



SCHWABEN KLUB

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## Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2023/2024

**Frauengruppe**  
**Christmas Get-Together**  
December 6

**Niagara Falls Bus Trip**  
December 9

**Christmas Cultural Potluck**  
December 10

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December 20

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January 13

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January 17

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February 2

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February 24

**Miss Schwaben Ball**  
March 23

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DUE BEFORE JANUARY 15*

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



The Schwaben Club's

# CHRISTMAS CULTURAL POTLUCK



## December 10, 2023

Doors opens 12:30 pm

Potluck Lunch at 1:00 pm

Christmas Program 2-3 pm

Dessert & coffee/tea will be provided  
by the Schwaben Club after 3 pm

**If you will be attending,  
please let Thomas Drung  
know number of family  
members including children  
as well as food that you  
will be bringing along  
by December 1 at  
[entertainment@kitchenerschwabenclub.com](mailto:entertainment@kitchenerschwabenclub.com)**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Christmas Season is once again upon us; time for festive cheer, family, delicious food, and continued traditions. For some, traditions can include putting up the Christmas tree early November (Lena makes me do it) to hiding the Christmas Pickle (can someone explain that one to me). Here are some quintessentially German traditions and rituals for you to try, if you do not do them already:

1. St Nicholas Day - on the night of December 5, children clean and polish their shoes and leave them outside the door before going to sleep. If they have been good, the next morning they will find their shoes filled with nuts, candy and small gifts from St. Nicholas.
2. Advent calendar – this serves as a countdown to Christmas. Although there are several versions that can be purchased at most stores (contents ranging from chocolates to small toys to alcoholic beverages), it is always nice to make your own with personalized stories, candies or small gifts.
3. Advent wreath – the wreath consists of four candles in a bed of pine cones and other decorations. In some areas the tradition is to burn one candle each Sunday leading up to Christmas, while others light all candles on the last Sunday before Christmas. The intent is to allocate time either for the family to spend together (ideally without cell phones), or for personal reflection.
4. Eating Christmas stolen – a German Christmas cake that is delicious - need I say more.

Here are a few words/saying for you to practice the next few weeks leading up to Christmas:

1. Tannenbaum or Weihnachtsbaum – Christmas Tree
2. Weihachtsdekorationen – Christmas decorations
3. Der Kranz – Wreath
4. Die Mistel - Mistletoe
5. Der Weihnachtsmann – Santa Claus
6. Der Engel – Angel

7. Der Nussknacker - Nutcracker
8. Rudolf, das rotnasige Rentier – Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
9. Der Heiligabend - Christmas Eve
10. Erster Feiertag – Christmas Day
11. Ich habe ein Geschenk fur dich – I have a gift for you
12. Schöne Feiertage – Happy Holidays
13. Frohe/Fröliche Weihnachten – Merry Christmas
14. Alles Gute zum Neuen Jahr – Best wishes for the new year

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Glenn Herold*  
President

## FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

As we come to the end of the year, we wish everyone Peace and Joy at Christmas and into the New Year.

Our Christmas get together is December 6 at 6:30. We are enjoying a Christmas market DVD and cookies. All welcome.

In our usual fashion of giving back, this year we are making a \$150.00 donation to the Cancer Society.

Memberships for 2024 can be made anytime. If more convenient, e-transfers can be sent to [jenniferorsan@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferorsan@gmail.com). It remains \$15.00.

We also wish to address elections at this time. There are a number of positions that are available. If you are a member in good standing and are interested in being on our committee please email your intent to [Frauengruppe@Kitchenerschwabenclub.com](mailto:Frauengruppe@Kitchenerschwabenclub.com) by Dec. 15 @5 PM.

The positions available are: President, 2nd Treasurer, Secretary, Director at Large.

Also a reminder there are no meetings for January or February.

*Susan, Lena, Lea, Jen, Penny*  
Frauengruppe Committee

# MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

Frohe Weihnachten Liebe Mitglieder  
Merry Christmas Dear Member

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

Wir wünschen Ihnen Alles Gute im Neuen Jahr!

It's time for membership renewal. Please pay before January 15 **to avoid \$30 late fee.**

You can pay in person in the office or at a member's meeting.

Call Tracy 519 742 7979 and pay over the telephone.

If you have an e-transfer account set up with your bank you may add the Kitchener Schwaben Club to your list and electronically send payment for your 2024 Membership. Send to [payments@kitchenerschwabenclub.com](mailto:payments@kitchenerschwabenclub.com).

It will ask you for a password, please use membership.

