



SCHWABEN KLUB

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50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2024

Members' Night: April 5

**Kinder/Jugendgruppe
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**
April 13

Members' Meeting: April 17
Landestrachtenfest (Toronto)
April 20

Frauengruppe Meeting: May 1
Club Clean Up Day: May 11
Freundschaftsgruppe Spring Ball
May 11

Members' Meeting: May 15
Sick Benefit Meeting: May 29

**Golf Tournament
(Kerry Druar Memorial)**
June 1

**Schwaben Family Picnic
(with Frauengruppe
Silent Auction)**
June 23



Save the Date

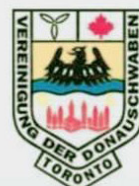
Landestrachtenfest

Saturday April 20, 2024

In Toronto, Ontario



Celebrating
the 70th Anniversary of the
Toronto Donauschwaben



IMPRESSUM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the last year I have been making the point of getting out and attending events at the local German Clubs, and the Canada / US Schwaben Clubs, to both show our support and to see / hear what is working (and not working) at their clubs. I've also talked to members of those unfortunate clubs that are closing their doors to see what they would have done differently. What I have found is those clubs that are successful have been able to get younger people involved. The obvious benefit is maintaining membership numbers, but more importantly it (A) allows for the transfer of knowledge, heritage and experience, (B) develops future leaders through succession planning, and (C) offers the senior members the ability to slow down and relax a little more, and not burn out.

What I ask of the membership is to promote the club to family and friends so we keep our club and our

heritage alive. We can be financially stable for a long time, but we need to keep the club operable (i.e. we need people willing to help keep the club going). We do have some younger people stepping up and being more active, but we cannot place our future survival on a handful of people. As the saying goes "more hands make lighter work".

On a similar track, planning is already underway with KW Oktoberfest Inc and local stakeholders regarding Oktoberfest 2024 and beyond. I, like many others, can remember KWO during its heyday – it was a unique week long community wide festival that brought tourists in from wide and far. Now "Oktoberfest" events can be found everywhere, we have lost the notoriety and large scale tourist draw, and with it the large scale sponsorship. What I hope to see in the future is the Festhallen working with KW Oktoberfest Inc to promote to the communities outside of KW (Toronto, Hamilton, London) a realistic Bavarian festival which includes food, drink, entertainment and culture; in other words, something more than just a themed party at the local pub or micro brewery. The Festhallen will provide the heritage and venues, while KW Oktoberfest Inc will provide the expanded marketing and promotion. Hopefully we can come together for the common good or risk losing out on the parade, open ceremonies and other community events that KW Oktoberfest provides.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold
President

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR APRIL

**Alles Gute Zum Geburtstag in April!
Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday in April!**

George Grau	2
James Orsan	3
Rick Hutfloetz	3
Richard Dopheide	3
Alixandra Heffner	6
Heinz Kreitzer	8
Donald Bowman	9
Christopher Adam	9
Margaret Druar	10
Tracey Hanke	11
Katharina Ungar	12
Emma Becker	14
Lena Herold	15
Tina McQuabbie	15
Peter Speckner	16
Henry Heidt	17
Juergen Otterstein	18
Peter Druar	19
Patrick Burns	19
Karsten Zimmermann	20
Heinrich Ungar	23
Karola Leuschner	25
Joel Wideman	25
Erin Wetzel	25
Kelton Frey	25
Bevan Lantz	26
Cecilia Piller-Berschl	27
Kevin Linder	28
Michael Kahnke	29
Rosanne Nusca	29
Justine Krause	30

MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

Frohe Ostern an alle unsere liebe Mitglieder/Happy Easter to All of our Members! Mit der Ankunft des Frühlings kommen Hoffnung und ein neuer Anfang! With the arrival of spring comes new Hope and beginnings Sending my sincere best wishes for health, happiness and joy. Wir gratulieren/Congratulations to the following 10 year Kitchener Schwaben Club recipients awarded at our 93rd Gruendungsfest.

