



SCHWABEN KLUB

DEZEMBER 2025

nachrichten

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2025 & 2026

Sick Benefit Meeting
November 26

Jingle & Mingle Market
December 6

Christmas Potluck
December 7

Members' Meeting
December 17

Office Christmas Closure
December 19 @ 5 pm,
reopening January 6 @ noon

**Kameradschaftsabend
(Alpine Club)**
January 10

Members' Meeting
January 21

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE
January 30

Members' Meeting/Election
February 18

**95th Gründungsfest/
Club Anniversary:** February 21

IMPRESSUM

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



The Schwaben Club's

CHRISTMAS CULTURAL POTLUCK

December 7, 2025

Doors opens 12:30 pm
Potluck Lunch at 1:00 pm
Christmas Program 2-3 pm
Dessert & coffee/tea will be provided
by the Schwaben Club after 3 pm

If you will be attending, please
let Mike Kleser know the
number of family members,
including children, as well as
food that you will be bringing
by November 28 at

entertainment@kitchenerschwabenclub.com



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

Oktoberfest has come and gone, and what a party it was! This Oktoberfest was probably one of the best yet, in years. Every aspect came together to provide a wonderful experience for everyone. The band entertained and kept the dance floor full, the halls were sold out almost, if not, every night. And the food was delicious. Chef D, his crew and our cabbage roll making volunteers, really hit it out of the park this year. We had hundreds of compliments about everything on the menu. Thank you to our hardworking volunteers and employees. All in all, it was a huge success. I can't wait until next year.

Volkstrauertag will be celebrated on November 16 at Woodland Cemetary. It will be nice to see the German community come together to acknowledge those that died in Canadian custody during the two Great Wars. The Consul General of Germany is scheduled to give a speech about the challenges of war, both past and current, and the need to band together to stop it. The Kaffee und Kuchen afterwards at the Alpine Club will be delicious I'm sure.

We will be having our annual elections on November 19, 2025. We have four positions being voted on: Vice-President, Membership Secretary, Archivist, and Communications Director. I'm hoping for a good turn out of members to participate, have their voices heard.

Coming up next is my favourite event of the year - SCHLACHTFEST! That's right, our annual 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! And our Board is tossing around a number of fun ideas to make it more than just a "sit around and eat pig" evening. I think it will make it more exciting for everyone. And as our last, big cultural event of the year, it is not one to be missed.

The final event of our year will be our annual Christmas Potluck on December 7, 2025. An opportunity for people to show off their culinary skills, as well as enjoy the variety of foods available. It's a special time to come together and celebrate the holidays. There will be presentations from Untergruppen and members, and a special visitor at the end. No better way to end the year with your fellow Donauschwabs!

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peter Speckner

President

KINDERGRUPPE & JUGENDGRUPPE

Another Oktoberfest has come and gone and the kids did a wonderful job performing at our own Club and downtown Kitchener for KIDtoberfest and the Willkommen Platz. They also sold pretzels to fundraise for their group. We are so proud of their efforts and thank the parents who shuttled them around, so that they could perform for children who loved the show and cheered them on.



The kids are now preparing for Schlachtfest on November 22 where they will entertain our members. We're hoping they may have a special role to play at Schlachtfest as well. We'll have to wait and see what they might do for us.

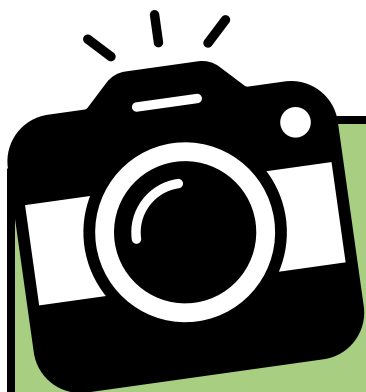
After Schlachtfest, the Club will celebrate its annual Christmas Potluck. It's a family-friendly, low-cost event where members have the opportunity to try a variety of dishes, while only needing to bring one dish themselves. With treats and a special visitor scheduled, it's the perfect way to celebrate the holidays with the children and our fellow Club members.

The annual Christmas Party for our kids' dance groups will be held on December 11, 2025 at the Club. No practice, only partying for the little ones. With treats and games, and utter chaos, it's a last chance for the kids to be with their fellow dancers until the new year.

