

# schwaben klub richten August 2025 nach Len

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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### Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2025

Wood Fired Pizza Fundraiser (Schwaben Club): August 1

**BBQ Fundraiser** (Schwaben Dancers): August 8

**BBQ Fundraiser** (**Donau Dancers**): August 15

Members' Meeting: August 20

**German Clothing Buy & Sell** (Freundschaftgruppe): September 7

Weinlesefest: September 13

**Members' Meeting:** September 17

Biergartenfest: September 27

#### Oktoberfest

October 3 & 4
October 5 (Family Day)
October 10 & 11
October 12 (Family Day)
October 17 & 18

Oktoberfest Restaurant
October 9 & 16

#### **IMPRESSUM**

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

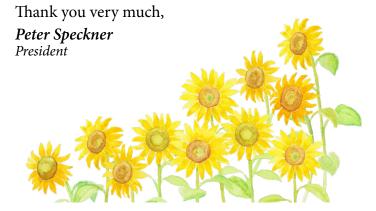
We are midway through summer, our members are enjoying the warm (sometimes hot) weather, and things have slowed right down. This is a time for family, vacations, getting away and relaxing. We are still proud Donauschwaben, even if we don't see each for a couple of months. But take heart, we will be celebrating together again soon.

Our next major cultural event will be our Weinlesefest on September 13, 2025. This new event will be replacing Kirchweih for 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 a fun event for everyone to enjoy. Music will be provided by the Edelweiss Trio. I know some of our members are not fond of new things, preferring the traditional. Well, this event is traditional. It was hosted at the Schwaben Club for a few decades, up until the 80's and it is still hosted by Schwaben clubs across North America every year. I know expectations will be high for this event, but I have complete confidence that our Board and volunteers will do a wonderful job.

There will continue to be Friday Fundraisers for various Untergruppen during the rest of the summer, so please check the posters and Wichtige Daten to find out when you can come out to support them.

And finally, I want to thank our members who have come out and supported the Club, making our first half of the year very exciting and well-attended. It is great to know there is still a desire to come together and celebrate our shared heritage, and I very much hope that passion will continue for the rest of year. With Weinlesefest, Oktoberfest, Schlachtfest, and our Christmas Potluck as the remaining larger Club events this year, I see know reason why it shouldn't.

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.







#### **CULTURAL NEWS**

Hope everyone is enjoying summer and staying cool!

A reminder to any of our youth that is again time for the The Oma Abt Youth Heritage Award. This year's essay topic: "We all have heard stories the Alte Schwobe (elderly Schwab's) shared from the old country, what will be your story that you will pass down" - please refer to the poster.

#### Mr. Schwaben Ambassador 2026

Looking forward to another great time at this years upcoming Schlachtfest and announcement of our 2026 Mr. Schwaben.

The role of Mr. Schwaben is to show our youth a

positive role model and act as an ambassador representing our club. Mr Schwaben winner is announced at our Schlachtfest event.

Topic:

Applications for Mr. Schwaben 2026 will be accepted until Sept. 30, 2025. Applications and can be found on our club's website:

https://kitchenerschwabenclub.com/events-culture/miss-schwaben/or by contacting our club office.

#### Requirements:

- 1. Must be between the ages of 19 and 28 at the start of that year's Oktoberfest.
- 2. Must be under a student, single or family membership for a full calendar year prior to the Miss competition.
- 3. Must be single, never married, and

have no children for the duration of the time you hold the title.

The Oma Abt Youth Heritage Award

In memory of Frau Maria Abt

1st place-\$500

2<sup>nd</sup> place-\$300

3rd place-\$200

Sponsored by the Donauschwaben Stiftung and the Abt Family

We all have heard stories the Alte Schobwe have shared from

the old country, what will be your story that you will pass

Open to all active USA and Canada Verband youth group members

Any questions please contact Katy Abt-Scurry <u>kabt93@gmail.com</u>

Entries must be received by 08/21/2025 – sent to <u>kabt93@gmail.com</u>
 Winners will be announced in Mansfield at the Landestreffen

- 4. Should have an understanding and appreciation of the Donauschwaben and German cultures.
- 5. Must reside within commuting distance of the Schwaben Club and its respective engagements.

