



SCHWABEN KLUB

DEZEMBER 2022

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50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2022/2023

Members' Night:
Every THURSDAY

Sick Benefit Members' Meeting
November 23

Friday Goulash Fundraiser
December 2

Frauengruppe
Weihnachtsessen
December 7

Christmas Luncheon
December 11

Members' Meeting
December 21

Friday Paprikash Fundraiser
January 6

Gründungsfest/
Club Anniversary
February 25

2023 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS
DUE BEFORE JANUARY 15

IMPRESSUM

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10th of the month, for the following
issue. Thank you.

Frohe Weihnachten
und ein
glückliches neues Jahr

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

The Schwaben Club's

FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 11, 2022

Hall opens 11:30 am

Lunch served 12:30 pm

Entertainment by
our Club members

(please email
entertainment@kitchenerschwabenclub.com
if you are interested in providing
entertainment.)

MENU

- ❄️ Ham
- ❄️ Scalloped Potatoes
- ❄️ Green Beans with almonds
- ❄️ Coleslaw
- ❄️ Bienenstich

member: \$25

non-member: \$30

child (7-12): \$13

children 6 & under are Free

*taxes included



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Schwaben Club

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Please register your children by November 29th
Tickets on sale until December 2nd



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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we all prepare for the holiday season, I would like to reflect on all the gifts given the club and to our membership this year;

The gift of time, through volunteering, it is said that time is the most precious gift you can give. The gift of friendship and the gift of culture and knowledge that we continue pass to our youth and growing membership.

One of my personal favourite gifts is the gift of laughter. I believe laughter is one of the best gifts you can share with someone outside of time and friendship. Of course, one of our most cherished gifts is the gift of your membership. We would not have the successful club that we have if it were not for all of you!

2023 is fast approaching, January is not only the beginning of a new year, but the start of a new board. That in mind, I would like to welcome the new board members to our team. We know that you will bring a fresh set of eyes and bold ideas.

To the Board of 2022, you all put an abundance of time and effort into your roles at our club, and I thank you for your support during some trying times this year. I could not have done my new role as Vice president this year if I had not had each of your help and support. I appreciate each and everyone of you. You helped me grow as an individual, and also allowed and showed me how to love our club more than I already did.

I also want to thank our staff on a continued job well done. You have all dug in and helped make this year great. This year brought new challenges admits the continued challenges of Covid early in the year. Your flexibility at events both then and as club returned to the more open and normal events was abundantly helpful. We continue to change and learn as we continue to grow in our new club, and I thank you for your patience and drive to assist in things running smoothly.

As the year closes, don't forget it's time to renew your memberships. This is so important as it continues our culture and the success of our club.

Please note that the club will be closed during the holidays starting December 22 2022 and reopening January 3 2023.

Lastly I hope to see everyone at our Christmas luncheon as I want to share my gift of friendship and laughter with all of you!

Prost!

Tracey Hanke

Vice President (Acting President)



MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

Frohe Weihnachten Liebe Mitglieder/
Merry Christmas Dear Members,

Wishing You all the Best during this
Holiday Season and the New year!

Wir wünschen Ihnen Alles Gute im Neuen
Jahr!

We mourn the loss of long-time member
50 year pin-recipient, Otto Mensch, and
send our condolences to his family.

Hope you come to celebrate with us at
the KSC December 11 luncheon. The
various UG are preparing entertainment
- something for everyone young and old!
Our Christmas decor adds to the warm
welcome as we celebrate Weihnachten.

2023 Membership payments are due before
January 15 in the office. Phone 519 742
7979 and leave a message; Tracy will get
back to you and get all your information to
update files.

It is a pleasure to speak to our members
either at the club or by phone, learning
more about you and the many things we
share. It has been quite the challenge for
the board to plan, host and participate in
our events this year as we adapt to a smaller
building, keep our social and cultural

groups engaged, deal with outbreaks, staffing, bylaws, and building and property improvements. We have made many gains in resolving issues and it is a work in progress. One of our proudest accomplishments besides the parking lot and patio is the Denkmal/Monument with its landscaping and installation of pavers. It is a reminder of our forefathers who made the tremendous effort to move to this great country and build a future for generations. We honour their memory by continuing the traditions through music, dance, Freundschaft, Gemuetlichkeit, hard work and pride in our heritage.

Andy Schilling is preparing for the upholstering of 250 banquet chairs with foam and fabric on order. It is a winter job as he recovers them in small groups. We look forward to their completion in the new year.

