



SCHWABEN KLUB

OKTOBER 2025

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50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2025

Biergartenfest
(Oktoberfest Themed)
September 27

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

Oktoberfest Restaurant
October 9 & (16 SOLD OUT)

Volkstrauertag: November 16

Members' Meeting: November 19

Schlachtfest & Mr. Schwaben
November 22

Jingle & Mingle Market
December 6

Christmas Potluck: December 7

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2025

OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY, Oct. 3 6 PM - 1 AM	LIVE MUSIC Weiss Blau
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FAMILY DAY SUNDAY, Oct. 5 11 AM - 4 PM	LIVE MUSIC Golden Keys
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FRIDAY, Oct. 10 6 PM - 1 AM	LIVE MUSIC Weiss Blau
SATURDAY, Oct. 11 6 PM - 1 AM	LIVE MUSIC Weiss Blau
FAMILY DAY SUNDAY, Oct. 12 11 AM - 4 PM	LIVE MUSIC Golden Keys
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FRIDAY, Oct. 17 6 PM - 1 AM	LIVE MUSIC Weiss Blau
CLOSING NIGHT SATURDAY, Oct. 18 SOLD OUT	LIVE MUSIC Weiss Blau

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

The long weekend Landestreffen was a success, with a small but dedicated contingent going to Mansfield to represent our Club. We have heard the food was good, the camaraderie was excellent, and there were even some proposals done at the event. I want to thank everyone that attended on our Club's behalf. You did us proud!

We also just (as I write this) celebrated the Club's first Weinlesefest in over 40 years. I know I have been talking a lot about how wonderful this event would be. I'm happy to say that it was exceptional! The dinner was delicious - the meats were amazing (I could cut my roast beef with a spoon), and the appetizer and dessert were delicious. The vegetables were yummy, but inconsistent in portions. This is something we will definitely work on. The Edelweiss Trio did a fantastic job with the dance music, and all of our dance groups performed to much acclaim. And although there was some concern early on about the appropriateness or fun-factor with grape stealing and jail time - it was widely participated in. The police volunteers were provided by the Donau Dancers and the Kinder & Jugend gruppen dancers. This, however, didn't stop members from getting caught stealing. The jail regularly had people in it, with Donau's and children running around the hall trying to make arrests. It was fun to watch, but even more to take part in. I myself was arrested 7 times that night (I make a lousy thief). The children also had mini-barrel races in the parking lot, with Greta Adam winning the contest. A special callout to

Jakob Speckner, whose tight lead vanished when his barrel decided to do an unannounced 15' loop behind him. He quickly recovered with a close second.

September 27 will be our soft opening for Oktoberfest - "Biergartenfest". All the great stuff of Oktoberfest celebrated outside on our Biergarten. A chance to enjoy the music and food in our Biergarten with friends and family, in the fresh air and under the stars. I look forward to seeing everyone that comes out. It's always a pleasure to use our Biergarten for what it was meant to be used for! October 3 then starts our full Oktoberfest, which is always a great time. With Weiss Blau playing, and our own dance groups and some groups from other clubs performing, people are sure to have a great time. And I hear the schnitzel is going to be even better this year! We also have two "Oktoberfest Restaurant" evenings, on October 9 & 16. Amazingly, the 16th is already sold out, so anyone who wants our delicious Oktoberfest menu with some live music will be required to make a reservation for the 9th.

After that, it is my favourite event of the year - SCHLACHTFEST! That's right, our pig night is coming up on Saturday, November 22. An evening of pig decor, mixed with a delicious pork-themed menu, will guarantee a good time for the whole family and your friends. I myself, cannot wait! As our last, big cultural event of the year, it is not one to be missed.

Our year is continuing on with great success. Our events have been well attended, and I've heard numerous compliments about our newest addition to our event line-up. I want to thank everyone that came to Weinlesefest, You helped make the event special and exciting, and hope even more will join us

when we host it again. With Oktoberfest, Schlachtfest and our Christmas Potluck finishing off the year's events, I think we will certainly end on a very strong note.