10 Year Pin

Wiltrud Jenkins, Bevin Lantz, Amy Lantz, Nolan McQuabbie, Vanessa Pastoric, Ruth Prentice, Mike Ruland, Tracy Ruland and Brian Schummer.

I had the honor and privilege in presenting along with Mike Ruland our **2024 Volunteers of the Year** to 2 special members Andrew Schilling and Rod Braun. Thank you for all your contributions to the club.

Sick Benefit Meeting will be held on May 29, 2024 at 7 pm at the Schwaben Club.

Elizabeth Schiketantz

Membership Director & Sick Benefits Financial Secretary

FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

Got some Spring in your step? Come to the Freundschaftgruppe's SPRING BALL!

All are welcome to this formal affair with musical entertainment by The Edelweiss Trio.

It will be a wonderful evening to dance the night away and a perfect opportunity for Ballroom dancers to show off their Cha Cha, Waltz, Quick Step, and Fox Trot.

Admission is only \$15 per person and can be paid in advance at the office or at the door.

Light snacks will be available for purchase.

Proceeds will go towards the Jugendlager event our Club is hosting for North American Danube Schwabian youth held in June.

Please come to show your support and enjoy great music and fun with friends. Remember to wear your finest attire!

Lea, Lena, Emma, and Shay
The Freundschaftgruppe Leaders

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

The Frauengruppe celebrated our 89th Anniversary in conjunction with the Club Anniversary in February. It is always a wonderful evening to reconnect with members we don't see all the time.

Our March meeting was an informal evening of conversation, cake and coffee and constructing fleece blankets to donate. It was a very nice evening.



We are not holding a meeting in April as we are attending the play Jersey Boy's in Cambridge. We have a group of 20 attending. It should be an enjoyable evening.

Coming up in June, we are holding our Silent Auction at the Schwaben Family Picnic Event. Please consider making a donation to our auction as this is our main fundraiser for the year.

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



THE FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE
PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

Spring Ball 2024

Saturday, May 11th, 2024
7:00PM

TICKETS \$15/PERSON
MUSIC BY: EDELWEISS TRIO

»»—————««
PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE 2024 JUGENDLAGER
HOSTED AT THE KITCHENER SCHWABEN CLUB
SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
»»—————««

The Schwaben Club
50 Scheifele Place Breslau 519-742-7979
Please call to order your tickets.
Dress Code: Formal Attire

KINDERGRUPPE & JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

Hello,

April will be a busy month for us. We are in full swing for preparations for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and it is looking to be another good one. Please save April 13th on your calendars for this event. I wanted to thank all those that are helping out as well as all who are supporting the kids by coming out and enjoying a great meal with us.

Right after the dinner, we will be performing the very next week at Landestractenfest in Toronto on April 20th. This will be the first time in a while that we have had this chance and are definitely looking forward to it. If you are coming out to celebrate make sure you watch the kids dance. Looking further ahead we also have a BBQ on May 25th at Paradise Gardens in Mannheim. Then we will be wrapping up another great season.

Brian Schummer

Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



Come out and support the Schwaben Club's Kindergruppe & Jugendgruppe

Spaghetti Dinner

with Silent Auction

Saturday, April 13 2024

\$20 +tax

Includes: Salad, Dinner, Dessert

4:30 PM
Doors open
Silent auction begins

5:00 - 6:30 PM
Dinner served

Schwaben Club
50 Scheifele Place • Breslau
Call 519-742-7979 for tickets!



Gründungsfest





And celebrating 89 years of the Frauengruppe!



(below) Jakob & Katharina Speckner receiving the Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural Award from the Schaadt family.



CULTURAL NEWS

Guten Tag,

Tons of fun at the Schwaben Club!

We're about to crown our new Miss Schwaben later this week, so that will be a lot of fun. An evening of glamour and excitement is just what the doctor ordered.

The March Strudel class filled up quickly, so the next class will be the Paprikash one (there's still some room left).

