



SCHWABEN KLUB

nachrichten

JULI 2024

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2024

**Schwaben Club Family Picnic
(with Frauengruppe
Silent Auction)**

June 23

Jugendlager

June 25 - 30

Mia San K-W BBQ Fundrasier

July 5

No July Members' Meeting

Landestreffen (St. Louis, MO)

August 30 - September 1

Kirchweih

September 21

Oktoberfest

October 4 & 5

October 6 (Family Day)

October 11 & 12

October 13 (Family Day)

October 18 & 19

Schlachtfest: November 23

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



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

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

CLOSING NIGHT
SATURDAY, Oct. 19
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In May we had a visit from Johann (Hansi) Pappernek, who is originally from the Banat, is spending a lot of his free time travelling the world looking for Schwaben people /events, and posts videos of his travels on a YouTube channel called "Mit Hansi um die Welt". If you are interested in seeing his local video, feel free to visit his channel. A special thank you to Anneleise Kraehling for being Hansi's local tour guide.

May 29th was our Sick Benefit Meeting. Some of the items the Sick Benefit agreed to fund include the refinishing of the wooden floors in the main hall (to be done after the painting is completed, which will be in July), the purchase of some plantings to go around the monument, and the purchase of a new mower (so that we keep Joel our Haus & Hof going). It was also decided that the wood around the bocce ball courts will be removed, and the area allowed to grow over

with grass so that it can be used for other purposes (potentially a small soccer field or volleyball court). Minor repairs will also be done to the play fort and the garden edging around the Biergarten.

Just a reminder that the Euro Cup will be taking place late June and early July. The Mia San group will be showing the Germany games. Hopefully we are able to see more than the three group stage games, especially since Germany is the host country.

For the last two weeks of July, 22 club members will be participating in the Heimat Tour. We will be traveling in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia and Romania, and will be visiting with several Donau- and Banater- Schwaben groups. I'm sure there will be a lot of pictures and videos upon our return.

Enjoy your summer,

Glenn Herold
President

**Beginning now,
members are eligible for a
Member's 10% discount
on ALL beverages at
Club events
(Oktoberfest not included).**

**Presentation of a
membership card is required
for each purchase,
and there is a limit of
one drink per card
per purchase.**

**Contact the office if you
need lost card(s) replaced.**

MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

Summer is almost upon us. Hope everyone has a good summer and hope to see everyone at the FAMILY PICNIC on June 23, 2024.

Looking forward to the FIFA soccer games its going to be hard cheering between Germany and Hungary sorry Germany but this girl will be cheering for Hungary.

To the club members that will be going on the Heitman Tour, have the best time of your lives make lots of memories be safe but best of all have lots and lots of fun.

Elizabeth Schiketantz

Membership Director &

Sick Benefits Financial Secretary

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

There are no planned gatherings in the month of July for the Frauengruppe.

Please keep in mind that rosemary plants are always appreciated in September for Kirchweih. If you are able please plant one.

Enjoy the summer!

Susan, Lena, Lea, Jen, Penny, Monika

Frauengruppe Committee



GEBURTSTAGE FÜR JULI

**In Juli gratulieren wir
Zum Geburtstag!**

**We congratulate the following
July Birthdays!**

Ingrid Drung	3
Ellen Adam	7
Nickolas Leipold	7
John Heffner Jr.	8
Philip Neidert	8
Ruth Prentice	8
Kathie Geimer	9
Richard Neidert	9
Jo-Anne Adam	11
Robert Foster	14
Elfi Geimer	14
Barbara Schlosser-Hill	17
Katherina Markowiak	18
Julianne Hoeft	19
Kirk Hanke	20
Richard Koenig	20
Michael Urschel	26
Dan Dice	27
Elisabeth Kiraly	27
David Maurer	27
Nick Lang	28
Chris Nusca	30
Randy Betsch	31

KINDER/JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

Hello,

Thanks to everyone who showed up to our annual Spaghetti Dinner in April and our BBQ at Color Paradise in May. We had an intrepid crew come out on May 25th getting everything set up in the pouring rain for our BBQ. However, we still managed to pull it off! Thanks to our volunteers for their efforts. The afternoon went better than the morning. We were able to make some good money for the kids in April but unfortunately not so much in May. Look forward to another event possibly this summer.

I also wanted to take this time to announce that I will be stepping down as President of the Kindergruppe Dance Group. Please welcome Peter Speckner in as

the new President in September. I will help out at the beginning of the season. However, Peter will have full control then, My time on the Dance Committee had a rough start as we went through the pandemic. However, the group has been enjoyable in the years afterwards. I want to thank the current Dance Committee, all the instructors and, of course, the kids for this great experience.

As a result of the pandemic, we lost a lot of good people. However, we are continuing to build. If you know of anyone between the ages of 4 to 14 that is interested please contact us at schwabenkindergruppe@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Brian Schummer

Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



KERRY DRUAR MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sat June 1st was a great day of sunshine and it warmed up to 20 degrees after many days of rain. We had a total of 36 golfers sign up for the tournament! This was an increase from last year of 20 golfers. In the morning we had a Putting contest that was a lot of fun and well received. Back at the club we had a Chipping contest, and corn hole games before dinner.

