

Issue # 3, 2020

NACHRICHTEN

WICHTIGE DATEN/IMPORTANT DATES 2020

MONDAY: 16-30 Ballroom Dancing7 pm WEDNESDAY: Country Line Dancing7 pm WEDNESDAY: Karaoke		
SUNDAY: Donau Dancers Practice	-	
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	
Filmnachmittag March	Mar. 29 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 .	
Schwaben Country Night	June 6	
Featuring Laura Rose General Membership Meeting	June 10	
Schwaben Golf Tournament	June 13	
Picnic	TBD	
General Membership Meeting	Sept. 9	
Kirchweih Fest	Sept. 26	
Oktoberfest	Oct. 9-17	
General Membership Meeting	Nov. 11	
Frauengruppe Gründungsfest	Nov. 21	
Christmas Luncheon	Dec. 6	
General Membership Meeting	Dec. 9	



BUFFET DINNER Doors Open: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm SCHWABEN CLUB 1668 King St. E Kitchener 519-742-7979



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President's Report Bericht des Präsidenten

There are definitely a lot of new things going on at the club recently. We have been running youth ballroom dancing lessons, which will be capped off with a Rosenball in May – we are hoping to attract some new youth to our dance groups and create a new annual club event. There is country line dancing lessons on Wednesday evenings, and monthly country concerts scheduled – there was a gap in service to this demographic after the closing of the Stampede Coral, so we capitalized on the opportunity. And there was our first ever Family Day event in February; a special thanks goes out to Barb, Liz and Lena for taking the lead on this.

Earlier today I read through the submissions for the Hans Schaadt award. It was very touching to see not only how important and inspirational some of our youths' Opas were to them, but how much their historic culture and language plays an integral part in their shared lives to this day. It really clarifies for me the role of the club in helping create additional opportunities for shared experiences.

Just a reminder that the questionnaire distributed with the last Nachrichten is due to the office by March 31. I ask that each member of the club, including our youth who are part of a family membership, fill out a copy.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold - President

Es sind im Moment viele neue Programme im Klub. Da ist zum Beispiel Ballraum Tanzunterricht für

16-30 jährige , mit dem Abschluss eines Rosenball im Mai . Wir hoffen auf Teilnahme von neuen Jugendlichen für unsere Tanzgruppen zu interessieren um eine neue Klubveranstaltung zu gründen .

Außerdem haben wir jeden Mittwochabend Country Line Dancing und monatliche Country Konzerte gebucht . Durch die schließung vom Stampede Coral ist eine unterhaltungslücke entstanden und haben diese Gelegenheit genutzt unser Business zu erweitern. Und da war auch unsere erste Familien Tag Veranstaltung . Ein großes Dankeschön geht an Barb, Liz und Lena für die Planung dieser Veranstaltung .

Ich habe heute die Berichte für den Hans Schaadt Award gelesen . Es war rührend zu sehen wie wichtig für einige Jugendliche der Opa für sie war, aber auch wie bedeutsam die historische Kultur und Sprache heutzutage in ihnen lebt . Das erklärt mir die rolle des Klubs den Jugendlichen zusätzliche Gelegenheiten und deren Erlebnisse zu teilen zu helfen . Als Erinnerung , der Fragebogen mit den letzten Nachrichten sollte bis spätestens 31. März im Klubbüro eingereicht sein. Ich bitte alle Mitglieder , einbezogen unsere Jugendlichen welche einer Familienmitgliedschaft angehören , den Fragebogen auszufüllen und einzureichen .

Respektvoll **Glenn Herold** – Präsidenten



Membership Report

My report is much shorter this time. I am working on some new requests that were brought forward to me particularly about the membership of our club. One of them is working with the younger members and listening to their suggestions.

At the February members meeting I would have reported on the demographics of our members. For some this may help with planning future cultural events based on age, for others they are just curious on how many younger folks there are here and how important it is for our cultural heritage. I will be posting the demographics of our membership in the next Nachrichten.

Also, at the last members meeting a question came up on the following:

If members are over 65 years of age, and want to join the sick benefit, do they need to still have their sick benefit application signed by a physician since they are not able to make a claim? The answer is yes, the request of the complete signed sick benefit application is requested as it is listed

in the constitution Article 7.2.

Also, the applicant could still return to part-time work after age 65.

By the time you are reading my report the 89th Grundungsfest would have come and gone. We should all be proud of 89 years of our club being here no matter how old you are. Think of your fathers, mothers Omas & Opas and how they were involved in our club and how much joy and honour it is or was that they have now passed it down to you and your family. I would also like to thank the new members who came here and became members through a friend or on their own.

For the next Nachrichten, I will be posting our club's members who have received their volunteer, 10-year, 25 year and 50-year pins at our club's Grundungsfest.