Need assistance - give Tracy a call at the club office.

## FEES:

**Family - \$85**

**Single - \$60**

**Senior - \$40**

**Student - \$25**

***New Application Administration - \$25***

*(payable upon application submission to office)*

***Late fee \$30***

## Membership Benefits:

- Monthly newsletter mailed or delivered electronically
- 10% bar discount on non-club events
- Membership meetings special bar price
- Voting rights after three months as member
- Hall rental discounts
- Member appreciation night
- Member discount price for KSC-related functions

Also, you have access to: dance groups, dance lessons, cultural events and contests at our own club and affiliated clubs in Canada and the USA, our Donauschwaben museum and library, Mia San soccer games, table tennis, special events, summer bbq's, bar service, great food, pretzels,

Frauengruppe, Freundschaftsgruppe, Jugendlager, Gemuetlichkeit, patio, playground, bocce court and horseshoe pit, fire pit and a club house surrounded by beautiful property. Let's not forget our outstanding Donauschwaben Denkmal and monument with its benches and landscaping.

# GEBURTSTAGE FÜR DEZEMBER

Herzlichen Glückwunsch An Alle Die in Dezember Feiern!

Happy Birthday to All Celebrating a December Birthday

Kathy Bechtloff	1
Nancy Dupuis	4
Rolf Eberl	4
Sarah Laws	8
Shelley Speckner	9
Vanessa Adam	12
Adam M. Cook	13
Cole Watson	16
Wolfgang Kahnke	17
Felix Bonn	19
Jason Hirschberger	21
Christa Hein	23
Mike Ruland	23
Susanne Schaadt	28
Joe Wallner	30
Christie Wolf	31

Lots of fun December events are planned for you, our members.

As always the club will be decorated in the true spirit of Christmas giving the Weihnachtsbaum its place of honour to create joyous memories for all.

Check out the Niagara Falls bus trip with Will Wirtz on December 9.

On Sunday December 10 we are celebrating a family-friendly, potluck luncheon, entertainment and a special visit.

Sending everyone a heartfelt message for a Holy Advent and a joyous Christmas.

May you enjoy good health, warmth, wonderful friendships and the love of family.

Ich wünsche Ihnen einen wunderschönes Weihnachtsfest, viel Gesundheit und Glück mit Freunden und Familie.

**Liz O'Reilly**

*Membership Director & Sick Benefits*

*Financial Secretary*



# Niagara Falls Bus Trip

Hosted by the Schwaben Club

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**\$50**

7:45 am **LOADING** (at the Schwaben Club)  
8:00 am **DEPARTURE**  
8:00 pm **RETURN**

**\$35**

back in casino credits!



Fallsview Casino  
\$35 in casino credits per guest



Magnotta Winery  
Complimentary tour & tastings



Outlet Collection in Niagara  
For Christmas Shopping



Winter Festival of Lights  
View lighting displays upon departure

Contact the Office to reserve your seat  
**519-742-7979**

# Ballroom Dance Lessons

## Monday Evenings

starting January 8, 2024 for 10 weeks

## Swing Waltz Fox Trot

Member: \$100  
Non-Member \$150

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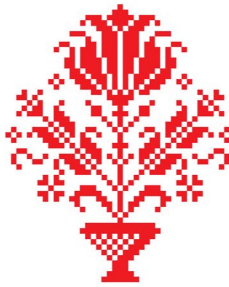


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# KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024**

**MENU**  
Salad  
Goulash  
Spätzle  
Root Vegetables  
Apple Crumble



**MEMBER**  
\$37  
(32.74 + HST)  
**NON-MEMBER**  
\$42  
(37.17 + HST)  
**CHILD (7-12)**  
\$15  
(13.27 + HST)  
CHILDREN 6 & UNDER FREE

**BAND: GOLDEN KEYS**

**DOORS OPEN: 5:30 pm DINNER: 6:00 pm**

**SCHWABEN CLUB**  
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The Schwaben Club celebrates their

# 93 GRÜNDUNGSFEST ANNIVERSARY



**Menu**  
Caesar Salad  
Rouladen  
Mashed Potatoes  
Red Cabbage  
Cheesecake with Berry Compote

**Member**  
\$37  
(32.74 + HST)  
**Non-Member**  
\$42  
(37.17 + HST)  
**Child (7-12)**  
\$15  
(13.27 + HST)  
Children 6 & under free

**February 24, 2024**

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Doors open: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:00 pm

Band:  
**Golden Keys**

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## CULTURAL REPORT

Hi Everyone!

