



SCHWABEN KLUB

nachrichten

SEPTEMBER 2024

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2024

Landestreffen (St. Louis, MO)
August 30 - September 1

Schwaben Dancers
BBQ Fundraiser: September 6

Mia San K-W
BBQ Fundraiser: September 13

Members' Meeting: September 18

Kirchweih: September 21

Yard Clean Up: September 22

Oktoberfest Set Up: September 30

Oktoberfest

October 4 & 5

October 11 & 12

October 6 & 13 (Family Day)

October 18 & 19

German Pioneers Day

(Concordia Club): October 15

Volkstrauertag (coffee/cake hosted
by Transylvania): November 17

Schlachtfest: November 23

Christmas Cultural Potluck
December 8

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

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OKTOBERFEST
Schwaben Club
2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I am writing this report, we just returned from the Heimat Tour. It was a very aggressive schedule, but we managed everything with minimal hickups (most importantly we did not lose anyone). I think we accomplished the ultimate goals of the trip, which were (A) to better understand how our families lived when times were good, and what they had to endure when times were bad, (B) to realize the resources available to research one's ancestry further, (C) to connect with others Donau- and Banater- Schwaben and hear their stories, and (D) to make some lasting memories.

To the last point, I have asked the trip participants to submit to the Nachrichten a photo and short description of their most impactful moment, being the moment that sticks in their memory. For me, it was a finding the carving shown in the adjacent photo in a small alcove next to a church in Serbia;



I apologize for the photo quality but it was taken through a metal screen. The inscription explains that the "carving symbolizes the emptiness that arose after the mass emigration of Germans from the area (during and after World War 2)".

While in Europe, I also starting firming up details of our next Verband event being dance instructor training with Hansi Mueller from Romania. It is tentatively being planned for 9 days in February 2025; should everything work out, we will need to move Grundungsfest to January, but we would be holding a Fasching event with the training program participants.

The instructor training goes beyond just learning traditional dances; it explains choreography, different dance holds and moves, and the history/significance of the various routines. I will keep everyone posted on the details as they progress.

At the club level, we are gearing up for Kirchweih in September and Oktoberfest in October. I hope to see all of you out to at least one of these events.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Herold
President

SUPPORTING THE SCHWABEN DANCERS
JOIN US FOR A

FUNDRAISER BBQ

5:00 TO 8:00 PM	FRIDAY
SCHWABEN CLUB PATIO	SEPTEMBER 6TH 2024

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

MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

In September we begin our membership renewals so come to a meeting, call or visit the office to renew.

Family	\$85
Single	\$60
Senior	\$40
Student	\$25

Late fee \$30 (to avoid late fees please pay your membership dues by January 30, 2025)

Membership cards will be available at the September Membership meeting

Membership Benefits include:

- 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

Der Herbst ist da und wir haben viele Veranstaltungen für Sie, die Sie mitfeiern können. We invite you to come and celebrate some of the fall events we have planned: Kirchweih and Oktoberfest including Family days. Some popular days sell out fast so get your tickets soon.

We have fun bbqs planned; check out the calendar of events.

Elizabeth Schiketantz
Membership Director &
Sick Benefits Financial Secretary

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR SEPTEMBER

Herzlichen Glückwunsch Zum September Geburtstag!

Best Wishes on your September Birthday!

Daniel Wawryczek	2
Ursula Ehrishmann	6
Harry Drung	9
Theresa Mendler	13
Carole Zettel-Lindner	13
Karin Kahnke	14
Robert Cook	16
Anne Foster	17
Frank Willyung	17
Kyla Hild	19
Katherine Kretschmann	19
Cindy Pop	19
Darlene Clausing	20
Joseph Adam	21
Davi Schmidt	21
Guenther Haas	23
Penny Hanke	24
Elizabeth Schiketantz	25
Meta Degrell	27
Angele Killingbeck	29
William Wirtz	29



Mia San KW BBQ postponed until Friday, September 13th

NOTICE

VOLKSTRAUERTAG 2024

The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Toronto wishes to inform the German-Canadian community that the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony to commemorate the dead of the two World Wars as well as the victims of tyranny (Volkstrauertag) will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:30 pm at the Woodland Cemetery, 119 Arlington Blvd. Kitchener, Ontario. After the service, coffee and cake will be hosted by the Transylvania Club, 464 Maple Ave, Kitchener.