Club Membership Benefits

Sick Benefits, Applications and Explanations

TO All: Sick Benefit Members:

For those who are NOT exempt, please pay your \$12 as soon as possible. \$12 Fee is due each year at same time as club membership to the office. Thank you. Heidi Heidi Peller-Oliver



Welcome NEW Members!!

Kyle Gutoskie Karsten(Kaz) & Brigitte Zimmermann

Marius & Cindy Pop

David Finlayson (spouse of Karin Schroecker)

Heidi Modesti

Kyle Thiessen

Bernhard Reiter

Franz Bischoff

Thanks, Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Director





The Schwaben Dancers





...More Miss Pictures Page 16.



















Kindergruppe und Jugendgruppe

As winter carries on, our schedule continues with it. In what is usually a quiet time of year for us, we find ourselves as busy as ever. This year a Family Day event has been added to our performance list. It's a new event and we are excited to see the combined dancing efforts of the Jugend Dancers, Schwaben Dancers and Donau Dancers. This is shaping up to be an exciting event and we hope to see you, your friends and family all coming out for the fun! Then, it's time for "Grundungsfest", our club anniversary and time to start thinking about our Spaghetti dinner on May 30th. This is our annual fundraiser and we would appreciate any donations for our silent auction.

We are pleased to announce that our dancers put on a fabulous performance during the Miss. Schwaben Ball. Our members were exited to dress up for such and formal event and enjoyed performing some new dances, which were very well received. Overall, it was a wonderful evening, full of great music and tasty food.

A big thank you goes out to our instructors Sheri, Angele and Kirk for the time and dedication to teaching our young dancers. Also, a big thank you to our parents committee for the help in keeping things running smooth. As always, we are always open to having new dancers come and join the fun.

Mike Kleser

President of Kinder/Jugend Dance Committee

LADIES FRAUENGRUPPE

The Schlachtfest is fast approaching 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!

Melissa Ferguson, a member of our group is looking to host a weekly class for those who want to learn knitting and crochet. A group starting in March – stay tuned no the date. Ladies that know how to do this are more than welcome to help out as well.

We are planning to go to London, March 15^{th} to the London club for an afternoon Kaffee Klutch from 2 pm to 5 pm – there is cake and coffee and dancing. Cost is \$7 – for those that are interested, let one of the committee members know as we can carpool.

We would like to acknowledge another wonderful gift donated by Juluis and Mary Meinezinger. Donauschwabens who live in the Welland area have donated another Stefan Jager print. This third donated print will be showcased in the Frauengruppe display in the main foyer area.

Thank you again – we are pleased and honoured to receive these prints. Part of our heritage living on and passed onto the next generation.

Our meetings start again Wednesday, March 4th at 7 pm.

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

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Cultural Director

Happy March everyone! Miss Schwaben was in January and it is my pleasure to introduce to you our **2020 Miss Schwaben Alyssa Hild**. Alyssa has a lot of family and friends here at the club. She attends University in Windsor and helps out at the club when she can. I am sure she will do a great job representing the club this year. Congratulations once again Alyssa. This month we have Schlachtfest please come and support the outgoing Mr. Schwaben and welcome the new Mr. Schwaben.



More photos to be found on page 16 of Miss Schwaben.

Hotel information

Landestrachtenfest Cleveland

Schwob or Donauschwaben's 2020 Convention booking link:

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/north-olmsted-ohio/la-quinta-cleveland-airport-west/roomsrates?&checkInDate=09/04/2020&checkOutDate=09/07/2020&groupCode=CGSCHW





Freundschaftsgruppe

We are almost halfway through our Ballroom dance program and we are very excited to have you all join us in May at our NEWEST cultural event at the Schwaben Club – the ROSENBALL! Tickets are already on sale and can be purchased by calling the office at 519-742-7979 or coming in to see Tracy at the office and buying them directly through her. Please check out our poster in the Nachrichten for more information on this formal dinner and dance.

We are planning a casual Games Night for March. Please join us on Friday March 20th at 8:00pm as we host a board game night at the Schwaben Club. There is no cost to come in - beverages and food can be purchased in the Keller from the Bar Menu.

We are encouraging our youth members to come out in the morning on Saturday March 28th to make the Krapfen (Donuts – our dessert at Schlachtfest). Please text Helga Peller-Eberl at 519-496-6175 to let her know you can attend.

We had a huge turn out in January for our Youth Sausage Making Night! It was fantastic to see so many young members interested in our cultural traditions. Lots of planning went into the evening as well as the use of the equipment was given by the Becker Family – thank you!

Shay & Lena Herold and Emma & Lea Becker Freundschaft Gruppe Leaders



Freundschaftsgruppe Sausage Making: (more on page 15)



ANNOUNCEMENT. - Ankündigung

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club

Who celebrate their birthday in the month of March

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG

An allen Mitgliedern des Kitchener, Schwabenklub,

Die im Monat März Geburtstag feiern.

