



SCHWABEN KLUB

nachrichten

FEBRUAR 2026

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2026

Sick Benefit Members' Meeting
January 28

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE
January 30

Fastnacht Pancake Tuesday
February 17

Members' Meeting/Election
February 18

Friday Schnitzel Fundraiser
(with Karaoke): February 20

95th Gründungsfest/Club
Anniversary: February 21

Members' Meeting: March 18

Miss Schwaben Ball: March 21

Easter Egg Hunt: March 29

Spaghetti Fundraiser
(Kindergruppe/Jugendgruppe)
April 11

Landestrachtenfest
(Kitchener) April 18

President's Luncheon: May 3

IMPRESSUM

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issue. Thank you.

KANADISCH-SCHWÄBISCHER
KRANKENUNTERSTÜTZUNGSVEREIN
CANADIAN SCHWABEN SICK BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Celebrating 95 years
of Donauschwaben
culture, history and traditions!



95 GRÜNDUNGSFEST ANNIVERSARY

February 21, 2026

Band: Edelweiss Trio

Member: \$45 (39.82 + HST)

Non-Member: \$50 (44.25 + HST)

Child (6-12) :\$15 (13.27 + HST)

MENU

Caesar Salad

Roasted Chicken

Leg Quarter

(+\$5 for breast meat)

or Pork Schnitzel

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Schwaben Beans

Dessert: Torte

Doors open: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Dress Code Recommendation:
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

I hope this winter has not been too challenging for everyone. I only recall one official "Snow Day" so far, so let's hope there aren't too many more. The snow is only 3' high on my boulevard - I would prefer it not go too much higher than that (or I'll have to work way too hard then).

January has been a traditionally slow month, as people recuperate after Christmas and New Years; both financially and physically. So it's been a slower month but February, now that's a different story.

Looking forward, we have our Club Anniversary coming up on February 21. It's always fun to get together to celebrate a birthday, and this year our Club is turning 95. After that, we host our annual Fastnacht Pancake Tuesday on February 17. It's a chance to come out and eat a hearty pancake meal with friends and family - that won't break the bank. Last year was our first one, and it was well attended. We are hoping to see even more people this year. And yes, I will be one of the people cooking the pancakes. I think I've gotten pretty good at it!

In March, we will host our annual Miss Schwaben event on March 21, 2026. This event has been quite the party in the last few years, as we celebrate the crowning of our new Miss. It also comes with delicious food, so there's another reason to make sure to attend. It's been great having my niece Natasha, our current Miss Schwaben, representing our club alongside me but I look forward to seeing who will be our next ambassador to take up the mantle. March will also hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 29. Registration will be required, but it promises to be a fun time for the kids, and a relaxing time for the parents!

A special event this year is the return of April's Landestrachtenfest to our Club as host. This event celebrates the Donauschwaben culture with all the other Clubs in Ontario. A great chance to see people you might not get to see regularly, includes lots of yummy foods, great music, and camaraderie.

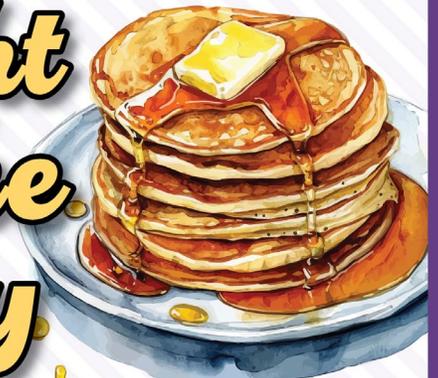
On a different note, we have been informed that Metrolinx will be replacing the rail bridge that crosses the Grand River between us and Victoria St over the next 2 years. They will be using our property at the far end (off the river, well behind the Spit BBQ shed), as their base of operations. We will work to have as few disruptions as possible to our members, events and clients during that time. On the bright side, there might be fewer trains roaring by if there's no bridge to go over!

