



SCHWABEN KLUB

JUNI 2024

nachrichten

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2024

Club Clean Up Day: May 25

Kinder/Jugendgruppe BBQ
Fundraiser (Colour Paradise
Greenhouses): May 25

Sick Benefit Meeting: May 29

Golf Tournament
(Kerry Druar Memorial): June 1

Club Inventory: June 4 & 5

Schwaben Dancers
Fundraiser BBQ: June 14

Members' Meeting: June 19

Schwaben Club Family Picnic
(with Frauengruppe
Silent Auction): June 23

Kirchweih: September 21

Oktoberfest

October 4 & 5

October 6 (Family Day)

October 11 & 12

October 13 (Family Day)

October 18 & 19

IMPRESSUM

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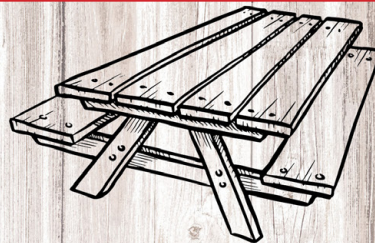
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Any submissions must be in by the
10th of the month, for the following
issue. Thank you.

H A P P Y FATHER'S DAY



SUNDAY,
JUNE 23,
2024

SCHWABEN CLUB FAMILY PICNIC

Adult Meal: \$30 +HST

Child Meal: \$15 +HST

MENU

BBQ Chicken & Ribs

Coleslaw, Potato &

Mixed Green Salad

Buns

Chef D Smores

FREE ADMISSION

GAMES FOR THE KIDS

Doors open: 12 pm

Lunch served: 1-4 pm

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FRAUENGRUPPE



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In April were the Verband meetings for both Canada (Toronto on April 20th) and the United States (Cleveland on April 27th). Each President gives an update on their club's status. I thought the membership would be interested in hearing some of the common sentiments:

1. Everyone unanimously agrees that culture is the top priority, including traditions, language, dance, music and food.
2. Youth programs are a focus as we need to nurture future leaders that (A) care for and understand the culture, and (B) will be willing and able to run the clubs when the time comes.
3. We need to collect the stories of the senior members while we still can. In Cleveland, it was requested that anyone coming from the old countries stand up and be acknowledged; there were only 5 in a room of over 200.
4. Frauengruppe are disappearing as the present and younger generations tend to share in all of the clubs' roles.
5. Member retention and attraction is focused on providing "members a reason to belong", and unfortunately the sharing of the Donauschwaben culture alone is no longer sufficient. Mansfield has a membership of over 1000 as a result of their soccer program that emphasizes a safe environment for the entire family to enjoy.
6. For those clubs that still have buildings, many find that "property maintenance and business takes over their focus". In the last year, two clubs (Detroit and Milwaukee) sold their buildings as it became too much. Detroit is purchasing a new property and building a small clubhouse to serve their cultural needs, and Milwaukee is renting space from other local social clubs.
7. Clubs that no longer have a home are limiting how many larger scale events they hold a year

because of high rental costs (the host locations need to cover their costs) and they are competing for dates with other rental items such as weddings. They focus on, and make the best of, the events they do hold (quality versus quantity).

Change is inevitable, fortunately the Donauschwaben are a people that continuously adapted to the challenges they faced so they could maintain their core principles.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold
President

MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

April showers bring May flowers...spring has finally arrived...April 13 I attended the Spaghetti Dinner to support the Kinder and Jugendgruppe dance groups. Spaghetti was delicious and good size portion. The silent auction was exciting as members bid on items only to be overbid by someone else, but I was lucky enough to get a new prize.

We have 5 new members that have joined 2 of them being couples. I would like to introduce Frank Houska, Davi Schmid & Nalacha Samara Teske, Lisa Norman & Sean Norman.

May 5 Peter Speckner our friendly cultural director instructed a cooking class to teach me and Katherine Tuerke how to make Chicken Paprikas. With the exception of a few ingredients it turned out just the way my Mom and Dad made it...It was so yummy..

Please don't forget May 29 at 7:00 p.m. the Sick Benefit meeting.

Elizabeth Schiketantz
*Membership Director &
Sick Benefits Financial Secretary*

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

In May we held a Mother's Day social. We had yummy snacks and everyone shared a story about their mothers. It was an enjoyable evening. In June we will be holding our Silent Auction at the family picnic. Please consider supporting us by donating an item and/or coming to the event. This is our main fundraiser for the Frauengruppe.

Going forward we will not hold meetings the first Wednesday of the month. The days when our members enjoyed gathering and socializing and playing bingo have passed. We will instead plan get togethers and events. They will be announced in the Nachrichten and emails will go to those who are registered members of the Frauengruppe.

Hope to see you in June!!