#### **Welt Dachverband Information**

Interested members can find world wide news of the Danube Swabians through the following links:

PLEASE NOTE: all is written in the German language.

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Monica Anstett, Cultural Director

#### GEBURTSTAGE FÜR AUGUST

Herzlichen Glückwunsch zu deinem Geburtstag im August!!

# Congratulations on your August Birthday!

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#### HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD SUBMISSIONS 2025

... continued from the July Edition of the Nachrichten.

# The Why By Shay Herold

When I reflect on why I enjoy being a part of the Kitchener Schwaben Club, many things come to mind: the traditional food, the lively dancing, the music, and, of course, the cherished bingo events with the ladies group. However, if I were to pinpoint the true reason why I feel such a strong connection to the Schwaben Club, it would be the opportunity to preserve and share the traditions and culture that my family holds dear.



Being proud of my cultural heritage and family history is at the core of my identity. This pride fuels my passion, both personally and professionally. In my line of work, I often help others reconnect with their traditions, guiding them on how to actively engage with their cultural practices. This role has given me a deep appreciation for the value of tradition and the need to pass it on to future

generations. The Schwaben Club plays a crucial role in this, providing a space where our shared heritage is not only celebrated but nurtured.

What makes being a part of the Schwaben Club even more rewarding is witnessing the younger generation embrace and carry forward our customs. It is inspiring to see youth like my brother and sister-in-law, who have stepped up to ensure that our traditions remain alive. They have taken on leadership roles, instructing the Schwaben Dancers and encouraging others to participate. Their commitment to preserving our culture makes me proud and reassures me that these customs will continue to thrive for years to come.

Events like Jugendlager and the National Gatherings are pivotal in helping me connect with other young leaders who share the same passion for maintaining our heritage. These gatherings provide an opportunity to learn from one another and foster a sense of community among Schwaben Clubs not just in Canada, but across the United States and beyond. It's inspiring to meet people from different parts of North America who are equally dedicated to keeping the culture alive and sharing it with others.

At its heart, being part of the Kitchener Schwaben Club is about much more than enjoying Oktoberfest, drinking beer, or participating in traditional dancing—it's about cultivating a deep sense of identity and connection to something greater than myself. The Gemütlichkeit, or "good-naturedness," that fills the air during events reflects the shared joy of belonging to a community that values its roots. It's in the warmth of the smiles, the stories exchanged, and the pride in our shared history. Every time we gather—whether it's for a dance, a meal, or wearing traditional tracht—we are not only preserving our culture but strengthening the bond we share as Schwaben people.



Being part of the Kitchener Schwaben Club allows me to carry forward my family's legacy, while connecting with others who share similar experiences and values. It's about celebrating the past while embracing the future, ensuring that the next generation will carry the torch and keep the spirit of our culture alive for years to come. That is why I enjoy being part of the Schwaben Club—not just for the fun, but for the pride of knowing that I am contributing to something much bigger than myself. For our culture, our people, our ancestors, and the family we wish were still with us today.

# Warum ich den Schwaben Klub liebe. *By Deanna Schaadt*

Ich bin ein Teilnehmer aus dem Schwaben Klub seit 2004. Meine Mutter, Großmutter und mein Vater und Großvater sind Teilnehmer aus, und als Kind bin ich im Club eingeführt. Als Kind habe ich mit meinen Freunden und meinem Bruder getanzt, weil das Spaß macht! Ich liebe aufpassen meiner Mutter getanzt, sie sind sehr schön. Ich liebe tanzen und die Exercice der Klub gibt mir als Kind. Ich habe sehr nette Erinnerungen an meine Mutter und meinen Bruder, als der Klub tanzte. Abgesehen vom Tanzen liebe ich das Essen. Die Schwaben Club Schnitzel mag ich besonders gern, und auf die Gruppe getanzt, solange ich getrunken habe, Kaffee und Essen eine Küche ist meine Lieblingssache. Als Kind bin ich Tänzerin, aber jetzt bin ich gesetzt und