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

Fastnacht Pancake Tuesday



February 17, 2026

5-8 pm

\$10
+HST

**2 pancakes, 2 sausages,
fruit cocktail,
coffee/tea/juice**

\$7
+HST

**1 pancake, 1 sausage,
fruit cocktail,
coffee/tea/juice**

**ADD A
PANCAKE
OR SAUSAGE**
\$3
+HST

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**Reservations
required.**

**Take out
available.**



Wahl/Election 2026

An Election will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2026
@ 7pm

Fahnenraeger/Flag Bearer

Jason Hirschberger

Heidi Peller-Oliver

Wahlkomitee / Nomination Committee:

Tina McQuabbie, Annemarie Klingen, Tracy Ruland

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR FEBRUAR

**Herzlichen Glückwunsch an alle
die in Februar Feiern!**

**Happy Birthday to All Celebrating
a February Birthday!**

Ruth Anne Marzinko	2
Siegfried Speckner	3
Anneliese Kraehling	5
Andreas Klein	6
Ingrid Kauck	9
Michael Heitmann	9
Frank Houska	12
Nick Heffner	12
Quinn Hanley	16
Peter O'Reilly	17
Joan Adam	17
Katharina Kraehling	18
Skye Weber	21
Rosemarie Gellner	24
Brian Schummer	26
Elisabeth O'Reilly	29

HAPPY
valentines day

CULTURAL NEWS

Warm February Greetings!

As we transition from January, we welcome February – the month traditionally associated with love and community. The sole event last month was Kameradschaftsabend held at the Alpine Club, a special occasion where all the German clubs in Waterloo Region gathered to honour our shared heritage.

Looking ahead, we have exciting events on the horizon:

Gründungsfest on February 21, where we'll mark 95 years of our Club.

Miss Schwaben - Do you want to represent our club and culture, make new friends, and have fun at awesome events like Oktoberfest? The Miss Schwaben crowning is happening on March 21, and we're looking for single young women who want to be part of something special. If you're interested (or know someone who might be), submit your application for Miss Schwaben 2026 to the office by 5pm on February 6th, 2026. Applications can be obtained at the office. Don't miss out—this is your chance to shine and show what makes our community amazing.

Landestrachtenfest join us on April 18th. More details coming. Get your traditional "Trachte von deheim" ready to show off in the parade of Trachts.

These events offer meaningful occasions to honour our Club, our cultural heritage, and our dedicated members. Your support will be greatly valued. I look forward to celebrating the unique spirit of our community together.

✉ If there's something you'd love to see, want to suggest, please don't hesitate to email me at cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com. I'm always happy to hear your ideas and feedback.

Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day, and I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Tschüss!!

Anita Schlupp Temniuk
Kulturreferentin/Cultural Director

Miss Schwaben 2026



**Deadline to submit applications is
February 6, 2026.**

**Contact the office: 519-742-7979 or
schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com**

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone. After a great year it's now 2026 and time to put our thoughts to some exciting and upcoming events for this year. Our 1st will be our annual Easter Egg hunt on March 29 followed by the Schwaben Club family picknick in June. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Hope to see you all there.

See your Nachrichten for details.

Mike Kleser
Entertainment Director

Landestrachtenfest



Hosted by the
Schwaben Club
of Kitchener



Saturday April 18, 2026

More details to come!

Miss Schwaben Ball 2026



**Saturday,
March 21**

Details to come

Goulash Making

The making of our Club's House goulash recipe. It's a classic Schwaben Club meal made by an experienced crew of members. This goulash will be served at Goulash Friday on January 23 (with Karaoke after).



