



Kitchener Schwaben Club

Issue # 5, 2020

NACHRICHTEN

WICHTIGE DATEN/IMPORTANT DATES 2020

Please monitor our website for information on when these regularly scheduled events will resume.

MONDAY: 16-30 Ballroom Dancing.....7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY: Country Line Dancing.....7:00 pm

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

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

We hope to proceed with the following scheduled events but they may be subject to change.

Schlachtfest	T.B.A.
Sick Benefit Meeting.....	May 27 th
Ladies Meeting / Bingo.....	June 3 rd
Schwaben Country Night.....	June 6 th
Featuring Laura Rose	
General Membership Meeting.....	June 10 th
Schwaben Golf Tournament.....	TBD
Wooden Sign Making.....	June 26 th
Rosenball.....	August 29 th .
General Membership Meeting.....	Sept. 9 th
Kirchweih Fest.....	Sept. 26 th
Oktoberfest.....	Oct. 9-17
General Membership Meeting.....	Nov. 11 th
Frauengruppe Gründungsfest.....	Nov. 21 st
Christmas Luncheon.....	Dec. 6 th
General Membership Meeting.....	Dec. 9 th

Lied der Sonne – song from Christian Morgenstern

Ich bin die Mutter Sonne und trage die Erde bei Nacht, die Erde bei Tage.

Ich halte sie fest und strahle sie an, das alles auf ihr wachsen kann.

Stein und Blume, Mensch und Tier, alles empfängt sein Licht von mir.

Tu auf dein Herz wie ein Becherlein; den ich will leuchten auch dort hinein!

Tu auf dein Herzlein, liebes Kind, Dass wir in Licht zusammen sind.

SICK BENEFIT ASSOCIATION MEETING

MAY 27TH, 7 PM

SCHWABEN CLUB

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED

President's Report

I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy during these trying times. So you all know, the Executive is continuing to hold their regular meeting (online) to make sure when the Provincial ban ends we can respond quickly. The hard part is no one is certain when we will be able to come together again, and how people will respond when the time comes. The effects of this pandemic will be with us until a vaccine is created which could be 12 to 24 months away. The thing is, we are a social society – the club itself is a testament to that. We want a place to go where we feel safe, welcome and “everyone knows your name” (Yes, I am quoting the Cheers theme song). I truly believe that these events will make us more appreciative of the family and friends we have, and I look forward to the club once again being a place where we can come together to share some Gemutlichkeit. Here is a quick update on club events:

Schlachtfest (originally March 28th) The event has been postponed. We plan to combine Schlachtfest with another event later in the year; those that already have tickets for Schlachtfest will be able to use them for the other event.

Good Friday Fish Fry (April 10th) Thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers we continued the Good Friday fish fry tradition, just as a drive thru – it ended up being a great success and was very well received. Although social distancing and zero touch policies posed some challenges that caused us to run a “little” behind schedule, all of our patrons were very understanding and supportive.

Trachtenfest (originally April 18th) We are waiting for word from the Canadian Verband and the other Ontario clubs on when and if they want to reschedule.

Mother's Day Luncheon (May 3rd) This event has been cancelled.

Rosenball (May 23rd) Several of our youth are taking weekly dance lessons, with the Rosenball being where they would showcase the dances they learned. The event has been moved to the end of August to allow the dancers to complete their lessons before the event.

Sick Benefit Meeting (May 27th) We still plan to move forward with the meeting, subject to no further extension of the Provincial Bans, as there are some time sensitive topics to discuss.

Spaghetti Dinner (May 30th) The Kinder/Jugend group have decided to postpone things as they are uncertain on how ticket sales will be. Details on the new date to be provided as they come available.

Family Picnic at Hubertushaus (June 6th) The Hubertushaus board decided to cancel the event.

Schwaben Golf Tournament (June 13th) Heidi is looking into postponing the event to September.

Jugendlager (July 9-12) This event has been cancelled by the host club with approval of the US Verband.

Landestrachtenfest (Sept 4-6) Landes is still under review, but the host city is legitimately questioning the economics of holding the event as expected attendance numbers are unknown.

Kirchweihfest (Sept 26th) We are hoping to proceed with this event as planned. As our new Mr. Schwaben was not recognized at Schlachtfest, we will be including that at this event.

