



SCHWABEN KLUB

nachrichten

JANUAR 2026

50 Scheifele Place, Breslau, ON

www.kitchenerschwabenclub.com

Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2026

Office Christmas Closure

December 19 @ 5 pm,
reopening January 6 @ noon

**Kameradschaftsabend
(Alpine Club):** January 10

Members' Meeting: January 21

Friday Goulash Fundraiser
January 23

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE
January 30

Fastnacht Pancake Tuesday
February 17

Members' Meeting/Election
February 18

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

Miss Schwaben Ball
March 21

Easter Egg Hunt: March 29

President's Luncheon: May 3

IMPRESSUM

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Any submissions must be in by the
10th of the month, for the following
issue. Thank you.



A GLIMPSE INTO OUR CULTURE



HANS SCHAADT YOUTH CULTURAL AWARD 2026

Sponsored by Lisa and Rick Schaad

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



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

Happy New Year! We have started our new year and look forward to exciting events, interesting cultural activities, and opportunities to socialize with each other in a fun environment.

I hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas, and that your New Year's celebration joyously welcomed 2026. December at our Club included the Freundschaftgruppe's Jingle & Mingle Market and our Christmas Potluck. Our Christmas Potluck was a great success. 80 die-hard Christmas partiers showed up with an army's worth of delicious food. There was a beautiful variety of dishes, both traditional and contemporary. Entertainment was light for the afternoon, but gingerbread houses were built, and our special visitor made an appearance to our adoring children.

Looking forward, we have our Club anniversary coming up on February 21, 2026. It's always fun to get together to celebrate a birthday, and this year our Club is turning 95. After that, it will be 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.



A special event this year is Landestrachtenfest, an event our Club will be hosting in April. This event celebrates our Donauschwaben culture with the other Clubs in Ontario. A great chance to see people you might not get to see regularly, and also loaded with yummy foods, tradition, great music and camaraderie.

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

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Hello Family and Friends.

The year has just flown by, and we have enjoyed some amazing events, the last of which was our well attended Christmas Potluck. A huge thank you goes out to those who brought food, to the Freundschaftgruppe for providing gingerbread houses for the Great Gingerbread competition, and to the Frauengruppe for providing goodies for the kids. Peter regaled us with Christmas poetry, the Kinder and Jugendgruppe provided us with a great interpretation of the 12 Days of Christmas.

Looking forward, we have another great year of events planned with the Easter Egg Hunt, Family Picnic and of course, another annual Christmas Potluck Lunch. A big shout out to all the volunteers and staff that helped make these events such a great success.

A Merry Christmas to all and we will see you in the New Year.

Mike Kleser
Entertainment Director

DONAU DANCERS

Well December is here already. End of the year. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We will be resuming practice on Jan 11 at 6:30. If you're interested in joining the group please come out to the practice! We are looking forward to seeing new faces.

Tina McQuabbie
Donau Dancers Secretary

FRAUENGRUPPE NEWS

Glückliches neues Jahr! The Frauengruppe would like to wish all our members a joyful, healthy, and wonderful 2026! We hope each of you enjoyed a warm and memorable Christmas season surrounded by family and friends.

This December, members of our Ladies Group and additional club members were delighted to be invited by the Transylvania Club Frauengruppe to their annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

It was a truly festive evening filled with fellowship, tradition, and holiday cheer.



Adding to the magic of the night, the husbands of both the Transylvania Club executive board and ladies board were on hand—dressed smartly in tuxedos or black vests and dress shirts—to serve a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Their attentive wine service and warm hospitality made the evening feel even more special.



We were proud to represent our Club at this beloved event, joined by ladies from the Alpine, Hubertushaus, and Concordia Clubs. It was heartwarming to see so many German Clubs coming together, supporting one another, and celebrating the spirit of community—especially at this time of year.

We look forward to more wonderful moments in the coming months!

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

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR JANUAR

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

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

John Hild Jr.	1
Lisa Schaadt	1
Jade Lang	4
Werner Haas	5
Veronica Malfara	5
Dana Rea	6
Karen Braun	7
Jennifer Randell	8
Adolfine Falkenberg	12
Paul Schneider	14
Debra Vickman	16
Margaret Willyung	18
Shayla Herold	19
Andre Killingbeck	19
Hedwig Schattka	19
Stephen Brattan	22
Llewellyn Robinson	24
Amy Lantz	27
Frederick Gerdei	28
Andrew Schlam	28
Lena Sönser	30

CULTURAL NEWS

Hallo meine Freunde, my name is Anita Schlupp Temniuk, and I'm excited to be your Kulturreferentin/Cultural Director starting this January. It's such an honour to once again help shape the cultural activities and events at the Schwaben Club. I can't wait to share fun, meaningful experiences with you—and I truly hope you'll enjoy attending them as much as I enjoy planning and hosting them!