JUGENDLAGER 2024

July long weekend we had our Jugendlager with youth coming up from Cincinnati and Windsor. We had a very enthusiastic group who participated in learning how to make chicken paprikas, schwaben beans, krautfleckerl, kipfels and peach knödeln. Schowbisch lessens and how to sing 'so ein Tag'.

The group was very appreciative of being able to participate in the weekend to build friendships and they are all looking forward to seeing each other labour day weekend in St.Louis.

I appreciate the help that was received from all volunteers, and a special thanks goes out to the frauengruppe for making the weekend possible.

Sincerely,

Nickolas Leipold, Verband Youth Director



FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

The Frauengruppe is holding our Food Drive again this year. Please deposit any donations in the box that will be located in the lobby area at the club. It will be available Sept 3 until Oct 6 and donations will be taken to the parade.

We will be assisting the club with cabbage roll making the weekend of Sept 14/15. Please let the club know if you wish to help and what your availability is.

We will be setting up and prepping the rosemary for Kirchweih Sept 20 starting at 4:30. If you have grown any rosemary plants please drop them off before that time.

We may have a social in October. More information will follow.

Happy Autumn!

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

Ballroom Dance Lessons

Monday Evenings

starting
September 23, 2024
for 10 weeks

Cha Cha Bachata/Rumba

Member: \$100

Non-Member: \$150

Must be registered and paid in full
to the club by September 18th.

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The Schwaben Club presents KIRCHWEIH

September 21, 2024

Member: \$37 (\$32.74 + HST)

Non-Member: \$42 (\$37.17 + HST)

Child (7-12): \$15 (\$13.27 + HST)

Menu:

Cucumber Salad
Chicken Paprikas
Mashed Potatoes
Cauliflower
Apple Crisp
with Ice Cream

Doors open: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Band:

Seven Castles

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FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

In 2019, the leadership of the Freundschaftsgruppe had the opportunity to join the Welttreffen tour, where we gained invaluable insights. We shared our experiences through photos at Kirchweih and gave two PowerPoint presentations highlighting what we learned. Additionally, we led a workshop on starching undershirts, sharing traditional skills with our community.



When plans were announced two years ago for a Return to Heimat Tour, our group leaders knew we wanted to be part of it once again. Although Shay couldn't attend due to work commitments, the rest of us embarked on another journey to Europe. Participating in this tour was crucial for us as it allowed us to deepen our understanding of Donauschwaben history.

This time, the tour offered deeply personal experiences for many attendees. Throughout Hungary, Serbia, and Romania, we visited various Donauschwaben Clubs, churches, and museums, where our hosts graciously provided unique experiences, historical insights, examples of regional tracht, dance instruction, and delightful local cuisine. Our group also visited several memorials dedicated to the Donauschwaben people. We laid a wreath in Ulm, Germany, at the site where the Donauswabians began their journey down the Danube River to new lands. Another wreath was placed at the memorial cross in Gakovo, honouring those who were exterminated in the former Yugoslavia after World War II. Another wreath was placed in Taksony, Hungary and we were all able to place a lit candle in the monument after their Kirchweih in honour of those that did not return after the war.

These visits, along with the personal stories shared by family members, made the experience deeply emotional for all of us. However, they also reminded us of the strength and resilience of our ancestors, who either left Germany to start a new life or were forced from their homelands after the war. Their legacy continues to inspire us.

We are excited to unveil some of our favourite



framed photos from this journey with the Club, sharing the memories and the lessons we learned with our community.



Looking toward the fall, our group is planning our Halloween activity. We have selected an escape room night for Friday, October 25th. Please reach out to us by the 4th of October if you would like to be included in the numbers, kwschwabensocial@gmail.com. Please note the NEW email address. Our old email will no longer be active. As mentioned in our previous articles we are no longer a youth social group as many of our adult Club members were interested in joining our planned activities. In the upcoming weeks visit our Facebook page at: Freundschaftsgruppe Kitchener Schwaben Club for updates and more information.

We look forward to seeing you all out at the Club!