Oktoberfest I'm sure most of you are aware that Oktoberfest in Germany has been cancelled. Locally KW Oktoberfest Inc. has said they are evaluating whether or not to proceed with the parade and other events they run. Please note, we as a club are still preparing to move forward with Oktoberfest and have already started to sell tickets online – we (and the other German clubs) are the cultural festivities.

Glenn Herold - President



Communication Report

Due to so many cancellations and the temporary closure of our Club, there is very little to report by those who write our regular articles for the Nachrichten. We want to continue to provide a means to keep our Schwaben community connected. If you have good news to share, or an uplifting poem or story to spread some smiles and joy, please send it in!

In our Nachrichten we also want to honour the Schwaben Club Members whose jobs are to ensure we get through the crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic. This includes our members who are Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, EMTs, Nurses, Doctors, Grocery Store Employees, Hospital Workers, Food Services Workers, Delivery and Truck Drivers, Teachers in virtual classrooms, Mental Health Counsellors, and many others who you may think of.

Please send a private message including the full name of the person you wish to acknowledge to lea.schwaben@gmail.com.

We have many for whom we are grateful!

Lea Becker, Director of Communications

Rosenball
A FREUNDSCHAFT GRUPPE FORMAL
FUNDRAISER DINNER & DANCE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2020

BAND:
VARIATIONS

FEATURING A PERFORMANCE BY
THE SCHWABEN CLUB BALLROOM
DANCE GROUP PARTICIPANTS

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM
DANCE ONLY ENTRANCE 8:00 PM

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PLATED DINNER
MEMBERS: \$29
(\$25.23 + HST)
NON-MEMBERS: \$33
(\$28.11 + HST)
DANCE ONLY: \$18
NO DINNER (\$15.66 + HST)

TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 21

Gründungsfest (some additional photos)

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 pins at a later date.



Outgoing Board member:

Monica Anstett



25 year members

Lisa Schaadt, Walter Marzinko and Elisabeth Hohnsbein

Volunteer Awards 2020

Darlene Clausing, Mike Ruland



50 year KUV members

Siegfried Speckner

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



ANNOUNCEMENT. – Ankündigung



Brattan, J. Henry

Henry passed away peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the age of 83. Beloved and cherished husband of 60 years to the late Elvira Brattan (2017). Devoted father of Monica Sims (Dennis Pushkin), Mia Brattan (Jerry Reich), and George Brattan (Lynda Allan). Loving grandfather of Kayla Brattan, Aaron Brattan, Cody Brattan, Kai Brattan, and Jessica Sims (Matthew Dick). Dear brother of Mary Witt and Steve Brattan (Cornelia). Predeceased by parents Heinrich and Maria (nee Bugarsky) Brattan.

Henry was born in Voiteg, Romania and in 1950 came to Canada with his family after surviving World War II. In 1969, with his brother Steve and brother-in-law John Witt, he formed Brattan Tool Industries Ltd., a Kitchener-based tool and die making company that later expanded into automotive parts manufacturing. They sold the company 30 years later.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

ALLES GUTE ZUM GEBURTSTAG

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

Henry Brattan	01
Richard Schaadt.....	02
Thomas Drung	02
Gary Dupuis	06
Monica Anstett	09
John Szierer	10
Andrew Schilling	11
Karin Gaysek	12
Ray Tomchick	12
Magdalena Schick	15
Catherine Thompson	16
Monika Hoedl.....	16
John Becker.....	16
Tracy Ruland	16
Stephen Heffner	17
Erich Vogel	23
Tye Herold	23
Irma Ries	24
Sandra Martin	27
Arleen Lannan	28
Norma Switzer	28
Jennifer Druar	28
Sarah Brown	28
Emma Pilz	29
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Andrew Gellner	30



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Entertainment Report

Liebe Mitglieder, Ich hoffe Ihr seid alle gesund in dieser schwierige Zeit. Ich glaube, Sie kommen in diesen schwierigen Zeit mit Mut und Wissen voran, wie Sie es in früheren Phasen in Ihres Lebens getan haben. Bitte wissen Sie, dass Ihr Beispiel für uns alle in dieser beispiellosen Situation von COVID-19 wichtig ist. Bitte bleiben Sie sicher und gesund, bis wir uns wieder treffen können, um unsere Geschichten, unsere Kultur und unsere Traditionen zu teilen.