Henne Paprikas (Chicken Paprikash). April 14, 2024. 1-4 pm. Taught again by me, it's another traditional recipe passed down through my family. If you attended the Christmas Potluck, you had the opportunity to try it. Now you can learn how to make it!

Registration will be limited to 10 people per class, so register quickly. Email me at cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com for your spot. If they fill up and there's a waiting list for another class, we'll try scheduling another one soon.

The cost for the Paprikash Class will be \$20 per person. Money covers all supplies, and you get to take home what you cook. Fee to be brought on class day. I'll cook as well, so we have something to eat after class. You need something to eat to go with a relaxing cup of coffee!

The next event is Landestrachtenfest on April 20, 2024, hosted by the Toronto Donauschwaben. A wonderful evening celebrating our shared Donauschwaben heritage with the other Ontario clubs (Windsor, Leamington, Toronto and Park Waldheim). The event is a fantastic chance to see dance groups from other clubs and meet up with people you might not have seen in a while. Admission is \$22, with an optional meal available there for \$25.

June will bring our Schwaben Family Picnic, but Thomas will have more on that.

June will also bring the annual North American Jugendlager to our Club. Running from June 27 - 30, 2024, it is the event that brings Donauschwaben youth 14 - 25 from all over North America to one club to camp and immerse themselves in our culture with a side order of revelry. This is the first time we will be

hosting, so we're planning on making it a weekend to remember. Applications have been sent out. Can't wait to see how many register to attend!

The big Landestreffen on the September long weekend is hosted by St. Louis, MO this year. There is a bus available if you don't want to drive the 12-15 hours it will take to get there. Deposits of \$100/person are required in the office by May 15, 2024.

We have a number of exciting events coming up, and more to come. So stay tuned, get involved, and enjoy everything the Schwaben Club has to offer.

See you soon!

Peter Speckner ~Cultural Director

Schwaben Cooking Class Henne Paprikas



Learn how to make traditional chicken paprikash with potatoes

**Sunday, April 14, 2024
1-4 pm**

Cost \$20 - Registration required.

Email Peter, cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com for your spot. **RSVP by April 5, 2024.**

Limited spots.

If class fills, another class may be scheduled later.

SCHWABEN CLUB DRESS CODE SUGGESTIONS

To assist members with the appropriate dress code for Club events, this legend will help in understanding the suggestions that will be placed on event posters for upcoming events. The following categories will be used:



TRACHT: Donauschwaben Costume and Dirndl/Tracht

BLACK-TIE OPTIONAL: Tuxedo or Suit & Tie and Gown

FORMAL: Suit & Tie and Gown or Cocktail Dress

CASUAL: Anything (nothing ripped or too revealing)



KERRY DRUAR MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Coming up June 1st, 2024! The fantastic price of \$125 + tax includes green fees, golf cart, BBQ dinner, and small donation to the selected charities by Kerry's family: Community Music Schools of Waterloo Region and Guelph Humane Society.

Silent Auction opens at 5 pm after the golf game - Donate a prize!

Competition holes on the Merry-Hill Golf Club golf course for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Best team score!

Sponsor a Hole! Promote your company! Help us reach our \$5000 goal for Charity! We have received 2 major sponsors!

NOTE: only 64 spots available for Tee off- Register early!

To register to play GOLF! Or sponsor, donate and register to play please contact Tracy schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com or call 519-742-7979.

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Heidi Peller-Oliver

Golf Tournament Organizer and Committee

TOURNAMENT HISTORY & KERRY

Started as a club event in 2011, and organized by Kerry and other club volunteers, the event then called the Schwaben Club Golf Tournament helped to raise funds for club cultural activities and community charities.

Kerry was an ambassador, not just known for his involvement and commitment to organizing events and helping promote cultural activities. With a big heart, he shared many great friendships with people both at the club and in the community.

In 2019 after his sudden passing Kerry's legacy and spirit was to carry on with the club making an announcement to honor his life and the man he was by renaming the tournament he helped to start and build.

