



# THE NACHRICHTEN

February/Februar 2021 Issue

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Members Meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm Virtual
- Family Day Fun Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Virtual
- Grundungsfest Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Virtual
- Ladies Group Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm
- Member's Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Krapfen (Donut) Making March 27<sup>th</sup> Morning
- Schlachtfest March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Ladies Group Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
- Member's Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Mother's Day Picnic May 9<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm

11AM KIDS CRAFT & 1PM BINGO

**VIRTUAL FAMILY DAY**  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 15

CHECK OUT THE ENTERTAINMENT REPORT FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN THE FUN!

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## 90 GRÜNDUNGSFEST ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021



### TAKE OUT & VIRTUAL CONCERT

**ADULT MEAL\***  
(PRE-ORDER)

Member: \$28<sup>25</sup>  
Non-member: \$30<sup>50</sup>

- Includes:*
- Caesar salad
  - Roll with butter
  - Roast beef with gravy
  - Mashed potatoes
  - Glazed carrots
  - Cherry cheesecake

*\*Adult, Child Meals and Wine must be ordered by 3:00pm on Monday, February 22 (preferred pickup times to be arranged 4-7pm)*

**CHILD MEAL\*:** \$11<sup>50</sup>  
(PRE-ORDER)

- Includes:*
- Schnitzel fingers OR Sausage
  - French fries
  - Carrots and Celery sticks
  - Juice box and Treat

**COMMEMORATIVE**  
**90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WINE\***  
(PRE-ORDER)

Red or White: \$25<sup>00</sup>  
Pair of Red and White: \$45<sup>00</sup>

Assorted German beer available.  
Assorted canned pop, Perrier and juice.  
Please ask about available options and prices when ordering.

**ALL DAY FARE TAKE OUT**  
(11am - 7pm)

Sausage on a bun: \$8<sup>00</sup>  
Schnitzel on a bun: \$9<sup>50</sup>  
with lettuce & tomato  
Sauerkraut Side: \$1<sup>25</sup>

**VIRTUAL SHOW WITH THE GOLDEN KEYS AT 7:30 PM**

All prices include tax. All forms of payment accepted (debit or credit cards preferred).

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## Presidents Report

The move is done, and we can now start the process of settling into our new home. As anxious as many of you are to get in and set your areas up, we have to keep Safety Protocols in mind and restrict access to fundamental staff only for now. So far, we have been able to setup the bar and kitchen areas in order to run the takeout program for Family Day and Grundungsfest in February and will need to arrange at least part of the hall for the virtual presentations. Building permit applications are being submitted to allow us to better utilize the upstairs storage / office area, and we are inquiring on the possibility of installing a chair lift in the staircase, so all members are able to easily access the upstairs Heimatstube.

For the first time we will be hosting our Monthly Member's Meeting virtually. On February 10<sup>th</sup> please join us online or by phone. We will be sending out an email to all members that we have an email for at this time. Call the office if you haven't been getting the Club emails to get your email address added to our list. We will also offer those that don't have data or the use a computer to join our meeting via phone. Please call our office to join that list and provide the phone number that we can use that night.

Next time you drive into Breslau, keep an eye out for the new Schwaben Club signs along Woolwich Street South; the entrance to Scheifele Street is somewhat tricky given the proximity of the corner home to the street, so we made sure the signage was up right away.

Hopefully, everyone is cautiously optimistic on being able to enjoy time together soon. I'm personally looking forward most to seeing our members, young and old, enjoying the property together – a few of us have already "tested out" the swing set to make sure it is safe for our youth to use.

Be safe and see you all again soon.

