



SCHWABEN KLUB

JANUAR 2023

# nachrichten

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

www.kitchenerschwabenclub.com

## Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2023

Members' Night:  
Every THURSDAY

Christmas Decoration Takedown  
January 9

Members' Meeting  
January 18

Friday Goulash Fundraiser  
February 3

Members' Meeting  
February 15

Gründungsfest/  
Club Anniversary  
February 25

Frauengruppe Meeting  
March 7

Members' Meeting: March 15

Miss Schwaben Ball 2023  
March 25

2023 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS  
DUE BEFORE JANUARY 15

## 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

# 92 GRÜNDUNGSFEST ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, February 25, 2023



## Menu

Roasted  
Red Pepper  
Soup

Roast Beef

Red Cabbage  
with Apples

Boiled  
Potatoes

Black Forest  
Cake

Schwaben  
Club

50 Scheifele Pl.  
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Band:  
Variations

Member  
\$35  
(30.97 + HST)

Non-Member  
\$42  
(37.17 + HST)

Child (7-12)  
\$15  
(13.27 + HST)

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Doors open:  
5 pm  
Dinner: 6 pm



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy 2023. After a year off, I'm back and newly invigorated to take on the challenges ahead.

Let me start by thanking all those that took up the reins to lead the club for the last year. We are all still figuring out how things best work at the new location, which makes each event a challenge upon itself. Things for the most part went well, but there is still room for improvement.

My responsibility as president is to ensure the purpose of the club, which is to maintain the Donauschwaben Culture, takes precedent. To accomplish this we need a place to come together (done) and people interested in being involved. Included with the Nachrichten is a questionnaire I ask each member to fill out. Your answers will provide direction to the Board and I on what we need to focus on for the next two years to increase involvement. Please take the time to fill it out and either email me a copy (president@kitchenschwabensclub.com) or drop it off at the office by January 8th so I can summarize the results for the February Nachrichten.

In previous years I would commonly get asked about who to talk to on the board about a specific question or concern, so I've put together the following brief summary:

1. **President** – overall direction of the club.
2. **Vice President** – fundraising events, food/bar services and staffing.
3. **Cultural** – cultural activities and events, contact for Cultural groups to the board
4. **Entertainment** – social activities and events, board contact for group affiliated with the club.
5. **Membership** – updating your address/email information. Sick benefit budget and finances.
6. **Communication** – advertising online or in the Nachrichten, switching how you receive the Nachrichten (or getting a copy if you do not already).
7. **Treasurer** – operational budget and finances.
8. **Haus and Hof** – repairs and maintenance to the building and lands. How to cut grass.
9. **Archive** – requests for club branded clothing and materials. Access to historical materials.
10. **Flag Bearer** – condition of flags and other club artifacts on display.
11. **Secretary** – copies of Constitutions, Club policies and procedures.

Looking forward to an exciting 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenn Herold*

*President*

**PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for club events must be paid for by the ticket ordering deadline. Paying at the door on the day of the event will no longer be permitted beginning January 2023.**

*Deadline to submit applications for Miss Schwaben 2023 is February 25.*



**Schwaben Club  
Vorstandswahl / Election 2023**

**Praesident/President  
Glenn Herold**

**Protokoll-Sekretar/Recording- Secretary  
Neil Hoffman**

**Kassierer/Treasurer  
Nickolas Leipold**

**Vergnuegungs Sekretar/Entertainment Secretary  
Thomas Drung**

**Fahnentraeger/Flag Bearer  
John Becker**

**Kulturreferentin/Culture Secretary  
(1 Year Term)  
Monika Hoedl**

# MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder/Dear Members,

It's a new Year 2023!

Wishing everyone health, happiness and peace!

Herzliche Glückswuensche für ein gesundes neues Jahr!

We mourn the loss of two members who passed in

November & December, 2022.

Ruhe in Frieden/Rest in Peace!

Theresa Kniess

Anna Koenig

Josef Offak

We send our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones. / Unser tiefstes Beileid an die Familien.

Welcome/Willkommen to new members:

Sandra and Randall Brook

Jacqueline and Adam Hewson

Wally Pirker and Rita MacIsaac

Michael Wirth

Best Wishes on the 60th Wedding Anniversary to Katherina and Heinrich Ungar, members for over 50 years at our club. Heinrich used to bartend and Katherina made wonderful gingerbread houses as fundraisers for the club; both daughters were active participants within the club as were their grandchildren. We wish you many more happy years in your home together!

