



SCHWABEN KLUB

FEBRUAR 2023

nachrichten

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2023

Members' Night:
Every THURSDAY

Friday Goulash Fundraiser
February 3

Members' Meeting: February 15

Family Day Fun: February 20

Gründungsfest/Club Anniversary
February 25

Frauengruppe Meeting: March 1

Filmnachmittag: March 12

Members' Meeting: March 15

Miss Schwaben Ball 2023
March 25

Sick Benefit Members' Meeting
March 29

Kinder/Jugendgruppe
Spaghetti Fundraiser
April 15

Canadian Verband Meeting &
Landestrachtenfest Kitchener
April 22

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CANADIAN SCHWABEN SICK BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Celebrating 92 years
of Donauschwaben
culture, history and traditions!



**INDOOR &
OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES**

CRAFTS

GAMES



FREE
12 & UNDER
\$5
13 & OLDER

**11 AM
- 3 PM**

FAMILY DAY FUN

Monday, February 20, 2023



**ICE CREAM
SUNDAE &
HOT CHOCOLATE
STATIONS**

(additional fees for ice cream &
hot chocolate, toppings included)



Menu Items (Take-out or Dine-in)

Schnitzel on a Bun (with sauerkraut) \$10.00
Combo with fries \$13.00

Sausage on a Bun (with sauerkraut) \$8.00
Combo with fries \$11.00

Kids' Meals
Schnitzel Finger Combo \$13.27
(with fries & juice)

Oktoberfest Sausage Combo \$13.27
(with fries & juice)

*See full menu for more drink and beverage options
Taxes not included

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10th of the month, for the following
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone that completed the 2023 Questionnaire. We had a good number of responses from most of the age ranges (children excluded), from all membership types and Untergruppen, and from brand new through 40+ year members. Although there were a number of very insightful comments made that will be shared with the Executive, I will only be providing herein a quick overview of the overall results and more commonly stated comments:

1. People primarily joined the club either because of family connections (either Donauschwaben or German), to participate in one of the social or cultural groups, or because of a positive first experience at the club that brought them back.
2. Over 75% said the club has met their needs. Overall impression of the club received a ranking of 3.81 out of 5. Only one person gave a ranking of below 3.
3. It was an even split on if the purpose of the club has changed over time. For those that said it has changed, typically they either originally joined because of family, friends or a specific group, but have over time either created new friendships and/or gained an increased personal appreciation of their culture.
4. It was also an even split on if the purpose of the club will change for you/your family in the future. For those that said it will change, typically they hope to have their own children be part of the club and share in the positive experiences.
5. When asked to rate various different elements of the club, areas that needed improvement were the website/social media, the Nachrichten and service of the Executive. Location of the building, condition/appearance of the building and lands, and service of the staff were positive.
6. Areas of improvement that were repeatedly expressed included having more all ages and/or lower cost social events, having more events in the Biergarten in the summer (possibly with live entertainment), and increasing opportunities to learn about the Donauschwaben culture.
7. Repeated specific recommendations included improving exterior lighting and access to the back yard parking lot, improving the quality of the meals, upgrading the social media to promote the social aspect (to entice new members), and discouraging the entitled/poor attitude of select members.
8. Specific social events that received the highest interest were Oktoberfest Family Day,

Cooking Classes, evening campfires and February Family Day. Mayfest, German lessons, fishing tournaments, Donauschwabentag, Weinlesefest, Easter Egg Hunt and Schnitzengiggle were requested. A "New Members Night" was an interesting concept to let new members learn more about what the club is about and meet everyone.

9. A "suitable" price for a dinner/dance ranged from \$25 to \$60, with the majority being around \$30 to \$40. Attendance would increase with lower costs, as some (particularly families and those with lower incomes) cannot afford to go. The concept of subsidizing events was an even split; who received the subsidy varied from club members (to promote attendance to cultural events) to volunteers (as a thank you for helping) to non-club members (to encourage them to attend).