Glenn Herold – President



THE SCHWABEN CLUB

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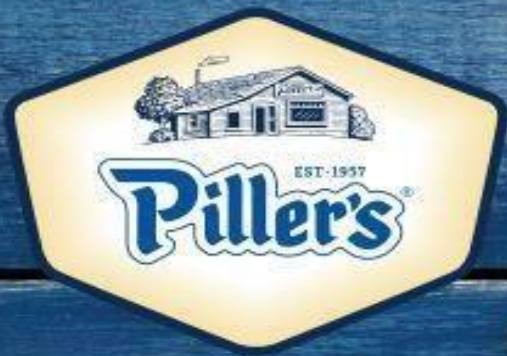
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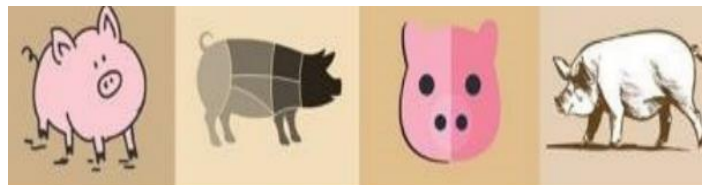


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# SCHLACHTFEST

Dinner Includes: Garden Salad, Bun/Butter, Pork Loin with gravy, Schnitzel, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Krapfen for dessert (2), Coffee or Tea.

Members \$37.00

Non-Members \$40.00

Youth (7-14) \$20.50 - choice of 1 meat with dinner, One Krapfen

Kids (6 and under) Free - choice of Schnitzel Fingers or Sausage, with Fries, Veggie Sticks, and One Krapfen

NEW! Schlachtfest Special! Schlachtschüssel \$8.50  
Optional side to be ordered with dinner

Includes: Kesselfleish, Blutwurst, Leberwurst, on Sauerkraut

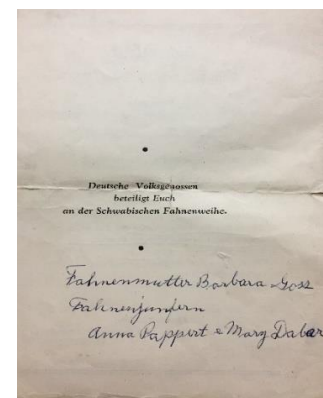
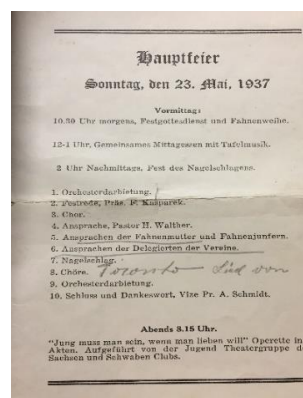
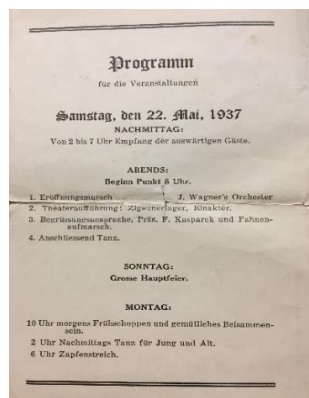
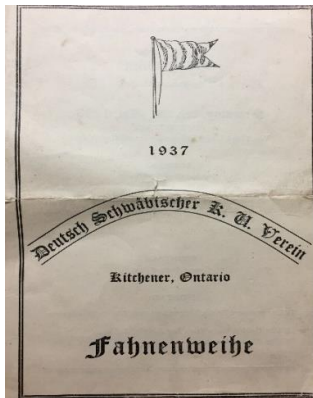
Prices include tax.

Tickets on sale until March 22nd call 742-7979 to order by Credit card

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THE SCHWABEN CLUB 50 SCHEIFELE PL, BRESLAU

## A column in tribute to our Anniversary - The 1930's at the Schwaben Club

It was a pivotal decade as the Canadian Sick Benefit Association was founded. The first year, 1931, saw 3 men hold the position of President and a total of 10 men called themselves President that decade including: W. Gross, J. Martin, M. Neu, M. Potje, W. Harth, M. Licker, M. Stuprich, F. Kaspereck, F. Schultz, and J. Willing. In the early days they had meetings at the homes of the members and shared space with the Saxon Club. A Youth Group was formed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and of course dances were held. It was there that many Schwaben members found their life partners. In 1933, a German school and Theatre group were started. In 1935, the Ladies Auxiliary was formed, and the bingo nights and bazaars were started to raise money for the Club. The first Trachtenfest was also held that year. In 1937, the Club held a weekend Flag consecration, the program is shown below. In 1939 due to the beginning of WW2, the Club was forced to stop activities for awhile. The Club was still able to assist members who were no longer able to support their families due to illness or injury.