Lea & Emma Becker and Lena & Shay Herold
Freundschaftsgruppe Leaders






SCHLACHTFEST

including the announcement of our new MR. SCHWABEN 

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Music provided by the
GOLDEN KEYS

MENU

- Cucumber Salad
- Wurst Salad
- Pork Roast
- Roast Potatoes
- Seasonal Veggies
- Crème Brulée
- Vegetarian option:
Vegetable Lasagna
- Kid's Meal:
Schnitzel Bites
& Fries

MEMBER: \$37 (\$32.74 + HST)

NON-MEMBER: \$42 (\$37.17 + HST)

CHILD (7-12): \$15 (\$13.27 + HST)
(6/under free)

ADD A PIG TAIL OR PORK HOCK FOR AN ADDITIONAL: \$7

Doors Open: 5:30pm
Dinner: 6pm

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"Return to the Heimat" Tour



Becker Families at the Church in Kernei (now Kljajicevo, Serbia)

DONNA AND GARY BECKER: It was such a wonderful time experiencing this trip with our family. In Serbia, we were able to see the homes of Gary's and John's parents, John Sr. and Katharina Becker, as well as the Church where Kathie was baptized. It was very emotional for us all but an experience we will hold in our memories forever.

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We began our Heimat tour in the city of Ulm, just as our Danube Swabian ancestors had when they embarked on their migratory journey to promised lands 300 years ago.

For most members of our group, just seeing the Donau River was enough to inspire awe and admiration of the difficult trek our ancestors made. However seven of our friends felt they needed just a little more.

As luck would have it, Ulm happened to be celebrating their Nabada Festival the day we were there. This festival is pretty much a huge parade floating down the Donau River.

Full brass bands, teams on rafts, and even individuals on personal floatation devices happily passed by waving and shouting, and consuming countless beverages.

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Amidst this chaos and dangerously swift current, there they were - Glenn, Lena, Tye, Jessica, Emma, Helga, and Jason. Our brave little group from Canada was bobbing along (or fighting for their lives) as the mighty Donau swept them along. Apparently they felt they REALLY wanted to experience the Donau! Although you probably can't see any familiar faces amongst the vast crowd, here are some pictures of this unforgettable experience.

It certainly was an adventure for the participants and definitely a challenge to find everyone again at the end. Thankfully, all ended well and no one was permanently lost or seriously injured.

What a day that was! For the adventurous group of seven, splashing down the Donau is now officially checked off the bucket list!

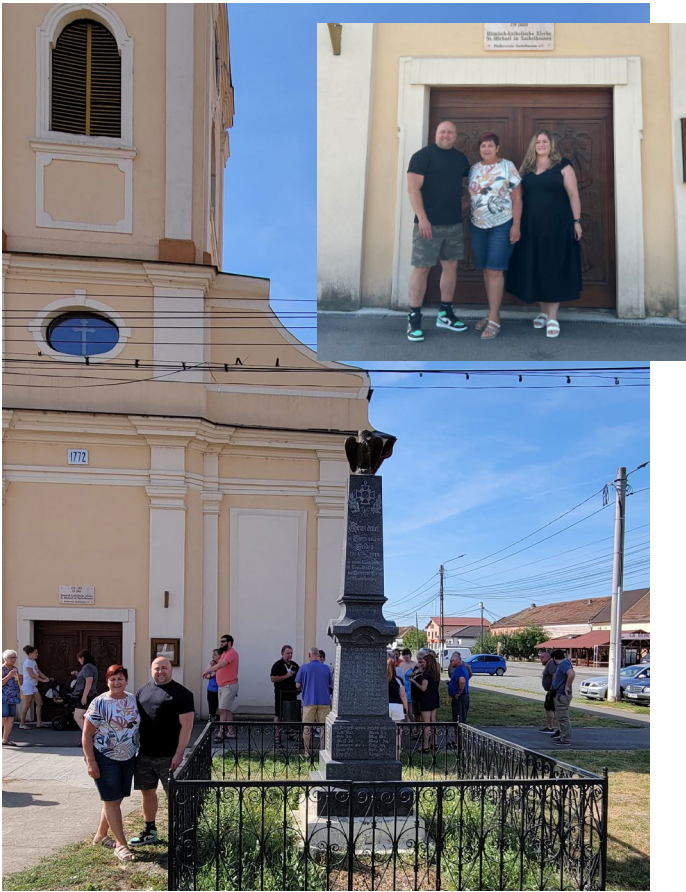
Lea Becker



JASON HINSCHBERGER:

I had many good memories of the trip, but this is the 1 I want to share. This is me with my new Oktoberfest set I purchase here in Germany. I got to debut it to the whole group at the legendary beer hall Hofbrauhaus.