A few of our youth from the Schwaben Club will attend the Hansi Mueller Dance Workshop Weekend Nov. 10, 11 12 in Cleveland. Hansi Mueller is a certified folk dance instructor teaching sepl polka and traditional and choreographed folk dances. We are eager to hear what they come back with.

We will celebrate Schlachtfest on Saturday, Nov. 18, making Krapfen early that morning and announcing our new Mr. Schwaben. It will be a fun evening enjoying good food, music provided by the Edelweiss Trio and performances by our dance groups.

Remembrance Day Service to commemorate the dead of the two World Wars as well as victims of tyranny (Volkstrauertag) will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at Woodland Cemetery, 119 Arlington Boulevard, Kitchener

(memorial site for German soldiers who died in Canada as prisoners of war). Our older population would attend this ceremony and now it is up to the younger generation.

Something to consider (quoting John F. Kennedy somewhat)

*"Ask not what your club can do for you - ask what you can do for your club."*

**Monika Hoedl**

Cultural Director

[cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com](mailto:cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com)

## SCHWABEN FAMILY BOWLERS



*It was the end of an era for Towne Bowl, as they closed their doors on Sunday, November 5.*

*Some of the Schwaben Family Bowlers gathered for a final farewell to celebrate years of memories & fun and to thank the Witmer family for their hospitality.*



# Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade





# SCHWABEN DANCERS

The Schwaben Dancers have had a busy, yet successful fall season. We hosted 2 fundraisers in September: our club BBQ and another Niagara bus trip. We thank everyone who supported the group by organizing, attending and volunteering. Kudos to our driver, Will Wirtz for delivering another fun-filled bus trip!

Oktoberfest 2023 was great fun. We completed a total of 22 performances, walked in the parade, and for the first time ever, the Schwaben Dancers won the So You Can Tanz Competition at Alpine Club! A huge congratulations is warranted, as this group worked diligently as a team to make this a reality. Special thank you goes out to our instructor team of Peter Speckner, Kirk Hanke, Jessica Hill & Tye Herold for their efforts over the past years and months to help the group perfect the dances. We hope we have done the club proud, as this is truly a shared win for us all!



We're looking forward to seeing everyone at Schlachtfest, where we will introduce our new Mr. Schwaben - We wish him an enjoyable year representing the club.

To finish off the year, we are performing at the Christkindl Market on Sunday, December 10th. We hope you can come out to enjoy the market and take in our performance at 12pm before heading to the club for the Christmas luncheon.

We extend warm wishes for the holiday season and Frohe Weihnachten to all! See you in the new year.

*Erin Wetzel - Schwaben Dancers President*





## KINDERGRUPPE/JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

Like most people, we are looking forward to Christmas. It is usually a busy season and we are no exception.

We are performing at the Christkindl event at Kitchener City Hall on December 9th at 11:45AM. This will be quickly followed by a special performance during our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 10th. These cannot be missed.

Our last practice for the year will be on the 14th and then we will be taking a break until January 11th when we will be looking forward to the Miss Schwaben Gala Ball in February. See you all then!

On behalf of everyone in the Kinder\Jugendgruppe, we wish all of you Ein Sehr Frohe Weihnachten!

*Brian Schummer*  
Kinder/Jugendgruppe  
President



# FROHE WEIHNACHTEN

Another year has come and gone. In 2023, we enjoyed a successful Rosenball, games nights, supported cabbage roll making and krapfen making along with other various club volunteer opportunities. We are happy to provide a social group that supports cultural learning. During the weekend of Christkindl Market we plan to walk around and welcome those that wish to come out with us to reach out to make plans, [schwabyouth@gmail.com](mailto:schwabyouth@gmail.com)

THE FREUNSCHAFTGRUPPE WISHES  
EVERYONE A WONDERFUL  
CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST IN  
2024







# Mia San K-W FC Bayern Munich Fan Club

## Upcoming games in December:

Saturday, December 2	9:30am	FC Bayern vs Union Berlin	Bundesliga
Saturday, December 9	9:30am	FC Bayern vs Eintracht Frankfurt	Bundesliga
Tuesday, December 12	3:00pm	FC Bayern vs Manchester United	Champions League
Sunday, December 17	1:30pm	FC Bayern vs VfB Stuttgart	Bundesliga
Wednesday, December 20	2:30pm	FC Bayern vs Wolfsburg	Bundesliga

Games and start times may be subject to change. Please check out our website [www.miasankw.ca](http://www.miasankw.ca). Also follow our NEW Facebook page Mia San KW and Instagram miasankw for updates.



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