## Membership Report

As I write this, we are in a COVID Lockdown, and I agree it is hard, but know that we are all thinking of you. If you have not paid your membership yet, the Late Fee of \$30 is now applied to your membership fees effective Monday February 1st. This extra late fee amount was approved by the Board in September 2019.

You can pay your dues and late fees at the new club through the club office by phone, 519-742-7979. Call the club phone number to find out how you can pay with your credit card over the phone.

Thank you to all members who have already paid their 2021 memberships.

We hope to see you again Stay safe, stay healthy.

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Membership Director and Sick Benefit Secretary

## Entertainment Report

**Family Day February 15th:** We will have our kitchen open from 10-4 for take out food orders! Check out our Family Day take out menu below and come out to grab a bite!

At 11 am we will be doing a virtual kids craft. We'll be talking about Karneval and making a fun mask! We will be using supplies most people will have at home already and will post a list of items by February 8th so you can get things ready to join in. Just follow us on Facebook and we will be posting the video there. At 1pm we will be hosting a virtual BINGO. If you would like to join our Zoom game you can download a card by following this link: <https://letsplaybingo.io/generator> and print it at home or if you are following COVID regulations when the office reopens you can drop into the office to get yours there. Please email me if you would like to take part in the BINGO game and I will send you the email link to join the game, [lenaherold@rocketmail.com](mailto:lenaherold@rocketmail.com).

If we are not in lockdown during Family Day we can then also welcome some of our older adult members to come into the Club to play BINGO as they don't all have the ability to play on electronic devices and we would like them to enjoy time with their extended Club family as well. Please contact the Club if you are interested in coming in to play as we will record our numbers and follow all COVID regulations, 519-742-7979.

Please check out our YouTube Schwaben Club channel to watch any of our videos that we have posted including one with our Youth Leader and Frauenruppe member Shay, making a Cucumber Salad recipe from the Landesverband Frauengruppe Cookbook that was posted in January.

Lena Herold  
Entertainment Director

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**Family Day takeout**  
ALL TAXES INCLUDED

<b>SAUSAGE ON A BUN</b> Oktoberfest style sausage grilled to perfection with sauerkraut \$7 COMBO with fries & pop \$12	<b>SCHNITZEL ON A BUN</b> Crispy fried served with sauerkraut or lettuce & tomato \$9 COMBO with fries & pop \$14
<b>PRETZEL</b> Classic jumbo pretzel \$3 2 for \$5	<b>BASKET OF FRIES</b> Deep fried and seasoned \$5.5
<b>DESSERT</b> Apple Cherry Blueberry Pumpkin Pie Slice \$3 Whole \$12	<b>KIDS MEAL</b> Schnitzel finger combo \$11.5 Includes fries, veggie sticks & juice Oktoberfest sausage combo \$11.5 Includes fries, veggie sticks & juice
<b>ALCOHOLIC DRINKS</b> German Beer 500ml \$7 Premium Domestic Beer 473ml \$6 Stiegl Grapefruit Radler 500ml \$6	<b>NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS</b> Pop, Juice, Iced Tea, Water \$2 Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate \$2 Perrier \$2.5 Slushie (Blue or Red) \$3 German Non Alcoholic Beer \$5.5

Drop in or call for take out  
519-742-7979

THE SCHWABEN CLUB  
50 Scheffele Place, Breslau

**Frauengruppe Members**

We want to ensure we have you included on our Membership List

**Please let us know:**

- your current address
- phone #
- birthdate
- best way for us to keep in touch (email, phone, or through a family member)

