



SCHWABEN KLUB

MAI 2025

nachrichten

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2025

Oktoberfest Tickets available
to MEMBERS ONLY: April 15

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
(Kinder/Jugendgruppe): April 26

Oktoberfest Tickets available
to the PUBLIC: May 15

BBQ Fundraiser
(Kinder/Jugendgruppe at
Colour Paradise Greenhouses)
May 19

Members' Meeting: May 21

Sick Benefit Meeting: May 29

BBQ Fundraiser
(Schwaben Dancers): June 13

Members' Meeting: June 18

Schwaben Family Picnic: June 21

BBQ Fundraiser
(Schwaben Dancers): August 8

Weinlesefest: September 20

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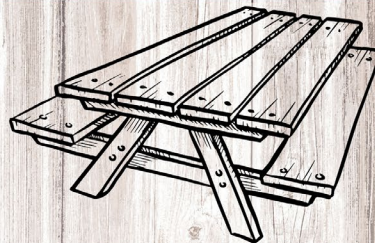
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10th of the month, for the following
issue. Thank you.



Happy Mother's Day



**SATURDAY,
JUNE 21,
2025**

SCHWABEN CLUB FAMILY PICNIC

Live Music
Biergarten Open
Games for Children & Adults

**FREE ADMISSION
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Schwaben Club
50 Scheifele Place, Breslau
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**Bring Your Own Picnic
OR
buy Hamburgers,
Hotdogs & Sausages**

**Picnic starts: 3 pm
Games begin: 3:30 pm
Food available
for purchase: 5-7 pm**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

We are still rolling strong with our events. Our Miss Schwaben event was a rousing success. A packed house came out to celebrate the crowning of our new Miss. Congratulations to Natasha Speckner on becoming our Miss Schwaben 2025. It was a celebratory evening; the food was good, the energy was high, and people danced the night away with all our contestants and guests.

April 12 was the annual Landestrachtenfest, which this year being hosted by the Windsor Teutonia Club. I look forward to sharing about this event in the next edition of the Nachrichten, along with many great photos.

On April 13, the Club hosted a free Easter Egg Hunt for our members and their children. Almost 30 kids came out on a particularly warm, sunny day to run around our property looking for eggs. It was a perfect spring day, with parents able to sit in the Biergarten and watch their kids. After the hunt, the kids played on the playground and swings, with some families enjoying the schnitzel/sausage-on-a-bun that was available for supper. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help. We even had 2 "eggstra" special guests to add to this fun, new event.

Our second to last Baking Class is coming up on Sunday, April 27. This Krapfen class is already full and is the overflow list from the original Krapfen last time. The last Cooking Class of the season will be on May 4. This Schnitzel class is also full, also being an overflow class from the last Schnitzel class.

The Kinder- and Jugendgruppe Spaghetti Fundraiser will be on April 26th. Donations will be accepted for the Silent Auction and can be dropped off during our dance practice (Thursdays 6:30-8pm) and in the office during office hours. We're hoping everyone will come out to support our youngest members.

They will have another fundraiser on Monday, May 19, 2025 at the Colour Paradise Greenhouse in Mannheim. If you are planning to pick up your plants this season, come out and support our kids by buying lunch there as well!

Our annual Schwaben Family Picnic has been set for Saturday, June 21. We encourage everyone to come - and bring their food if they would like! That's right. Members now have the option to buy food at the Club or bring their own and have a cozy picnic on our property. The Schwaben Club will be BBQing hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage for purchase if you would prefer. We're hoping that good weather will make the

live music, games and Beirgarten time more fun for everyone. Picnic starts at 3pm, Games start at 3:30pm, with BBQ available at 5pm.

Our next major cultural event will be our Weinlesefest on September 20, 2025. This new event will be replacing Kirchweih this year and is an event our own Club used to host 40+ years ago. With the emphasis on grapes and wine, beautiful decorations, and the opportunity for grape theft and jailtime (for fun!) - it should be an event for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, our Board is eager to engage with our members to make our Club better. Our doors are always open. We welcome your visit and your ideas.

Thank you very much,

Peter Speckner, President



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MEMBERSHIP AND SICK BENEFIT REPORT

I would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Miss Schwaben 2025 pageant. Over 180 members and non-members attended the 2025 Miss Schwaben Gala ball. This year's pageant was more exciting as there were 4 girls running. It sure was a nail biter. It was a wonderful evening, and I must say the chicken dinner was the best.

