



Kitchener Schwaben Club

Issue # 4, 2020

NACHRICHTEN

WICHTIGE DATEN/IMPORTANT DATES 2020

MONDAY: 16-30 Ballroom Dancing.....7 pm

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

All events are cancelled until April 6th.

Schlachtfest T.B.A.

General Membership Meeting.....	April 8 th .
Johnny Cash.....	April 9 th
Good Friday Fish Fry.....	April 10 th
Trachtenfest – Kitchener.....	April 18 th
Tribute Concert.....	April 25 th
Filmmittag.....	April 26 th .
Schwaben Country Nights.....	May 2 nd .
Mother's Day Luncheon.....	May 3 rd .
Line Dancing Night.....	May 9 th
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 at Hubertushaus.....	June 20 th
Jugendlager	July 9-12 th
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

Message from the President on Covid-19

At the Schwaben Club, we are focused on prioritizing the health and safety of our patrons, members and staff during these challenging times. We are continuously monitoring the ever-evolving situation and strive to follow the recommendations of the public health organizations. Our ability to proceed as planned with functions and events in April is subject to how well the spread of Covid-19 is controlled. Some scheduled events may need to be cancelled, while some may be adjusted to meet standing protocols (e.g. potentially switching Good Friday Fish Fry to a drive through event); at the time I am writing this report we do not know what will happen in April. We ask that membership monitor social media for updates on April events; for those that are not on social media, feel free to call the office for updates.

Reflecting on the original purpose of our club, I am asking our membership to assist with getting groceries to our other members that are either in self-imposed quarantine or are not able to leave home due to their susceptibility of contracting the disease. If you are willing to assist, or are in need, please reach out to Lena Herold at lenaherold@rocketmail.com or call the office with details. A list will be created to match the two and we will coordinate efforts. Let's pull together and get through this.

Glenn Herold - President

Landestrachtenfest

Hosted by the Schwaben Club of Kitchener



Saturday, April 18, 2020

Music provided by the
Transylvania Brass Band

Dinner / Admission Guest: **\$39**
(\$34.51 + HST)

Cultural Group Participant: **\$35**
(\$30.97 + HST)

Children (under 12): **\$16**
(\$14.16 + HST)

Starts: 6:00 pm
Meal: Country Style

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Membership Report

Our 89th Grundungsfest or Club Anniversary was very well attended by many members and guests! It was truly a wonderful evening with delicious food and great music by our Golden Keys. There was so much that happened that night! First of all, sending Thank You to Heidi Gregoric for taking and sharing your pictures of every table! Wonderful reflections were shared about our club's history. We honoured our members and showed our traditional dancing between all 4 dance groups. Susan Cook gave a great speech on our club history right from the beginning of 1931. It was truly a wonderful thing to see that our oldest club member Jake Adam was serenaded by the Golden Keys. You could tell he enjoyed it very much. Lisa Schaadt said a wonderful speech about her father-in-law Hans Schaadt that touched many hearts and brought a lot of us to tears as part of her presentation of the Opa Award. It was a wonderful tribute to his memory. It was so nice to see quite a few young members who participated in the Opa Award process. It is so incredible to hear their stories of their Opa. Then 3 of our dance groups showcased the combined dance from a traditional dance- the Donauschwaben Walzer originating from our Donauschwaben heritage. This dance was practiced between the groups for a few weeks, and it turned out beautiful! Great job for everyone involved! It was so wonderful to see these traditions passed on to our next younger generation.

We wish the club many more years of continuing these traditions and success!

Congratulations to these Members for their many years of membership at our club. They received their pins at the Grundungsfest on Feb 29th.

10 year members:

Helga Peller-Eberl, Tim & Kathy Beckett, Glenn & Lena Herold

Debra Vickman and Marion Nuxoll were not able to attend and will receive their 10-year pin at a later date.

25 year members

Lisa Schaadt, Walter Marzinko and Elisabeth Hohnsbein

50 year KUV members

Siegfried Speckner

Josef Offak- Josef was not able to attend, his son Mike picked up his pin on his behalf.

