



THE NACHRICHTEN

December 2021 Issue

IMPORTANT DATES

First Friday of the Month Fish Fry 4-7pm
Third Friday of the Month Schnitzel Night 4-7pm
Thursdays * Members Night * Bar Open 6:30-9pm
Christmas Luncheon **December 5th 11:30am**
German Market **December 11th 9am**
Member's Meeting **December 15th 7pm**
Member's Meeting **January 19th 7pm**
Member's Meeting **February 16th 7pm**
Grundungsfest **February 26th**
Miss Schwaben **March 26th 5pm**

The Schwaben Club's

FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

SERVED BUFFET

- * Garden Salad
- * Chicken Supreme
- * Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- * Vegetable Medley
- * Bienenstich

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Hall opens at 11:30 am
Lunch served at 12:30 pm

Glühwein available 

member **\$23⁹⁰** (\$21.15 +HST)
 non-member **\$26⁹⁰** (\$23.81 +HST)
 child 7-12 **\$11⁵⁰** (\$10.18 +HST)
 Children 6 & under are free.

Entertainment by our members
 (please email president@kitchenschwabenclub.com if you are interested in providing some entertainment)

Christmas ornament making & tree decorating
 Sing Alongs for the whole family
 Visit by a special guest 

Schwaben Club
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Covid safety protocols in place

Please register your children by November 26
 Tickets on sale until November 29

German Christmas Market

at the Schwaben Club

Saturday, December 11

From 9 am to 5pm

Featuring Trachten clothing and accessories, imported German Christmas woodcrafts, food, local artisans and more!

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 Any submissions must be in by the 10th of the month for the following issue. Thank you.

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Presidents Report

This will be my last President's report. It is bittersweet as I have stepped back on my own accord, but it is still difficult to let go of the reins of something that you have put so much into the last few years.

To all those that I worked with on the Board, and to all our other volunteers, it was not easy but we accomplished more in 3 years than could have been imagined. In 2019, our focus was on minimizing our financial losses, and that year we pretty much broke even; it took a lot of hard work, sacrifice, and innovation to accomplish this feat. And had COVID not happened in 2020, we were gearing up to have an impressive (and likely profitable) year.

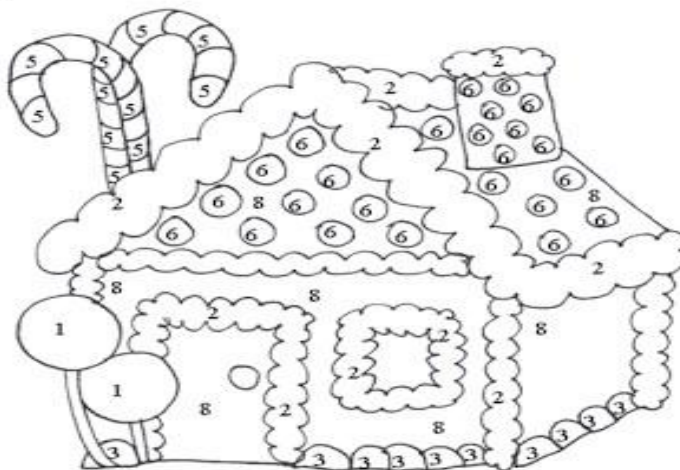
In 2019, we, as a club, also made great strides in bringing about equality with the constitutional changes. Although some would have preferred abolishing the Sick Benefit membership classification all together, we needed to make progressive steps, and not giant leaps, in order to get many to accept the changes that were being proposed.

In 2020, COVID sidetracked everything and we went into survival mode. Every event involved an optimistic Plan A, a realistic Plan B, and a pessimistic Plan C, as the rules, regulations, and restrictions were constantly changing. I can still vividly remember sitting in the Keller with Kirk talking about what we needed to do to survive the projected 6 weeks COVID was expected to last. The Board and staff deserve great praise for the herculean effort put in to keeping things going as much as we could for our members over the ensuing 21 months. Ultimately however it was fortuitous that the Sava Club had approached us on purchasing their location, because without that opportunity I do not know how well we would have faired financially through COVID.