Dance practice will resume on January 8, 2026.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and we'll see you in the new year.

Peter Speckner
Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS & VIDEOS

Send in your pictures & videos of Club related events, gatherings, activities and performances, to our Communications Director for use on social media and in the Nachrichten: communications@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR DEZEMBER

Herzlichen Glückwunsch an alle die in Dezember Feiern!

Happy Birthday to All Celebrating a December Birthday!

Kathy Bechtloff	1
Nancy Dupuis	4
Rolf Eberl	4
Anita Temniuk-Schlupp	5
Alex Petkovich	5
Elisabeth Bauer	8
Shelley Speckner	9
Vanessa Adam	12
Adam Cook	13
Cole Watson	16
Wolfgang Kahnke	17
Nadine Leipold	18
Jason Hinschberger	21
Christa Hein	23
Mike Ruland	23
Susanne Schaadt	28
Joe Wallner	30

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

As the Christmas season draws near, the Frauengruppe would like to wish all our Club members and their families a Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr! May your holidays be filled with laughter, good food, and special moments shared with family and friends.

Looking ahead to 2026, our Ladies group is planning to meet for Tea early in the new year. It is a perfect chance to reconnect after the busy holiday season.

We would also like to remind everyone that the Frauengruppe Executive has decided to waive the Ladies Group membership fees for 2026. So please



hold off on making any payments at the Club office.

As we wrap up our 90th anniversary year, we would like to thank you for being part of our celebration. Your warmth, friendship, and enthusiasm have made all we do so special.

With heartfelt holiday wishes,

Susan, Lena, Lea, Jen, Penny & Monika
Frauengruppe Executive

FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

As we reach the end of another wonderful year, it is a time to reflect on all that the Freundschaftgruppe has accomplished together in 2025. The Freundschaftgruppe has enjoyed a busy and fulfilling year supporting our Schwaben Club community. Our leaders have been proud to assist in setting up for many of the Club's cultural events, to lend a hand to other Untergruppe and the Club when needed, and share engaging and educational cultural videos on our social media that has helped us all learn a little more about our Donauschwaben heritage and traditions. This year, we also hosted two successful Family Games Nights and organized the German Clothing Buy & Sell, which was a big hit with members and guests alike. This allowed one of our untergruppe to sell off their old items and raise some funds for their new tracht. Many club members came out and were able to affordably purchase new-to-them pieces too. We were also pleased to assist the Club in co-purchasing a new Button Maker, helping to bring creative opportunities to future events. A special highlight this year came when the Club was asked to collaborate with KW Oktoberfest on a new promotional video. Our youth leaders, Emma and Shay, rose to the challenge and worked alongside the 2025 KW Oktoberfest Ambassador to produce a lively video featuring our Club and a new Club Oktoberfest signature drink, the "Yodelayheehoo." It was a fun and memorable project that showcased our Schwaben spirit and creativity.

We're not done yet! The Freundschaftgruppe is excited to be hosting our fundraiser, the Jingle & Mingle Market on Saturday, December 6th, from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. With over 20 vendors, including several of our own Club members, you're sure to find something special for everyone on your holiday shopping list. We hope you'll stop by and support this fantastic festive fundraiser.

On Sunday, December 7th, the Club will celebrate our annual Christmas Potluck, and the Freundschaftgruppe will once again provide the gingerbread houses for our traditional Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. We look forward to gathering as a community to light the Advent wreath, share the story and meaning of Advent, and offer a prayer as we welcome Christ into our Christmas celebration.

From all of us in the Freundschaftgruppe, we wish our Club members and their families Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr! !

Warm regards,

Lena & Shay Herold and Lea & Emma Becker
Freundschaftgruppe Leaders

CULTURAL NEWS

Thank you to Kirk Hanke for again instructing our 2nd Rouladen Cooking Class held on November 2. It was enjoyed by all participants.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Schlachtfest!

Christmas is around the corner and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry and safe Christmas Season!

Monica Anstett
Cultural Director



Vorstandswahl/Board of Directors Election 2026

The following Board Position is open to Nomination:

Fahnentraeger/Flag Bearer

Cut off date for nominations is January 9, 2026 @ 5pm.