**\$15 Membership Fee for 2021 due by March 3rd**

**NEW MEMBERS ages 16+ WELCOME!**  
**Ladies' group members 80 years and over receive their membership free!**

Please register your information by emailing:  
[kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com](mailto:kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com)

or call the Club: 519-742-7979

## Frauengruppe Article

Depending on Covid 19 Health regulations, our first meeting will be at the new club on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Those members needing rides are asked to call the club (519-742-7979) or email the ladies group email at [kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com](mailto:kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com). We are hoping to set up car pooling. **“CHOIR”** – yes, we are hopeful our idea for a **Kirchweih choir** will happen this year! We are thankful for Cathy Thompson's dedication in researching traditional songs and music. This idea was stated prior to Covid 19's first outbreak – prior to our move! We ask all adult voices, no experience necessary, to consider being part of this great opportunity to showcase our traditional songs. No worries – Cathy will teach the words and their pronunciations – We need YOU! Rehearsals will be discussed once we have the 'go ahead' from Health Canada to have social gatherings. Til then, contact us to let us know you are interested.

**Film Nachmittag** – Again, we are waiting for Health Canada to allow us to meet again. We will keep you posted to when we can start again.

Wishing you all the best in the new year – stay safe – stay healthy –  
Frauengruppe Vorstand – Penny, Jen, Lea and Barb

Herzlichen Glückwunsch an alle,  
die im Febuar feiern!  
Happy Birthday to all those  
that celebrate in February!

Frank Gruber	Feb 2
Siegfried Speckner	Feb 3
Anneliese Kraehling	Feb 5
Robert Krech	Feb 8
Byron Barclay	Feb 9
Mike Heitmann	Feb 9
Owen Hennessey	Feb 9
Ingrid Kauck	Feb 9
Matt Burkhardt	Feb 11
Nick Heffner	Feb 12
Joan Adam	Feb 17
Elisabeth Groh	Feb 17
Peter O'Reilly	Feb 17
Katharina Kraehling	Feb 18
Nick Kynoch	Feb 22
Rosemarie Gellner	Feb 24
Laura Bowman	Feb 25
Brian Schummer	Feb 26
Tim Beckett	Feb 29
Elisabeth O'Reilly	Feb 29



Zum Tode von George Kraehling  
Der Präsident der Donauschwaben in  
Kanada, George Frank Kraehling  
geboren am 25. Dezember 1961 in New  
York/USA ist am 29. Dezember 2020  
im Alter von 59 Jahren überraschend auf  
einer Autobahn in den USA verstorben.  
George war mit seinem Hund auf der  
Fahrt von Kanada in sein Haus in  
Florida. Als amerikanischer Staatsbürger  
durfte er in die USA einreisen, seine

Frau Mary hat die kanadische Staatsbürgerschaft und musste wegen  
der Corona Vorschriften in den USA zuhause bleiben. Der  
plötzliche Tod ereilte George auf der Autobahn.

Die Vorfahren des Verstorbenen stammten aus Ex-Jugoslawien, sein  
Großvater wurde im Jahre 1943 von den Partisanen erschossen. Seine  
Eltern Ann und George sind George in die Ewigkeit  
vorausgegangen.

Verheiratet war George mit Mary, geb. Spencer, der Ehe  
entstammen eine Tochter und ein Sohn.

Als engagiertes Mitglied der Vereinigung der Donauschwaben in  
Kanada war George ehemaliger Präsident des Schwaben Clubs  
Kitchener und aktives Mitglieder der Tanzgruppe „Donau Dancers“.  
Ihm lagen die Pflege und Erhalt des Überlieferten Kulturgutes, der  
Sitten und des Brauchtums seiner Vorfahren besonders am Herzen.  
Dies bewies er auch mit der Teilnahme am Welttreffen im  
Juli/August 2019 in Baja/Ungarn und Hatzfeld/Rumänien. Nach

dem Anton Baumann nicht mehr für das Amt des Präsidenten der Donauschwaben in Kanada kandidierte wurde George F. Kraehling  
zu seinem Nachfolger gewählt. Als amtierender Präsident der Donauschwaben in Kanada gehört er auch dem Präsidium des  
Weltdachverbandes der Donauschwaben an. Bei der leider verschobenen Hauptversammlung, sollte unser Freund und Landsmann zu

einem der Vizepräsidenten des Weltdachverbandes gewählt werden.  
Beruflich war der Verstorbene Projektmanager bei der Firma Stantec  
Engineering.