For 2022, my words of advice for the incoming board are "keep it simple". Let's finish settling into our new home and focus on coming together to share in the Donauschwaben culture with good friends and family.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Herold, President

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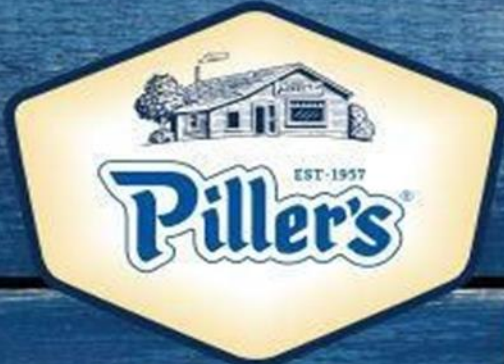
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Kathy Bechtloff	December 1
George Edel	December 3
Nancy Dupuis	December 4
Rolf Eberl	December 4
Paul Rottenbacher	December 7
Elisabeth Bauer	December 8
Shelley Speckner	December 9
Vanessa Adam	December 12
Adam Cook	December 13
Sherri Gurski	December 14
Cole Watson	December 16
Wolfgang Kahnke	December 17
Jason Hinschberger	December 21
Christa Hein	December 23
Mike Ruland	December 23
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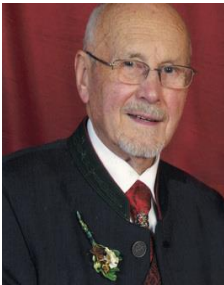


Wilhelm Huber Sr. died peacefully at home with his wife by his side on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the age of 88. Wilhelm was a successful, respected, and generous member of the K-W community.

He built his business (Piller's Sausages) from the ground up into a thriving company that has provided for his own and many others in the community. Willi was a kind and compassionate man and always willing to support many various causes. He was a member of the Schwaben Club, Hubertushaus, and Bethel Lutheran Church.

Beloved husband of Juliana for 66 years. Loving father of Wilhelm Jr. (Marnie), Conrad (Donna), and Gerhart (Heather). Proud Opa of Nicole, Dana, Neil, Conrad Jr., Rachel, Christian, and Kurtis. Gross-Opa to Alexa, Ethan, Daniel, Zachary, Riley, Elver, Llewyn, Nixen, Kam, and Savanna. Survived by his sister Eva. Predeceased by his parents Konrad and Rosina, brothers Edward, Henry and Phillip, and sister Kathy. Wilhelm worked tirelessly throughout his life to provide for his family and instill in them a love of life, work, and family. He will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment Parkview Cemetery.



Jakob Berschl passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of family on Sunday, November 7, 2021, after a stroke on October 8, 2021 at the age of 91.

Beloved husband of the Cecilia Piller-Berschl. Dear father of David Berschl (Patricia) and Dean Berschl. Dear brother of Ludwig (Helma) and Walter. Dear uncle of Robert (Kelly) and their children Jasmyn and Jaydn and Lore McGuire (James).

He will also be missed and remembered by Cecilia's children Rosemary Piller, Tony Piller (Shelly) and grandchildren Richard (Jaclyn), Elysha, Trevor, Jennifer (Sean) and Brandon and great-grandchildren Ayden, Brooklyn, Callee and Wyatt. Predeceased by Jakob's first wife Thelma and Cecilia's first husband George and son George Jr. (1995) and his wife Sabina.

Jakob was born in Salzburg, Austria and lived through World War II as a young teenager. This left an indelible mark on his life and his feelings toward his Motherland. As a young man, he left his homeland for the pioneering adventure of Canada and the hope to start a new life in a new land. His brother, Ludwig also joined in on the adventure so the two headed off to the promised land.

Life was not easy but opportunities were endless, and as someone with a good work ethic, high standards and common sense, Jakob was able to traverse across Canada and established himself in Calgary, Alberta in 1953. There, he met his first wife Thelma and began his family. He started his working career as a General Contractor and eventually ended up as the Director of Maintenance and Operations at the University of Calgary. He had a straight forward, no nonsense approach to handling huge budgets and projects for the University and became an integral part to the University's growth and success. He built his own house in Calgary and it was a definite reflection of his ideals and sensibilities as it still remains in the family. He had a wonderful workshop where he built exquisite and elegant furniture.