Volunteer Awards

Darlene Clausing

Mike Ruland

Outgoing Board member:

Monica Anstett

As mentioned in my last report, many younger generation members have chat with me on their ideas and views and requests. They had asked me to bring forth the demographics of ages of our club members. This helps them plan for future events, and for older members to be proud to see how many younger persons are coming into our club and enjoying our cultural heritage.

Demographics of our membership

Under age 18 -- 46 (date of birth under 2001)

Age 19-25 = 23 (DOB 1994-2000)
Age 26-35 = 21 (DOB 1984-1993)
Age 36-45 = 39 (DOB 1974-1983)
Age 46-55 = 52 (DOB 1964-1973)
Age 56-65 = 52 (DOB 1954-1963)
Age 66-74 = 42 (DOB 1945-1953)
Age 75-85 = 50 (DOB 1934-1944)
Age 86-95 = 20 (DOB 1924-1933)
Age 96 + = 1

We are now at a total of 346 members!



By the time you read my report, Schlactfest will have come and gone and a new Mr Schwaben would have been chosen. Schlactfest is a lot of fun, celebrating the festival of Pork! We always go to great lengths to present the history of the celebration of Schlachtfest that has been celebrated for many Donauschwaben generations.

We should all be excited and looking forward to hosting our Canadian Donauschwaben clubs at the annual Landestrachtenfest which will be held on April 18th. There will be traditional Trachts worn by our many members from young to not so young. It will be a delightful entertaining night of many different dances from all dance groups between all the clubs. Hopefully I will see you all there!

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership Director

Sick Benefit Secretary

NEW Members!!

There were no new members to announce this month

Thanks,

Heidi Peller-Oliver Membership Director



Entertainment Report

Hello Everyone/Liebe Mitglieder,

Family Fun Day was a successful event for its first year. Vielen Dank for all of your comments on how to make improvements for next year. For pictures go to our Nachrichten newsletter and www.KitchenerWaterloosnapd.com

Good Friday Fish Fry is upon us April 10th and the KSC is open for business serving food and drinks.

Posters are coming for Spaghetti Jugend- and Kindergruppen Fundraiser May 30th. See Mike Kleser for more details.

Celebrate with the Freundschaftsgruppe and all the graduates of the ballroom dance class who are excited about sharing their new dance moves at the Rosenball.

We invite you to attend the Rosenball Formal fundraiser dinner and dance on May 23rd with a slight change in format. Doors open at 6:00; dinner at 6:30 pm for members \$29 and nonmembers \$33. Dance only entrance open at 8:00pm \$18.00 a ticket. Tickets are available until May 15th.

Mia San welcomes all soccer fans to the KSC. For April no dates and times have been scheduled. We will keep you posted.

Looking ahead to Eurocup Soccer dates- Germany plays Tuesday June 16th, Saturday June 20th and Wednesday June 24. Come out to the KSC to watch games on a large screen with enthusiastic German fans and German Kameradschaft.

"Kicking up a Good Time at Schwaben Club" with Jeff Sheppard and Stephanie on Wednesday nights country line dancing. Come out, join in or just watch the dancing and enjoy the kitchen menu and bar in the Main Hall.

We also have Country Nights concerts on the first Saturday of the month. May 2nd is Dan Younger. On May 9 Jeff Sheppard is hosting Footloose All Request Line Dancing Night with lessons, dancing fun and bar available. \$10 at the door.

Heidi is already planning the Kerry Druar Memorial June Golf Tournament on June 13th at the Rockway Golf Club. Tickets for 18 holes, prizes and dinner with dessert at the KSC \$90. Purchase at KSC office before June 5th.

Mark your calendar for our picnic being held with the Transylvania German Club at Hubertushaus on June 20th. Music by Transylvania Brass Band; bar and food service available.