We thank Josef (Seppi) Hoedl, Stefan Orsan, Peter Speckner and Cathy Thompson for their years of service to the KSC and best wishes as they leave the board. A warm welcome and congratulations are extended to new board members: John Becker, Flagbearer, Thomas Drung, Entertainment, Monika Hoedl, Culture, and Glenn Herold, returning-President. They have already begun adding their various talents, commitment and willingness to put in the hours working together organizing, planning and attending meetings.

Danke schön to those members who attended the November club elections/members meeting and the SB/KUV meeting. There was progress made in policies involving discussions and group decision-making. Next SB meeting in the spring. Stay tuned.

Parking lot safety improvements, monument landscaping and benches, main hall decoration, members' lounge and museum beautification and Oktoberfest planning and changes for the better are all projects being developed. I hear the 2023 Oktoberfest decor will transport us to Muenchen/Munich.

Often we hear the positive comments of our members and event attendees about the beautiful property, the friendliness and welcoming, safe, friendly atmosphere of our club: our board and staff are working hard

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# GEBURTSTAGE FÜR JANUAR

Herzlichen Glückwunsch an Alle die in Januar feiern!

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrate in January

Karen Bollenbach	1
Garry Hardy	1
John Hild Jr.	1
Margareth Messmer	1
Lisa Schaadt	1
Heiko Walder	3
Eva Jaronski	4
Jade Lang	4
Werner Haas	5
Dana Rea	6
Karen Braun	7
Jennifer Randall	8
Adolphine Falkenberg	12
Paul Schneider	14
Tim Strub	15
Debra Vickman	16
Ursula Hesch	18
Margaret Willyung	18
Shayla Herold	19
Andre Killingbeck	19
Hedwig Schaatka	19
Melissa Ferguson	21
Stephen Brattan	22
Margarete Schilling	23
Llewellyn Robinson	24
Hans Peter Malthaner	25
Mark Mycyk	27
Amy Lantz	27
Frederick Gerdei	28
Andrew Schalm	28
Michael Cook	29
Rolf Malthaner	30
Lena Soenser	30

**Reminder:** 2023 Kitchener Schwaben Club Membership fees are due before January 15, 2023. A \$30 penalty is applied to late payments. Call Tracy 519 742 7979 in the office. Also note office will be closed from December 22 to January 2, 2023.

FRIDAY  
**GOULASH**  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE

**Schwaben Club**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2023**



**GOULASH MEAL**      **\$20.35**  
*Goulash, spätzle, pickle*      \$18.00 + HST

**KID'S MEAL**      **\$15.00**  
*Kid's goulash, spätzle, pickle*      \$13.27 + HST

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

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**Miss Schwaben Ball 2023**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Menu**  
Butternut  
Squash  
Soup  
Chicken  
in a  
White Wine  
Sauce  
Garlic  
Mashed  
Potatoes  
Cheesecake



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**Member**  
**\$33**  
*(29.20 + HST)*

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**\$40**  
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towards these goals for everyone.

It was wunderbar seeing so many of you and Mia San members out for the World Cup soccer tournaments shown on our big screen. Camaraderie and love of soccer are another fantastic way of showing our culture. Much appreciated/Vielen Dank to the bartenders and Stefan for his special Gulasch on the menu as well as sausages, fries, sauerkraut and pretzels. Soccer, good German beer and food make for wonderful Kameradschaft. Special danke schön to Mia San for their donation of two patio heaters which came in handy for our patio Oktoberfest patrons.

A word of caution: they get hot to the touch-ouch!

Gruendungsfest is upon us February 25 and Miss Schwaben in March with subsidized pricing to encourage more members to participate. Hope to see many of you at our cultural events that support our many dance groups and club activities. Please contact Tracy Ruland in the office for tickets 519 742 7979 as often these events are sold out. If no answer please leave a message and she will get back to you.

At the time of writing there are no mandates to mask at our events. It is an individual choice to do so as are getting flu shots or vaccinations. Stay safe and healthy everyone!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*

**HANS SCHAADT**  
**YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD 2023**

**A GLIMPSE INTO OUR CULTURE**

**SUBMISSION DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 15th, 2023**

Criteria

1. Submission of a photo, drawing or article from a current or past Kitchener Schwaben Club Member with a written description or story (up to 500 words). Submission should relate to our Schwabian Culture.
2. Must be a Kitchener Schwaben Club Member between the ages of 4-25

**\$200 REIMBURSEMENT TO CHOSEN RECIPIENT AND NAME ADDED TO DISPLAY PLAQUE**

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### IN MEMORIAM 2022

We mourn the loss of dear beloved Members and extend our Sympathy to their loved ones.

