

schwaben klub nachtichten tebruary 2022

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2022

**Fish Fry Takeout** FIRST FRIDAY of the month

**Schnitzel Takeout** THIRD FRIDAY of the month

> **Members' Night** Every THURSDAY

Members' Meeting February 16

**Gründungsfest** February 26

Ladies' Monthly Meeting March 2

Miss Schwaben Ball March 26

Ladies' Monthly Meeting April 6

Canadian Verband Meeting & Landestrachtenfest April 9

> US Verband Meeting April 23

### IMPRESSUM

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

### THE SCHWABEN CLUB CELEBRATES THEIR

# 91 GRÜNDUNGSFEST ANNIVERSARY

ALSO CELEBRATING THE FRAUENGRUPPE ANNIVERSARY



## MENU

Caesar Salad Chicken Supreme Roasted Potatoes PEI Vegetables Assorted Tortes Member: \$37 (\$32.75 + HST) Non-member: \$42 (\$37.17 + HST) Child (7-12): \$15 (\$13.27 + HST) (6 & under): FREE

Tickets available until Friday, February 18

\*Vegetarian option available upon request

Doors open - 5:00 pm Dinner - 6:00 pm

## **SCHWABEN CLUB** 50 Scheifele Place, Breslau 519-742-7979

Due to frequently changing provincial regulations regarding COVID-19, SCHEDULED EVENTS AND MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hello again everyone.

Unfortunately Covid has begun to surge in cases again and we have had to suspend activities at the club for everyone's health and safety. I am hoping that this will only last a few weeks this time, and we can get together soon. I urge all of you to please be cautious and keep yourselves safe during this time by following all of the guidelines stated by the local health authorities. Also don't forget to take care of your mental health, it is just as important, and often is overlooked. Remember that we are not just a cultural club, but a social club full of great people who are just a phone call or email away if you are struggling through this pandemic. Helping a neighbor or friend is a big part of Schwaben culture, so don't be afraid to ask for help.

On a brighter note, we held our Christmas Luncheon to a capacity crowd in December and I for one had an amazing time. Seeing everyone in thier "ugly sweaters", the children playing and laughing together while friends enjoyed each other's company. We had some great performances by the dance groups, a familiar sounding Santa read a Christmas story, I even had a proud father moment while Lukas danced with the kinder/jugend group. This event didn't just showcase the amazing spirit of the holidays, but also



represented everything great about our club. I want to thank everyone who helped organize the luncheon and the kitchen staff for the great meal.

Hopefully we can host our club anniversary / frauengruppe anniversary in february so we may all get together again.

There are more things on the horizon in the planning stages that I will speak about next month. But until then, thank you all for your continued support through these uncertain times.

**Stefan Orsan** President



## GEBURTSTAGE FÜR FEBRUAR

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

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Liebe Mitglieder/Dear Members,

Vielen Dank Mitglieder für Ihre Sorgfältigkeit bei der Zahlung der Mitgliedsbeiträge. Bisher haben 184 Mitglieder die 2022 Beiträge bezahlt.

Family \$85, Single \$60, Senior \$40, Student \$25

Thank you to all 184 members who have paid their 2022 memberships. It is wise to pay the Sick Benefit and Frauengruppe membership at the same time.

We start collecting KSC payments in the fall and after January 15 there is an additional \$30 payment fee. Please contact Tracy by phone 519 742 7979 during office hours to make an appointment to come to the office to pay or pay over the phone.

On behalf of the board a big thank you to Heidi Peller-Oliver, membership, Glenn Herold, president, Tina McQuabbie, cultural, Lena Herold, entertainment, and Lea Becker, communications, for their hard work, dedication and countless volunteer hours. Tracey Hanke, now VP and Peter Speckner, entertainment, have new positions and we wish them all the best in their duties. Welcome to Stefan Orsan, president, and Cathy Thompson, cultural director.