His other passion was fishing. He had a small motorhome and seaworthy boat which allowed him to fish on the West Coast of British Columbia. After a successful day of fishing in a small boat on the Pacific Ocean he would prepare his freshly caught salmon and seal into cans right on their campsite. Jakob had a definite passion for Western Canada as he spent as much time as possible traveling and exploring the mountains and waterways. After the passing of his first wife, Thelma, Jakob began to travel more to Eastern Canada and reconnect with his younger brother, Ludwig. This was a wonderful time for Jakob to establish a new connection with his family and eventually return back home to Austria. He embraced the opportunity to reclaim his first language, culture, fashion and cuisine. He was very comfortable during this stage, but there was still something he was missing. He had travelled with his brother Ludwig and sister-in-law Helma on numerous occasions and was invited to do a pilgrimage bus tour into Quebec. Sitting with Ludwig and Helma on the bus with an empty seat beside him, Cecilia Piller asked if she could join them. This sparked a friendship and eventual marriage to Cecilia in 2013 where the two were virtually inseparable. Jakob and Cecilia's relationship was a true love story at a time when both needed support and companionship and were fortunate enough to find it with each other. It was a wonderful time for them both where they travelled together and became a fixture in the Kitchener/Waterloo community.

Membership Report

By the time you read this we will have a new president of our club. Change is a good thing, keeps our club vibrant, dedication to our cultural heritage stays alive and exciting initiatives and ideas will come forth with looking into the future at our new location and for 2022. Let's welcome the new president of Schwaben Club for 2022. At the time I am writing this in early November, we really don't know who it would be because the elections were November 17th.

Just a friendly reminder that club memberships renewals for 2022 are due. You can pay at the office or over the phone. Membership fees are Family \$80, Single \$60, Senior \$40, and Student \$25.

Sick Benefit Payments are also due at \$12 per sick benefit member. The absolute latest date to pay your 2022 club membership is Jan 15, 2022. The next day Jan 16th, the \$30 Late Fee will be applied for late membership payments.

Even with the move of our club to its new location, and all the Covid rules we dealt with; our club and its members have shown that new change can be adaptable and accepted.

I would like to say Welcome to all the new Members over the past year - there were 39 new members who joined us!

As I step down as the club's and Your Membership Director and Sick Benefit Treasurer for the last 9 years, it has been truly an honour to have fulfilled this position and I did really enjoy doing it.

Please welcome the new Membership Director & Sick Benefit Treasurer Liz O'Reilly, she starts in January 2022. She will do a fantastic job. I will be training and guiding her the first little while as she steps into my shoes.

Ich wunsche an euch alle ein Frohes Weihnachtsfest und Alles Gutes zum Neuen Jahr
I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Heidi Peller-Oliver,
Membership Director and Sick Benefit Treasurer



The graphic is split into two main sections. The left section features a world map with the text "Continental Breakfast with" in yellow, the CKWR logo (98.5 real community radio) in a white box, and "Henning Grumme Saturday's from 6 - 8 AM" in yellow. A "25 YEARS" anniversary badge is in the bottom left. The right section is titled "MUSIK MELODIES" in white on a blue background, showing a photo of Henning Grumme at a radio desk with a "10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY" badge and the CKWR logo. Below the photo, it says "Jeden Sonntag von 12 - 1 PM EST Time" and "www.ckwr.com".

Welcome NEW Club Members:

Nikolaus & Christine Wenzler	Angelina Thompson
Ursula Hesch & Andreas Klein	Debbie & Garry Hardy
Ursula Ehrismann & Ennio Manias	Cameron Cooper
Katie Janower & Paul Robillard	

Frauengruppe News

Welcome to our new members – Eva Wespa, Nancy Dupuis and Lydia Kessler.

We would like to take this time to thank Liz O'Reilly for her wonderful job as Frauengruppe secretary. Liz was a great asset to our committee. She also updated our membership list and contacted many of our senior members. Thank you, Liz, – we will miss you however know that you will be doing an outstanding job in your new role on the Club's Committee. (Membership secretary).