Dear Members, I hope you find yourselves in good health and continue to stay healthy as we struggle through this unparalleled situation. I believe many of you have struggled through earlier hardships with courage and with your example we will all be stronger and safe from COVID-19. Stay safe and healthy until we see each other again to share our stories, our culture and our traditions.

Below are changes to our spring events.

Freundschaftsgruppe will postpone Wooden Sign making until June 26th. Register with Crafty Crystal by May 26th. Call 519 576 2156 or Text 519 504 1894 or Email: craftercrystal183@gmail.com. See poster for pricing details.

The first ever drive thru Good Friday Fish Fry was well planned and thought out with the safety of our members, clients and volunteer's utmost in mind. We thank Tracy for taking phone orders and thanks to all of our hard-working, dedicated volunteers who answered phones, worked in the kitchen, food delivery service, payments and parking lot logistics. In the future we look forward to a sit-down experience to again enjoy our Schwaben club and community we have all worked so hard to build.

As for Country nights, line dancing and live concerts we will update you as information becomes clear. In the meantime, if you have tickets hold on to them as they will be honoured when there is a new schedule.

At this point Oktoberfest is coming to KW and the KSC club is selling tickets on Eventbrite.

See updates on our Kitchener Schwaben Club website at kitchenerschwabenclub.com and our Facebook page.

In order to stay informed with all KSC news, please continue reading the Nachrichten, check out our website and Facebook pages, listen to the radio and stay connected with each other.

Vielen Dank und bleibt Alle Gesund!

Many thanks and stay healthy,

Liz O'Reilly,

KSC Entertainment Director 2020



A poster for Schwaben Country Nights. It features a man in a cowboy hat playing a guitar. The text reads: 'Schwaben Country Nights', 'The First Saturday of Every Month Beginning in 2020', 'Live bands Country and Party music from the 80's, 90's and 2000's Geared towards the 25+ crowd'. It lists 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. It also mentions a launch party on Saturday January 18th, 2020 featuring Larry Berrio. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Available at the club or online at www.ticketscene.ca. Presented by Jeff Sheppard, Sales Representative, www.watersongondriving.com. RE/MAX logo.

Each month we will be including one of the Opa essay's written by our youth



My Opa

By Sarah Dieter

My Opa has taught me many things over the years. Some of which have been the importance of my heritage and the need to stay strong in the face of adversity. When he was just 12 years old, he did something most kids his age would fear. He was awoken late one night to leave on a journey – a journey which had been planned without his knowledge. He was going with his family to live in a whole new country on the other side of the ocean, a country where he had no idea what the new language or the culture was like. He left behind everything he knew - his friends, his home, his school and started a whole new life in Canada with nothing.

He was enrolled at Margaret Avenue, but of course in those days they didn't have a separate schooling system based on one's individual needs. What he did instead was spend a week in kindergarten, a week in grade 1, then grade 2 and so on and so forth. I've never been through this kind of change and I can only imagine how hard it would have been to go through so many grades and meet so many new people in this fashion! I struggle only being in one grade for an entire year at points!

Over time, Opa and his family found other Germans in the community, people who shared not only a language and a culture but had also made the move to the new world. In a small way, I have done the same in the course of my exchange – travelling from urbanized Kitchener to the small community of Lingen in Germany. I've also realized how much faster I can connect with other exchange students and immigrants (who have also recently moved to Germany and only begun to learn the culture here). It gives me a little bit of an idea what my Opa went through when he travelled to Canada so many years ago.

It takes so much courage not only to get through such a hard time, but also to maintain and pass on your heritage and traditions to future generations. Throughout the years, my Opa has passed on many aspects of his culture. I started dancing with the Jugendgruppe when I was in the 6th grade and now, whenever we attend the same event, we always save at least one dance for each other. Along with this, my Opa has done his best to pass on his family traditions, everything from celebrating Christmas on the evening of the 24th, to “Kaffee und Kuchen”, to Schnitzel. It may not seem like I appreciated it at the time, or that I was even taking notice, but I'm here to tell him that I did notice, and I can't imagine my life without these simple traditions. They are as much a part of me now as my love of art and my strawberry blond hair. I thank him for these traditions and passing them on to me.

Rosemary – “mist of the sea”

Spring is in the air and that means gardening for many of us. The Schwaben Club Frauengruppe has started a new tradition with the members of the Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe. At the end of the dance year, close to the planned Mother's Day event, Frauengruppe committee members visit during the KG & JG dance practices and help with planting of Rosemary and wildflower seeds.

