

Mai/May 2021 Issue

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday each Month Fish Fry Fridays 4:00-7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each Month Schnitzel Fridays 4:00-7pm

May 1st 9am **Spring Clean Up Fish Fry Fridays** May 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7pm **Mother's Day Luncheon CANCELLED** Member's Meeting (Virtual) May 19th 7pm **Schnitzel Fridays** May 21st 4:00-7pm May 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm Sick Benefit Meeting May 29<sup>th</sup> 11-3pm **Kinder/Jugend BBO** Ladies Group Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm **June 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7pm Fish Fry Fridays** June 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm Koffee Klatsch June 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm Filmnachmittag Freundschaftgruppe Night June 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm Euro Cup Games (GER vs FRA) June 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm Member's Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm **June 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7pm** Schnitzel Fridays Euro Cup Games (GER vs POR)June 19th 11am **June 20<sup>th</sup> 11-2 pm Father's Day Picnic** Euro Cup Games (GER vs PoA(d))June 23rd 2pm June 26<sup>th</sup> Dusk Movie Under the Stars

**NEW DATE** 

SICK BENEFIT MEETING MAY 26TH 7PM

50 Scheifele Place. Breslau



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groups

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Upcoming club events & group information will be available too.

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lea.schwaben@gmail.com Any submissions must be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following issue. Thank you.

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**Presidents Report** Is anyone else wanting to get off this COVID roller coaster because I know I am? Why this so hard on everyone is actually quite simple – it is extremely difficult to find balance in our lives right now because we cannot achieve our mental, physical, and emotional needs with the ever present and always changing restrictions. But what we can do is make the best of what we do have, and clearly set out a direction for the Club that ensures it is there to help you regain your balance as best it can.

So, what do I mean by that? At the membership meeting in March there was a discussion about the bocce ball courts and what to do with them. Some members want bocce, some horseshoes, and some even talked about a beach volleyball court. At one point, a comment was made that we consider what would attract potential business opportunities; this single comment set off a whole side discussion post meeting about what our Club is about. It is very clear in our Constitution that the purpose of the Club is to promote and maintain our German culture and heritage; that is the commonality that brings us together. Our traditional struggle has been to balance between the desires of the membership and the need to generate revenue to keep the doors open; at our new location, both requirements remain, as we do have costs, but our costs are much lower so the focus can be on the membership.

We just must remember that we cannot close ourselves off as we need to attract new members to exist in the long term – this is part of the balancing act as well. That is why we allow members to bring guests into events, so hopefully they join in time. Mia San is a prime example of a business agreement (we provide a venue for the group to watch games so we could generate bar and food sales) that resulted in several new members. It is my and the board's job to keep us on track, and we always appreciate constructive input, so that we can all enjoy our Club and all it has to offer.

We will, when permitted, restart our traditional cultural events, but we are also looking at a few social events like "Movies Under the Stars" and social nights – including potential bocce and/or horseshoes, so members can come out and enjoy the property for a while on your own if that is what you need. If you want to do some gardening, you are welcome to come out and help make the lands look beautiful, no need to ask Joel for permission - all help is appreciated, just come on out and safely distance yourselves.

We will continue to plan events but due to COVID we may change or cancel our schedule please call the office if you are unsure about whether an event or meeting is taking place prior to coming out to avoid disappointment. Lea also posts the changes on our social media.

On behalf of the executive board and the rest of our membership, I would like to welcome Peter Speckner to the position of Vice President, he was acclaimed at the April members meeting.

Stay safe and healthy,

#### Glenn Herold - President





## A column in tribute to our Anniversary - The 1960's at the Schwaben Club

(information taken from the Club website and photos from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative booklet) The 1960's was a busy decade, we participated in the first Tag der Donauschwaben with other Donau Clubs across North America. The Club purchased the building beside the Main Hall and called it the Schwaben Hall. The Youth Group performed in Toronto for Princess Alexandra of the Netherlands and in Tennessee they competed and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in a Folk-Dance competition, thanks to Gunther Haas for his leadership at that time! The Club changed their name from Sunnyside Gardens to the Schwaben Club. We celebrated our first Oktoberfest with the public too.