We've always known the Schwaben Club was a wonderful place to be, and the Board and I are working hard to prove that yet again.

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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CULTURAL NEWS

Weinlesefest

What a great night had by all at the revival of Weinlesefest! With the lovely of ambience of our grape and wine decorated hall, guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Chef D, and later, great



dance music by the Edelweiss Trio! Throughout the evening, guests were also entertained with lovely performances by our Kinder and Jugend Groups, the Schwaben Dancers and the Donau Dancers.

The fun activity of 'stealing' grapes off of the Grape Trellis, and if caught, you went to jail, was a lot of fun. For a small monetary fee, you then were able to get out of jail. Thanks to the Donau Dancers and Kinder/Jugend for participating as the "Police and Jailor".

With a big crowd cheering them on, the kids had a blast doing the "Wine Barrel" race.

No one guessed the exact number of "Corks in the Jug" however, the winner closest to the exact number was only off by 5 too many.

With real grapes from our own grape vines on the perimeter of our beautiful Biergarten patio, guests had a lot of fun partaking in actual grape stomping!

Thanks so very much to all the volunteers who helped in putting together this wonderful event.

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR OKTOBER

Herzlichen Glückwunsch zu
deinem Geburtstag im Oktober!!

Congratulations on your
October Birthday!

Ingrid Kremer	1
Walter Marzinko	4
Magdalena Adam	5
Mike Hill	5
Jane Anton	7
Willy Heffner	7
Emily Chute	8
David Hein	14
Helga Peller-Eberl	15
Jeff Stager	21
Hermine Haas	22
Bernhard Reiter	22
Lea Becker	23
Annemarie Klingen	23
Katherine Kunz	24
Anastasia Von Westerholt	27
John Hutfluss	29

Schwaben COOKING Class **Rouladen**



Sunday, September 28, 2025
1-5 pm

\$25 - Registration required.

To register, email Monica,
cultural@kitchenschwabenclub.com.

RSVP by September 16, 2025.

Class is FULL, Wait-List available

Rouladen Cooking Class

Our Rouladen Cooking Class on September 28th is now full and a wait list has been started for another possible class in the future.

Schlachtfest/ Mr. Schwaben

As a reminder, applications are due September 30, 2025.

Enjoy the fall season!

Monica Anstett
Cultural Director

NOTICE: VOLKSTRAUERTAG 2025

The annual Remembrance Day Service to commemorate the deceased of the two World Wars as well as the victims of tyranny will be held on
Sunday, November 16, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
at Woodland Cemetery,
119 Arlington Boulevard, Kitchener, ON.

(Reception to follow at the
Alpine Club, hosted
by the Transylvania Club)

BIERGARTENFEST

at the **Schwaben Club**



September 27, 2025
5 pm - 11 pm

Select **Oktoberfest Menu** available

Live music provided by **Marko the Prince of Polka**

FREE ADMISSION
Family Friendly



Oktoberfest Restaurant

Schwaben Club 2025

Traditional Oktoberfest Cuisine

Limited seats available. **Thursday, October 9**
Reservations only.
\$10 deposit required at time of making reservation.

5-8 pm **SOLD OUT** **Thursday, October 16**
Music provided by **The Polka Maestre**



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Ballroom Dance Lessons

Monday Evenings
starting October 27, 2025
for 10 weeks

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By yourself or as a couple

Member: \$100
Non-Member: \$150
Must be registered and paid in full to the club by October 24 at 5pm.

Cha Cha & Advanced Fox Trot & Waltz



JINGLE & MINGLE MARKET

Additional **VENDORS WANTED**

\$50/booth

DECEMBER 6TH, 2025 9AM - 3PM

Please email us for booth inquiries:
kwschwabensocial@gmail.com

The Schwaben Club
50 Scheifele Place, Breslau

Landestreffen - Mansfield, Ohio



Weinlesefest





DONAU DANCERS

We are in the middle of September already! Couple more weeks and Oktoberfest starts, is everyone excited?