This year, we can only provide some instructions! It is our hope that many Rosemary shrubs will be ready, decorated, and paraded for our Kirchwieh in September.

What is a Rosmary shrub? It is an evergreen with needle like leaves and blue flowers. The rosemary flowers provide a piney type fragrance and flowers keep from spring to summer. The herb is used for seasoning and the shrubs are used in many landscape projects. It is nicknamed ‘mist of the sea’ as its leaves are thought to resemble a sea mist found on cliffs of the Mediterranean where the plant originated.

Rosemary plants are one of the easiest plants to grow if following recommendations. The plant needs well drained sol with six to eight hours of sunlight. The plants grow best in warm, humid climates and do not survive in colder temperatures. Thus, they are best planted in containers (terra cotta pots) which can be easily moved indoors if temperatures begin to fall. Also, this allows the Rosemary plant to continue growing in the winter.

It is recommended not to over water the plants. Rosemary plants prefer somewhat dry soil. When the soil is dry to the touch, it is suggested to thoroughly water the plants. Then, allow the soil to dry out again.

Trimming the plant will help it become ‘bushier’. Snip the sprigs once the blooms have gone. It is recommended to trim just above a leaf joint and always leave about one third of the plant to grow. The herb can be dried by hanging tied bundles upside down in a cool, dry place. Rosemary plants should be repotted once a year to enhance growing.

Ideas for Rosemary:

Add fresh rosemary to **omelets and frittatas**.

Rosemary is a wonderful herb for seasoning chicken and lamb dishes. Add rosemary to tomato sauces and soups. Even better than butter—purée fresh rosemary leaves with olive oil and use as a dipping sauce for bread.



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Treasurer's Report

As all the members of The Schwaben Club are aware, the spread of COVID 19 has presented unprecedented challenges to our Region and personally to our Club. The executive board has made some important fiscal decisions during this time.

- In order to reduce expenses, we have laid off staff and are looking at Government subsidy programs to help mitigate financial losses.
- All Club bookings have stopped as per the Government of Ontario and Region of Waterloo Public Health rules on March 16th and we continue to adjust as we follow the Public Health authority direction on what is acceptable practise under the law with regards to gatherings and essential services. This cancellation of our regular weekly events and weekend bookings of Concerts and Weddings, etc. has negatively impacted our Club financially.
- This year the government allowed take out and drive thru options for restaurants and we were able to adjust how we operated to ensure we kept our volunteers, staff, and patrons safe as we held our second largest fundraiser for the year, the Good Friday Fish Fry. This year again, our Club earned close to \$6,000 in profit after taking away expenses.
- Savings are being realized by having our facility closed and not operational which has caused utility and energy use changes and we can defer our GST payment and property taxes, but many of our costs are bills we cannot defer and are obliged to continue to pay.
- As we all do our part to stay home and try to contain the spread of the virus, COVID has already greatly impacted our bottom line. Our budget set for 2020 will need to be adjusted to reflect the new reality of our 2020 year. We would like all members to realize it will not be possible to have a balanced budget given everything that is happening.
- The anticipated loss for the year is subject to the length of the COVID 19 closures and if and how we are able to run our Club's largest yearly fundraiser, Oktoberfest as we need to follow Public Health directive.

I know I have provided a lot of information, if anyone has questions or would like to discuss anything in further detail, please reach out to me, lenaherold@rocketmail.com or 519-222-7624.

Our main focus is on the health and welfare of our membership and we will continue to follow the instructions of our Public Health Units as we move forward in this unprecedented time. We look forward to being back in the coming months to try to recoup some of our losses.

For many of us, being away from our second family feels unnatural, but please stay inside and I hope you all stay healthy.

Lena Herold, Treasurer

Advertising inquiries, issue comments or suggestions for the Nachrichten can be sent to:

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Photos and article submissions for the Nachrichten send to:

TheSchwabenNews@gmail.com Att:

Darlene Clausing

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

LADIES FRAUENGRUPPE

At the time of writing this, we are still in quarantine and self isolation battling the COVID 19 outbreak. It is our hope that all our members are healthy and staying safe. Many activities and events have been cancelled or postponed. Please remember to check the club's website, listen to the radio, check the club's Facebook page or call the office for updates on future events.