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



GEBURTSTAGE FÜR JUNI

Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum
Juni-Geburtstag
Congratulations on your
June Birthday!

Eduard Gabert	1
Frances Ann Doerr	2
Anton Kraehling	2
Lindsay Cook	4
Heidi Peller-Oliver	7
Klaudia Zimmerman	8
Michael Offak	9
Stefan Orsan	9
Christine Wenzler	12
Alayne Kleser	13
Nolan McQuabbie	13
Thirstan Falconer	15
Natasia Kircos	18
Eva Wespa	19
Jennifer Orsan	20
Katie Janovar	22
Wolfgang Meier	23
Adam Becker	25
Josef Hoedl	28



Spaghetti Dinner



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DONAU DANCERS

The month of April we traveled to Toronto for the Donauschwaben Landesverband held by the Toronto Blue Danube. We also celebrated the club's 70th anniversary. It was a great evening filled with lots of dancing and food! We had representation from all three groups.

Things are starting to wind down as we have less functions to attend, I hope to see a lot of you out at the BBQ's happening this summer and at the Picnic.

Tina McQuabbie

Donau Dancers Secretary





LANDESTRACHTENFEST



FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

Our annual Spring Ball was attended by enthusiastic Ballroom dancers and many others who enjoyed the music of the Edelweiss Trio. The band did not disappoint, and kept the dance floor full. It was a simple, elegant affair and everyone looked their best dressed in formal attire. It was so nice to see a variety of guests, several from our own Schwaben Club, but also a large number from our Kitchener/Waterloo community.

A group of Ballroom dancers who enjoyed last year's event, were eager to attend again this year. During the band's break, this zealous group led several line dances and were happy to share their experience and knowledge to help others learn. It was a wonderful way to bring people together. New friendships were formed and many guests are looking forward to attending future events held at the Schwaben Club.

A Silent Auction was held during the evening and proved to be very successful. There was some friendly competition and everyone was happy to help support our fundraising efforts towards the upcoming Jugendlager that our Club is hosting in June.



We are grateful for the support of our members who attended and/or made donations

toward the Spring Ball and Silent Auction. You helped to make our event a success and are greatly appreciated. Our Freundschaftgruppe was able to raise some funds for the Jugendlager, and those who attended enjoyed great music, had a wonderful time, and left smiling.

As we move forward, the Freundschaftgruppe would like to expand our group to include any Schwaben Club members ages 13 and over who are interested in participating in social activities, in addition to learning about and maintaining our culture and traditions. Contact us at schwabyouth@gmail.com or find Lea, Lena, Emma, or Shay if you are interested.

We are happy to welcome you!



Happy Father's Day to all the men in our lives. We honour all Dads here today, and those held in precious memories.

Emma, Shay, Lena, and Lea
Freundschaftgruppe Leaders

CULTURAL NEWS

With cultural events slowing down till the fall, our most recent event was our class teaching Paprikas again. Short on attendees, but long on fun.

We are looking forward to hosting our first Jugendlager.



JUGENDLAGER SCHEDULE

Thursday:

Campers arrive in the evening and will set up their tents for camping

Everyone will join in on a dinner provided graciously by the Freundschaft-gruppe

Games and potentially a campfire

Friday:

Mostly focused around a fun day for the campers to make new friends, we will head on a fun outing for everyone to socialize, lunch will be had off site and after the fun has been had dinner will be had back at the club followed by a bit of Schwobish club history

Saturday:

The day is broken up into workshops about learning different German and cultural aspects of being Donauschwaben

Sunday:

Campers say their goodbyes and head back home.

If you're interested in helping out or have firewood to donate, please contact Nick at nickolas.leipold@gmail.com.

We are also looking forward to Landestreffen in St. Louis. You can pre-order merchandise before July 1.

Order form:

<https://www.germanstl.org/files/ugd/b0c048a4f6d64613a647449ea9e319e023bbd3.pdf>

And the classes will be returning in September as well.

Have a great summer!

Peter Speckner

Cultural Director

T-Shirts (\$22 each)



Front Side



Back Side

Quantity of T-Shirts

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XL _____

XXL _____

XXXL _____

Pins (\$7 each)



Quantity of Pin #1 _____



Quantity of Pin #2 _____



Quantity of Pin #3 _____

Bier Steins



1/2 Liter Plastic Stein (\$10)

Quantity of 1/2 Liter Stein _____



1 Liter Plastic Stein (\$15)

Quantity of 1 Liter Stein _____

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)



HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD 2024

A Glimpse into Our Culture

By Deanna Schaadt

Why Oma and Opa left Germany:

My Oma and Opa lived in Germany from the early 1930s to the late 1950s. During this time, Germany fought and started the Second World War during the 40s, and then fell under American and Soviet rule during the 50s. This led Opa and his family to be forced to leave their home and take a train to a new living space. They were kicked out and told they could only bring one suitcase each onto the train. I remember my Opa telling me the story about his mother very vividly. It's a story that stuck with me throughout my childhood, and would constantly remind me how lucky I am for living in a safe country. To set the scene, my Opa's mom grabbed her mother's sewing machine from their house, as it was the only relic they had left of her. She was ready to bring it, along with her one allotted bag onto the train, when a guard stopped her. She was forced, at gunpoint, to drop the sewing machine and leave behind the last object she had left of her mother.