Nominierungsschluss: 17 Uhr, 9. Januar 2025

**Sollten Sie Interesse an den Posten haben, oder wollen mehr darueber wissen,
bitte wenden Sie sich an:**

Tina McQuabbie, Annemarie Klingen, Tracy Ruland

Should you be interested in this position or require more information about the position, please contact one of the Nomination committee below.

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Annemarie Klingen: annemarieklingen11@gmail.com

Tracy Ruland: schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

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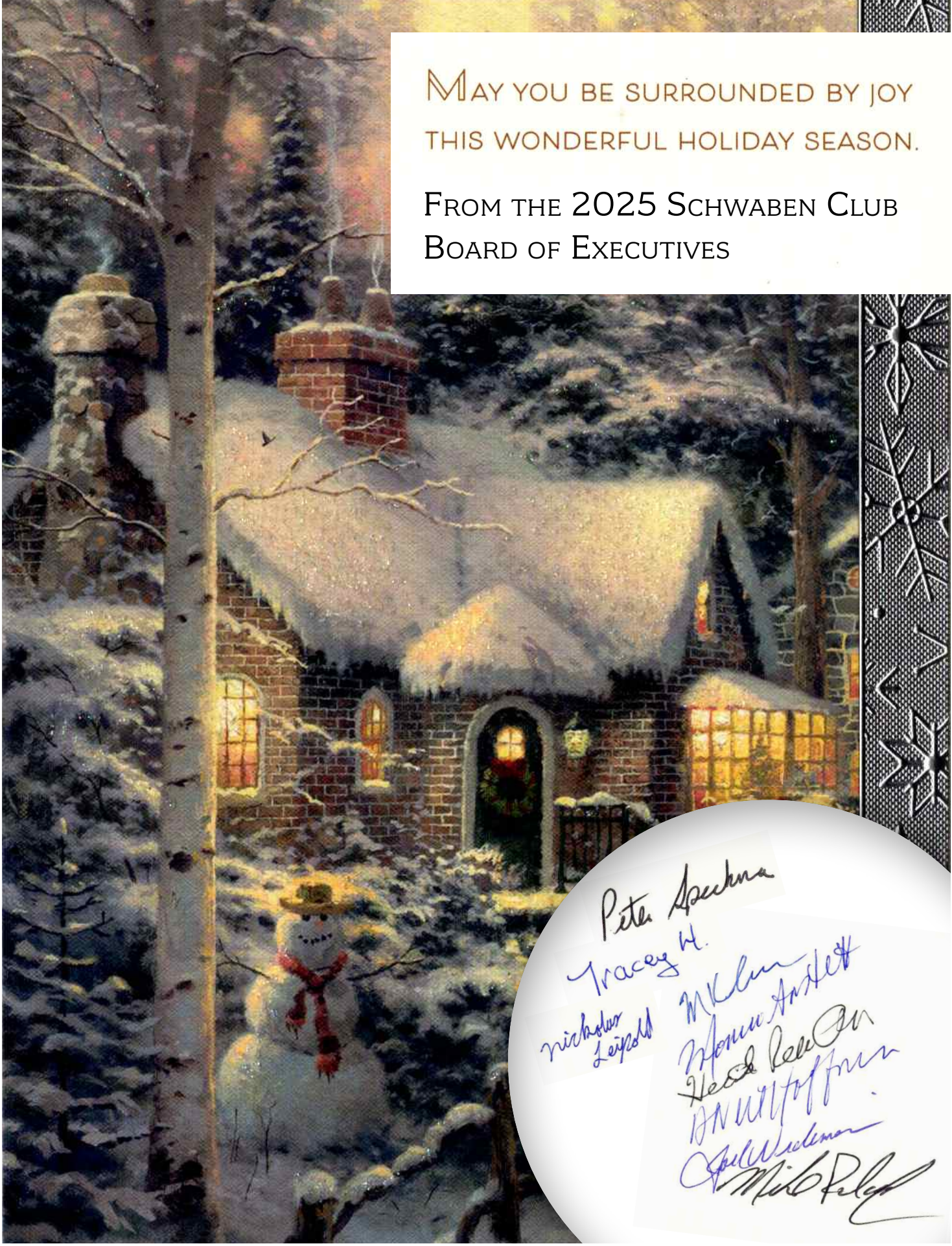


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