esse sehr gut Küche und trinke heißen Kaffee mit meinen Eltern, Bruder und Großeltern. Als Kind habe ich viel Zeit mit dem Schwaben Klub verbracht. Ich gehe mit meinem Mutter aus Tanzpraxis einmal pro woche, und habe auch meine eigene Praxis. Jetzt ich bin in Ottawa in die Universität und kann gehen zusammen nicht auf, aber wenn ich am Haus gehen für "Reading Week" dann ich gehe zu der Klub. Ich studiere in die Universität of Ottawa, und habe vierte Deutsch-Kurs geben. Mein Deutsch ist nicht perfekt, aber es ist besser! Im Mai, mit die Universität of Saint-Marys, ich gehe zu Kassel, Deutschland, für einen Studentenaustausch. Wenn ich am Haus bin, mag ich gesehen meine alt Freundin und Familie und der Klub hilft mir dabei. Vor vierten oder fünften Monat, kommt die Tanzgruppe aus Ottawa und tanzt zum "Canadian Tire Centre" in Ottawa. Ich wohne 20 Minuten vom Center und Stefanie, meine sehr gute Freundin von dem Klub, kommt aus mein Arbeiten und wir treffen uns Abend. Ich liebe den Klub, weil er mir meine Freundin fürs Leben gibt. Der Klub gibt mir auch einer Gelegenheit um zu sehen Stefanie deshalb wir kann nicht ihnen sehen wenn ich bin ins Ottawa und sie bist nach Guelph und wir bist belegt mit die Universitat. Als Kind Stefanie und ich treffen bei

der Klub, und jetzt sehr gut befreundet bist. Lustig genug, meine Eltern sind gute Freunde mit Stefanies Eltern. und noch mehr meinen Großeltern sind gute Freunde mit Stefanies Großeltern. Der Schwaben Klub gibt mir, meinen Eltern



und noch mehr meinen Großeltern lebenslange Freunde. Ich danke dir für das. Obwohl mein Opa (Großvater) noch nie hier mit uns ist, gibt mir der Schwaben Klub das Gefühl, ihm nahe zu sein. Mein Opa war Präsident, als ich ein Kind war, und das Foto ist in einem Bilder am Wald. Ich kann sehen und spüre seine Anwesenheit, wenngleich er nicht da ist. Der Klub hilft auch meiner

Oma (Großmutter) und meinem Vater bleiben Sie mit unserem Opa/Vater/Mann in Verbindung. Ich habe viele Erinnerungen mit meinem Opa und meiner Oma im Klub, ob es so ist mit Tanzen oder Essen, oder als Kind, wenn ich müde bin und angestellt an der auf dem Schoß. Der Klub gibt meinen Familie so viel. Meine Mutter und mein Vater treffen sich auch hier. Ohne den Klub würden mein Bruder und ich nicht existieren! Ich danke dem Klub besonders gern für alles, es gibt mich und meine Familie. Danke schön.

#### Why I enjoy being a part of the Schwaben Club By Katharina Speckner

Hi, my name is Katharina Speckner, I'm 8 years old and I like being a part of the Schwaben Club because my family is there and the food is delicious and I've made friends there and the dances are so cool to watch and the music is good.

My family that was and is a part of the Schwaben Club is my Opi (my great-grandpa, and even his parents), my Nana & Papa, my Opa, my Oma and her parents, my Mom and Dad and even more of my aunts, uncles and cousins.

Some of my cousins, Patrick, Greta and Conrad, are a part of the Kinder & Jugend dance groups at the Schwaben Club with me & my brother. I've also made friends with Lucas, Sophia, Ava and a bunch of others. Some of my favourite things to do together are make crafts at club functions, play tag and hide & seek at dance practices and going to new and different places to dance. Last Labour Day weekend, I got to go to St. Louis, Missouri with Patrick, Greta and Conrad. We walked in a big, very hot parade with other Kitchener

Schwaben Club members and people from other Schwaben clubs from all over the US & Canada. It was great cooling off at the hotel with pool family when we were done. We've also gone to Milwaukee, WI, Mansfield, OH, Toronto and Windsor.