This time I had a new committee created to assist in planning and running the event! I would like to thank the following who have helped out tremendously: Rick Dopheide, Stephanie Dopheide, Anneliese Kraehling, Doug Thompson, Kendra Foerster, (sister to Kerry) and parents Margie and Peter Druar.

A lot of planning was done for a few months and every week last 2 months. The proceeds were given to 2 Charities, chosen by Kerry's family, Kerry had a love for children and animals.

The 2 charities involved in our tournament came out also to our dinner and set up information areas at our club before the dinner. Many thanks will be sent to the following Charities:

Guelph Humane Society

Community Music Schools of Waterloo Region

We had 7 Hole Sponsors! These businesses donated money towards the Charities and in turn we had sponsor signs made and posted at 1st 7 holes of the golf course in their honour. Thank you to Neil Hoffman of Trachtenquelle; Rick Dopheide of Bondyn; Tvan Excavating; Major Wire Industries, Christine Rooney of CMA Realty; Wayne Pittman Ford, and Tammy Samuels of Remax of Guelph area.

We also had a new truck a 2025 Ford Bronco brought to the golf course from sponsor Wayne Pittman Ford from Guelph. Mike Pugsley of WP Ford came early to meet me at 8am! to place the truck on Hole #9.

Thank you also goes out to Chloe Foerster, Kendra's Daughter - Kerry's niece. She and her friends took many amazing pictures for the tournament (most are posted here in the Nachrichten) and after asking them, also walked around part of the course to collect the sponsor signs (They were too big for the golf carts)

Kerry's Father and sister Peter and Kendra and Kendra's husband play every year, and with Margie (Kerry's Mom) assist in many areas where they can.

Our Silent Auction at the club went really well, many thanks to all who donated an item or 2 to the auction. Thank you letters will be sent out with few weeks.

We had our dinner back at the club, and before and after dinner we had LIVE music! This time my good friend Mike Foster came out to play guitar and sing up to 30 songs of classic rock and country. He was very well received! Many liked him and who knows he may be back for a fundraiser BBQ during the summer.

There are a lot more newer club members who unfortunately do not know Kerry and we understand that. We hope that more older club members who knew Kerry will consider to get involved If there is a Golf Tournament next year. Tentative date is June 14, 2025.

Special thanks to the only club member outside our committee Dan Dice who signed up to play golf and took in all score cards to assist finding the best team score for their gift.

There were embroidered golf towels created by Rick Dopheide for the winners of mens and womens longest drive and mens and womens closest to the pin. Rick also had arranged printing of 2024 Kerry Druar Memorial Golf Tournament on Golf tees given out along with snacks and water in grab bags given to each golfer for the day. Merry Hill Golf Club also donated golf balls per player on the Golf carts for the day.

Special thanks also to club members (who are not golfers) who did come for dinner! Thank you to Neil Hoffman, Seppi and Monika Hoedl, Anneliese Kraehling and my support my husband William Oliver. Also special thanks to Margie Druar with her grandchildren Wyatt and Chloe for coming to dinner as they do each year. Thank you for joining us for the evening!

Sincerely,

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Golf Tournament Organizer



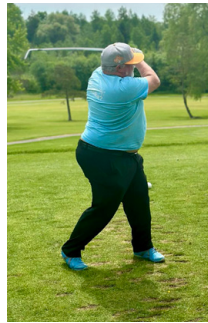
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HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD 2024

A Glimpse into Our Culture

By Matthew Schaad

My great Aunt Katharina Kretschmann and great Uncle Henrich Kretschmann immigrated first to Canada in 1955. My Opi, Johann (Hans) Schaad and my Omi, his finance at the time Susanne Trautmann followed them to Canada in 1956. They stayed in Canada for two years and returned to Germany to sell their farm, get married and bring Omi's parents and grandmother with them when they returned in 1960. My Omi still the original boat tickets stubs!



Omi told me a bit about their trip overseas... in 1960 they travelled to Canada by ship. A ship brought them, her parents, and her grandmother along with some of their belongings. The trip was around 10 days long and with them they brought a car, some belongings like clothes, pictures, and Omi's favourite doll. Omi told me she got her driver's license here in Canada driving the car they brought over... a red and white Opel! We also have two cow bells that they brought over that are over 100 years old and made from solid brass. They hung these bells on the cattle to know where they were in the field... today my mom uses the bell for my hockey games and cheers when we get a goal!

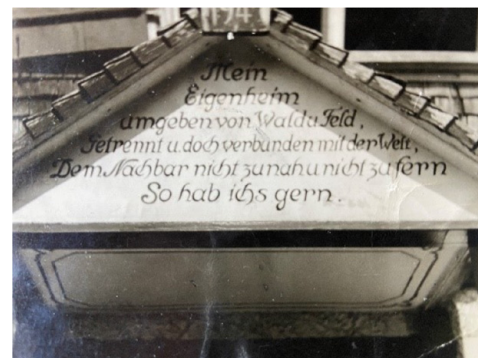
Today, we still live on the farm my Omi and Opi bought coming to Canada in 1960... I am the fifth generation to live on the farm. She says they came to Canada for a better life and more opportunity. They worked hard on the farm and Omi remembers cleaning turnips by hand and selling a large milk can for \$3.50. I am grateful that Omi and Opi immigrated to Canada and had the chance for a better life here. I can't imagine moving to another country not knowing the language or culture. I think they were very brave!