A KSC Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee has been established with Kirk Hanke, chair, Mike Ruland, Heidi Peller-Oliver and myself. Our plan is to meet, review the 2019 Constitution and discover how it aligns with the Ontario Government Bylaws for Not-For-Profit Clubs/Organizations, recommend changes, report to the membership and consult legal counsel as needed. Please submit your ideas and/or concerns to any of the committee members.

have sad share If vou news to of а member's please send passing name to membership@kitchenerschwabenclub.com.

I apologize if I have missed anyone, please contact me to correct.

At the beginning of Member's meetings we have a moment of silence out of respect for those who passed and for whom we have received an obituary or notification.

In Erinnerung an die Verstorbenen im Jahr 2021 / In Memoriam 2021: to honour those members who passed away.

Friede Schade (November 2020) Jacob Adam (November 2020) George Kraehling (December 2020) Katharina (Katie) Becker Jakob Berschel Rose (Rosina) Flint John Heffner Sr. Wilhelm Huber Sr. Elisabeth Hohnsbein Katherine Petsch Peter Tworuschka Erich Vogel

### Ruhe in Frieden/Rest in Peace

Financial reports are shared with members at member's meetings and are accurate based on a previous bank statement.

Ich wünsche Euch Alle Gesundheit und Viel Vergnügen im Neuen Jahr/Wishing all members health and joy in the New Year,

### Liz OReilly

*Membership Director Sick Benefits Financial Secretary* 



### Vorstandswahl / Board of Directors **Election 2022**

The following Board Position is open to Nomination:

Archivar/Archivist

Nominierungsschluss: 17 Uhr, 9. Februar, 2022

Sollten Sie Interesse an den Posten haben, oder wollen mehr darueber wissen, bitte wenden Sie sich an:

> Lena Herold, Nolan McQuabbie, Tracy Ruland Lena Herold: lenaherold@rocketmail.com Nolan: nolanmcquabbie@gmail.com Tracy: schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

Nomination Closes: February 9th, 2022 at 5 pm

Should you be interested in this position or require more information about the position, please contact one of the Nomination committee below.

> Lena Herold, Nolan McQuabbie, Tracy Ruland Lena Herold: lenaherold@rocketmail.com Nolan: nolanmcquabbie@gmail.com Tracy: schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

### **3RD ANNUAL HANS SCHAADT** YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD



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#### **DEADLINE EXTENDED to February 14, 2022**

CRITERIA: 1) SUBMIT A VIDEO OF YOU CREATING A TRADITIONAL RECIPE BY FEBRUARY 14TH, 2022 TO RL@NETFLASH.NET YOU CAN WORK IN THE KITCHEN WITH A FAMILY MEMBER (EG.OMA.OPA.MOM.OR DAD). A COPY OF THE RECIPE WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED SO OTHERS CAN TRY TO PREPARE THE ITEM AS THEY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE VIDEO. 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.

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1-PC MEAL 2-PC MEAL	16.95
	10.55
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<b>KID'S COMBO</b> House battered fishy sticks, choice of 1 side, veggie sticks & juic	<b>6.95</b>
SCHNITZEL ON A BUN with sauerkraut	7.50
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<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b> Plant-based chicken filet, coleslaw, choice of 1 side	13.00
KID'S COMBO Schnitzel fingers, choice of 1 side, veggie sticks & juice	6.95
EXTRA SIDESADD-ONSColeslaw1.25GravyMashed Potatoes2.25PretzelFries5.50Apple StrudelSauerkraut2.25	$1.00 \\ 2.50 \\ 2.50 \\ 2.50$
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## **OUR CULTURE**

"Culture is one of the most important concepts within society because sociologists recognize that it plays a crucial role in our social lives. It is important for shaping social relationships,.... and our everyday actions and experiences in society. It is composed of both non-material and material things.

Sociologists define the non-material aspects of culture as the values and beliefs, language, communication, and practices that are shared in common by a group of people. Expanding on these categories, culture is made up of our knowledge, common sense, assumptions, and expectations.

Material culture is composed of the things that humans make and use. This aspect of culture includes a wide variety of things, from buildings, technological gadgets, and clothing, to film, music, literature, and art, among others."