Last night we had Weinlesefest. What a great night! Band was great, a lot of dancing. The grape stealing was a lot of fun. Everyone who participated had a great time. All money raised from the Donau Dancers went to the kinder/jugendgruppe.

We will see everyone around during Oktoberfest. Rest up, put on your dancing shoes and have a great time.

Tina McQuabbie

Donau Dancers Secretary



FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE



The Freundschaftgruppe filming "Culture with Katie" (KW Oktoberfest Ambassador).

KINDERGRUPPE &
JUGENDGRUPPE



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Ryan Park
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REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY GAKOVA, SERBIA

I've given each of the Kitchener/Leamington, Toronto/Waldheim and Windsor clubs a Rosemary strand brought back from the Remembrance Ceremony at Gakova, Serbia last month.

As background, the Gakova memorial was constructed next to the mass grave of thousands (approximated at 8500) of Danube Swabians.

Near the end of, and following, the Second World War, Danube Swabians in the area were rounded up and placed in various death camps where they were expected to survive with little to no means to do so. Gakova, which was originally a village of a few thousand, contained as many as 20,000 people; at times up to 75 to 100 people died a day due to malnutrition, and their bodies were placed in the mass grave.

The Remembrance Ceremony took place on August 7, 2025 as part of the 5th International Weltreffen and included Donauschwaben from Canada, the US, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Brazil and Serbia. After the main ceremony, Shayla and I read the names of families and friends of Canadian club members that had perished in one of these camps (that we were given) along with the following passage.

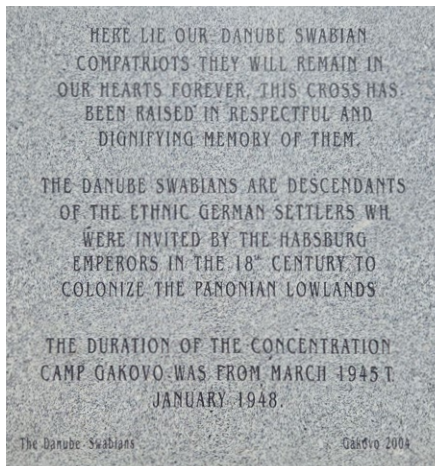
Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed guests,

Today, we stand on solemn ground to honor the memory of those who endured unimaginable suffering and loss. We gather to remember the Germans expelled from Serbia after the Second World War, many of whom perished in camps under the harsh regime of Tito. This memorial we stand before is not just a symbol of our respect and mourning; it is a pledge to remember and honor their lives, their struggles, and their resilience.

The history of the Danube Swabians is marked by moments of profound hardship and enduring spirit. During the dark days following the war, countless innocent lives were uprooted and thrust into the cruel uncertainty of expulsion and internment. Families were torn apart, homes were lost, and a community was scattered. Those who were sent to camps faced inhumane conditions, starvation, and unspeakable atrocities. Their suffering was immense, and their courage in the face of such adversity is a testament to the human spirit.

Today, as we stand here, we honor the memories of those who perished in the camps, who faced their fate with dignity and strength. We also remember those who survived, bearing the scars of their experiences but carrying forward the legacy of their heritage.

This act of remembrance is vital. It is our responsibility to ensure that the stories of those who suffered are not lost to history. We must



bear witness to their pain and honor their memory by acknowledging the injustices they faced and committing ourselves to preventing such atrocities in the future.

May this memorial serve as a symbol of our respect, our sorrow, and our promise to remember.

Let us honor the past by striving for a future where such suffering is never repeated, where every life is valued, and where the dignity of every human being is upheld

Thank you.

We also laid a ring of Canadian Flags around a candle with a strand of Rosemary at the base of the memorial. The other three strands we had were brought back and given to each of the clubs.

Glenn Herold



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