10. There was slightly more no's on placing an expectation on members to volunteer.

11. There is a desire to keep the club around as long as possible, but also an underlying fear that the club will only remain for between 10 and 30 years. The fear is based on membership retention and not financial concerns.

As I said above, there were many insightful comments made. I hope, over the next 2 years, to improve everyone's experience at the club while increasing the awareness of our culture.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold

President

MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder/Dear Members,

In December we lost another dear, long-time member, Josef Offak, and we send his family our sincere Condolences. Unser tiefstes Beileid. Ruhe in Frieden, Josef.

Welcome new members/Willkommen: Ryan Barr, Felix Bonn and Keith Day.

What can you do to make your club membership worthwhile? Attend member's meetings, keep informed as to what's going on, express your opinion, volunteer, make new friends, stay socially connected, join one of our dance groups, table tennis or Mia San. If you have children or teens come out on a Thursday evening and check out the Kinder- and Jugendgruppe dance practice. Lots of fun and Kameradschaft!

Danke schön to all those who have paid their membership fees. \$30 late fee applies to payments received after Jan.15/23. Contact Tracy 519 742 7979 for assistance.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Gruendungsfest, our anniversary dinner, and the Miss Schwaben gala. Help us celebrate and honour the pin recipients and Volunteers of the year on February 25. These are popular events so get your tickets at your earliest convenience.

On April 22 the club with the Verband leadership is hosting the 2023 Landestrachtenfest which is an evening showcasing our DS Tracht, culture and traditions. We invite other DS clubs to join us for this celebration. We will feature our traditional Tracht with an Einmarsch and parade of Tracht wearers including ladies and gentlemen of all ages. Get involved and let us know of your interest in participating or volunteering your talents. We have ladies' Tracht to model and any member can volunteer and attend a fitting. We are looking for all UG to participate with their amazing energy and talents. A poster will give more details.

Many of you have attended for years and have an understanding of what to wear to our various occasions. I usually check with one of the ladies to see what is customary for a dress code. For our gentlemen black trousers, black vest and white shirt are considered Tracht attire. Casual suits or trousers and dress shirt are also acceptable.

For Gründungsfest and Miss Schwaben dinners dress is more formal. Ladies may choose to wear either cocktail dresses, business casual or evening wear. For Kirchweih, Oktoberfest and Schlachtfest dirndls or business casual are the norm. Men may choose to wear Lederhosen at Oktoberfest or for any casual Biergarten or Festplatz function.

To learn more about our monthly Fundraising dinners find the latest information in our Newsletter; on our Facebook page or website.

Be social with us! Bitte geniessen Sie unsere Gesellschaft!

Liz O'Reilly

Membership Director & Sick Benefits Financial Secretary

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR FEBRUAR

Herzlichen Glueckwunsch an alle die Im Februar feiern!

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrate in February!

Siegfried Speckner	3
Anneliese Kraehling	5
Andreas Klein	6
Michael Heitmann	9
Owen Hennessey	9
Ingrid Kauck	9
Nick Heffner	12
Sean McKee	12
Quinn Hanley	16
Walter Schmidt	16
Joan Adam	17
Peter O'Reilly	17
Katharina Kraehling	18
Skye Weber	21
Rosemarie Gellner	24
Laura Bowman	25
Brian Schummer	26
Tim Beckett	29
Liz O'Reilly	29



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

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50 Scheifele Pl.
Breslau
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Band:
Variations

Member

\$35
(30.97 + HST)

Non-Member

\$42
(37.17 + HST)

Child (7-12)

\$15
(13.27 + HST)

Children 6 & under free

Doors open:
5 pm

Dinner: 6 pm

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



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)

Non Member

\$40
(35.40 + HST)

Child (7-12)

\$15
(13.27 + HST)

