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NOVEMBER 2026
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Wichtige Daten/Important Dates 2026/2027

Volkstrauertag (Woodland Cemetery/Alpine Club)
November 15

Cooking Class (Bretzelknödel)
November 15

Members' Meeting/Elections
November 18

Schlachtfest: November 21

Sick Benefit Meeting
November 25

Jingle & Mingle Market
December 5

Christmas Luncheon: December 6

Kameradschaftsabend (Concordia Club): January 9

95th Gründungesfest/Club Anniversary: February 20

Miss Schwaben Ball: March 20

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

NOTICE: VOLKSTRAUERTAG 2026

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 15, 2026, 2:30 p.m.** at Woodland Cemetery, 119 Arlington Boulevard, Kitchener, Ontario. (Reception to follow at the Alpine Club)



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten Tag meine liebe Schwowa,

Wow! Time is flying by! First, we were just ramping up after summer ended. Now, Oktoberfest is finished, Halloween has come and gone, and we're approaching the winter months. It has been quite the ride so far.



I want to thank everyone that came out to help with Oktoberfest setup and takedown. It is always a lot of work, and more people make it that much easier. Thank you. Your presence made the day more fun and gave me someone to talk to!

Oktoberfest was a bigger success than last year, for our Club. You could feel it in the air. People were more energized. The bands were revved up more. And the employees even had bigger smiles on their faces. We'll have to wait for the final numbers (which always take a while), but I have high expectations that they will be better than last year. Everyone did a wonderful job. Even law enforcement was very impressed with us this year, which is always a good sign. The compliments on our schnitzel, cabbage rolls, and all of our bands, were wonderful to hear. All in all, 2026 should turn out to be one of our best Oktoberfest's since the pandemic. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers, employees, board members, bands and dance groups - THANK YOU!



And that means we are now on final approach for my favourite event of the year - Schlachtfest! How can you go wrong with the menu this year? With choices of Pork Loin and Sausage, Pork Hocks, or Pig Tails - no one will want to miss this rare and delicious treat. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our Christmas Potluck will be on December 6. It is a chance for everyone to bring something special for our membership to share. There is no better way to celebrate the family that we are, then by sharing the foods that are important to each of us. It will be a great day and I hope absolutely every member comes out to celebrate with us. It has no cost other than bringing a dish, and it is the perfect way to spend time with each other before we break for the holidays.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Speckner
President

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SCHWABEN DANCERS

And just like that, another Oktoberfest season is in the books! We had the best time travelling around and performing at the Concordia Club, the Schwaben Club, and even the Walper Hotel for a KW-Oktoberfest event! Although our numbers were a bit smaller this year, we rallied and made every performance the best it could be! We had a fantastic turn out for parade day and enjoyed showing off our lifts, and of course the warmer weather that greeted us this year. Thank you to all our dancers and social members that dedicated so much of their October to make this KWO season a success!



Just because the Oktoberfest season is over, doesn't mean we are resting. We are back preparing for our next upcoming event, Schlachtfest, and are looking forward to celebrating this delicious event with our friends and family!

Schwaben Dancers

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Hello fellow members.

By the time you read this, Oktoberfest will once again have come and gone. On Oct. 4, we celebrated our annual Family Day—an all-ages event featuring a root beer keg tapping, live music, arts and crafts for the kids and a special visit from Onkel Hans. A big shout out to Miss Schwaben for being our emcee, Jennifer Orsan for her arts and crafts, and all the other volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Looking ahead we can now look forward to the annual Schwaben Club Christmas potluck luncheon. Bring your favourite dish and try the many wonderful dishes prepared by our members and families. A day filled with music entertainment and of course a very special guest. Stay tuned for details.

Mike Kleser
Entertainment Director

GEBURTSTAGE FÜR NOVEMBER

Herzlich Glückwunsch an Alle die im November feiern!

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrate in November!

Glenn Herold	2
Hilda Kreitzer	3
Wera Dennis	5
Wiltrud Jenkins	7
Lydia Kessler	7
Jennifer Offak	10
Paul Robillard	11
Michael Adam	12
Susan Cook	18
Chris Zehr	18
Dan Blohm	28
Jim Sprung	28
Hans Christoph Kutter	29
Gary Becker	29
Kaitlyn Dieter	30
Danielle Malfara	30

DONAU DANCERS

Well Oktoberfest has come and gone! Hope everyone enjoyed their time, enjoyed watching all the dance groups and ate lots of food!