It was a time of firsts with a very successful pig roast and member's appreciation night complete with a camp-out style fire. Oktoberfest was another successful sold out event as we hosted weekend evenings and two family days with a variety of musical and dance entertainment. The decor was amazing. The board is already talking about improvements, changes and consultations to make it even better next year.

Monthly fundraisers are back; look for some winter comfort food on the menu. Summer bbq's and picnics are also on the 2023 calendar. Our website and Facebook page are updated to give you the latest menus, news and details.

As some of you have requested we are featuring more German beers and German-style wines. We are broadening our food and dessert choices and at the same time trying to keep the rising costs inline to the best of our ability.

Thanks to the efforts of the Frauengruppe committee who sell Salzstangel and Pretzels at our meetings at a reasonable price.

Danke schön Stefan Orsan for preparing fabulous Leberkäse on a bun or with eggs and pancake breakfasts on Saturdays for the Mia San soccer games. Go to the Mia San Kitchener Waterloo website or Facebook page to stay informed of events and any changes.

The board appreciates your support of bar sales, fundraisers, the Christmas market, purchase of tickets, attendance at meetings, participation in elections, set up and take down of tables, chairs and decor, making cabbage rolls and Krapfen, and putting your names forward to volunteer in all sorts of ways. We really can not do it without you and it's for all of you.

Health and mobility issues unfortunately prevent some of our beloved, long-time members from

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR DECEMBER

Herzlichen Glückwunsch An Alle Die in Dezember Feiern!

Happy Birthday to All Celebrating a December Birthday!

Best Wishes from All of us at the Kitchener Schwaben Club.

Kathy Bechtloff	1
George Edel	3
Rolf Eberl	4
Paul Rottenbacher	7
Elisabeth Bauer	8
Sarah Laws	8
Shelley Speckner	9
Vanessa Adam	12
Adam Cook	13
Martin Fischer	14
Cole Watson	16
Wolfgang Kahnke	17
Jason Hinschberger	21
Christa Hein	23
Mike Ruland	23
Susanne Schaadt	28
Joe Wallner	30
Jessica Ward	30
Christie Wolf	31

visiting as often as they would wish. Some of you are downsizing and moving but we hope to stay in touch with your family members who can bring the Nachrichten to you. As members share with me - "every day on this side of the earth is a good day". I hope and pray we all have many more days as we head into another Ontario winter with health, economic and weather challenges.

Those of you who are able to travel best wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip wherever you go.

Those of you staying in place stay well and enjoy time with family and friends.

Bleib Alle gesund, schlaf gut und bis nächstes Mal - Aufwiedersehen,

Liz O'Reilly

Membership Director & Sick Benefits Financial Secretary



FRIDAY GOULASH
FUNDRAISER FOR THE
Schwaben Club
DECEMBER 2, 2022

GOULASH MEAL <i>Goulash, spätzle, pickle</i>	\$20.35 <small>\$18.00 + HST</small>
KID'S MEAL <i>Kid's goulash, spätzle, pickle</i>	\$15.00 <small>\$13.27 + HST</small>

TAKE-OUT OR DINE-IN AVAILABLE **4:30 - 7:30 PM**

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau 519-742-7979
Credit cards and e-transfer accepted with phone orders.

DANCE INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

The Donau Dancers wish to make known that we are actively looking for a new dance instructor for our dance group. Our group of over 20 years has

5 to 10 couples and practices every Sunday evening for approximately 2 hours throughout the year (with some exceptions).

Dances will be traditional pieces as well as newly choreographed dances using many of the steps in our repertoire.

Performances typically take place at the Schwaben Club monthly events but will also include clubs in the region, various events like Oktoberfest, Christmas markets, pioneer days and by-request engagements.

Please provide your particulars to me in writing if you have an interest in the position.

Rolf Eberl

President, Donau Dancers

rolf.eberl@sedtechnologies.com

Please insert in subject line "Dance Instructor"

KINDER/JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

What a couple of very busy months it has been for the Kinder and Jugend Dance groups. On Sept 17th we celebrated Kirchweih and then only one week later we began 3 weeks of "Oktoberfest". Our dancers had a full schedule with performances at The Kitchener Market, The Museum, Concordia Club as well as both Schwaben Club Family Days. All performances were well received and our dancers made our club proud. Finally we ended off with marching in the parade to the cheers of thousands of enthusiastic people lining the street.

The coming weeks bring lots more fun and culture with Schachtfest on Nov 19 and the Christmas Luncheon on Dec 11.

At this time I would like to welcome Brian Schummer as the new president of the Kinder/Jugend dance group. Brian has been a solid supporter of our group as vice president and I am sure under his leadership our group will continue to strive and grow.

