



Kitchener Schwaben Club

Issue #6 2020

# NACHRICHTEN

Please note there will be **NO NACHRICHTEN** in July.  
Issue #7 will be published in August.

## President's Report

I mentioned at the start of the year that my goal for 2020 was working with the membership to define our vision for the future. To put it mildly, we are now at a crossroads and it is time for the membership to voice their opinion of what this vision should be.

While attending a function at their venue, I was casually asked if the Schwaben Club would be interested in purchasing the Slovenian Association (Sava Club) in Breslau; put simply, they wanted to know that if they were to sell, they could sell to a like minded cultural club that would continue to enjoy their home. In April I was informed that they were going to be putting their lands and building up for sale and were open to negotiating with the Schwaben Club prior to advertising on the open market. After discussing the opportunity with the Strategic Planning Committee (appointed by the Sick Benefit at the meeting in 2018) we brought the concept forward to the Sick Benefit members at the meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>. In response, the Strategic Planning Committee was asked to do their due diligence on the Sava Club, including arranging an inspection of the venue, so the Sick Benefit can make an informed decision on whether to purchase the lands. Simultaneously, as a second option a separate Special Committee was asked to have a market evaluation done on the present location, while also preparing a long-term business plan for the club assuming we would stay where we are. The business plan will look at how to maximize the revenue generating potential of the present location including recommended upgrades to attract new clientele. Both of these Special Committees will report to the Sick Benefit at our next scheduled meeting on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

On Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> (the original date of our Club Picnic) we will be holding an open house at the Sava Club between noon and 4 p.m. for the entire membership. The building will be open for you to look around (although we will have to restrict how many people can be in the building at a time), and you can walk around the lands at your leisure. I will be situated at the outdoor pavilion to answer questions as best I can, and if you are not a member of the Sick Benefit to receive your comments that I will in turn bring forward on your behalf to the Sick Benefit Association.

I do realize that whatever the Sick Benefit Association decides to do, the decision will not be unanimous and there will be people upset. Rest assured that the decision is not being taken lightly, as evidence of the objectives of two different Special Committees. Ultimately, although the means may be dramatically different, the intent of both options is to provide the club with a viably long-term venue at which we as the membership can hold events and share in our cultural heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold – President



**OPEN HOUSE**

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**SICK BENEFIT ASSOCIATION MEETING (PART 2)**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 7 PM**

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## Entertainment Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

Hoffentlich seid Ihr Alle noch gesund. Mach's gut-wir sehen uns einmal wieder in unserem Klub.

Dear Members,

Hopefully you are all well in this time of the pandemic. We are looking forward under the city of Kitchener's guidelines to reopen and seeing you at the club.

Update on the 2020 Kerry Druar Memorial Golf Tournament: unfortunately, due to Covid-19 all golf tournaments at the Rockway Golf Club have been cancelled under city of Kitchener guidelines at this time.

Heidi has already booked the 2021 tournament for June 12th. All golfers please mark your calendars-we look forward to seeing you at next year's event.

As always keep reading the Nachrichten and following the KSC on social media to stay in touch.

**Liz O'Reilly,**

**KSC Entertainment Director 2020**



## Club Cultural Report

Landestreffen 2020 in Cleveland has been POSTPONED UNTIL 2021.

All Donauschwaben USA events with a 2020 date will now take place in 2021, and events with a 2021 date will take place in 2022. This means that Cleveland will host the Landestreffen in 2021, and Trenton will host the Landestreffen in 2022.

We are so sad that we won't see everyone on Labour Day weekend, but the health and safety of all members is the Board's top priority. We will celebrate doubly in 2021!

**Tina**  
**Cultural Director**

## ANNOUNCEMENT. – Ankündigung



Congratulations on your graduation Shayla!



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Xo Shay



**DO YOU HAVE A STORY?** We are still recording our memberships' histories (how life was like in the Heimat, what it was like arriving in Canada; maybe you have a story about joining one of the many dance groups, or our past theatre and choir groups) It is our hope to record as many histories as possible. Pictures are also welcomed.

If you would like to have your history recorded, please contact one of the ladies group committee members or the club office. Phone interviews can then be set up if needed.

We would like to know about our various Trachten regions and outfits! (we need photos as well!) This is all part of our wonderful Donauschwaben heritage. If you would like to donate or lend a Tracht for Kirchweih, (or the Oktoberfest parade) please send a note to the group's email or contact club.