Cole, Nicki Lisa, Ph.D. "So What Is Culture, Exactly?" ThoughtCo, Aug. 27, 2020, thoughtco.com/culture-definition-4135409.

Yes, culture is very important. Yet, how do I maintain our culture when the current environment and is so different from the days of yore when our ancestors came to North America?

When our ancestors immigrated to Canada, there was no support system, no relevant entertainment, and many language issues. How did they compensate for these challenges? They formed The Canadian Schwaben Sick Benefit Association. This became their support in times of need, their entertainment and everyone spoke the same language. And that was it!

But, times have changed radically since then. In 2022, the world outside has innumerable opportunities for entertainment, live and online; the government has a good support system with health care and employment insurance; and the predominant language is English. What's a Cultural Director to do?

We are not as fortunate as Entre Rios, Brazil. That must be the most Donauschwovisch community on the planet. They have multiple bands, classes, and dancegroups. And why? The town was founded by Donauschwaben. It was easier to maintain their culture as they were more isolated. It's like living in their own country.

There is no competition with our contemporary culture. We will lose. What I can do is offer a multitude of options to our members and hope they will bite. Learn German, Learn Schwovisch, Choir, and add interesting features to our Schovische events. I have a few ideas.

I must do my best to maintain our Cultural events.....

Schlachtfest, Kirchweih, Landestreffen, etc. But, please realize that these important events will never be money-makers at this time.

Now to the youth. That word is on the tongue of every Board and Committee member. Our Freundschaftsgruppe has done a good job of attracting young folks. However, the expectations of our younger members are more varied. Are they impossible to meet? What else can we do, from a cultural standpoint, to get them through our doors? Cooking classes? Sporting events? Camping?

The youth are important. But we must not ignore our older members, our foundation; those who have supported our club over the decades. I am sure they would love to join us at events. How can we help? Perhaps, ask our older members if they need a ride to an event.

The bottom line is that our Club cannot maintain its culture without your help. Bring your kids out to a dance practice. Bring them to events suited to them. It is also necessary, though, that the parents or relatives show interest. Lead by example! Join us so kids can see that being Donauschwaben and supporting the Donauschwaben culture matters.

Contact the Board or the office and let us know what interests you and your family. Two heads are better than one and wow, *what could 200 accomplish!* 

### Catherine Thompson Kulturreferent

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## **ZUR FASTNACHTSZEIT** Und beut der Winter auch manche Leiden, So will er doch nicht traurig scheiden: Er bringt uns erst noch die Fastnachtszeit Mit aller ihrer Lustigkeit. Da gibt es Kurzweil mancherlei, Musik und Tanz und Mummerei, Pfannkuchen, Brezel, Kuchen und Weck', Und Eier und Würste, Schinken und Speck. ٠ Wir Kinder singen von Haus zu Haus Und bitten uns eine Gabe aus, Und machen's hinterdrein wie die Alten Und wollen heuer auch Fastnacht halten. August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben • (1798-1874)

## FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

Hello dear members. I hope you are well in this 2022.

New Year's Covid restrictions were again issued to keep everyone safe and protected from this virus. Though some of our events needed to be postponed, it is in the best interest of our membership to follow these restrictions to keep everyone healthy. Events will resume once we are able. Until then, please stay safe and take care.

We are scheduled to resume meetings starting in March 2022. Please watch for updates on website, Nachrichten or ladies' email. Fingers crossed we can get together and socialize in the spring.



February is a month of transitions. It is the month between winter and spring; often one of the coldest of months and is the shortest with many activities packed into it! Olympics, various sports tournaments, Fasching and of course World Nutella Day on February 6th.

Due to restrictions, we are unable to get together to work on our Trachtenpuppen project. We will attempt this project starting in March. Until then, we will feature photos

of the dolls needing regional information. The first doll (seen above) is dressed in a white flowered skirt,

black apron, white shawl with white blouse. She is wearing a red kerchief. If anyone knows this region, please contact the ladies' group either through email: kwschwabenfrauengruppe@ gmail.com or contact club's office during regular office hours.