In addition to our main events, I'm excited to plan some extra activities for members to dive even deeper into our culture. Think cooking and baking classes, Donauschwaben history/culture or even special programs based on your own requests.

On November 22, 2025, we gathered to celebrate Schlachtfest—and what a wonderful evening it was! Guests enjoyed a delicious meal while Wildbahn filled the hall with lively music. The space was beautifully decorated with playful pig displays, setting the perfect festive mood.



The Kinder/Jugend Groups and Schwaben Dancers delighted everyone with their performances, and the children stole the show by serving salads dressed in chef hats and aprons. Their excitement continued as they took turns swinging at the Pig Piñata, showering them with treats!

Huge thanks to our amazing volunteers for the beautiful hall décor and those delicious Krapfen—and an extra shout-out to **Monica Anstett** for making it a celebration to remember!

Our first celebrations of the year are just around the corner! Join us for **Gründungsfest on February 21** and the **Miss Schwaben Ball on March 21**. Both are fantastic traditions that highlight the spirit of our culture and the pride we share in our Club.

♥ 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.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead—full of fun, learning, and community. **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

Landestrachtenfest



Hosted by the
Schwaben Club
of Kitchener



Saturday April 18, 2026

More details to come!

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- **Hot Tubs**
- **Kitchen Renovations**
- **Smoke Detectors**

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Schwaben Club
Vorstandswahl / Election 2026

Vize-Praesident/Vice-President
Tracey Hanke

Finanzsekretaerin/Membership Secretary
Nancy Dupuis

Archivar/Archivist
Mike Ruland

Pressereferentin/Communications Director
Katie Janover

Kulturreferentin/Culture Director
Anita Temniuk-Schlupp

Haus + Hof Director
Joel Wideman

FRIDAY GOULASH
FUNDRAISER FOR THE

Schwaben Club

JANUARY 23, 2026



GOULASH MEAL **\$23**
Goulash, egg noodles, pickle \$20.35 + HST

KID'S MEAL **\$15**
Kid's goulash, egg noodles, pickle \$13.27 + HST

Reservations Preferred **4:30-8:00 PM**
Take-Out Available by Pre-Order Only

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**Fastnacht
Pancake
Tuesday**



February 17, 2026

\$10
+HST

2 pancakes, 2 sausages, 5-8 pm
fruit cocktail,
coffee/tea/juice

ADD A
PANCAKE
OR SAUSAGE

\$3
+HST

\$7
+HST

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

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*Reservations
required.*

*Take out
available.*

**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:
FORMAL - TRACHT

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Schlachtfest





Krapfen Making



Christkindl Market



Christmas Potluck



75 Years of the Coat of Arms of the Danube Swabians

75 Jahre Wappen der Donauschwaben

Our symbol of origin and community / Unser Symbol für Herkunft und Gemeinschaft

A coat of arms is much more than an artistically designed emblem on flags or documents. It is a visual memory - a symbol of origin, community and history. In the world of heraldry, colours, shapes and motifs go beyond their aesthetic meaning: they tell stories of belonging, change and identity. The community of displaced people also uses such signs to keep bonds alive across generations. Among them, the Danube Swabians have particularly identified with an emblem that has marked their shared history for 75 years: the coat of arms of the Danube Swabians.

It was designed in 1950 by Hans Diplich to give a unifying symbol to the people who had lost their homes in southeastern Europe after the Second World War. Its structure combines the most important symbols of Danube Swabian history: the black eagle represents the origin of the settlers from the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation, the blue wave represents the Danube - the river that connected all settlement areas and became the community's lifeline. The green ground stands for agriculture, which was the basis and purpose of life for many Danube Swabians - an expression of

hard work, closeness to the earth and the ability to develop new land. A white fortress with six towers rises on top, a symbol of the defensive strength, cohesion and the six historical settlement areas of the Danube Swabians: the Hungarian low mountain range, Swabian Turkey, Slavonia-Syrmia, the Batschka, the Banat and Sathmar.

Between the sun and the crescent - symbols of Christianity and the Orient - the coat of arms is a reminder of the eventful history of the region between the Occident and the Orient. The colors black-red-gold and white-green combine German and Danube Swabian traditions and at the same time show how closely origin and new home are intertwined.