Our last meeting for 2021 was held Nov.3rd featuring Bingo and a Cone Craft for the Christmas event on Dec.5th. We invite all our members to purchase their tickets for the Club's Christmas celebration and register their children or grandchildren. Please call the office and reserve your spot today!

Reminder to all members – please pay your membership dues today! Call the office to pay for both club and Frauengruppe dues.

EVENTS – though we are not 'officially' meeting till March 2022, there are still some events being held:

Trachten Puppen – during the move to our new home, some of the regional cards indicating the origins of some of our donated Trachten puppen were misplaced. Some dolls are also in need of repair, cleaning and costume sewing. If you can spare some time, please contact the Frauengruppe through the email (kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com) or call the club office – messages will be forwarded to the FG. The museum is available for historical references.

BOOK CLUB – our book club launched in the summer with a great presentation from club member Lori Wolf Heffner. We will be discussing book four in her *Between Worlds - What Friends Do* in the new year. What happened to families during World War II? How did culture and traditions play into this time? All members, 16 and up are welcome to come out for a discussion on what it was like for Donau Schwaben's fleeing their homeland. A dinner is planned (Schnitzel Friday) followed by the book club. Interested in purchasing the book – please visit loriwolfheffner.com or a local Canadian bookstore. A date for the event will be posted soon.

Elections were held on Nov.3rd for the 2022 Frauengruppe Vorstand/Committee – We welcome Cathy Thompson as secretary, acclaimed positions are Penny Hanke as Treasurer 1 and Barbara Schlosser Hill as president.

From all of us – Lea, Jen, Lena, Liz, Penny, Cathy and Barb, we wish you and yours a wonderful Holiday – Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

*"Auf den Strassen liegt der Matsch,
Leute laufen durch den Patsch,
Haben kalt gefrorne Nasen,
Die der Nordwind rot geblasen."* (Rosemarie Hauff)



Getting settled in for winter.



A column in tribute to our Anniversary - The 2020's

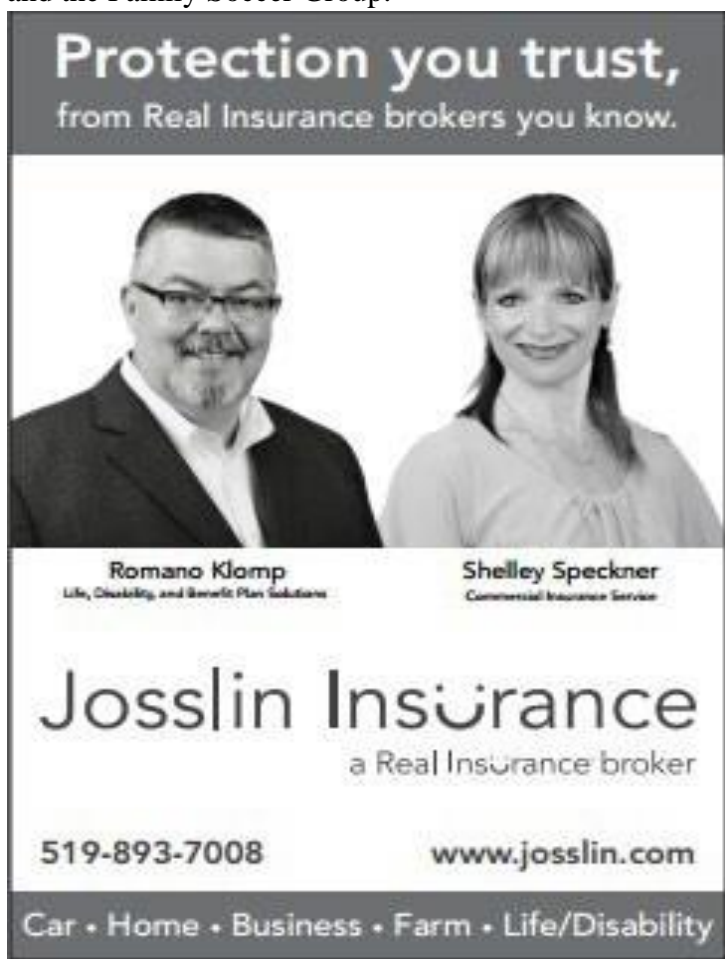
Covid 19 struck in the spring of 2020. All gatherings ceased including all our cultural events and Club activities. This continued for most of the year as the Club events were being cancelled month after month. In October 2020, Oktoberfest, our biggest fundraiser of the year was held in a small way and limited to dinner service and take out only.