Filmnachmittag will resume following the government's green light on social gatherings. At that time, the movies will start as scheduled with those missed being shown later or in the next year.

The committee is still planning the Kirchweih celebrations. As the Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe have not been meeting due to social and physical distancing regulations, we are asking everyone to plant some Rosemary seeds to help with this year's celebrations. We are hoping to have the Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe members march in with their own decorated strausses! We would also like to have some as decorated center pieces.

The Frauengruppe also would like to wish all mothers, aunts, Omas, and the many wonderful women in our lives a Happy Mother's Day!

From all of us – Best Wishes for health to you and yours.

Helga, Lea, Jen, Penny and Barb



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Sehnsucht nach dem Frühling

O, wie ist es kalt geworden
Und so traurig, öd' und leer!
Rauhe Winde weh'n von Norden
Und die Sonne scheint nicht mehr.

Auf die Berge möcht' ich fliegen,
Möchte seh'n ein grünes Tal,
Möcht' in Gras und Blumen liegen
Und mich freu'n am Sonnenstrahl;

Möchte hören die Schalmeyen¹⁾
Und der Herden Glockenklang,
Möchte freuen mich im Freien
An der Vögel süßem Sang.

Schöner Frühling, komm doch wieder,
Bring' uns Blumen, Laub und Lieder,

Ja, du bist uns treu geblieben,
Bringst nun bald all deinen Lieben

August Heinrich Hoffmann von

Muttertag:

Mein gutes, bestes Mutterlein,
Ich liebe dich so sehr;
Ein kleines Wunschchen bring ich dir,
Ich hab nichts weiter mehr.
Sollst immer froh und glücklich sein,
Und habe mich auch lieb!
Und von dem grossen Kkuchen dort,
Mir auch ein Stuckchen gib.



Message from our Vice President

Hello, hope everyone is safe and doing well. I hope that everyone is in good health and coping with this new way of living. It's been a while since I have submitted to our paper and thought it would be nice to update on how the club is doing.

The beginning of the year was very successful for the club with very many profitable events. Then the COVID-19 came to visit us in Canada, and unfortunately turned that positive start and the club has been affected. We began our precautions by reaching out to the rentals we had in March and April to reschedule. The good news is, that the majority decided to rebook for a later time! We did unfortunately lose our live music events as well as our beloved Friday night fish fry along with all the pool leagues and karaoke nights.

We had a small group of volunteers that did get together for Good Friday where we offered our regular fish fry menu of fish and schnitzel for the day. After 12 hours of hard volunteering with the last meal sent out at 8:10 pm we had a record amount of sales for the day! Making our first drive thru fish fry more than successful!

With this, I would like to now thank all of those who spent the day at the club to help out. And a very big thank you for helping the club during these difficult times. In total we had 13 volunteers along with Christina and André who came in and prepped as well as worked the fryers.

I would also like to extend a special thanks Don and Tracy in the office for arranging and organizing all the stuff that we would need to make that day as successful as it was.

After the events of Good Friday we unfortunately had to make the decision to close the club completely and lay off the remainder of our staff, due to the continuation of the corona virus progressing.

We hope to be able to reopen in some way by the end of May. If only to offer fish fry as a takeout. In the meantime, check our Facebook page for all updates. Please stay healthy and safe and we will see you soon.

Prost,

Kirk Hanke | Vice President



Membership Questionnaire

Back in 2011 a Strategic Planning Committee was developed by the Sick Benefit Association to develop short and long term strategies to financially sustain the club such that the cultural values can be maintained. One of the first things that was done was distribute two questionnaires to the membership asking for feedback on present operations, needs, and short/long term goals. At the start of 2020 (almost 10 years later) we distributed a second questionnaire to see how/if things have changed, and to allow all general members the opportunity to provide input on decisions about the future of the club. Below is an overview of the results of the 2020 questionnaire (a representative sample of the comments received in the questionnaire are provided).

How many responded - 39 Age of respondents ranged fairly evenly from 16 to 65+ Majority of respondents have been members of the club for between 1 and 15 years, and were either Student, Single or Family members (only 1 Senior membership holder responded).

Why did you originally join the club Family or friends were members. Either individual, or one of their children, Joined one of the dance groups. Wanted to experience our (Schwabish) culture and heritage. Attended an event and found the members very friendly so decided to join.