I would a thank Miss Stefanie Khanke, our former Miss 2024, for doing such a tremendous job representing our club through thick and thin during her reign. I wish you all the best in your school studies.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Natasha Speckner, our newly crowned Miss Schwaben 2025. You will do an amazing job as our new ambassador this year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spaghetti Dinner unfortunately I wont be able to support them this year but there is always next year.

Please don't forget that on May 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. there Sick Benefit meeting will be held at the Club.

Elizabeth Schiketantz

*Membership Director &
Sick Benefits Financial Secretary*

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

When extending thank yous for our 90th acknowledgements, we were not aware that we had received a donation from the Donau dancers. So we want to say a big Thank You for your gift. Hopefully we will soon have spring weather and be able to enjoy patios and gardening.

Happy Spring!

Susan, Lena, Lea, Jen, Penny, Monika

Frauengruppe Committee

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR MAI

**Herzlichen Glückwunsch an alle die in Mai
Ihren Geburtstag feiern!!**

**Happy Birthday to all those celebrating
in May!**

Thomas Drung	2
Paul Gross	2
Richard Schaadt	2
Jacqueline Hewson	5
Martin Schelling	7
Beverly Ott-Peon	8
Monica Anstett	9
Rod Braun	10
Andrew Schilling	11
Anita Temniuk-Schlupp	12
Ray Tomchick	12
Kate Ostermann	13
John Becker	16
Monika Hoedl	16
Tracy Ruland	16
Stephen Heffner	17
Roseanna Rigo	17
Tye Herold	23
Klaus Preuschoss	27
Sarah Brown	28
Lori South	28
Andrew Gellner	30



CULTURAL NEWS

Congratulations to Natasha Speckner, our Miss Schwaben 2025!

We celebrated the Miss Schwaben Ball on March 22, enjoying a delicious dinner and dancing to the Golden Keys.

Thank you to all the lovely contestants who took part in this year's competition. You all are inspirational to the continuation of the Donauschwaben heritage and culture, and also with your future goals and aspirations. And to our esteemed judges, thank you for participating.

Before the crowning of the new Miss, we heard Miss Schwaben 2024, Stephanie Kahnke give her poignant farewell speech and she enjoyed her final waltz with her Opa (Wolfgang Kahnke) and our President, Peter Speckner. Thank you Stephanie for the amazing job you did as our Miss during 2024.

The Kindergruppe young girls did a sweet presentation as to why they want to be Miss Schwaben when they grow up. And as always, beautiful performances by the Schwaben and Donau Dancers.

After the entertainment, our new Miss, Natasha Speckner was crowned Miss Schwaben 2025

and enjoyed her first dance as Miss with her Father and President. Natasha, we wish you all the best for your year as Miss Schwaben and know that you will represent our club with much enthusiasm and integrity.

It was lovely to see 19 past Misses come and take part in this celebration!

The evening would not have been possible without the assistance of so very many people. To a beautifully decorated hall, done by volunteers, the slideshow presentation created by Andrea Speckner, and we were guided through the evening by our MC, Emma Becker, Miss Schwaben 2023. To the many people who contributed to the evening, the servers, the kitchen staff, and the great band, I offer my sincere thanks to everyone's diligence and hard work on this very successful event.

Weinlesefest - September 20, 2025. Looking to see if anyone has small to medium wine (or whiskey) barrels we could borrow for this event. If so, please email me at cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com.

Monica Anstett
Cultural Director



**Schwaben
Club
Board of
Directors
2025**

DONAU DANCERS

April showers bring May flowers, let's hope the snow is done.

We would like to congratulate our new Miss Schwaben Natasha Speckner! Hope your year as Miss is everything you hoped it would be.

As this year is winding down for performances we will still be practicing on Sundays at 6:30 if you want to come and try us out come on down. We do take time off and when we have a confirmed time we will let you know.

This past Saturday we performed at the Alpine Club for their fundraiser. It was a lot of fun. Thank you for the invite.

Tina McQuabbie

Donau Dancers Secretary



Ballroom Dance Lessons

Monday Evenings

starting May 5, 2025
for 10 weeks

Cha Cha & Advanced Fox Trot & Waltz

Member: \$100

Non-Member: \$150

Must be registered and paid in full
to the club by May 2nd at 5pm.