I also really like Oktoberfest. I like selling pretzels to get money for our dance group, I like eating yummy food, especially pretzels and walking in the Oktoberfest parade on Thanksgiving Day. I like spinning and seeing the floats, especially Miss Schwaben's float and seeing people I know in

the crowds. One my favourite dance songs to with my friends and family is the Chicken Dance. Oktoberfest is always busy but also really fun.

The Club picnics are fun too. We get to play games, win prizes and get soaked with water balloons. It's fun to run around and play with our friends outside at the Club.



I also like going to other events at the Schwaben Club like Schlachtfest (I like all of the piggies), Kirchweih (I like decorating the Rosemary), Landestrachtenfest (I like wearing my family tracht), Gründungsfest (I like celebrating the Schwaben Club) and Miss Schwaben. At Miss Schwaben we get to wear fancy dresses and get to see who will be the new Miss Schwaben. Miss Schwaben represents the club and always looks pretty. One day I want to be Miss Schwaben. At these Club events we make crafts and dance to the band music with people on the dance floor. It's neat to see the people playing instruments and sounding so good.

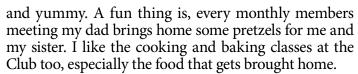
I've been a part of the Schwaben Club as long as I can remember. There are always friendly and familiar people. I love the dancing, music, playing and culture. I want to be a member of the Schwaben Club for the rest of my life.

#### Why I like being a part of the Schwaben Club By Jakob Speckner

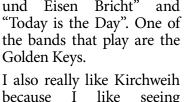
My name is Jakob Speckner and I'm 10 years old. I like

being a part of the Kitchener Schwaben Club because of a few different reasons like the events, the food, the people and having fun playing games.

Some events I like are Kirchweih, Schlachtfest, Landestreffen Oktoberfest. The reason I like Club events is because we get to have Donauschwaben and German food. Some of the food I like at the Schwaben Club are Pretzels, Paradeiskraut, Schnitzel, and Krapfen. I like Schnitzel because it's very delicious, I like Krapfen because they're sweet and yummy, I like Paradeiskraut because the sausage is tender so no knives are needed, and I like pretzels because when they're warm they're soft



Another reason I like the events is the music. I like the music but sometimes it gets too loud. It's also cool to see all the different instruments. Some of the German songs I like are "Marmor, Stein, und Eisen Bricht" Golden Keys.





and sometimes participating in the rosemary auction. It's cool to see all of the excitement with people shouting out numbers to win the rosemary bush.

Another great thing to do at events is play with friends.

I like playing card games like 21-31, UNO and Go Fish. I also like doing crafts with friends and family.



I'm a member of the Jugendgruppe and

have been dancing since I was 4. I really like fundraising for our Kinder and Jugend dance groups. The last few years now we've gotten to sell drinks, burgers, sausages and pretzels in front of Colour Paradise Greenhouses in May. I've gotten to help hand out pretzels and work with the money. I also like when we do the silent auctions at the Spaghetti Dinner because I like winning the stuff they have at the Silent Auction and the money goes to our dance groups.

I also like being a part of the Schwaben Club because

my family has been part of the Club for a long time. Some of them are my Oma, Opa, my great grandfather (me and my sister called him Opi) and more. My mom is a member and my dad is the President of the Schwaben Club. I like spending time with my family at Club events and having fun. I also really like that some of my cousins like Patrick and Greta are in the dance group with me.

The events, the food, the music and the people are just a few of the things that I like about the Schwaben Club. In conclusion, that's why I like being a part of the Kitchener Schwaben Club.





#### **FRAUENGRUPPE**

You may have heard the Frauengruppe is shutting down. Due to lack of membership and participation, we were considering this option. Instead we have decided to continue as a social group and continue to volunteer at the club as required. Some of the social events we may consider are theater outings, winery, guest speakers, dinner out together, book club.