Mike Kleser
Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



Schwaben Club

Kindergruppe / Jugendgruppe

Do you have children between the ages of 4 and 15?

We provide a positive social environment for kids while they learn traditional Schwaben dances.

They will build on their self-esteem and confidence as they perform at club events.

Contact us at schwabekindergruppe@gmail.com
50 Scheifele Pl, Breslau

We practice every Thursday at 6:30PM in the main hall.

Come on out!

YOUTH NEWS

Fröhliche Weihnachten! Merry Christmas! This time of year allows for us to pause and reflect on 2022, what we have accomplished over the year, and the memories made with the friends and family we have spent time with. We also look forward to planning what we want to undertake in 2023.

Our untergruppe has again reached new heights by holding our first Rosenball which was a great success, our 2nd annual event will take place in May 2023. We strive to be a social group that encourages cultural learning and we did that this past year by hosting the Ballroom dance classes, games nights, our annual Halloween night event, encouraging our youth to participate in the Clubs cabbage roll and Krapfen making days, our Christmas event, and travelling to other Club's to take part in celebrating our common culture with them.

We are welcoming Ray Tomchick and Angelina Thompson to our committee and their role will be as a part of a subcommittee that will help assist with planning and executing a fun event for our group to take part in for 2023. We are excited to have extra hands on board to make the workload lighter for our existing executive leaders who will continue in their roles.

We are also in the planning stages for fundraisers for 2023 and look forward to releasing the information for that soon.

Wir wünschen allen ein besinnliches und wunderschönes Weihnachtsfest. Frohes neues Jahr!

Lea and Emma Becker & Lena and Shay Herold
Freundschaftsgruppe Leaders



FREUNDSCHAFTSGRUPE DECEMBER EVENT

Walk through the Christmas lights display at Waterloo Park and then back to the Club for Games Night

DECEMBER 16TH MEETING AT 7PM AT ENTRANCE TO THE PARK OFF SEAGRAM DRIVE

PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EVENING TO AND FROM THE PARK AND TO AND FROM THE CLUB

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS FOR THE EVENING IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST PIZZA CAN BE ORDERED AT YOUR EXPENSE CONTACT SCHWABYOUTH@GMAIL.COM IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

Our November meeting was made special with delicious treats brought in by Katie N., who baked Torten to celebrate her birthday. We also completed a few more fleece blankets for the Christmas Market held at our club later in the month.

The Frauengruppe Elections were held in November. Congratulations to Lea Becker, Vice President and Jen Orsan, Treasurer 1. At the meeting, it was decided that the secretary position will be combined with the vice president's position.

The Frauengruppe Vorstand and all members would like to thank the out-going Director at Large, Lena Herold. Thank you, Lena for all your support, your ideas, your hard work and dedication to our group. You are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our volunteers who helped with our Frauengruppe crafts table and served the yummy treats from the kitchen during the Christmas Market held in November. Volunteers are priceless – thank you all so much!

Please mark your calendars for our Frauengruppe Weihnachtessen to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 p.m. Please reserve your spot by calling Barb at 519-571-7043 – or contact via group's email at kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com. If you require a ride to our event, please call the club office and leave a message. Car pooling can be arranged.



FRAUENGRUPPE WEIHNACHTSESSEN

Wednesday Dec. 7th at the club
starting at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP by Monday, Dec. 5th – by
calling Barb at 519-571-7043 or
by email at

kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com

Need a ride – car pooling can be
arranged – please call club office at
519-742 - 7979

As we head into the Holiday season, let us reflect on all the wonders we are Blessed with and rejoice with family and friends.

Advent by Rainer Maria Rilke

*Es treibt der Wind im Winterwalde
die Flockenherde wie ein Hirt
und manche Tanne ahnt, wie balde
sie fromm und lichterheilig wird,
und lauscht hinaus. Den weißen Wegen
streckt sie die Zweige hin, bereit
und wehrt dem Wind und wächst entgegen
der einen Nacht der Herrlichkeit.*

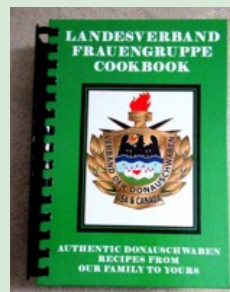
*There in the wintry forest the wind blows
a flock of snowflakes like a shepherd,
and many a fir-tree guesses how soon
it will be pious with holy lights,
and listens. Towards the white path
it stretches out its branches, ready,
and braving the wind and growing toward
that one Night of Glory.*

Stay tuned for what's "new" in the New Year! Wishing you and yours a most wonderful Holiday Season – from all of us –

Barb, Lea, Lena, Penny & Jen
Your Frauengruppe Vorstand

*Das alte Jahr ist jetzt bald futsch, drum wünsch
ich dir einen guten Rutsch. Glück soll uns das neue
Jahr gestalten und wir bleiben hoffentlich die alten!*
*The New Year will soon be gone, and so I wish you
a good year. May luck the New Year us bring and
we the same old pals still be.*

Share the
joys of our
ancestors



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Landesverband
Frauengruppe
Cookbook
authentic
Donauschwaben
Recipes from our
Family to yours



\$5
One Big Family
the Schwaben Cookbook

*A wonderful way to keep family ties strong
through the love of food.*

Get yours today – don't delay!