A labour of love, our museum showcases а wonderful of collection historical artifacts and information about the Donauschwaben people, places and events. 'Trachtenpuppen' The (trachten dolls) represent some of the regions where members were born or

### LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER, WORLD NUTELLA DAY, WITH THIS RECIPE...

### Nutella Hot Chocolate

(from Leslie Green - The Hungry Housewife) Prep time is 1 min; cook time is 5 mins.

INGREDIENTS

Nutella Hot Chocolate (makes 1 serving) 1 cup milk (I use skim) 2½ Tbsp Nutella 1 Tbsp Cocoa Tiny pinch of salt

### Homemade

Whipped Cream (makes several servings) 1 cup Heavy Whipping Cream 2 Tbsp Sugar ½ tsp vanilla extract



INSTRUCTIONS

In a small sauce pan over medium heat, whisk all ingredients together until well blended and hot.

Pour in a cup and top with homemade whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

Place a medium bowl and your beaters from your electric mixer in the freezer for 10 minutes (this helps the whipped cream stiffen faster)

Pour all ingredients into the chilled bowl and start to beat.

Start off on low and gradually work your way up to high. It will be done when it is the consistency of ...whipped cream. Don't over beat.

raised. There are books available which describe life in the Donauschwaben villages.

The museum is open to all members – young and old – who want to learn more about our rich heritage and traditions.

Please call the office to arrange a viewing or, drop in during Members' Night Thursday evenings.

**Barbara Schlosser Hill** Frauengruppe President





Join us on a trip down memory lane. This is a new section of the Nachrichten, where each month we'll share photos from our past. We can reflect on our history, seek out familiar faces and be reminded of fond memories & traditions.

If you have any nostalgic photos you'd like to share, please email nachrichten@live.ca.

Andrea Speckner



The old Schwaben Club building (view from King St.), circa 1980.





An impressive batch of Krapfen and the hardworkers who made them ('80s).

The Schwaben Choir performing in the Schwaben Hall, circa 1997.



*The cover of our 50th Anniversary Book, circa 1981.* 



# Have you had a chance to visit our new location in Breslau?

If not, here are a few exterior photos of the main building, to help familiarize yourself.

*(Left)* The front of the building, which you'll see as you arrive. Our crest is hung proudly beside our new sign. The sign includes our name and a replica of the handpainted map that decorated the Keller's back wall at our old location.

(*Below*) Our main entrance. It's located at the side of the building.

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Saturday, March 26, Butter 2022 Salad



MENU Buns & Butter Garden Salad Roast Beef Roasted Potatoes Glazed Carrots Black Forest Torte

Doors open: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm SCHWABEN CLUB 50 Scheifele Pl. Breslau 519-742-7979

## **BOOK REVIEW** Lori Heffner's 'Between Worlds'



a teen one year after World War One in Europe. I have read Books 1 & 2 and am astounded at the descriptions of Donauschwaben life in Romania. I feel as if I am there with these families. These novels are insightful, and easy-to-read, with solid, life-like characters.

Barbara's review **\*\*\*\*** goodreads.com Oct 06, 2019

"This book is beautifully written, a very enjoyable story about two teen girls and their life and families living in different time periods.

Juliana is upset because her family has moved to a new community in Canada, and now lives in Kitchener, Ontario. Elizabeth is a teen living in the time frame after World War I in a small village in Romania called Semlak. She lives in different circumstances than Juliana altogether. Her home is a simple hut with dirt floors and religion and reading the Bible are a huge part of her life. Her father has traveled to America to find work; so Elizabeth feels a huge responsibility to her family, brothers and sisters.

As the story goes on, some lovely surprises occur that include connections of the two story lines. A very educational story about empathy, family bonds, the effects of War, deep friendships, loss, grief, acceptance and maturity. A very worthwhile read!"

I have purchased the entire series and am looking forward to being a part of the lives of these two families.

Catherine Thompson Kulturreferent

Visit www.loriwolfheffner.com for purchasing info

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