SUSAN, ADAM AND JENN COOK:

In Sackelhausen, Romania, we were able to visit the church where our father and grandfather Jacob Adam would have been baptized. In front of the church stands a monument commemorating the people from the village who died in the First World War. The name of our great grandfather/great-great grandfather Ignatz Adam is engraved there. It was very touching to be there.

EMMA BECKER: The highlight of The Return to the Heimat trip for me was the opportunity to wear the Miss (Donau) Schwaben sash while cruising down the Donau River. I had the privilege of being Miss Schwaben of 2023, and since being granted the title, I've always wanted to bring the sash back to the Heimatland. The title has always meant a lot to me personally, and during my reign, I took the title seriously and wore the sash with such pride. Before the trip, I was informed that we would be taking a boat ride down the Donau, so I brought the sash with me on my trip for the purpose of wearing it on the river. This was very symbolic to me as I felt like I was honouring our families and the journeys/sacrifices they made in order for us to all be here today. What an honour it was to be Miss Donauschwaben (2023) on the Donau river and to have been one of many ladies who've represented our club, our people and culture. This trip will be something I will cherish forever and continuously reflect on for the rest of my life.



RICK HUTFLOETZ:

This trip filled me with so many precious memories. One which is particularly cherished by me was the visit to the home village, Liebling Romania, the home of my family. To visit the home where my mother was born and to go into the yard and imagine this is where she played as a child was almost overwhelming.

Then to visit the church where they were baptized, worshipped and where my parents were married was an experience I will never forget.

As an added bonus, I met Ewald, the son of my cousin who drove three hours from Sibiu to Timisoara to meet me for the first time. Then to meet Ewa, the daughter of my father's cousin was both unexpected and wonderful.

This is a trip I will never forget!



MAGDALENA SORG:

Most memorable was in Taksony with their dancers, brass band and local people.

DARLENE CLAUSING: There was so much packed into this trip its difficult to say a best moment. The most impact would be Magdalena's story first at our Tour at Kulturzentrum Haus des Donauschwaben – Haar. Over a map of the old country, again on the bus to Linz she spoke a little more, bringing many of us to tears. In Linz we all walked the bridge, where, as a child she was never able to cross. We were re united with the story when we arrived in the former Yugoslavia. We placed a wreath at the memorial cross. The field to the right holds the thousands whose lives were lost.

I took a lot of pictures of the costumes and patterned-(embroidered) cloths which were so inspiring for future hand work and there was also the Banat Village Museum in Timisoara nicknamed Banat "Pioneer Village".



The many museum we went to provided so much more!

We viewed the houses and when we spent two days visiting memorial

sites, the Churches, which, across the 4 countries, were all constructed the same. The architecture for the houses, with the Romanian, Hungarian, Serbian influence in the Schwaben manner, was beautiful.

I loved each site we visited. If anything, we could have spent more time for those visiting their homesteads, to experience more. There is no way to describe the feelings of those visiting their families homes, but two that really enriched the experience for me was The Leopold's, when they found that the family home was over grown with brush. As I picked zwetschge and everyone explored and walked, I think I could have stayed there the entire day! We didn't see much of Croatia, but this made it so beautiful for me.

We visited the home for Brian's family and down the road they spoke of the Kraehling's. Glenn, and a couple of people went to save time. But while they did this. I can't remember who... (Jason, Seppi ??) and I'm sure there was someone else... brought more zwetschgen, where a man had rung a bell to greet us. Unbelievable!

This was more than a once in a life time experience, and I cannot thank the Herald's enough for the time they put into making this possible for all of us.

HELGA PELLER:

We found the church my Mom and her family attended in Sanmartin (Sankmartin) and to experience all this with my one sister and daughter and the rest of the Donauschwabs on the trip made it most memorable. There was a butterfly flying around while we were there and it made me realize that she is at peace.



HEIDI PELLER-OLIVER:

Melchior Peller- born 1938 in Ridica (Sombor), Serbia. Dad to Heidi, Helga and Ingrid. & Opa to Jessica, Tyler & Nick

Heidi has the lot address of Dad's parents house - Koschuth L31 from Peter Peller(Dad's father) death certificate. Pellers had lived here for generations, they owned an acre and a big house.