We had a few dancers make their debut during Oktoberfest, they did a great job!

We are practicing for Schlachfest coming up. We hope to see you there.

There is still time to join our group. We practice on Sundays 6:30 pm to 8 pm come and check us out!

Donau Dancers

CULTURAL NEWS

Halo z'samme, ihr liabe Schwowe!

November is a time of remembrance, reflection and honouring heritage.

Allerheiligen November 1st: It is a day dedicated to honouring saints and the countless unnamed or unknown individuals who lived holy, faithful lives. It's observed with families visiting cemetery and light candles on graves or lighting a candle at home. It's a quiet, reflective day focused on remembrance and gratitude.

Allerseelen November 2nd: This day is dedicated specifically to remembering the faithful departed, family members and loved ones who have passed away.

Volkstrauertag: a National Day of Mourning observed two Sundays before the first Sunday of Advent. It is a solemn and reflective day dedicated to remembering all victims of war, regardless of nationality; civilians who died through violence or oppressive regimes and all who suffered under dictatorship and conflict. This year observance will take place on November 15th at the German War Graves in Woodland Cemetery at 2:30pm.

Oktoberfest has come and gone for another year, and what a celebration it was. We shared our **Gemütlichkeit** everywhere, from welcoming patrons at our club to making our first appearance at **Wilkommen Platz**. The joy people experienced was only possible because of the many volunteers who gave their time and energy.

From preparing our cabbage rolls and Schwaben Roll Bowl to our past Miss' and Mr's who came out to proudly represent our club and culture, every contribution mattered.

Our dancers, from the youngest to the most seasoned, lit up the hall with their energy. Wonderful job!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and dance groups who helped make this year's Oktoberfest a success.



November 9th:

Stammtisch 6 to 8pm: will be talking about what is Schlachtfest and the traditions behind it.



Calling all former Schwaben Dancers not currently in a group! If you've still got a little bounce in your step and want to get back into it, come out on November 9th at 8:00 PM. If you can't make it, please reach out to Anita at cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com.

November 15th Bretzelknödel: Still a few openings!



Let's Make Bretzelknödel! November 15th from 1pm to 4pm. Cost $25

Soft, savoury, buttery, and irresistible.

If any member is interested in hosting a cooking class of a Donauschwaben or German dish, please feel free to let me know and we can work together to set up a date. cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

November 21st Schlachtfest/Mr. Schwaben: Looking for volunteers to help make krapfen on the Saturday morning. Please contact Anita at cultural@kitchenerschwabenclub.com

Decorating for the event will be November 21st at 10:30am. If you have any Schlacht artifacts and are willing to have them on display for the event, please bring them at the time of decorating.

Bis zom nächschte Mol.

Tschüss!

Anita Schlupp Temniuk
Kulturreferentin/Cultural Director

Schwaben Club

Wahl/Election 2026

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

For The Position Of

Praesident/President

Peter Speckner

Protokoll-Sekreataer/Protocol-Secretary

Neil Hoffman

Kassierer/Treasurer

Jennifer Orsan

Fahnentraeger/Flag Bearer

Jason Hinschburger

Cole Watson

Vergnuegungs sekretaer/Entertainment Director

Mike Kleser

Heidi Peller-Oliver

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CABBAGE ROLL MAKING





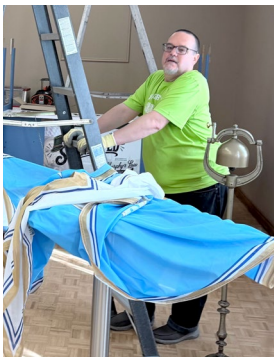






OKTOBERFEST TEAR DOWN











German Pioneers Day





The Schwaben Club had an impressive display for German Pioneers Day, hosted at the Concordia Club,

Willkommen Platz Booth

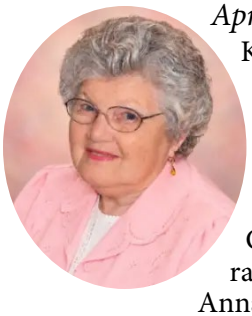




Thanksgiving weekend, our volunteers were serving up hot cabbage roll bowls and sharing info about our club's culture & history, with the community.