Name

Birthday/Geburstag

Heiko Walder	01
Robert Nowak	03
Andy Rester	07
Jeff Watchorn	09
Kimberly Westwell	09
Konrad Gruenwald	10
Joseph Stickel	10
Eric Lannan	12
Magdalena Putschli	12
George Putschli	12
Frieda Schade	13
Frank Bischoff	14
Joe Groh	14
Heidi Modesti	14
Eric Offak	15
Doris Zettel	15
Mike Kleser	16
Ken Dennis	17
Donna Becker	19
Edmund Ries	20
Mary Bruckler	21
Henry Szierer	22
Frank Nemeth	23
Lisa Williamson	23
Jordan Ellis	24
Cassandra Kauer	24
Brandy Gellner	24
Siegfried Gottsman	27
Renata Krech	30





Saturday April 4, 2020 YOUR

Schwaben Concert Hall

1668 King Street East, Kitchener, Ontario 519-742-7979 Fix \$15.00 Doors at 7:00 p.m. Show at 8:00 p.m.



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TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY 15

Filmnachmittag – March 1st and 29th





March 1st denn die Musik und die Liebe in Tirol

March 29th Heimatlos (mit Freddy Quinn)

April 26th – Brief eines Unbekannten

June 7th – Einmal wird die Sonne wieder scheinen mit Heintje

July 5th – Unsere tollen Nichten mit Udo Jurgens, Gunter Philipp und Gus Backus

Aug.9th – Heimweh noch St. Pauli mit Freddy Quinn und Jayne Mansfield

Sept. 13th – Schloss Hubertus – 1954 version

Oct.4th – Einmal am Rhein mit Paul Henckels und Beppo Brem

Nov.1st – Wenn die Alpenrosen blühen – mit Marianne Hold und Claus Holm







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Landestrachtenfest Hosted by the Schwaben Club of Kitchener Saturday, April 18, 2020 Music provided by the Starts: 6:00 pm **Cransylvania Brass Band Meal:** Country Style Dinner / Admission Guest: 539 Schwaben Club (\$34.51 + HST) 1668 King Street E Cultural Group Participant: \$35 **Kitchener**, ON (\$30.97 + HST) 519-742-7979 Children (under 12): 516 schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com (\$14.16 + HST)





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SHARING OF OUR PAST

Katharina (Kathie) Becker

Kathie, with her parents, Anna (born Eichhorn) and Franz Mueller, and younger sister Anna, left Kernei, Yugoslavia in 1955 and emigrated to Germany before making the boat journey to Halifax, NS on March 17, 1956. Upon arrival, Kathie and her family took the train to New Hamburg, ON where they were met by the Elder family and the Tante of her mother, Anna Mueller. In 1958, her family moved to Kitchener because there were more factories in which they could find employment to make a life for themselves in their new home.

At the age of 13, Kathie's sister Anna attended St. Anne's school, and the family were members of St. Anne's Church. Katharina was 16 years old, and she and her mother worked at the Tony Day sweater factory on Regina Street in Waterloo. Her Vater, Franz, worked at Dahmer Steel on Shirley Avenue in Kitchener. For Kathie's Mutter, it was important not just to value the German language, Schwabisch traditions of tracht, music and customs, but also die Kirche. Die Mutter hat immer gesagt, "God gave us seven days and the seventh day is for Church and God".

Some of Kathie's fondest memories are meeting her husband, John, at the Kitchener Schwaben Club in 1957 when she joined the dance group, and in 1958 marching in the hall for Kirchweih with more than 20 couples.

On October 25,1958, Kathie married her husband John at St. Mary's Church. Their sons Gary and John were also baptized there. Kathie has been an active member of St. Anthony Daniel Church in Stanley Park for over 40 years.



When Kathie came to Canada, her family could only bring 150 kilos of items with them. Some of these items, - a soup bowl, colander and large kitchen knife, were on display at our Landestreffen museum and represent the everyday items brought to the new home with the family when they left die Heimat.

Sarmakraut, hinkel paprikasch, kartoffel und knoedel, und goulasch, are foods that Kathie remembers having with her family. She has made these dishes and shared her favourite recipes with her children and grandchildren. **For** Kathie, the tracht from her home in Yugoslavia is something that she holds very dear. The tracht is a burgundy skirt (kashmirrock), and a pink blouse and apron. When Kathie's Grosmutter and her aunts escaped

Communism in Yugoslavia and went to Germany, they were able to save the tracht and take it with them. Once in Germany, Kathie's Grosmutter sent the kashmirrock to her in Canada. In 1958 Kathie wore

it in a Trachtenfest in Kitchener. The kashmirrock is now well over 80 years old and although very delicate, is worn by Kathie's granddaughter, Emma, for Landestrachtenfest every year.

The Schwaben Club has been a place for Katharina, her family and friends to gather and celebrate traditions. These celebrations brought people together in a place where they could speak their language, dance, and be happy.





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