Ehemalige Präsidenten zu Gast bei der Eröffnung der neuen Halle 1960 – John Ludwig, W. Goss, Josef Spier, Nick Neu, Mathias Licker und Franz Sieber.



Der Vorstand des K.-Schw. K.U.V., der Frauengruppe und der Kulturgruppe im Jahre 1969 – 1. Reihe von links nach rechts: Frau A. Hornung, Herr P. Weiner, Frau A. Bayer, Präsident F. Tessari, Präsident B. Metz, Herr G. Hohn, Frau H. Eichorn, Frau K. Bauer, 2. Reihe: Frau M. Mehr, Frau M. Title, Herr R. Schwegel, Herr M. Licker, Herr J. Schmitz, Herr A. Klarner, Herr N. Osbelt, Herr J. Bresnai, Herr M. Wingrad, Her F. Willyung, Frau A. Mayer, Frau K. Schlosser. 3. Reihe: Herr J. Kessler, Herr G. Raphe, Bauer und Frl. Marie Hoffmann.

rolls were always a highlight!



5 So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye 5 Saying goodbye is not easy! We have been together with the Schwaben Club for close to 50 years. We enjoyed many good



parties with a group of very close friends. Yes, the Offak family band certainly were there to make our festivities so special. We also had some great times being involved as Joe in the committee, and Joann in our Frauengruppe committee. Making cabbage

So, we say, "so long" to our life here in Kitchener and say "Here we are" to our children and grandchildren waiting for us in Alberta. We will be living in Okotoks, just south of Calgary.

R THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES We will forever cherish them. Best wishes, Joe & Joann Nuxoll



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> Thomas Drung May 2 **Richard Schaadt** May 2 Gary Dupuis May 6 Monica Anstett May 9 John Szierer **May 10** Andrew Schilling May 11 **Ray Tomchick May 12** John Becker May 16 Monika Hoedl May 16 Tracy Ruland May 16 Cathy Thompson May 16 Steve Heffner May 17 May 17 Roseanna Rigo Tye Herold May 23 Erich Vogel May 23 Irma Ries May 24 Sarah Brown May 28 Jennifer Druar May 28 Andrew Gellner May 30 Christel Koehler May 30

11-2PM FATHER'S DAY PICNIC BBO & GAMES FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE Sausage on a bun \$5.55 \* Hot Dog \$2.75 \* Pretzel \$2.75 BAR OPFN **JUNE 20, 2021** THE SCHWABEN CLUB **50 SCHEIFELE PLACE** BRESLAU Pre-orders appreciated **519-742-7979** TAXES EXTRA



Becker, Katharina "Katie" (nee Mueller):

Passed away peacefully, on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at Freeport Hospital in Kitchener, at the age of 81. Beloved wife of the late John Sr. (1996). Loving Mom to Gary (Donna) and John (Lea). Cherished Grandma to Nicole (Brent), Natalie (Tyler), Carlton, Emma and Adam and great Grandma to Rylie. Dear sister to Anna Kolaritsch and sister-in-law to Anna Zeiger. Fondly remembered by nieces, Diane (Kevin), Carole (Mike), Anne (Mark), Trudie (Steven). Predeceased by parents, Franz and Anna, niece, Brigitte, and nephew, Ludwig.

Katie worked at Arrow Shirts for over 30 years. As a longtime member of the Schwaben Club, Katie loved spending time with friends and family at the club and enjoyed seeing her grandchildren participate in the club's dance groups. She was proud of her German-Yugoslavian heritage and her family will lovingly continue baking, cooking and other traditions passed on by her. She will be sincerely missed and in our hearts forever. On behalf of Katie and our family, we extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Bob Stevens and Katie's cancer care team at the Grand River Cancer Centre. Thank you also to the LHIN and Freeport for your palliative care support over the past few months. We are so grateful for your tremendous care, kindness and support. A private funeral liturgy will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. Private interment at Woodland Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Grand River Hospital Foundation - Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home). Visit www.henrywalser.com for Katie's memorial.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Rose (Rosina) Flint on April 2, 2021 at the age of 87.