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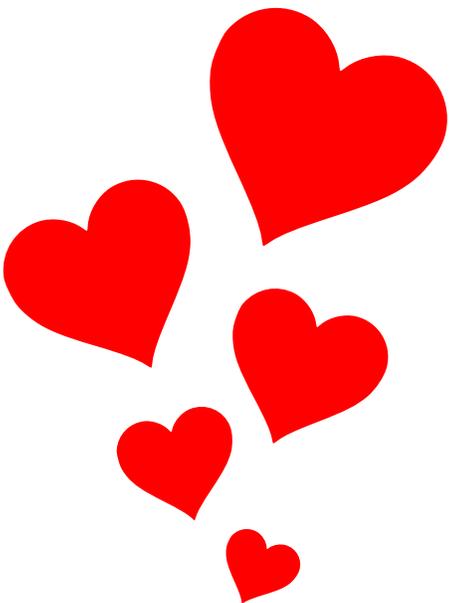
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Kameradschaftsabend

hosted by the Alpine Club





FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS



As we settle into the heart of winter, the Frauengruppe hopes that all our members are staying safe, warm, and well, despite the wintry weather we have been experiencing.

In December, members of our group very much enjoyed attending Plaid Tidings, a Christmas musical at the Hildebrand Schoolhouse Theatre in St. Jacobs. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season together, filled with music, laughter, and holiday spirit. We will be sharing a photo of our group from the theatre with this article as a special memory from the outing.



January marked our final organized event as a group, when we gathered for a delightful High Tea at the New Dundee Emporium after the article was submitted. We plan to have a lovely afternoon together, sharing conversation, memories of years past, and friendship — a fitting way to close this chapter of our Frauengruppe activities.

the years. This past year, we were thrilled to celebrate our 90th anniversary — a remarkable milestone that speaks to the dedication, camaraderie, and spirit of the women who came before us and those who carried the group forward.

Vielen herzlichen Dank für Ihre jahrelange Unterstützung und Freundschaft,

Susan Cook, Lena Herold, Lea Becker, Jen Orsan, Penny Hanke, and Monika Hoedl
Frauengruppe Executive Board



This month, we look forward to celebrating our final Frauengründungsfest at Gründungsfest, as we complete the wrap-up of our Ladies Group. While this moment is bittersweet, we are incredibly proud of all that the Frauengruppe has accomplished over





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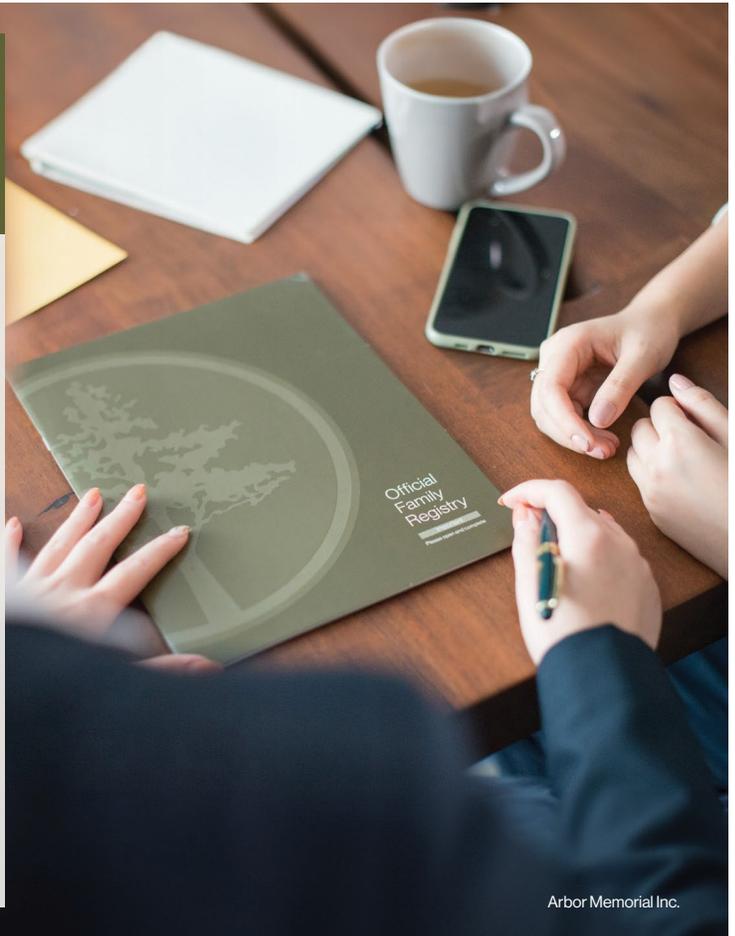
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A GLIMPSE INTO OUR CULTURE



HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD 2026

Sponsored by Lisa and Rick Schaadt

Submission of a 500-1000 word essay with pictures describing "THE FIRST TIME I WAS PROUD OF BEING A KITCHENER SCHWABEN CLUB MEMBER". This could be so many things... being able to speak German, being able to make a mean schnitzel or when you are at Oktoberfest dancing up a storm! What are you most proud of?
(Open to youth members up to 25 years old. Parents are welcome to assist younger children!)

**DUE
FEBRUARY
14th, 2026**

\$200 reimbursement
to chosen recipient
and name added to
display plaque

email submissions to: rl@thinkers.ca

KINDERGRUPPE & JUGENDGRUPPE

Hi everybody!

After missing practice last month due to a snow day, the kids are back hard at work to prepare for Gründungsfest. They were so happy to see their friends again after the long Christmas break, that they are excited to show off their dancing again.

As of right now, the kids are practicing for Gründungsfest, Miss Schwaben, and Landestrachtenfest in April. The April event will give them the opportunity to showcase what they can do to members from Donauschwaben clubs across Ontario. They'll also get to see other children's dance groups from their clubs, so that should be fun for them as well. Who knows, maybe they'll make some new friends.

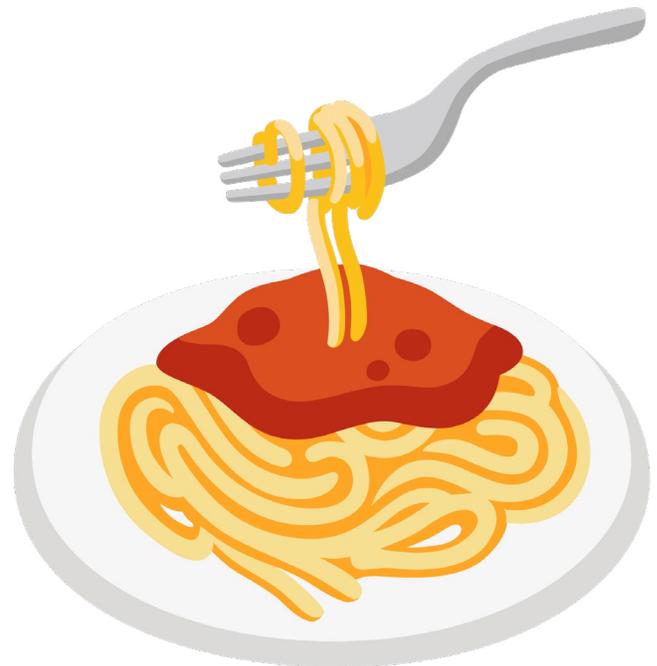
The first big fundraiser for our kids is coming up on Saturday, April 11. Our Spaghetti Fundraiser! We will happily accept any donations you may have for our Silent Auction and look forward to feeding a lot of hungry people with our delicious (secret recipe) spaghetti. Your support is greatly appreciated.

That's if for now. If you know of any kids that want to be social and learn how to dance - practices are Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30pm. All our welcome.

Talk to you later,

Peter Speckner

Kinder/Jugendgruppe President



Ballroom Dance Lessons

**Monday
Evenings**

starting March 9, 2026
for 10 weeks

**Salsa &
Bachata**

By yourself or
as a couple

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Member: \$100
Non-Member: \$150

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





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