Now in its 5th year the Kerry Druar Memorial Golf Tournament it's sponsors, participants, volunteers and the club will once again come together to celebrate an amazing person with a fun day of sport, sharing of friendship and giving.



SPONSORS PACKAGE

On June 1, 2024 The Kitchener Schwaben Club will be hosting the 5th Annual Kerry Druar Memorial Golf Tournament at Merry-Hill Golf Club in Breslau, followed by a BBQ and gathering at the club.

As in previous years the Druar Family, in Kerry's Memory, selects charities to which the proceeds of the tournament are donated.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the golfers and host, the Schwaben club, we hope to make this year's tournament the best yet and to surpass our \$5000.00 fund raising goal. This year the Family has selected the following two charities:

Since 2012, the Community Music School of Waterloo Region has provided music education and all its benefits to kids in our community who can't access it. In collaboration with community supporters, their programs develop kids' musical skills, creativity, confidence, and love for music.



For 125 years, the Guelph Humane Society has been dedicated to protecting and caring for the many animals with whom we share our community and our lives, and to fostering the important bonds with animals that enrich us as individuals, families, and communities. Founded in 1893, the Guelph Humane Society provides care and shelter for approximately 3,000 homeless, stray, injured, orphaned, abandoned, and abused animals each year, throughout Guelph and Wellington County.



To reach our fund-raising goal and make this year's tournament a great success we are asking for your kind help in sponsorship or contributions for the following opportunities:

- Hole Sponsorship \$250.00 – Signage at one of the tee blocks, recognition on the tournament's social media and web site.
- Silent Auction Donation – (Approximate Value \$200+) Business Cards or brochures next to the bid sheet and recognition on the tournament's social media and web site.
- Prize Table Donation – Business Card attached to prize.
- Join us on the Links – Register your foursome to play and join us for dinner for \$500.00 plus tax.
- Join us for Dinner - Join us for a BBQ dinner, Prizes, Auction and good company. \$40.00 per person

To Sponsor, Donate, and Register to play please contact Tracy. Email: schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com Tel: (519) 742-7979
DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO PLAY AND DINNER IS MAY 24TH.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SCHWABEN CLUB PRESENTS

KERRY DRUAR MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 1, 2024

\$125
plus taxes per person

18 holes
Tee off - 11:00 AM
(meet at the course at 10:45 am)

Includes:

- Green fees
- Golf cart
- BBQ at 6:30pm at the Schwaben Club

64 SPOTS AVAILABLE REGISTER EARLY!

Silent Auction begins at 5:00pm
Donate a prize!

Come join in on the fun!

Great prizes:

- Best Team Score
- Closest to the Pin
- Men's & Women's Longest Drive

MERRY-HILL GOLF CLUB
2321 Shantz Station Rd. Breslau

SCHWABEN CLUB
50 Scheifele Place Breslau
519-742-7979

Merry Hill Golf Club

GUELPH HUMANE SOCIETY

To Register or Sponsor contact Tracy

- At the club office or by phone
- Payments by e-transfer, phone or at the club.
- 519-742-7979 • schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

DEADLINE for sign-up and payment is MAY 24th

In support of Community Music Schools of Waterloo Region and the Guelph Humane Society

All skill levels welcome! EVERYONE INVITED!

Event is organized by the Schwaben Club



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Gründungsfest -
thanks to all the volunteers!**



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Upcoming games in April:

Saturday, April 6	9:30am	FC Bayern vs Heidenheim	Bundesliga
Saturday, April 13	9:30am	FC Bayern vs FC Koln	Bundesliga
Saturday, April 20	12:30pm	FC Bayern vs Union Berlin	Bundesliga
Saturday, April 27	TBD	FC Bayern vs Eintracht Frankfurt	Bundesliga

Games and start times may be subject to change. Please check out our website www.miasankw.ca. Also follow our NEW Facebook page Mia San KW and instagram miasankw for updates.



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