When Omi lived in Germany on the farm there was a saying inscribed above one of the farm doors. Omi remembers this saying and can recite it by heart. Her cousin in Germany had a wooden plaque made with the saying and gifted it to us. Today, that plaque is hanging in our farmhouse!

"Mein Eigenheim umgeben von Walda Feld. Getrennt und doch verbunden mit der Welt. Dem Nachbar nicht zu nah und nicht zu fern, so hab ichs gern."

"My own home surrounded by forest and fields, separated, and yet connected to the world. Not too close and not too far from the neighbour, I like it that way."



On a final note, I really enjoyed hearing about my Omi's travels to Canada. I have a greater understanding of her hardships and will cherish the items we have today that she brought from Germany.

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

Speech by Lisa Schaadt

Good evening! It is a wonderful feeling to be back at the club again and celebrating another year of culture and our history. Congratulations Schwaben Club on your 93rd Anniversary. It feels like just yesterday we were celebrating the 75th Anniversary. Time sure is flying by. It is one of the only events we seem to make an effort to come out to so it is great to catch up and see our Schwaben family and those we haven't seen in years – like Anna Marie and Jay! Although, Facebook has also been a great way for keeping us connected. So, thank you to those that share pictures, video's, or live feeds when you are at an event!

I would like to start with a heartfelt thank you from the Schaadt family to those that submitted articles for this year's Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural Award. A Glimpse Into Our Culture. I love that these articles are an addition to our archives and help our youth reflect on their culture and heritage. Each entry was unique and had their own personal touch. The overall theme was memories. Hardships, togetherness and maintaining culture. It also showed how immigration to Canada has given our ancestors opportunity while allowing them maintain their German culture. I feel our club as well as Canada is accepting of uniqueness and open to learning from others. Without this our Schwabian heritage may have been lost. Please be sure to check out the entries on the table just outside our hall tonight. There are many unique items on display!

This award was developed to honour Hans Schaadt my late father-in-law. Hans was a kindhearted, hard working, caring and dedicated Schwaben member. His commitment dates back into the 70's as Youth Director. He served as Kitchener Schwaben Club President and Dach Verband of Kanada President for many years. Hans was a man of tradition and held his Schwaben family close to his heart. He was a proud "schwob" and I know would be proud of us for honoring his heritage.

Today marks our 5th presentation of the Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural Award. In those five years this award has helped us move through the grieving process. Although you are never the same after losing a loved one, you just learn to cope and as the years pass it seems easier. Over these past five years we have lost many significant older members at the club. Rick and I would like to extend our condolences to their families and after discussion we would like to open this Youth Cultural Award to any of those families that wish to honour a loved one that has passed on. We feel honoured to have had this opportunity and want other families to have the same. Please consider this as a passing of the torch if you will. Those families that are interested please speak to Rick and I.

I would like to acknowledge this year's participants for the

Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural and ask them to come to the stage when their name is called:

DEANNA SCHAADT; Deanna wrote about why her Omi and Opi came to Canada and their hardships in Germany. She talks about war times and a story of heirlooms being left behind due to safety. She writes about how the Schwaben Club became a place of friendship for her grandparents and how this has continued through the generations.

MATTHEW SCHAADT: Matthew wrote about his Omi's boat trip to Canada and items they could bring over. One item is a solid brass cow bell that is over 100 years old and was used to hear cows in the field. Today, we have repurposed it and use it for cheering at his hockey games. Another item was a red and white Opel car... the car Omi drove to get her Canadian driver's license in and she reminded us it was stick shift!

JAKOB SPECKNER AND KATHARINA SPECKNER: Jakob and Katharina did an interview submission highlighting their Opa, Siegfried Speckner. They learnt about his childhood and farming days. They could relate to his German dancing, similar cultural events in Germany to those held at the Schwaben Club, and the togetherness of being a member of the Schwaben Club.

We are proud of each and everyone of you and thank you from the bottom of our heart for your submissions. Your dedication and contributions tonight are a part of history and will keep our Schwaben Heritage alive.

This year was a bit of a reality check for us. With only 4 submissions it brings the reality forward of our older generation decreasing. It also has shown us how grateful we are to have loved ones still with us. I am personally a second generation Canadian. My grandparents were born in Germany but both have passed. If you are lucky enough to have an Opa or Oma, Aunt, Uncle, Friend still in your life I encourage you to ask questions. Find out about their past. It is truly fascinating. On display are Susie and Hans's original boat ticket stubs from 1956 and 1960. Holding those tickets was a reminder of their hope and promise of a better life. It was a reminder of how brave they were and how far they have come in their new home Canada.

This year Rick and I have chosen the recipient. The 2024 Hans Schaadt Youth Cultural Award recipients are Katharina and Jakob Speckner. Congratulations!



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