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# The Oma Abt Youth Heritage Award



## In memory of Frau Maria Abt

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Essay topic:

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Open to all active USA and Canada Verband youth group members

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- Winners will be announced over Labor Day weekend
- Any questions please contact Katy Abt [kabt93@gmail.com](mailto:kabt93@gmail.com)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT. – Ankündigung

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY / Alles Gute Zum Geburtstag**

To all members of the Kitchener Schwaben Club who celebrate Birthdays in the month of June and July

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Kraehling, Anton	2	Wingrad, Sibylla	1
Klein, Andy	2	Klenk, Elizabeth	4
Cook, Lindsay	4	Schuster, Elizabeth	6
Peller-Oliver, Heidi	7	Hild, Mary	7
Marx, Karl	8	Adam, Ellen	7
Orsan, Stefan	9	Leipold, Nickolas	7
Offak, Michael	9	Neidert, Philip	8
Bauer, Walter Jakob	10	Heffner, John Jr.	8
Kleser, Alayne	13	Hennessey, Mary Catherine	8
McQuabbie, Nolan	13	Keriliuk, Walter	8
Karol, Ben	14	Schummer, Ruth	8
Gross, Irene	16	Geimer, Kathie	9
Nuxoll, Josef	16	Neidert, Richard	9
Orsan, Jennifer	20	Hill, Tyler	10
Graham, Ewan	21	Rent (Adam), Jo-anne	11
Becker, Adam	25	Heffner, Niomi	12
Beckett, Kathy	26	Geimer, Elfi	14
Schellenberger, Grace	27	Foster, Robert	14
Hoedl, Josef	28	Schatz, John	16
Sobek-Swant Stephanie	28	Schlosser-Hill, Barbara	17
Becker, Adam	25	Markowiak, Katharina	18
		Hoeft, Juliane	19
		Hanke, Kirk	20
		Morton, Daenera	24
		Kiraly, Elisabeth	27
		Dice, Dan	27
		Lang, Nikolaus	28
		Nusca, Chris	30
		Koenig, Richard	30
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## Club Membership Report

Hello everyone

I hope that you are all well and staying safe. It is unfortunate that this pandemic has happened but the thing to think of is:

BE positive, we are all in this together!

I have been in touch by phone with a few members, to reach out to see how they are doing at this time.

Membership News: The Club's board has come to a decision on the question that everyone had on our members discount.

When the Club opens back up and when we all come back to enjoy our 2nd home, the following new members discount rule will apply.

"Members receive 10% discount at the Keller Bar at all times with exception of Fish Fry Fridays 5 to 8pm. Members can only purchase 1 drink at a time and will need to present their membership card to receive their discount.

Note: Members discount is automatically applied at the bar at all monthly members meetings."

When this pandemic gets better or over, we will all see each other again soon!

Do take care of one another. Stay home and stay safe

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership Director



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## Schwaben Club Golf Tournament

### Kerry Druar Memorial

To all golfers and friends and family of Kerry Druar.

Unfortunately due to Covid 19, social distancing and new golf course rules at Rockway, our 9th Annual Golf Tournament on June 13th had to be rescheduled to next year June 12, 2021.

I spoke with Kelley at Rockway and I was told all Golf tournaments at Rockway were cancelled or postponed for the month of May and June, so our tournament was not the only one.

I just want to say Thank you to all who did sign up at the beginning of March and to all of you - I know who were available and ready to play this great game and in memory for Kerry.

We all had a great time last year- 72 golfers in all. Let's all keep safe and healthy, we're all in this together.

Looking forward to planning and hosting our 9th Annual tournament next year!

**Heidi Peller-Oliver**

**Schwaben Golf Tournament Organizer/Host**

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## Frauengruppe News –

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. As the province slowly begins to re-open, please support our club with the various events and programs planned – many of which had to be re-scheduled.

Please check your email indicating the resuming of Frauengruppe meetings and Filmnachmittag! If you do not have email, please contact the club. Schedules and news will also be sent to the radio stations.

KIRCHWEIH date change!! PLEASE note, the crowning of Mr.Schwaben will take place in September as this will be SCHLACHTFEST. This event will be planned and run by our cultural representative Tina McQuabbie. Krapfen will be made and we will need to have volunteers to help with this. More details will be given on the club's website as well as the next issue of the Nachrichten.

Our 85th KIRCHWEIH will now be celebrated along with the Frauengruppe's 85th GRUNDUNGSFEST in November. More details will be given in the next Nachrichten. We will still need Rosemary for this event!

The Frauengruppe also would like to wish all fathers, uncles, and Opas, as well as the wonderful men in our lives (brothers, cousins, friends) a Happy Father's Day!

From all of us – Best Wishes for health to you and yours – Helga, Lea, Jen, Penny and Barb

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## Obituary. – Todesanzeigen

### Katharina Ruetz

It is with great sadness I write to tell you of the death of one of our members, Katharina Ruetz, nee Gengler. Daughter of Nick and Katie Gengler. Niece of John Mettler, all past members.



Katie passed on the evening of Monday May 18th at Trinity Village Long Term Care. Despite being negative for Covid 19, and after many years of difficult arthritis and blindness; it was Katie's time.

Predeceased by her husband, Albert in August 2004, leaving behind to mourn her passing are her sons David (Teresa) Ruetz, and Tom Ruetz (Nancy Burns). Sister in law Fran Ruetz and many close nieces and nephews.

Our hearts are heavy as we announce the passing of one of our oldest Schwaben Club members, Marion Nuxoll.