Rose was born to Peter and Maria Boehm on August 24, 1933 in Waltersdorf Romania. Rose was predeceased by her husband, Harold Flint in 1999, her brother Peter and sister Katie. She is survived by her brother Michael Boehm (Anna Boehm) and sister Mary Schaefer, sister-in-law Lilly Gotthartsleitner (Hans).

Rose will be terribly missed by her daughters Ruth Reynolds (husband Jim), Heidi Flint (husband Jay), grandchildren, Jacquie Fritsch (husband Andrew), Michelle Dienesch (husband David), Charmaine Thoms (husband Corey), Britt Clark (husband Evan), Tim Rickard (wife

Ryan) and great-grandchildren, Brandon, Noah, Joshua, Nicholas, Hunter, Alexis, Addison, Ayla, and Margot. Rose will also be missed by her many nieces and nephews, their families, and her cherished friends. Acknowledgement: Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for the exemplary and loving care provided by Derbecker's Heritage House staff and Grand River Hospital staff.

A private funeral service will be held at the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Family and friends are encouraged to attend virtually using the livestream provided by the funeral home at www.erbgood.com. Due to current pandemic constraints, attending in person is by invitation only. Interment will be held at a later date.

Condolences for the family and donations to the Grand River Hospital can be arranged through the funeral home at www.erbgood.com or 519-745-8445.





We are continuing with our 2021 Hans Schaadt Award submissions:



**My Oma** - By Matthew Schaadt My name is Matthew Schaadt. I am lucky enough to have two Oma's in my life. My mom's mom lives in Kitchener and we call her Grandma. My dad's mom we live with and we call Omi. I love my Oma's so much because they care a lot for me and our family! I am going to write about Omi as she is a big part of the Schwaben Club (Susanne Schaadt) and has passed a lot of her traditions down to Deanna and I. Omi is a chef! She makes the best schnitzel ever and I love her goulash!! We also enjoy her special baking. She makes butter cookies at Christmas and Krapfen for special occasions like Easter! Omi cooks a lot for me and is always making sure I eat! I don't know

if that is a German thing, but Omi loves to cook and is happy when we all enjoy her meals. Omi is also very funny... hilarious to be exact. We love listening to how she pronounces words sometimes. For instance, cherries and Sheri sound about the same. She also loves making up her own words. She calls texting... blickering!!! Chicken nuggets are chicken knuckles. I guess this may be because her first language was Hungarian, then German and last English.

Omi always encourages me to speak German! At home she speaks German to me and helped Deanna and I when we took German lessons. Every New Year's Day Omi has a saying for us to repeat and then she gives us a treat! "Wunsche. Wunsche. Weiss nicht was. Greif in sack und gib mir was!"

Omi was very proud to watch Deanna and I dance in the Kindergruppe! She was very sad when we decided to take a break. I guess because dancing at the Schwaben Club had many special memories for Omi and she wanted us to have the same special memories.

I would like to thank Omi for everything she does for us. From cooking, cleaning, driving, watching my hockey or soccer, making us laugh, and for passing down her German heritage to me. I know she would be proud if others could make her butter cookies, so I have included her secret "not so secret recipe anymore"! I love you Omi!

#### **Omi's Amazing Butter Cookies**

1 pound of softened butter

- 4 1/2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 cups icing sugar
- 3 egg yolks

1 tablespoon lemon rinds

In a bowl, mix butter and flour with hands (best part) until combined. Add sugar, egg yolks, and lemon rinds and mix again until combined. Knead together and shape into an oblong ball. Place in fridge until firm. Remove from fridge cut a small portion off and roll flat with a rolling pin. Dough needs to be at a good temperature to do this. Flour may help if dough is sticking or place back in fridge to firm up more. Use cookie cutters to shape and add sprinkles. Place on baking sheet with parchment paper. Bake at 325 degrees for 10-15 minutes. Enjoy and try to eat just one!!