Their trip to Canada:

My Oma and Opa travelled to Canada for the first time in 1956, and then permanently moved here in 1960. We even have their original boat tickets, and their immigration papers to Canada! Their first trip in 1960 gave them a fresh taste of what living in Canada would be like, and they loved it. They went back to Germany so they could get married, and then both came back to Canada as Mr. and Mrs. Schaadt. Their boats left them in a port in Quebec, and they travelled from there to New Hamburg, Ontario. They heard of a town called Berlin and were told many German settlers were heading there, which brought them to the little town just outside it, where they bought our family farm. My Oma's parents travelled with them, and they all lived on the farm together. My Oma's sister, my Great Aunt Kathy, and her husband, my Great Uncle Henry, also ended up coming to Canada, and they settled down together in Berlin, which is present-day Kitchener.

Their life in Canada:

When they finally arrived in Canada, my Oma, Opa and Oma's dad bought our farm in New Hamburg. My Oma and Opa had their first child, my aunt Cindy, in 1963. My aunt Nancy arrived in 1967, and my dad came in 1971. My dad and his sisters all grew up on the farm, in the original house with its active barn, and cows! A big part of staying connected to their culture



More 2024 submissions and info about the Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural Award will be in upcoming editions of the Nachrichten.



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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE \$1,500

Are you currently attending a Canadian University or College full-time?

Are you the child or grandchild of a current member in good standing of one of Waterloo Region's five German Clubs?

If yes, you are invited to submit an essay, no longer than 1,500 words,

"Why my exposure to the German language and culture is important to me."

Please indicate your parent or grandparent's name and German Club affiliation. Mail or personally drop by your essay with personal contact details to:

German-Canadian Education Fund
Scholarship 2024 Contest
c/o YNC LLP
30 Water St. North
Kitchener, ON, N2H 5A8

OR: Email to: drungharry@gmail.com

Application deadline is May 31, 2024

The evaluation panel will make its decisions by June 15th.

One winner per club will be notified.

The names of the winners will be published in the respective club's newsletter.

was joining the Schwaben Club. This way, they could have fellow German-speaking friends, and be able to raise their kids and grandkids in a German environment. Being able to attend club events, listen to German music and have generations of our family participate in German dancing was very important to my grandparents. My dad, my brother and I are all very lucky to have grown up entwined with our culture through the club, which is all thanks to my Oma and Opa.

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Schwaben Club
2024

OPENING NIGHT
FRIDAY, Oct. 4
7 PM - 1 AM
LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

SATURDAY, Oct. 5
7 PM - 1 AM
LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY, Oct. 6
11 AM - 4 PM
LIVE MUSIC
Golden Keys

FRIDAY, Oct. 11
7 PM - 1 AM
LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

SATURDAY, Oct. 12
7 PM - 1 AM
LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY, Oct. 13
11 AM - 4 PM
LIVE MUSIC
Golden Keys

FRIDAY, Oct. 18
7 PM - 1 AM
LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

CLOSING NIGHT
SATURDAY, Oct. 19
7 PM - 1 AM
LIVE MUSIC
Weiss Blau

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TICKETS ON SALE
May 9
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Live Bands
Delicious Food
Dance Groups

SUPPORTING THE SCHWABEN DANCERS
JOIN US FOR A
FUNDRAISER BBQ

5:00 TO 8:00 PM
SCHWABEN CLUB PATIO

FRIDAY
JUNE 14TH 2024

BURGERS, SAUSAGE, SIDES AND VEGGIE OPTIONS AVAILABLE
BAR WILL BE OPEN!



Euro 2024 Germany Games

Hosted by: Mia San K-W
at the Schwaben Club



THE
SCHWABEN
CLUB OF KITCHENER



Friday, June 14	3:00pm	Germany vs Scotland	Euro 2024 Group Stage
Wednesday, June 19	12:00pm	Germany vs Hungary	Euro 2024 Group Stage
Sunday, June 23	3:00pm	Germany vs Switzerland	Euro 2024 Group Stage

Please check out our website www.miasankw.ca. Also follow our Facebook page Mia San KW and instagram miasankw for updates.

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the games!

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