**2 April, 1921 – 24 May, 2020**

### *Marion Nuxoll*

On May 24th, 2020, Marion (Mariana) Nuxoll (nee Laub), loving wife, mother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother passed away at the age of 99.



grandmother,  
Marion was born

in Vizejdia, Romania on April 2, 1921 to John (Hans) and Katherina Laub. She left her sister and grandparents behind and made the long journey to Canada on her own at 17 to join her parents and new brother who had been in Canada for 10 years. Here she learned a new language and experienced a totally unfamiliar lifestyle from that of the old country. There was many a time in the beginning that she asked her parents to go back to Romania but in the end she stayed and was happy with her decision. She started working at Forsyth Shirt Factory in 1938 and eventually moved up to a Supervisor position which she held for 20 years. On May 29th, 1943 she married her true love Herman Nuxoll. Together they raised one child, a daughter, Mary Jane. Marion is predeceased by her husband Herman, daughter Jane (Vince) McQuabbie, her parents John and Katherina, her sister Maria and brother Joe. She is survived by her grandchildren Jason (Heather), Tina, Lena (Glenn) Herold, her great grandchildren Eric (Aftan), Jessica, Nolan, Tye, Shayla, Jayden, and Shane, her great-great grandchildren Emma, Joey, and Aurora, her nieces and nephew and many cousins. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. Marion had a love of gardening and cooking. She was often found in the kitchen and her cabbage rolls were a family favourite at holidays! She loved spending time with people - talking and reminiscing - and enjoyed visiting with her extended family whenever she could. Marion was a member of the Ladies Group at the Schwaben Club, the Happy Gang Seniors Club, and also enjoyed bowling and playing Solo regularly for many years with a group of wonderful friends. Her family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Lanark Heights for making her last months comfortable and safe for her. Please be advised, due to the current protocols enacted to protect public health safely, a private service will be held at Westmount Memorial Celebration Centre Wednesday, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Woodland Cemetery.





### **HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD**

Just over a year ago our lives at the Schaadt home changed and I know many of also understand the loss of a loved one. Your pain and emptiness eases as time passes and all you are left with are memories. Beautiful, very cherished times that were spent together. Hans was a kind-hearted, hard working, caring and dedicated Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle and “Opi” to all that were close to him. Hans made sure family came first and to him in many ways the Kitchener Schwaben Club was part of his family. Many lifelong friendships developed under this roof and on this dance floor. He was a man of tradition and proud of his German heritage. Hans had strong ties to the club serving as president of the Kitchener Schwaben Club and Dach Verband of Kanada for many years. His commitment dates back into the 70’s when he was Youth Director.

In memory of Hans and all the other wonderful Opas out there we wanted to keep the heritage they were so proud of to continue in our youth. The HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD was developed with this in mind. I would like to thank Glenn Herold for all his work on making this award possible. Being this was our first year we were delighted to receive 7 essay submissions for “My Opa”. The recipient will receive \$200 to use towards anything related to our German culture or heritage!

On behalf of the Schaadt Family we would like to thank you for your heartfelt submissions. So much emotion and thought went into them and we were moved and proud of each and everyone. We heard stories of struggles, travel, new countries and language, Kaffee und Kuchen, schnitzel, dance-athons and dance groups. A common theme of love and admiration were in all the essays. A lot to bundle in just 500 words.

Glen, Rick and I weren’t prepared for how hard it would be to pick just one. We feel you all deserve this award. We would also like to mention next year essay topic will be about someone Hans would say was his sweetheart, Susie as they were married for almost 60 years. Next years topic is “My Oma’s Traditions”.

We would like to recognize those that submitted an essay:

Cameron Cline (a submission from the Transylvania Club)

Sarah Dieter

Stefanie Kahnke

Matthew Schaadt

Shayla Herold

Deanna Schaadt

Natasha Speckner

## Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural Award "Opa" Essay Submission.



**By Stefanie Kahnke**

My Opa is my hero. He is the strong, brave man that raised my amazing father. I am so lucky to have him in my life. He brings joy and happiness to every room he walks into with his jokes and easy-going personality. One of my favourite things about him is his laugh. His amazing, contagious wholehearted laugh that just makes you laugh with him. Sometimes, if I just look at him, for some reason, he's already laughing. He has so many stories to tell from back in the day from vacations to funny stories and stupid things he and his friends did. My Opa has taught me so much: always be strong, always try your best, and never give up. He is the most selfless, easy-going person you will ever meet and everyone that has met him would say the same. He's always open to help me with my German School homework or anything else that I need help with. He is the most patient person I've ever met; he can sit down for hours on end untangling an impossible knot or doing a puzzle. The funny thing is, he always manages to get it done when no one else can. He has so many friends and the memories they have together are endless; I have had the pleasure of hearing a lot of them and let me tell you, he was and still is a crazy man. He is young at heart and never gives up the opportunity to polka with me at Club functions. No matter what obstacles he has had to overcome, like being in the German Navy, starting a new life in Canada, learning a whole new language, providing for the family, and later on knee surgeries and strokes, my Opa has always powered through all of these obstacles and fought so hard. I have always been emotionally close with him all my life and fortunately, he only lives 20 minutes away. I jump for joy when my parents tell me I will be staying over at my Opa's house, and with my Oma's cooking; I am spoiled to no end. He never fails to make me laugh and always makes me feel special. I love my Opa so much and I don't know what I would do without him



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