Liz O'Reilly,
KSC Entertainment Director 2020



Communication Report

Make sure to keep posted on all that is happening at the Schwaben Club! Visit our website, follow and like us on Facebook, and check us out on Twitter and Instagram! Whenever a post is shared, it broadens our range of viewers and promotes the exciting things happening at our Club!

I have been notified that not all members are receiving their issues of Nachrichten. Please contact me to provide your current address and/or email address so we can ensure that everyone receives the newsletter. Also please consider having your copy sent electronically. This will save hundreds of dollars each month, and digital copies are in colour! Of course we are happy to continue mailing copies to your home if you do not have access to technology.

If you have exciting news that you would like posted in our Nachrichten, contact me at lea.schwaben@gmail.com, call our office 519-742-7979, or email Darlene, our editor, directly at theschwabennews@gmail.com.

Lea Becker,
Director of Communication

Kindergruppe und Jugendgruppe

The Spring is arriving and it's a very welcome sight. It has been a busy Winter for our young dancers with three events in the last two months. The new Family Day held on February 17th was a success and our dancers joined in on a fun filled day of games, crafts, music and dancing. Grundungsfest, our annual club anniversary gave us another opportunity to show our versatility with the Jugends joining with the Schwaben and Donau Dancers in a combined performance which was well received. Now we look forward to Schlachtfest on March 28th. Planning is also underway for our annual Spaghetti Dinner which will be held on Saturday, May 30th. This is our major fundraiser for the year, so we hope to see everyone out to make it a success. We are also requesting donations for the silent auction. Lets all show our support for the hard work our young dancers put forth in planning and running this fun event. Further information will follow shortly. A big thank you to our instructors Kirk, Sheri and Angele for their time and dedication. As always, new members are welcome to come and join in the fun.

Mike Kleser

President of Kinder/Jugend Dance Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club
Who celebrate their birthday in the month of April

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG

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

Name	Birthday/Geburstag
Marion Nuxoll	02
George Grau	02
Henry Dyck	03
James Orsan	03
Rick Hutfloetz	03
Alixandra Heffner	06
Margaretha Byers	07
Nikolaus Lang	08
Heinz Kreitzer	08
Donald Bowman	09
Christopher Adam	09
Helen Tadros	09
Margaret Druar	10
Tracey Killingbeck	11
Katharina Ungar	12
Ann Bonello	13
Emma Becker	14
Lena Herold	15
Tina McQuabbie	15
Peter Speckner	16
Jakob Adam	17
Henry Heidt	17
Bernhard Mayer	17
Juergen Otterstein	18
Peter Druar	19
Heinrich Ungar	23
Karola Leuschner (Gottsmann)	25
Joel Wideman	25
Erin Wetzel	25
Bevan Lantz	26
Andrew Hutfluss	26
Cecile Piller-Berschl	27
Greg Williamson	28
Kevin Lindner	28
Michael Kahnke	29
Rosanne Hofgartner (Nusca)	29
Elisabeth Hohnsbein	30
Johanna Adam	30
Helene Schramek	30
Mihaela Groh	30
Paul Groh	30
Justine Krause	30
Monica Bachelder	30



LADIES FRAUENGRUPPE

The Ladies Auxiliary/Frauengruppe would like to thank and acknowledge the gifts of German DVDs from Helga Braun. These wonderful German films will be featured throughout next year's Filmnachmittag schedule. Stay tuned for the 2021 adventures on board Das Traumschiff and vacation destinations at Das Traumhotel.

KNITTERS and CROCHET fans - and those who want to learn these creative arts...

The Frauengruppe/Ladies Auxiliary is proud to announce a Knit and Chat held on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Schwaben Club. Come out and have some fun with wool! Beginners to Advanced are welcome. Our instructors are Melissa F and Penny H. Cost for members is \$2.00 and non-members \$5.00.

First Knit and Chat is held Thursday, March 26th in the Boardroom.