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June 15th GER vs FRA doors open at 2pm June 19th GER vs POR doors open at 11am June 23rd GER vs PO A (D) doors open at 2pm

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## INSPIRATIONAL **QUOTES CRAFT**

Friday June 11th 8pm Club patio will be open for purchases. If you aren't into painting rocks just come over to hang out. No cost. COVID Restrictions will apply.

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Spring **Planting** 

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We will set a date for drop off soon and post it in the next Nachrichten. Thanks

## **Membership Report**

Happy Spring!

Please know that we are thinking of all of you, and we will see you all again soon!

Good Friday Fish Fry was a great success! I preordered and happened to meet new member Roseanna Rigo and her daughter when I picked up my order. They were volunteering for the day- Thank you for helping out! Fish and oven baked Fries were amazing! Thank you to Christena our club cook for making your fabulous Fish! We enjoyed it immensely at home with a German beer.

Check your Nachrichten for upcoming monthly Friday takeout's- Fish Fry Friday-1st Fridays and Schnitzel Friday- 3rd Fridays.

Since there isn't too much going on yet, just wanted to say, hope everyone is staying safe.

Take care. Heidi Peller-Oliver. Membership and Sick Benefit Director

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## Frauengruppe Article

We are cancelling our Mother's Day Celebration and our other May events due to COVID. Please stay healthy. Here are some special notes from our members recent birthdays.

Dear Mrs. Magdalena Putschli,

I am so happy to have visited with you today to celebrate your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and get to know you. My mother was 11 years older than you and has passed away, but I am so glad to hear that you were friends at the Kitchener Schwaben Club and that you also knew Leni Schlesak also from Preston.

Talking with you I learned about your early history and how you and your family came to Canada in 1950. You had quite the journey from Milititsch, Batschka to Hungary and then onto Burgenland, Austria before emigrating to settle in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Like many Donauschwaben emigrants you travelled on the Beaverbrae from Hamburg.

Upon settling in Kitchener, you first worked as a maid for a family and then found a job as a seamstress for Cluthe Manufacturing. You met your husband, raised a family, two sons and a daughter. You bought land, built a home, raised your family and now are proud to have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren plus a nephew with whom you remain close.

You and your husband were active members of the KSC for many years in the dance group and choir. In fact, in 1968 you and two of your friends, the Mueller sisters, Katharina Becker and Anna Kolaritsch won first prize at the Schwabenball hosted by the Kitchener Club at Bingeman Park. Rosemary(now Feiler), your daughter, was Miss Schwaben 1972.

On behalf of Barbara Schlosser-Hill, Frauengruppe President of the Kitchener Schwaben Club, I want to wish you the happiest of birthdays and best of health.

Thank you for your years of support to the KSC. We will take care of your Trachten dolls. Elisabeth Oreilly



I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent best wishes, flowers, gifts, and cards on my special birthday.

To Elizabeth, a special thank you for taking time to surprise me with a beautiful plant from the Frauengruppe and Board.

Thank you again, Margarete Schilling

Frau Katharina Ungar hat Ihre 81sten Geburtstag am 12.April gefeiert. Katharina celebrated her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on April 12. The FG committee helped her celebrate with some fresh cut tulips, carnations and a pretty kalanchoe plant. Katharina was happy to receive the delivery and shared some of her fond memories of her time at the Kitchener Schwaben Club. As a young woman she was a Schwaben dancer and met her husband, Henry, who was a bartender at the club. They will be celebrating 60 years of marriage next year. Katharina is proud of her two daughters, Katharine and Mary-Ann and their families who were involved in dance



groups, bowling and held committee positions. Her two grandsons and granddaughter danced with the Kindergruppe. Her oldest daughter, Katharine, was Miss Schwaben in 1984. Many of her nieces and nephews and their families were involved in dance groups as well. For many years, Katharina created gingerbread houses for the annual FC Christmas bake sale. Katharina and Henry are proud to live in their Kitchener family home and maintain their lawn, flowers, and vegetable garden.

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