Contact the Frauengruppe or call the club office during
regular business hours to reserve your book today.

OTTO MENSCH



Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of his family, on Friday, October 21, 2022 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of the late Alice (2011). Loving partner of Mary Stammwitz. Loving father of Richard (Joy) Mensch and Tony Mensch.

Cherished grandfather of Olivia and Heidi.

Predeceased by brothers Ernst (Anne), Reimund (Helga) and Waldemar Mensch (Christa).

Otto was an avid soccer fan, had a passion for music and loved to travel, especially to Acapulco.

Otto's family will receive relatives and friends from 12-12:45 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. Memorial service will take place in the funeral home chapel at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. For those unable to attend, the service may be viewed via livestream at

<https://www.henrywalsers.com/live-streaming>

Interment at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Grand River Hospital Foundation - Cancer Center would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home).

Visit www.henrywalsers.com for Otto's memorial.

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for all December games
and updates.*

Presidents Oktoberfest Luncheon hosted by the Schwaben Club



THE SCHWABEN CLUB'S HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Please note the office will be closed
starting December 22, 2022 and reopening January 3, 2023

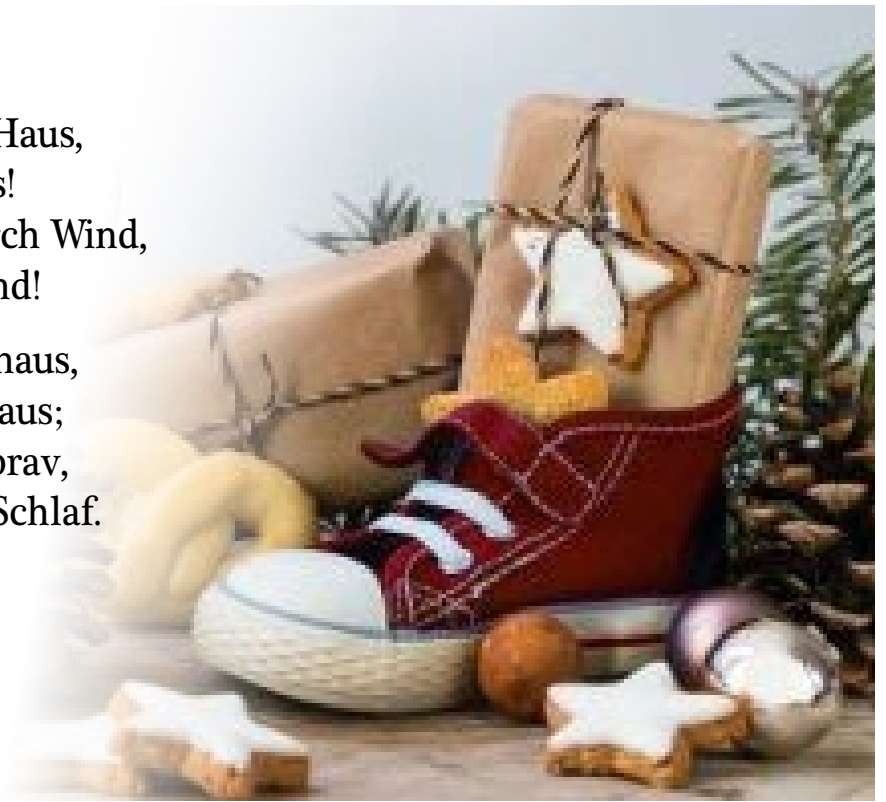


Der Nikolaus

Glöcklein klingt von Haus zu Haus,
heute kommt der Nikolaus!
Kommt durch Schnee, kommt durch Wind,
kommt zu jedem braven Kind!

Ihr Kinder, stellt die Schuh' hinaus,
denn heute kommt der Nikolaus;
und wart ihr immer gut und brav,
dann lohnt's euch Nikolaus im Schlaf.

Nikolaus Tag
(St. Nicholas Day)
December 6



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FUN!**



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