Some of us are attending a tour and tea event at Castle Kilbride this month.

Our membership fees will remain at \$15. We request that new members joining for 2026 have their memberships in by Dec. 31/2025.

You may pay at the office and include your contact email.

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

#### **DONAU DANCERS**

Hi everyone. Welcome summer, I don't know about you but I am not enjoying this heat. My favorite seasons are spring and fall. What about yours?

We are still practicing however could get changed that day, if you would like to join our group we start at 6:30 pm on Sundays. You can email me at **tina.mcquabbie@gmail.com** and I can let you know if we are practicing.

Join us on August 15th for a wonderful BBQ!

Looking forward to seeing you either at practice or at the BBQ.

**Tina McQuabbie**Donau Dancers Secretary





#### **FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE**

Join us for our German Clothing Buy & Sell Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> | 11am – 3pm | Schwaben Club

Is your dirndl feeling a little *snug* these days? Have your lederhosen lost their dance partner? Maybe you've discovered a treasure trove of Bavarian shirts or accessories in the back of your closet that deserve a new home.

Well, you're in luck! The Schwaben Club's **Freundschaftgruppe** is hosting a **German Clothing Buy & Sell**, and it's the perfect chance to breathe new life into your gently used or brand-new Tracht. Whether it's dirndls, lederhosen, vests, blouses, shoes, or charming Bavarian accessories—bring them all and sell them in our hall!

This is your opportunity to:

Make space in your wardrobe (for more Oktoberfest goodies, of course)

Earn a little extra money from your gently loved items

Help someone else look their Bavarian best this Oktoberfest

Reserve your **FREE** table space today by emailing:

#### kwschwabensocial@gmail.com

And for the savvy shoppers out there—come by and score fabulous finds at fantastic prices. With Oktoberfest just around the corner, it's the perfect time to pick up something "new to you" that'll have you dancing the polka in style.

So mark your calendars, grab your friends, and get ready to shop till you drop. We'll see you at the Club on September 7th—Prost! hnen allen frohe Ostern!

**Lena & Shay and Lea & Emma** The Freundschaftgruppe Leaders



Sunday September 7th 11am - 3pm

SELL your new or gently used German clothing including dirndls, lederhosen, and accessories.

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# Schwaben Picnic & Social













The Schwaben Club 50 Scheifele Place, Breslau

#### KATHARINA "KATIE" KRETSCHMANN

September 19, 1934 - June 28, 2025

Katharina Kretschmann, (born September 19, 1934 in Hungary):

Katie passed away peacefully with family by her side, on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the age of 90.

She was the beloved wife of the late Henry (2014). Katie is survived by

her sister Susanne Schaadt (late Hans), nieces and nephew,

Cynthia (Wolfgang) Neumann, Nancy (Steve) Clark, Richard (Lisa) Schaadt, and Eva & Margit Kretschmann of Hungary. She will also be remembered by her many great-nieces and greatnephews. Predeceased by her parents Heinrich Trautmann and Katharina (nee Bruckner).

Katie worked at Woolco for many years, and was a long time member of the Kitchener Schwaben Club where she was an active member of the Frauengruppe, bowling group & choir over the years. She was also a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for more then 60 years. She enjoyed spending time with family & friends, travelling,

baking, walking and knitting.

family Katie's will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, with a Funeral Service in the chapel. Interment at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Society of Waterloo Wellington would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home).

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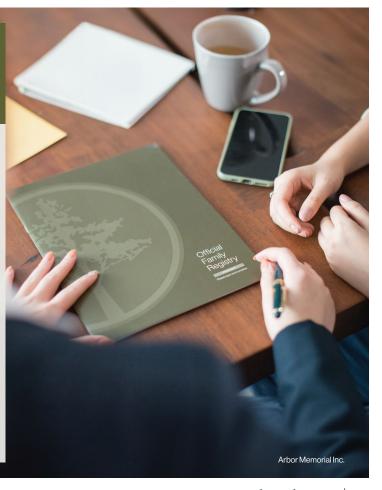
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