Bei dieser Firma war er 28 Jahre beschäftigt. Die Trauerfeier fand am  
07 Januar 2021 statt, die Urnenbeisetzung wird im Familienkreis zu  
einem späterem Termin stattfinden. Unser Mitgefühl gilt seiner Frau  
und allen Familienangehörigen. GEORGE FRANK KRAEHLING  
möge in Gottes Frieden ruhen.

Das Präsidium des Weltdachverbandes der Donauschwaben mit all  
seinen angeschlossenen Mitgliedsvereinen

STEFAN IHAS/Präsident

JOSEF JERGER/Geschäftsführender Vizepräsident



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(Wendy) and Mary Meaney (Erich). Cherished "Omi" of Katie  
(Jeff) and Erica (Mac) and "Great Omi" to Jackson, Max,  
remembered by Devin (Michelle) and Taya, sister-in-law,  
nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents, Wendelin and Katharina Elter (nee Stöckel) and siblings, Wendelin (deceased in  
childhood) Magdalena (deceased in infancy), Mary Hegedus (Steve), Nick Elter and Wendelin Elter (Anita) and brothers-in-law,  
Franz Petsch and Adam Bortscher.

Katharine was a longtime member of St. Mary's German Congregation and the Schwaben Club. She was also an amazing cook and  
avid baker who made both seem effortless. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting and crocheting. Special thanks to the staff at  
Lanark Heights, especially the nurses and PSW's on Maple, for the love and care they provided to our mother. We are truly grateful  
for their hard work, dedication and sacrifice during this terrible pandemic. Visit [www.henrywalser.com](http://www.henrywalser.com) for Katharine's memorial.



Katharine Petsch (nee Elter) passed away  
peacefully, with family by her side, on Saturday,  
January 2, 2021 at Lanark Heights Long Term  
Care in Kitchener at the age of 97. Born in  
Kernei, Yugoslavia and immigrated to Canada in  
1953. Beloved wife of the late John (2015) for  
58 years. Loving mother of John Petsch  
(Phil), Chris (Katie), Jonathan (Asma), Carolyn  
Cecelia and soon to arrive, Lincoln. Fondly  
Katharine Bortscher and Susan Elter, and many

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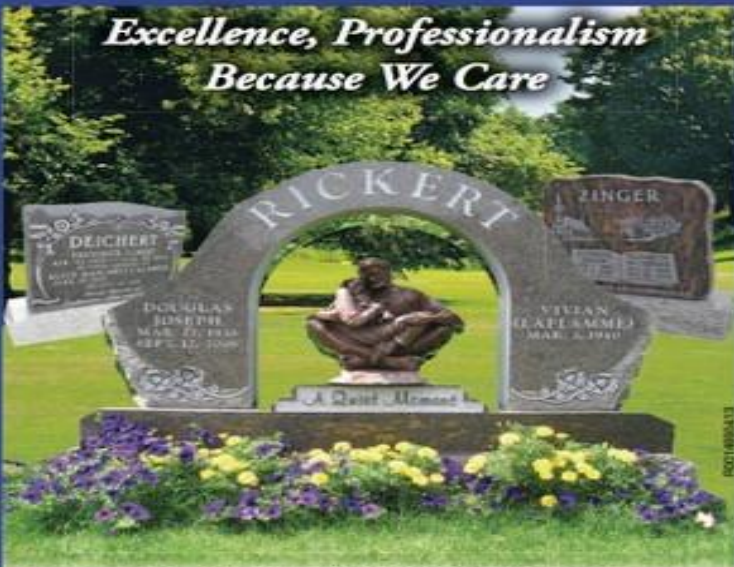
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