To this day, the coat of arms is a visible sign of Danube Swabian identity - worn by country teams, clubs and cultural groups all over the world. It stands for pride in one's roots, for community across borders and for the hope that this culture remains alive. Remarkable: the Banat Swabians and Sathmar Swabians also have the same coat of arms - another sign of common origins and lasting ties.

By Jürgen Harich



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.

Tina McQuabbie: tina.mcquabbie@gmail.com

Annemarie Klingen: annemarieklingen11@gmail.com

Tracy Ruland: schwaben@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

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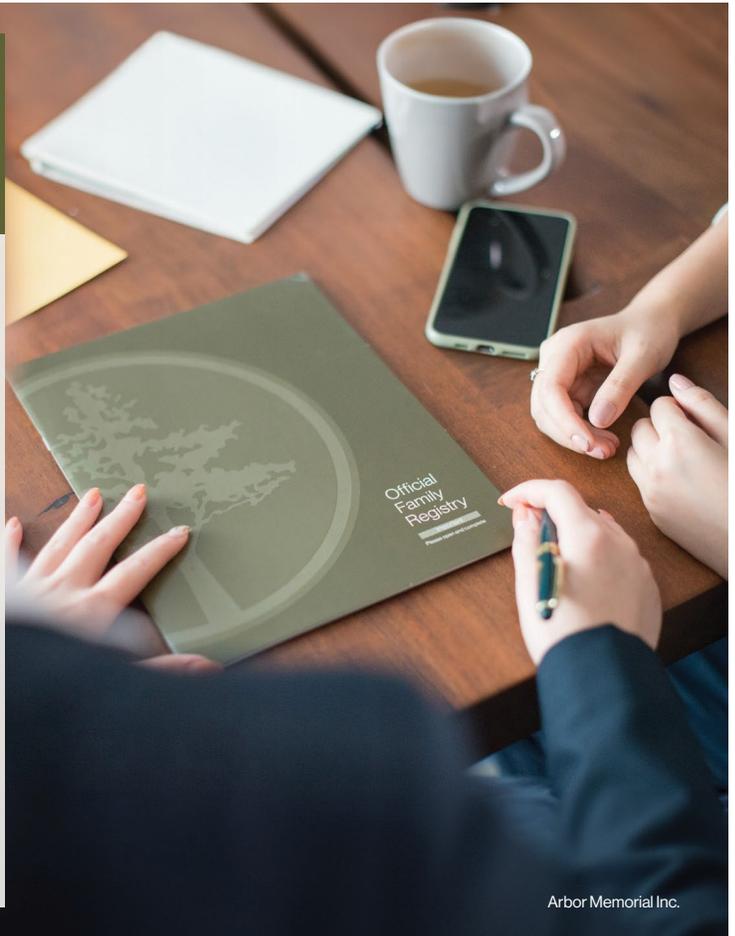
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FREUNDSCHAFTGRUPPE

Happy New Year - Frohes Neues Jahr, to all our members and friends! We hope everyone enjoyed a peaceful and joyful Christmas season surrounded by loved ones, and that 2026 brings good health, happiness, and many wonderful moments for all of you.

December was a very special month for our Freundschaftgruppe as we hosted another fantastic Jingle & Mingle Market at the Club. This year we grew our vendor list by an incredible 62% over last year—what an achievement! The hall and foyer were filled to the brim with beautiful booths, and we even had a double-digit waitlist of vendors hoping to join us. We are truly proud of what has been built over the past two years and of the success this market has brought to our Club and our group.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the day run so smoothly and joyfully.



Thank you to Santa for stopping by, greeting our patrons with holiday cheer, posing for photos, and sharing



candy canes—you truly brought the Jingle to our Mingle! A big thank you also to John Becker and Glenn Herold for managing all the behind-the-scenes work leading up to and during the event; to Tanja Poje for volunteering in the kitchen; to Tina McQuabbie for stepping in with last-minute assistance; to Mike Ruland for setting up all the tables; and to everyone who came out to support us and our wonderful vendors. We were also delighted to see the presidents and/or their families from

the Alpine, Concordia, and Hubertushaus—your presence meant a great deal and showed the strong support within our German Clubs community. It takes a village to make events like this such a success, and the strong turnout from our membership truly benefits the Freundschaftgruppe as this market serves as our major fundraiser for the year. We are grateful for each and every one of you. Wishing you all a bright and beautiful year ahead.

Lea & Emma Becker and Lena & Shay Herold
Freundschaftgruppe Leaders



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