Donations of yarn are welcome. For more information, please contact the Frauengruppe via email kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com

Its with great sadness we announce Mathilde Geiring, past president of Frauengruppe has passed away in February. May she rest in peace"

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



Cultural Director

Good Day,

I hope everyone is doing well, staying healthy, sadly I managed to get the flu, couple fun days of rest and relaxation was nice.

Please watch the website for any updates as to functions being cancelled and functions being rebooked.

As you saw in the last newsletter the hotel information please do not book the hotel, as the rest of the clubs do not have the information yet and asked us not to book yet. I will let you know when you can do that. There will be no bus for the labour day long weekend.

If anyone would like to wear original tracht to Landestrachtenfest April 18, please email me at tina.mcquabbie@gmail.com or if you have your own please contact me please provide the region and history.

Tina McQuabbie, Cultural Director

July 9-12
Detroit
Carpathia Club

JUGENDLAGER INVITATION

Theme The Tradition Continues

ATTENDANCE All Schwaben Club members 13-25 are welcome to attend. Those 21 and over should be considered a chaperone. There is no attendance limit this year. We will need to address the issue of driving to the US as the applications come in. Please let us know if you can drive and how many other people you can fit in your vehicle (along with camping equipment).

CAMPING CHECKLIST Everyone will be camping on the property around the clubhouse. They do have a locker room with showers within the building. The Carpathia Club has a fun filled weekend planned with a day of sun at one of their local metroparks and a day full of cultural activities.

Application Deadline & Additional Information All paperwork and money needs to be into the Schwaben Club office by Monday, April 20th at 5pm. Forms can be picked up at the office during regular business hours. Cost to attend, \$100 Canadian per person and includes meals and activities at Carpathia Club and a t-shirt. Travel expenses are not included and are TBD. A list of Schwaben Club camping rules will be given out after acceptance of registration. You will need a valid passport to go to the US.



If you have any questions, please reach out to the Freundschaftsgruppe Leaders: Lea & Emma Becker or Lena & Shay Herold at schwabyouth@gmail.com.

Fish Fry Friday's
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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HILD: Johann - passed away suddenly at his residence on Tuesday March 17, 2020 in his 87th year.



Beloved husband of Maria (Hirner) whom he married February 4, 1960.

Dear father of Diana & husband Barry Vandermolen of New Hamburg, Silvia & husband Robert Gies of Kemble and John & wife Kyla of Baden.

Sadly missed by his grandchildren Jason & Amanda and their children Gavin and Evelyn, Joey & Samantha and their children Lily and Ethan, Steven & Jaime and their daughter Robin, Rebecca & Melissa, Tony & Jamie and their children Cameron and Caroline, Samantha and Alyssa, Survived by his sister Theresa and husband Fred Oberhorner of Germany.

Nur geliehen

Es ist alles nur geliehen hier auf dieser schönen Welt, es ist alles nur geliehen, aller Reichtum, alles Geld, es ist alles nur geliehen, jede Stunde voller Glück, musst Du eines Tages gehen, lässt Du alles hier zurück.

Man sieht tausend schöne Dinge und man wünscht sich dies und das, nur was gut ist und was teuer macht den Menschen sehr oft Spass.

Jeder möchte mehr besitzen zahlt er auch sehr viel dafür, keinem kann es etwas nützen, es bleibt alles einmal hier.

Jeder has oft das Bestreben, etwas Besseres zu sein, schafft und rafft das ganze Leben, doch was bringt es ihm schon ein?

Alle Güter dieser Erde, die das Schicksal Dir verehrt, sind Dir nur auf Zeit gegeben und auf Dauer gar niches wert.

Darum lebt doch Euer Leben, freut Euch neu auf jeden Tag, wer weiss auf unserer Erdenkugel was der Morgen bringen mag?

Freut Euch auch an kleinen Dingen, nicht nur an Besitz und Geld, es ist alles nur geliehen, heir auf

“John gave this to me earlier this year, and I thought I would share it with all of you – Glenn”.