Wir trauern um lieben Mitglieder.

Wir senden Ihnen unser tiefstes Beileid.

*Rest in Peace  
Ruhe in Frieden*



**Susan Elter  
Elisabeth Groh  
Josef Findeis  
Theresa Kniess  
Anna Koenig  
Karl Marx  
Otto Mensch  
Margaret Neidert  
Josef Offak  
June Audrey Schwartz  
Sibylla Wingrad**

# FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

Happy New Year to all our members and their families. We hope that your Holidays were filled with love, laughter, and good times with family and friends.

The Frauengruppe held their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 7th at the club with a traditional meal that included our famous Donauschwaben homemade hamburgers, potato salad, variety of toppings and of course dessert. A special thank you to our honorary member and chef – Stefan Orsan – who made the delicious burgers from his own Donauschwaben recipe. Thank you again for all the wonderfully delicious foods and your support for our group.

The evening concluded with discussions of possible future outings, games, and a sing along lead by our members Emma Becker and her mom Lea.

We will be taking a ‘winter break’ and hope to be back in full swing with our first meeting of 2023 on Wednesday, March 7th – with elections for Vice President and Secretary – and then our Filmnachtmittag back on Sunday, March 12th.

We would like to thank Lea Becker for all her years of help, support, and guidance in her various roles on the committee as well as member. Thank you, Lea, we wish you all the best in your new adventures.

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



## MAKING KRAPFEN FOR SCHLACHTFEST



Everyone is invited to join us at a traditional Schwaben Shower for **Jessica Hill & Tye Herold**

We will shower them with good wishes as they prepare for their marriage in April.



Enjoy an afternoon of games, traditional Schwaben burgers, and treats.

**Sunday, March 19th, 2023**

**12:30pm \$25/person**

**Schwaben Club**

Please RSVP by March 5th:

Helga Peller-Eberl, 519-496-6175

or Lena Herold, 519-222-7624

# SCHLACHTFEST & MR. SCHWABEN



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
MR. SCHWABEN 2023 - COLE WATSON!



# CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



## SCHWABEN DANCERS

After a successful summer bus trip, the Schwaben Dancers hosted another group on December 3rd for a holiday-themed day in Niagara. We wanted to



take a moment to thank everyone who supported. The trip included a shopping stop at the Niagara Outlets, an afternoon at Fallsview casino and

downtown Niagara, a Christmas ice skating show, and an evening drive through the Christmas lights along the Niagara Parkway. Fundraisers such as these are important to our group, and we hope to host more throughout 2023!



Practice for 2023 resumes on Sunday, January 8th. We practice Sundays from 3:30-6:00pm at the club, and we are always welcoming new members! If you know anybody aged 16+ who is interested, or you are interested yourself, please feel free to come by a practice or email [SchwabenDancers@gmail.com](mailto:SchwabenDancers@gmail.com) for more information. No experience needed, just a positive attitude and interest in German folk dance!

*Erin Wetzel*

*Schwaben Dancers President*

## KINDER/JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone's holiday season went well. For me, this will be a year of renewal as there was a lot of change in my life last year. And there has also been change within our dance group. As you know, I am the new President of the Kindergruppe and we now have a full Dance Committee again. I want to welcome all the new members who are volunteering their time for this endeavour. Thank you for your efforts so far. I would also like to thank Mike Kleser for his years of leading the group. I am looking forward to creating some new traditions as well as holding on to the ones that are near and dear to us. This will be a year of growth in many different ways. We are currently looking for new dancers between the ages of 4 and 15. If you know of anybody please contact us at [schwabenkindergruppe@gmail.com](mailto:schwabenkindergruppe@gmail.com).

Our current dance season has so far been quite busy as we have adopted our full schedule again. Our Christkindl performance last month was almost spoiled by the rainy weather but our dancers didn't let that stop them as they went ahead and danced anyway. January will offer us a little break as our next event will be Grundungsfest in February and we are looking forward to it. It may seem distant but I see it as time to relax, reflect on the old year and regroup for a strong new year ahead.