Children 6 & under free

Doors open: 5 pm

Dinner: 6 pm

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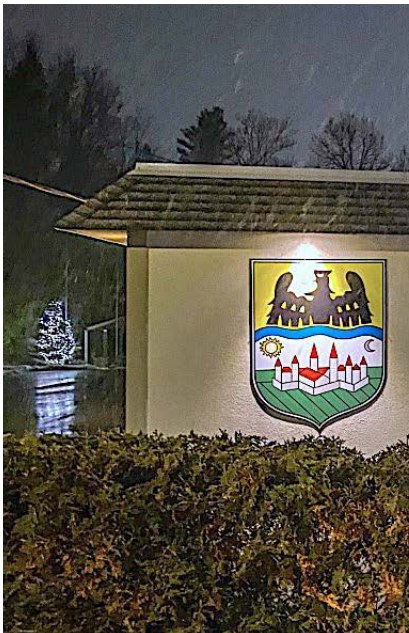
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*Deadline
to submit
applications
for
Miss Schwaben
2023
is February 25.*

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schwabenclub.com*



*Some snowy winter cheer
outside of the Club*

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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**SUBMIT TO
rl@thinkers.ca**

FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

There's nothing like a walk through the Wonders of Winter lights display at Waterloo Park to capture some Christmas spirit! The Freundschaftgruppe gathered in December to enjoy the Festival of Lights and met afterward at the Club to enjoy some snacks and demonstrate their wit in a few lively Jackbox games.

We are hoping to plan more social evenings so please make sure to send us your ideas!

Rosenball 2023 is in the works, and we have the date booked for May 27th. This year we will showcase some traditional Donauschwaben dances. We will be offering instruction and practices for all interested Schwaben Club members ages 13 and older to create a blended group of dancers. More information, including dates and times, will be available in next month's issue of the Nachrichten. If this is something that interests you, please feel free to reach out to us at: schwabyouth@gmail.com.

Lea, Lena, Emma, Shay, Angelina, and Ray
Freundschaftgruppe Committee



KINDER/JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

Since the new year started, we have been busy with our regular practice in preparation for Grundungsfest and are looking forward to performing again. Last year, we had a "bring your own friend" night and it was a success. We have scheduled another one for the beginning of February and hope to attract some new members. The kids enjoyed it.

Miss Schwaben will be our event for March and then our famous Spaghetti Dinner will be in April. We are hoping for another great turn out. Thanks to all who have supported our group in the past.

Brian Schumer

Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



SAVE THE DATE Landestrachtenfest

*Hosted by the
Schwaben Club of Kitchener*

Saturday, April 22, 2023



*More
details
to
come*



FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

Welcome 2023! May the New Year bring happiness, joy, laughter, love, and good health to all our members.

Meetings are “on pause” until March. There are 3 positions that have not been filled on the board for 2023. I urge ALL members in good standing to consider running for one of the available positions. It is important that these positions be filled as without a committee, the group can not go forward. This group is one of the backbone to the club!

There are changes happening in the Frauengruppe. The Constitution review is on going. The need to update and include all members is very important. The work started by Cathy T has been appreciated. Thank you, Cathy. Monika H is working on the review however another person or two to help would be appreciated. It is a very important task. The Frauengruppe Constitution was written and adopted in 1936 and needs to be updated.

I would like to extend my thanks to those who have supported me during my presidency. I hoped that I have left a positive legacy of establishing community involvement, building a more social group, and always staying true to our founding members’ mission – to preserve, honour, respect and protect our Donauschwaben heritage.

I leave wishing all members the best. I wish the interim co-presidents, Jen Orsan and Penny Hanke the best as they prepare for the March elections.

Again, to those who helped and supported me as president, thank you.

Barb Schlosser Hill

Former Frauengruppe President

MESSAGE FROM FRAUENGRUPPE CO-PRESIDENTS

In addition to the above, a small group of members and most of the board members had a wonderful outing to the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge to see “Sound of Music” presented by Drayton Entertainment. The show was incredible and the performers were fantastic. As you are watching the show you felt you were actually in the movie. The backdrops and background were spectacular and realistic. Everyone who made it out had a great time even though the weather had other thoughts. In the end everyone was able to drive safely home even though at times it was a white out conditions and slippery roads.



