfriede Hamburger who was a past president of the Frauengruppe many years ago. May she rest in peace.

If anyone would like to loan or donate a tracht – the Schwaben Club is hosting the Landestrachtenfest on April 18th and some of the youth is looking to proudly wear one for you. Let us know. We thank Margaret Schilling and Phil Neidert (for the late Betty Neidert) once again for donating their trachts – we will showcase yours for sure.

We are always open to any day trips you are interested in. Let us know

The Schlachtfest is on Sat March 28th and we are looking for volunteers to help make the Krapfen in the morning. Perfect opportunity for youth to come out and help. Let me know if you're willing to help and we will prepare a schedule. There are opportunities bright and early at 7 am, 9 am and 11 am. Email me at <u>helgapeller1968@gmail.com</u> or text me/call me 519-496-6175 if interested. Ladies I need your help as well. Your expertise and knowledge is what we all learn from and carry on the traditions. It is always appreciated!

We will meet again Wednesday, March 4th at 7 pm. Mark May 3rd as well on your calendar for our Mother's Day Luncheon.

Don't forget you can always come out if weather permits to the Filmnachmittags Feb 2 and March 1. We appreciate everyone's support as they continue to be profitable for us!

Your Frauengruppe Committee Helga, Barbara, Lea, Jennifer, Penny



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To all members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club

Who celebrate their birthday in the month of February

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An allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener, Schwabenklub,

Die im Monat Februar Geburtstag feiern.

Name

Birthday/Geburstag

Gruber, Frank	02
Marzinko, Ruth Anne	02
Speckner, Siegfried	03
Kraehling, Anneliese	05
Krech, Robert	08
Kauck, Ingrid	09
Heitmann, Michael	09
Hennessey, Owen	09
Schwarz, J.W. (Joe)	10
Findeis, Joseph	11
Burkhardt, Matt	11
Heffner, Nick	12
Mayer, Marie-Luise	13
Petsch, Katharina	16
Groh, Elisabeth	17
O'Reilly, Peter	17
Adam, Joan	17
Kraehling, Katharina	18
Kynoch, Nick	22
Gellner, Rosemarie	24
Bowman, Laura	25
Schummer, Brian	26
O'Reilly, Elisabeth	29
Beckett, Tim	29



Filmnachmittag – Feb. 2nd, 2020

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FEBRUARY FLEMMAGEMIEFAG



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March 29 th .	Brief eine
April 26 th .	Heimatlo

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Landestrachtenfest Hosted by the Schwaben Club of Kitchener



Saturday, April 18, 2020

Music provided by the Transylvania Brass Band

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

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FREUNDSCHAFT GRUPPE: News

The Freundschaftgruppe has recently begun a Ballroom Dance program to teach basic steps, form, and technique for classic dances such as the Waltz and Polka. We had a great turn out

with 20 participants! Thank you to Mishi and Paul Groh who will be our dance coaches.

Mark your calendars for May 23, 2020, when we will host our first Rosenball! Guests will enjoy a formal evening, including a delicious meal, and music by Variations. Our Ballroom dancers with showcase their new skills with an elegant performance of the dances they have learned. Tickets are only; \$29.00 for members \$33.00 for non-members and to attend the dance only \$18.00 (no dinner). Come and support our Freundschaftgruppe!

Several of our Freundschaftgruppe members will be participating in an evening of learning to make sausage. Emma and Shayla are looking forward to sharing what they learned in Hungary this past summer. We are excited to try this out for ourselves, creating connections to our families' traditions. If all goes well, we may share our learning with other members of our Club who also want to try making sausage!

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

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

We are looking for an Editor for our Nachrichten! Darlene Clausing has done an amazing job putting the newsletter together. Soon she will retire from this position. Please contact me if you are interested at:

lea.schwaben@gmail.com

Lea Becker Communications Director







Ballroom Dance Group Preparing for Rosenball





SHARING OF OUR PAST

I was born in Hungary, town "Nagyszekely" in the Schwaebische Turkei.

After the war, we were deported out of Hungary, the same as many other Germans living along the Danube plains. First to East Germany, we fled to West Germany and in 1949 my grandmother and I came to Canada to my grandfather who lived in Canada since 1929, I was eleven years old. We came to Galt because that is where my grandfather worked.

My mother was taken from us in 1945 and ended up in Russia working in the coal mines, she was twenty-six. I did not see her again until 1951 when she came to Canada.

I did not get involved with the Donauschwaben culture until mid 1970. I joined the Schwaben Club "Vorstand" in 1988 as membership chair, then treasurer for many years, then as President for 6 years. I love my Donauschwaben ancestry and I will stay true to it all my life.

Some highlights and there are many, but for sure the "opportunity" given to me by our members to serve as President is at the top. It surely is a privilege to serve. It gave me the opportunity to meet and interact with other club Presidents from Canada and the U.S.A. In 2007 my first term as President our Kinder & Youth groups got a "restart" through the hard work of some of our diligent members, I thanked them then and I thank them now. Some other worthy highlights are our traditional functions i.e. Trachtenfest, Kirchweihfest and in general our member's diligence and support to keep our club vibrant for our future.

I am now serving as "Vice President" for our Donauschwaben Canada. In 2016 I attended a meeting for our "Welt Dachverband" in Budapest, Hungary. This truly was a once in a lifetime experience. I now know there are Donauschwabens all over the world and they are still involved with our culture of their "Homeland". In Hungary where we stayed there are now again whole villages involved with the

Donauschwaben culture. So, no matter what the war destroyed our Donau Schwabians are back.

So, let us all stay true to our roots and as they say "Once a Schwob always a Schwob" there are those that are Donau Schwaben and those that want to become Donau Schwaben.

Let me end a little on the lighter side, "Joke" Someone once heard God saying that if he were not God, he would surely be a Schwab.

Phil Neidert Story





NOTE:

The club cleaning department is asking members to drop off used, old towels so they can repurpose them to rags at the club. Anyone with old flannel sheets or towels no longer being used can drop them off at the office. The club thanks and appreciates any donations in advance.



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Managers Report

I know that I haven't written a report for a while now so I thought I would take the time to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2019 was a very busy year with gross sales being the largest in many years. When I started as manager here at the Schwaben Club we were basically a weekend banquet venue. Now today we are open with food 6 days a week with the odd Sunday booking also. All these new additional events sure did help the bottom-line sales. My 2020 "Vision" is that we will continue to have great gross sales coming in and hopefully be able to control the dollars going out. We have so many new and exciting events now being held at the club that members and outside visitors are now really enjoy their time spent at the Schwaben Club. Please check out the Schwaben Clubs Bulletin Boards, Website, Nachrichten, or Facebook page to find out and to keep updated on all the great events planned for this year at the club. I sure hope that everyone partakes in a lot of these events and has a good time as well. It is your time to rediscover the Schwaben club as the place to be as so many people had already found out. We have soooo many cool and fun things going on...... Check it out....

I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU SOON AT THE SCHWABEN CLUB.

Don Egley

Manager





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