*Brian Schumer*

*Kinder/Jugendgruppe President*



*The Kindergruppe & Jugendgruppe performing at the Christkindl Market despite the cold, windy & rainy weather*





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### Upcoming Bayern Munich Games in January:

Friday, January 20	2:30pm	FC Bayern vs RB Leipzig	Bundesliga
Tuesday, January 24	2:30pm	FC Bayern vs FC Köln	Bundesliga
Saturday, January 28	12:30pm	FC Bayern vs Eintracht Frankfurt	Bundesliga

Games and start times may be subject to change. Please check our website [www.miasankw.ca](http://www.miasankw.ca) and our facebook page Mia San Kitchener-Waterloo for updates.

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## Theresa Kniess



November 8th, 1927 - November 20th, 2022

Mama Theresa passed away peacefully on the sunny morning of Sunday, November 20, 2022 shortly after celebrating her 95th birthday on November 8, 2022.

Beloved wife of the late George Kniess, mother to Robert (Maxine), sister to her most cherished confidant Helen and her

late husband John Putschli, first daughter of the late Christian and Magdalena Rederer.

Aunt to her favourites, George (Lauren), John (Georgia) and Rosemary (Mike) as well as their respective children and spouses.

Theresa worked tirelessly throughout her life, suffered immensely through World War 2, and other challenges of immigrating to Canada in early 1950.

Her hobbies included gardening, quilting and needle point; she was an amazing cook and baker of German treats. Theresa was a longstanding member of the Schwaben club where they celebrated their life in Canada and was a lifelong worshipper at St Francis Roman Catholic Church.

The family would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the people who cared for Theresa during her journey home to God. This includes all the staff at Winston Park where she spent 7 years and at Sunnyside LTC more recently.

A private family funeral will take place on Friday November 25, 2022 at Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. Interment to follow at Woodland Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers, donations to the St Mary's Hospital Foundation or the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated to celebrate her life of service to all.

The world lost a truly special person, with the kindest heart and soul. May she rest in peace.

Visit [www.henrywalsers.com](http://www.henrywalsers.com) for Theresa's memorial.

## Anna Koenig (nee: Killian)



August 23rd, 1927 - November 17th, 2022

Passed away on November 17, 2022 at Columbia Forest Nursing Home at the age of 95.

Beloved wife of Richard Koenig of almost 72 years.

Loving mom of Rose (Sam) and Rick (Margriet).

Dear Nanny of: Mark (Donni), Kyle (Kelly), Sarah (Shawn) and Daniel.

Cherished great-nanny of: Lauren, Luke, Jeremy, Justin, Bryce, Brynn, Jacob and Ellie.

She is survived by her sister Katheryn (John) Schuster.

She deeply loved her family and was always happiest when she was with them.

Anna was also dedicated to Koenig Jewelers that she owned and ran with her husband Richard for 30 years.

Anna's family will receive relatives and friends from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022 at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. A memorial will be held in the funeral home chapel at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join the family for a time of fellowship and reception. Private Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home).

Visit [www.henrywalsers.com](http://www.henrywalsers.com) for Anna's memorial.

## Josef "Sepp" Offak



August 16th, 1940 - December 11th, 2022

It is with heavy hearts and sorrow that we inform you of the peaceful passing of Josef "Sepp" Offak, on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

A happy, loving, positive, hardworking, energetic and kind husband, father, Opa and friend. He shared his happiness, joy of life and music, humour and love with everyone. He was a talented carpenter, passionate musician, great gymnast, inspirational coach and soccer player. With a big smile on his face, there wasn't anything Joe couldn't do. We will miss him immensely forever. We love you so much.

Beloved husband of Maria (nee Sertic) for over 50 years. Loving father of Eric (Nada), Heidi (Michael Gregoric) and Michael (Jennifer). Proud Opa of Nicolas, Jonathon,

Anthony, Katerina, Oliver, Andrea, Daniela, Brooklyn and Natalie. Predeceased by his siblings Anna, Anton, Maria, Viktor and Emma. Fondly remembered by many extended family members and close friends.

Joe's family will receive relatives and friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick St. Kitchener (519) 749-8467. Prayers at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Mass at St. Mary's RC Church, 56 Duke St. Kitchener, on Thursday December 15, 2022 at 10 a.m. Those unable to attend may view Joe's service on Thursday via the following live stream link: <https://www.henrywalsers.com/live-streaming>

Interment Woodland Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy donations to St. Mary's RC Church would be appreciated (cards available at the funeral home).

Visit [www.henrywalsers.com](http://www.henrywalsers.com) to view Joe's memorial.

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**nachrichten**