The selling of 1668 King St. E. in the Fall of 2020 took place with the assistance of the committee set up to handle the sale and purchase of the Club in Breslau. The move to 50 Scheifele Place in Breslau in January 2021 brought a wide range of emotions. There were so many memories - significant events such as marriages and connections to events that had taken place over many decades at the Kitchener location. Many were excited at the prospect of making new memories too. Settling into our building with added green space and acreage that opened a wide range of event opportunities and a place for families to spend their time.

In Spring of 2021, we were able to host Friday fundraisers twice a month, first as take out only and now to eat in too. This enabled us to connect with the Breslau community which greatly welcomed us. We have been able to gradually increase numbers as public health allowed. We introduced our Biergarten in the Summer 2021. We held our first Schwaben Club member cultural event, Kirchweih in September 2021. Oktoberfest, although limited by Covid 19 protocols, allowed us to use our outdoor space, Biergarten, and Pavilion which was well received by patrons.

In October, the Schwaben Dancers travelled to Ottawa to perform for the National Hockey League, Ottawa Senators at their Oktoberfest Day.

We continue to follow all health guidelines as we provide the best possible experience for our membership. We are proud of all our groups that are active at this time: The Kinder/Jugend Group, the Schwaben Dancers, the Donau Dancers, The Ladies Auxiliary, the Freundschaftgruppe, the Table Tennis Group, the Mia San Group, and the Family Soccer Group.



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October Activites

Mia San Group watching Bayern play upstairs in the Members Room, the Schwaben Dancers performing at an Ottawa Senators Game in Ottawa, the Freundschaftsgruppe halloween night started at an Escape Room and ended at the Club carving pumpkins.



Cultural News

Welcome to December, I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. I would like to a big thank you to everyone who came and helped make the donuts for Schlachtfest. I could not do it without you, especially in the short amount of time we had.

Some things have changed due COVID restrictions and not being able to open fully like we had thought we would be able to. Miss Schwaben will now be March 26th, however the applications for our Club Miss still needed to be in by November 26th, 2021. We will not accept any additional applications past that date.

Tina McQuabbie,
Cultural Director



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- 2) MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE KITCHENER SCHWABEN CLUB (THROUGH EITHER A FAMILY OR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP).
- 3) MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6-25.

THE RECIPIENT WILL BE DRAWN BY THE KITCHENER SCHWABEN CLUB PRESIDENT AND THE AWARD SPONSORS RICK AND LISA SCHAADT.
RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PRESENTATION TO BE REIMBURSED. REIMBURSEMENT UPON RECEIPTS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE KITCHENER SCHWABEN CLUB OFFICE. FOR ELIGIBLE REIMBURSEMENT PLEASE ASK THE SPONSORS. EXAMPLES INCLUDE: DANCE REGISTRATION, DANCE SHOES. VIDEOS MAY BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHWABEN CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA.



Freundschaftsgruppe presents

BALLROOM DANCE

Starting Monday January 17th

Cost: \$50 for new registrants.

Price includes Rosenball ticket.

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**Saturday,
March 22,
2022**

MENU

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Doors open: 5 pm
Dinner: 6 pm



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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION UP FOR ELECTION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM AT THE JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE:

Communication Director

THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE START OF THE JANUARY MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING ON JANUARY 19TH AT 7PM.

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Frohe Weihnachten!

WARM WISHES TO ALL OUT CLUB MEMBERS FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PEACE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND THROUGH THE COMING YEAR. FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lina McQuabbie *Alis Kelly* *Nell Hoffman*
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