Has the purpose changed since you first joined? Yes – 14, No – 25 Joined because of family, over time became an active member myself because of friendships created. Became a place for me to learn and grow as a person. No longer serves a purpose.

Do you find the club has met your needs? Yes – 37, No – 2. Place for the entire family to feel welcome, share friendships, culture, food, drink and dancing. Place for our dance group to practice.

Overall impression of the club Score 3.94 out of 5. All scored between 3 and 5 out of 5.

Do you see the purpose of the club changing for you, and if so how? Yes – 13, No – 24.

If there is one specific thing you could change at the Schwaben Club, what would it be? Want to see an increased focus on our culture, there is too much business. Downsize and obtain land for recreation. Building is getting old and needs modernization, refurbishing, improved accessibility. More social activities. More youth items so we increase retention. Control over money so my future children can one day enjoy the club. The sense of entitlement some members have. Eliminate our dependence on disrespectful patrons having to use our club.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

	1	2	3	4	5	Avg
Location of building		1	4	9	25	4.49
Outside condition/appearance of building	1	5	14	15	4	3.41
Inside condition/appearance of building	2	3	17	10	7	3.44
Website / Social Media		4	14	14	7	3.62
Nachrichten		1	11	13	13	4.00
Service of Executive	3		8	12	15	3.95
Service of Staff		1	5	10	22	4.39

Comments: Building is old and outdated. Location is very convenient, building exterior is cute. Love the young servers. Disappointed with certain staff. Nachrichten needs articles about our heritage.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Are you part of a social group in the club? Schwaben Dancers – 13, Donau Dancers – 4, Ladies Frauengruppe – 7, Freundschaftsgruppe – 11, Mia San – 1, Bowlers – 1

Each year we hold various events at the club. What do you think of the number of each:

Cultural events	More – 10	Present number – 28	Less – 0
Social events	More – 10	Present number – 26	Less – 0
Youth events	More – 16	Present number – 19	Less – 1

Comments: Consider afternoon events. Allow for more shared experiences between the generations. Encourage more interactive experiences.

Additions: Kids movie nights. Cultural craft of food events. Weinlessfest. Wine pairings. Teen socials.

REVENUE GENERATION ACTIVITIES - To help pay the bills, we started holding a number of revenue generating activities oriented towards non-members. Have you, or will you, participate in any of these?

	YES	NO	Comments
Pool League	2	36	Patrons make the club smell like smoke
Fish Fry	30	9	Excellent event, too many servers
Karaoke	14	25	Patrons make the club smell like smoke
Line Dancing	15	24	Fun-fun-fun
Rock Concerts	21	18	Depends on artists. Too Loud. Love live bands

STRATEGIC PLANNING - If you were able to design your ideal club, what would it include:

	1	2	3	4	5	Avg
Hall (capacity 100 to 500)			2	7	30	4.72
Kitchen				14	24	4.51
Bar Area	2	1	5	6	25	4.31
Indoor card room / games area	1	4	15	9	10	3.59
Museum	7	9	10	5	8	2.95
Boardroom	5	8	13	6	7	3.05
Outdoor patio	5	1	9	14	10	3.59
Outdoor playground	6	6	11	5	11	3.23
Sports Field	6	3	11	7	12	3.41

Comments Hall has to be large enough to host events but not excessive. Maintenance of outdoor facilities has to be considered. Hall can be used as the boardroom, games room, or card room. Museum needs to be accessible for people to view. Outdoor patio can be used as a Biergarten. Open space, playgrounds and fields encourage youth and families, which leads to sustainable membership.

Would you be open to relocating to a new location: Yes – 29, No – 7, Maybe – 2

Would you have any conditions on a new location: 15 to 30 minutes (10 km) from present location. 4 to 10 acres of land. 1 level, easily accessible. More modern, photogenic. Sports field. Better parking. Something we can afford (Oktoberfest should be able to offset large percentage of costs). Close to an active bus route. Museum dedicated to the Donauschwaben heritage. Not in an industrial park.

Do you have any additional comments: Focus on culture (what prior generations cultivated). Need to bring together the various “cliques” in the club or the club will fail no matter where we are. This is home, why mess with something that works and is getting better. No reason to leave the present location. We need to make a decision sooner than later as we continue to sink money into an old building. Love the transparency of the present board, a refreshing change.



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