† Ruhe in Frieden †

KATHRYN "KATIE" SCHUSTER



April 24, 1926 - September 25, 2026

Kathryn (Katie) Schuster (Killian) was born April 24,1926 in Klein-Jetscha, Romania (now known as Iecea Micã, Romania) to parents Barbara and Nikolaus Killian. When she was 3 years old, her parents moved to Canada to look for work and she was raised by her maternal grandmother, Anna.

She and her younger sister, Anna, emigrated to Canada on June 5, 1948. On the day they arrived, the girls were whisked off to attend a wedding where "Barbara's girls" were the talk of the party. There she met her future husband (John). They were married the following year on August 1, 1949 in a "double ring" wedding, a rarity in those days. This was the first wedding reception to be held in the Schwaben Club. John and Katie had three children: Bill, Linda and Kathy.

While raising three children, she worked at various jobs including the Smiles 'n' Chuckles chocolate factory, National Drapery, and Sears. At Smiles 'n' Chuckles employees could eat all the chocolate they wanted, which Katie enjoyed so much she eventually stopped eating chocolate altogether. Katie chose to become self-employed, sewing drapes in her basement on a giant custom-made sewing table.

Katie and John loved bowling and played often and for many years. Their house was full of various trophies and awards. When bowling was not occupying their time, Katie and John played cards at the Schwaben Club at home with their many friends and their grandkids.

She was also well known for her love of knitting, crocheting, gardening, baking (Baumstamm), reading and watching John Wayne movies. She started knitting at the age of 8 and her family has many blankets, quilts, and other keepsakes from her knitting days. If you went to visit Katie, there was always a coffee cake or cookies ready to share. Christmas was a time with lots of Christmas treats. Some of these recipes her grandkids are still trying to replicate. Her favourite flowers were roses and her garden was always full of them.

Katie was predeceased by her husband John and her sister Anna. She is survived by her three children Bill (Sue), Linda and Kathy; her five grandchildren James (Christa), Paula (Nacho), Kevin (Talena), Melissa (Blake) and Rebecca (Dean); her eight great-grandchildren Lee, Emmett, Charlotte, Alexander, Ana, Sophia, Lily and Owen.

Kathryn's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, October 1, 2026 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. Visitation will continue on Friday, October 2, 2026 from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. A Funeral service will follow on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer's Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Donations may be made at the funeral home or online directly through the charity's website. Please call the funeral home 519-749-8467 to inform the family of your online donation.

Visit www.henrywalser.com for Kathryn's memorial.



REMINDER: The Schwaben Club is a Scent/ Fragrance Free environment for the health and comfort of those with allergies.

Please be mindful of others and avoid wearing scented personnel products while attending the Schwaben Club.



† Ruhe in Frieden †

HENNING JOHANNES GRUMME



September 2, 1944 - October 22, 2026

Henning Johannes Grumme passed on Thursday, October 22, 2026 moving on to his heavenly journey. He was 82 years old. Beloved husband of Shirley Mitchell Grumme. Loving Father of Tim (Sylvia) and Peter (Amy). He was predeceased by his first wife Helen, his brother Claus, his mother Ella (nee Greun) and his father Hans Grumme and by his Canadian parents Tom and Madline Harrington. He was the dear brother of Barbara and his father's wife Regina. Remembered by all of his Grumme family, here and in Germany. By his dear sister-in-law Marne, (the late Richard), his Canadian family – The Harrington Gang, his unofficial German Daughter – Sabrina and her family. His Stepchildren, Heidi, Erick (Erin) Mitchell, and all of Shirley's large family., including Shirley's siblings, Beth Polai, (the late Bob), Kathy and Ron Holmes, Doug and Debbie Bowman.

He loved being "OPA" to his grandchildren, Spencer and Charlotte, Matthaus, Fynn, and Dash (Grumme). Bailey, Sam and Olive (Mitchell) and Pauline (Kaufmann).

Henning was born in Hamburg Germany and spent much of his youth at the famous Hamburg Harbour watching and welcoming the ships come and go! Henning always loved meeting and getting to know people. That trend continued when he moved to Canada in 1957. From Germany to Toronto, where he resided with the Harrington's for over a decade, then on to KW Area, where he spent 27 years with CKCO-TV, working his way up to Operations Manager.