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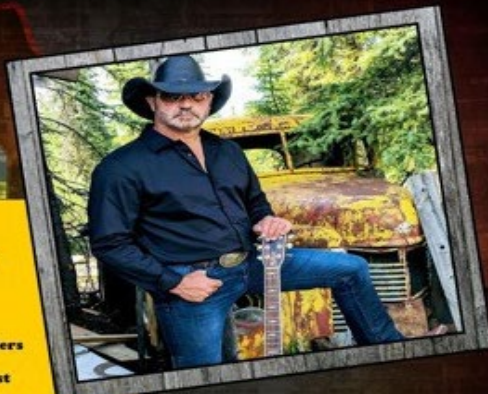
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April 4th - Hometown Rebound
May 2nd - Dan Younger
June 6th - Laura Rose
July 4th - Ally Howatt
Aug 1st - Brandon Silver & Sylvrado

(* regular country nights will be \$10)
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Freundschaftsgruppe

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

ANNOUNCEMENT. – Ankündigung



Orsan, Sophie:

Passed away peacefully with family by her side on March 11, 2020 in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late John Orsan (2003).

Loving mom to John (Isolde) Orsan, Nick (Sandi) Orsan, James (Sandy) Orsan and Norma Switzer.

Cherished Grandma to Frank, Scott, John, Michael, Christopher, Stephan, Christine, Marian and Crystal. Great-grandma to Ayden, KreeLynn, Leah, Katherine, Arya, Ava, Lukas, Violet and two on the way.

Predeceased by her parents George and Kathrina Koehler as well as her brother Stephan Koehler.

Remembered by her dear friends Deb and George Schell, Elizabeth and Joe Groh, and her neighbour Donna.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the staff and care givers at Lanark Heights for their wonderful care of Sophie.

Sophie was an avid member of the Schwaben Club for thirty plus years and was an active member of the Catholic Women's League at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Sophie was very social and involved in many things throughout her life. She enjoyed baking for the bazaars, Bingo at the community centre, and dancing. Sophie was special in that she cared for others; always sensing when someone was having a bad day and needed to talk. She was selfless - putting the needs of others before her own. She will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Visit www.henrywalser.com for Sophie's memorial.

Filmnachmittag – April 26th

FILMNACHMITTAG at the Schwaben Club

The Frauengruppe presents:

April 26th - Brief eines Unbekannten Or Freddy Quinn in Heimatlos

- *Vote held by audience – other film will be shown at a later date*

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Movie to start at 2:30

*due to March movie cancellation, it was decided to hold a vote to select the movie for this afternoon's showing.



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

KIRCHWEIH 85th Celebrations Choir

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or contact a Frauengruppe Committee Member

Everyone is invited to come out and join this new group.

Once we have interest, we will select a time for practices.

Schwaben Golf Tournament- Kerry Druar Memorial - June 13,2020

Schwaben Golf Tournament- Kerry Druar Memorial will be held at Rockway Golf course on June 13. Dinner will be back at our club afterwards in the evening.

I am working on sponsors and prizes and signing up Golf players in the meantime. Check inside this issue of Nachrichten for the new Golf poster!

Heidi Peller-Oliver; Golf Tournament Host/Organizer

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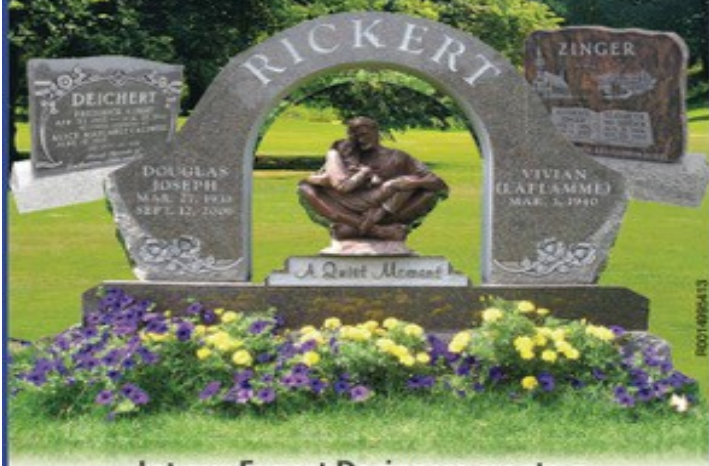


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SHARING OF OUR PAST

Jakob Adam's Story

When asked what the Schwaben Club means, Jakob's response: "It was like a second home."