During the war, Russians came to the home of Peter Peller who was forced and taken away from his home in 1940. His mother, wife and child (Dad was 4 years old) in shock were left behind. We do know that our grandfather was of high ranks of German army, because his cap showed SS army and his large high grave still sits today in St Petersburg (formerly Leningrad). He died in action on the Russian front Oct 5, 1942.

Oma was taken away shortly after about 1944-45 (Dad's Mom Magdalena) was taken from her home in front her child(Dad) and GrossOma (her Mom) to Gakovo (she survived Gakovo) then taken to a Russian concentration camp, she was gone 5 years.

In 1949-50 she came back to Ridica to her home. Meanwhile life went on for GrossOma taking care of Dad who went to school in Ridica until he was 13 in 1951. We have his report cards from his school. In 1951, Oma announced leave all behind they are all going back to Germany. Oma's hair had turned white at age 29. She never spoke of her bad time in the camp. We think she was raped, treated badly and pushed to work hard like most women were by the Russians during the war and at camps. Dad lived in Markgröningen, Germany with Oma & GrossOma until 1960. John Heffner Sr sponsored Dad to come to Kitchener, Canada, assisted him in finding work and a home. He was told to go to Schwaben Club where he met our Mom and the rest is history.

Heidi, Helga Jessica found the hometown courtesy of our bus driver on the tour. The Peller home was not found, addresses

and lots have changed, the home may be covered in grown over bush. Here is a picture of Dad's church with all of us - it's best we found.

LENA HEROLD: We recently returned from the Return to Heimat Tour, where we travelled through Germany, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, and Romania. Our group of 26 were united by a shared love for Donauschwaben culture and traditions. If Glenn and I had undertaken this journey on our own, we might have visited the same places, but the experience would have been entirely different as many doors were opened to us because of our group size.

Throughout our travels, we were warmly welcomed into Donauschwaben museums and clubhouses across various countries. We enjoyed generous hospitality, delicious food and drink, lively music, and dance. We learned more about our Donauschwaben heritage through their displays, videos, and personal stories.

One of my most memorable moments of the trip was the festival night in Albstadt, Germany which occurred at the beginning of our vacation. After visiting the Albstadt Donauschwaben Club, its museum, and having some drinks and homemade pretzels there, our host for the evening, Matthias, took us to HockAlbFest. Some of our trip participants had formed a dance group months before and that evening they performed for the crowd. I connected with a family friend who brought me a book about my ancestral village which was a surreal moment. The evening did feature a brass band and later, a contemporary folk group that energized the crowd. The food was fantastic, and we had a blast when we were called up to the dance floor and introduced to the crowd.

The night captured everything I cherished about the Return to Heimat Tour: culture, family, fun, and friendship. I would relive the trip again in a heartbeat. From start to finish each day was so different with its own experiences and when you thought it couldn't get any better it always somehow did. Thank you to Glenn for planning and executing the trip. You did a superb job!



ADAM BECKER: This was my first time travelling to Europe. I was amazed by the architecture, especially the castles. It was worth the hike up the mountain to see Neuschwanstein castle.



Please Support the Ladies Auxiliary



**THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE**

We are collecting non-perishable food items until October 6th to bring to the Thanksgiving Day Parade Onkel Hans Food Drive.

DONATION DROP-OFFS CAN TAKE PLACE WHEN THE SCHWABEN CLUB IS OPEN NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 8TH.

Thank you for your support.



FALL CLUB CLEANUP
September 22 at 9 am



Vorstandswahl / Board of Directors Election 2025

The following Board Positions are
open to Nomination:

Praesident/President

Protokoll-Sekretär/Protocol-Secretary

Kassierer/Treasurer

Fahnenträger/Flag Bearer

**Vergnuegungs sekretär/
Entertainment Director**

*Cut off date for nominations is
October 9, 2024*

3 Members are required for the Elections
Committee. The 3 person committee will
be appointed at the September Monthly
Members meeting.

If interested in being on the committee
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Upcoming games in September:

Saturday, September 14	12:30pm	FC Bayern vs Holstein Kiel	Bundesliga
Saturday, September 21	9:30am	FC Bayern vs Werder Bremen	Bundesliga
Saturday, September 28	12:30pm	FC Bayern vs Bayer Leverkusen	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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