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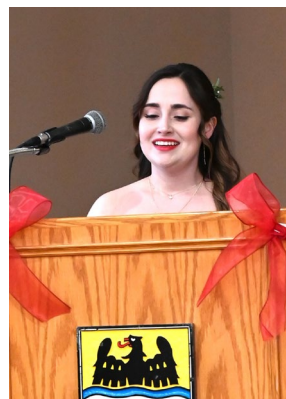
Thank you to all of the candidates for their hardwork and participation!



Emma Becker
Emcee



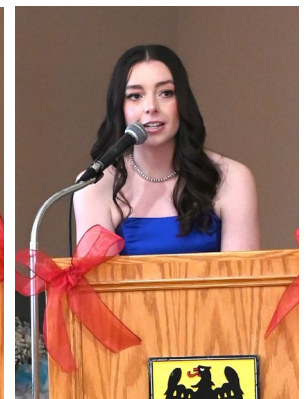
Erika Hanke
Candidate



Natasia Kircos
Candidate



Lauren Krause
Candidate



Natasha Speckner
Candidate





**Congratulations
Natasha Speckner
Miss Schwaben
2025**



KINDERGRUPPE & JUGENDGRUPPE NEWS

Guten Tag from our youngest members!

The children's dance groups continue to have a wonderful season. A special performance was presented at our Miss Schwaben, and all the girls were given the opportunity to share why they wanted to be Miss Schwaben as well. Flowers were also presented by our kids to all the contestants.

On April 13, most of our dancers came to the Club to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone had a great time; the kids were laughing and playing, the parents enjoyed the Biergarten, and the weather could not have been better.

As for upcoming events for our groups, our annual Spaghetti Fundraiser is on April 26. We are hoping to have lots of people come out and support us, enjoying delicious spaghetti and Caesar salad. Dessert is included in the ticket price as well. We always have a Silent Auction that evening as well, so we are accepting any donations anyone wishes to provide to us. Donations can be dropped off during our practice time (Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm), or to the office anytime during office hours.

Our next fundraiser after that will be the Monday, May 19, 2025 at Colour Paradise Greenhouse in Mannheim. We'll be there from late morning to late afternoon. Come out and enjoy a hamburger or sausage, or even a pretzel, while shopping for your plants for the new season. Rain or shine, we'll be there with fresh BBQ and drinks.



Both groups are in the process of learning new dances, which will come with new skills. It will be fantastic to see them perform their new dances once they are ready.

The Board of the children's dance groups are thankful for all your support, and look forward to another successful dance season.

We are always looking for more for dancers. If you know of any kids aged 4-15 years old, they are welcome to come out and give us a try. They'll have fun - we promise!

Peter Speckner

Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



Kindergruppe & Jugendgruppe FUNDRAISER BBQ

Monday, May 19
11 AM - 3 PM

(or while supplies last)

1209 Bleams Road
Mannheim, ON

Children
& Youth
German Folk
Dance Groups
(ages 4-15)





THANK YOU



Our families would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Schwaben Club for all the support, well wishes, and kindness shown to Tye during chemotherapy. It truly meant the world to us. We are so grateful for the encouragement and sense of community that helped us through this time. We're happy to share that Tye is now in remission and looking forward to getting out more and seeing everyone at the Club again.

With gratitude,

Tye Herold & Jessica Hill,

Lena & Glenn Herold, and Helga Peller-Eberl & Rolf Eberl

† Ruhe in Frieden †

JOSEF GROH

March 14th, 1934 - April 10th, 2025



Passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener.

Husband of the late Elisabeth (nee Schwab) Groh. Predeceased by brother Lorenz and three sisters; Katharina Huber, Anna Stutz, and Elisabeth Turner, all of Germany. Lovingly remembered by his children: Joe Groh (Shireen), Monica Laws, Peter Groh (Suzanne), Sylvia Groh (Russel), and their families. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Josef's family will receive relatives and friends at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749- 8467, from 6 pm to 8 pm on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Visitation will continue from 9:30 am to 10:15 am on Thursday, April 17, 2025 with a Funeral Service to follow in the chapel at 10:30 am. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. Reception to follow at Schwaben Club, 50 Scheifele Place, Breslau.

A special thank you to Dr. Abba Patel-Christopher and the cardiac care team at St. Mary's Hospital (WRHN @ Queen's Blvd) for their exceptional care.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home).

Visit www.henrywalser.com for Josef's memorial.

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