We wish our past president, Barb all the best on future endeavors and will miss your passion and knowledge of the culture and the club.

First meeting back from the winter break will be Wednesday March 1st at 7:00pm. Anyone who is interested in one of the board positions please email kwschwabenfrauengruppe@gmail.com for more information and/or details or you can contact Jen or Penny. All candidates must have their nomination forms in before 6:30pm on March 1st. Candidates

must be in good standing with both the club and Frauengruppe and must have a minimum of 3 months participation in the Frauengruppe.

President - One year term
(March to December 2023)

Vice President – Two-year term
(March 2023 to December 2025)

Secretary – One year term
(March to December 2023)

Reminder the first Filmmachmittag for 2023 is schedule for Sunday March 12th at the club. Keep an eye out for the poster that will be announced soon.



WHEN: 50 Scheifele Place, Breslau (Schwaben Club)

WHERE: Sunday March 12, 2023

TIME: 1:00pm (doors open at 12:30pm)

Beverages and desserts will be available for purchase; admission is donation at the door. Please

keep in mind this is our year round fundraiser for the Frauengruppe, your support is always appreciated.

Auf Wiedersehen,

Jen Orsan & Penny Hanke
Interim Co-Presidents



SCHWABEN CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2023



ONE DAY POP UP DRESS SALE

SATURDAY
MARCH 4, 2023
10:00 AM - 6:00PM
LONG DRESSES
\$50-\$75
SHORT DRESSES
\$25-\$50

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CLEANING UP THE CHRISTMAS DÉCOR AT THE CLUB



Shayla Herold - Miss Schwaben 2022



I am Shayla Herold, many of the members would know me as Shay. I am honoured to be your Miss Schwaben 2022! I have been an active Club member for many years.

I danced with the Kindergruppe, Jugendgruppe and now dance with the Schwaben Dancers. I have been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since I was 16 and enjoy coming to play Bingo. I am one of the Youth Leaders at the Kitchener Schwaben club as well as the Canadian Verband and the World Verband. I was elected as the Landesjugendleiterin, or Youth Leader, representing jugend across Canada. In this position, I share upcoming Canadian Donauschwaben activities and news with international youth and I am the spokesperson for Canadian youth. In my spare time I make jewellery for my small business, Ruthven's Raven. I also volunteer outside of the Schwaben Club and have enhanced my communications skills by hosting a local talk show on Rogers TV, "Generation Z". As well as working with the local highschools as a public speaker.

I take great pride to represent our Club within our community as it allows me the ability to share my love and appreciation for my culture and traditions. The Schwaben Club holds a special place in my heart and the members are an extension of my family. Danke schön.

GOULASH FUNDRAISER

The Club's next Goulash Fundraiser is coming up Friday, February 3, 2023.



Don't miss out on this comforting meal that's recipe has been passed down and taught to generations of club members.

Special thanks to the retired Schwaben Dancers

who volunteered to cook up this batch (Shelley & Richard Speckner, Sheri & Chris Thompson and Andrea Speckner). They were originally taught by Mary Hild to cook this traditional meal for Club picnics. And a BIG



thank you to all of the volunteers who also helped run the last Goulash Fundraiser night.

A goulash meal includes goulash, spätzle, a slice of bread and a pickle. See poster for details.

This event runs from 4:30 - 7:30 pm - Take-out or Dine-in.





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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Upcoming Bayern Munich Games in February:

Sunday, February 5	11:30am	FC Bayern vs VFL Wolfsburg	Bundesliga
Saturday, February 11	9:30am	FC Bayern vs VFL Bochum	Bundesliga
Tuesday, February 14	3:00pm	FC Bayern vs PSG	Champions League
Saturday, February 18	9:30am	FC Bayern vs Borussia Moenchengladbach	Bundesliga
Sunday, February 26	11:30am	FC Bayern vs Union Berlin	Bundesliga

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