The Adam family connection to the Schwaben Club begins with George and Gertrude. They came to Kitchener in 1929, leaving Jakob (age 2) and Katherine (age 3) in Sacalaz, Romania with their grandmother. The plan in those days was to see what it was like in Canada and make money to take home. George worked at Huether Brewery and he was active in organizing the Schwaben Club.

In 1931 they went home, and it was while they were gone that the Club was gegründet. In Mar 1932, George and Gertrude returned to Canada on the Hamburg with Katherine and Jakob. The Schwaben Club at that time was known as the Saxon-Schwaben Club and was located upstairs at 33 King St East. Jakob attended German school there with Professor Walter. Jakob was in a play about Snow White and played the huntsman. Erika Koerber was the princess.

There was a pool hall. They celebrated Bockbierfest and Weinlesefest, among others

War broke out in 1939. The club disbanded in 1940 or 41. Meetings were still held in the American Hotel. After the war the club carried on. The members rented facilities to hold their events such as the basement dance hall at CKCO and the Bridgeport Casino.

In 1947, a warehouse was purchased in Sunnyside. It is the building we now occupy. At that time, it was outside of the city limits. Kitchener stopped at Rockway Gardens. It was named Sunnyside Gardens.

It took the next 2 years for the club members to renovate the warehouse. Jakob was in his late teens and recalls riding the streetcar to Rockway and walking the rest of the way. They were able to reuse a floor out of another building and cut the access into the basement and installed the stairs. Upholstered benches were obtained from the Tulane Dance hall.

Dances were held on Saturday nights. Louie Luwanzewich played Violin, Mr Conrad played the trumpet and John Schuster (Jakob's cousin) played the accordion. Gertrude was an active member of the Frauengruppe in which the ladies took turns making hamburgers for the dances.

In 1949, the first weddings were held at the club. The Schusters were married in August and Jakob and his bride Mary were married Sept 5.

The club activities carried on with Kirchweih, the Christmas luncheon (with Santa and Bescherung for the children) and Saturday night dances. There was Weinlesefest and Brotsackball to name a few.

In the 60's, the hall next door was purchased. A wooden breezeway was built across the fronts of the 2 buildings to connect them. Oktoberfest had started and the ladies helped cook in the kitchen.

Jakob and Mary were involved in many facets of the Schwaben Club. They were active members of the Family Bowl. Mary was active with the Frauengruppe and served a term as Vice-president.

Jakob and Mary were proud members of the Erste Donauschwabische Trachtengruppe. They toured Germany with the group-singing and dancing. It was the ladies in the Trachtengruppe that made krapfen for the Trachtengruppes's Faschingsball.

Their 3 children (Tom, Joe and Susan) have also been members of the club. Susan served on the committee of the Frauengruppe for 9 years –including 6 as president. Joe served on the Schwaben Club's executive committee as 1st Treasurer for 7 years.

All 3 children have danced with the Schwaben Dancers over the years. A few highlights include: 1967 when Joe performed with the dance group for Princess Alexandra of the Netherlands at Maple Leaf Gardens and in 1971 when Susan was a member of the dance group that made a 3 week sing and dance tour throughout Germany. Jakob and Mary's grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue as

members and dancers of the Club. 7 of their grandchildren have performed with the Schwaben Dancers (at one point the majority of group were Adams). 4 granddaughters have represented the Club as Miss Schwaben and there are currently 4 great-grandchildren dancing in the Kindergruppe.

Jakob has been a member of the Schwaben Club for 76 years. Poor vision and mobility at the age of 92 has limited his ability to be an active participant but he will always be a proud Schwob.





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