He first became involved with Oktoberfest 50 years ago and went on to serve as President. He enjoyed recruiting German and Austrian talent for the festival, and he was able to promote local German bands here and took many of them over the years to Tatamagouche, NS, where he hosted an Oktoberfest event for almost three decades. Henning spent over 30 years hosting his beloved radio show "Continental Breakfast" on Saturday mornings and recently enjoyed presenting it with his co-host Fred Trautrim. Together they gave their loyal listeners quite an entertaining early start to their Saturday mornings. Henning was a Mason, and a Shriner, including being named President of the Shriners twice. He was involved with Christkindl Market where he was known as the "Sausage Man", serving 1,000's during the festival annually. He was on the KW Musical Society Band Board, and was involved in many other community undertakings, especially with the German Clubs in the area. He enjoyed being a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cambridge, and loved, loved, loved being with family and friends always!

Henning realized his frailties, his body wearing out, dementia affecting his daily living, but his instinct was still to move forward toward people. Staying social was his act of identity. His bonds with people were deep and self-made. Family and friends gave him peace and comfort. He was so appreciative of the neighbours, all his Porch buddies, and the dogs that came for a pat. When he was outside it was always a "Porch Party" ready to happen. Henning spent a lifetime arranging things on his own terms, and whatever was thrown at him he would say "que sera, sera, what ever will be will be, you can't sit back and cry, you "gotta" get on with life. It's just life, it's too precious"!

As he closed his show every Saturday, he said, "Shirley I am on my way home", (enjoy your new heavenly, home my dear Henning) and his last words as each show ended were, "Hug the ones you love". We will do that for you, my dear!

Visitation will take place at Erb & Good Funeral Home, 171 King Street S., Waterloo, on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held at the Concordia Club, 429 Ottawa Street S., Kitchener on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Karen Kunhert officiating. Refreshments and social time following. In keeping with Henning's wishes for a bit of a Bavarian sendoff, please consider wearing Tracht if you would like for the Funeral.

A livestream and recording of the funeral service will be available on Henning's tribute page at www.erbgood.com.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations would be appreciated by the family and may be made to the WRHN FOUNDATION, 300- 235 The Board Walk, Kitchener, ON or The Alzheimer Society, Kitchener through the funeral home at 519-745-8445 or at www.erbgood.com.



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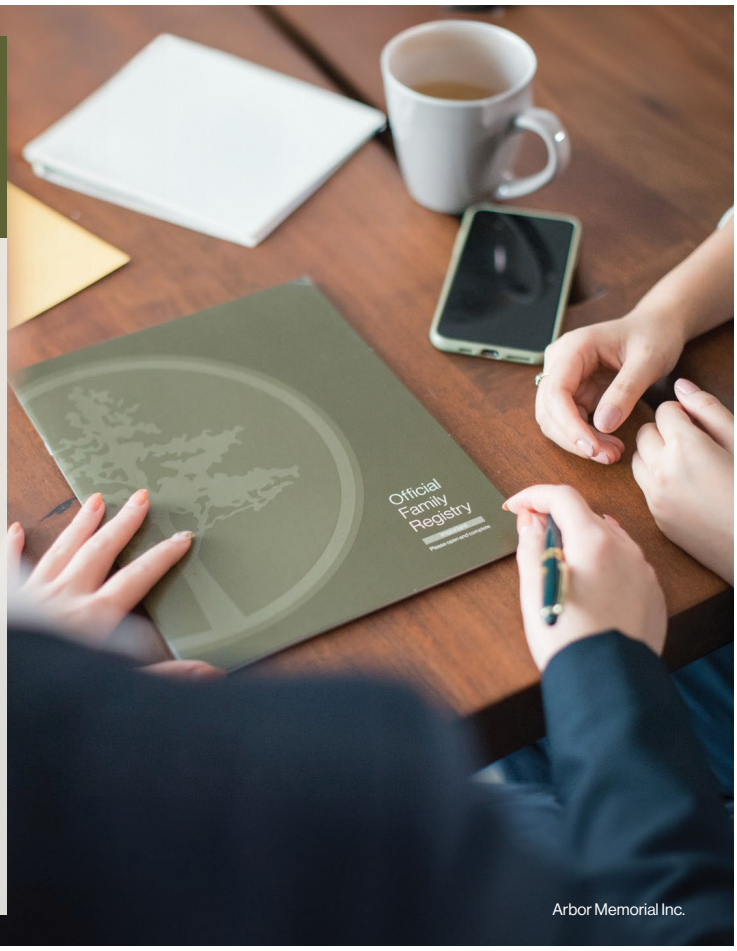


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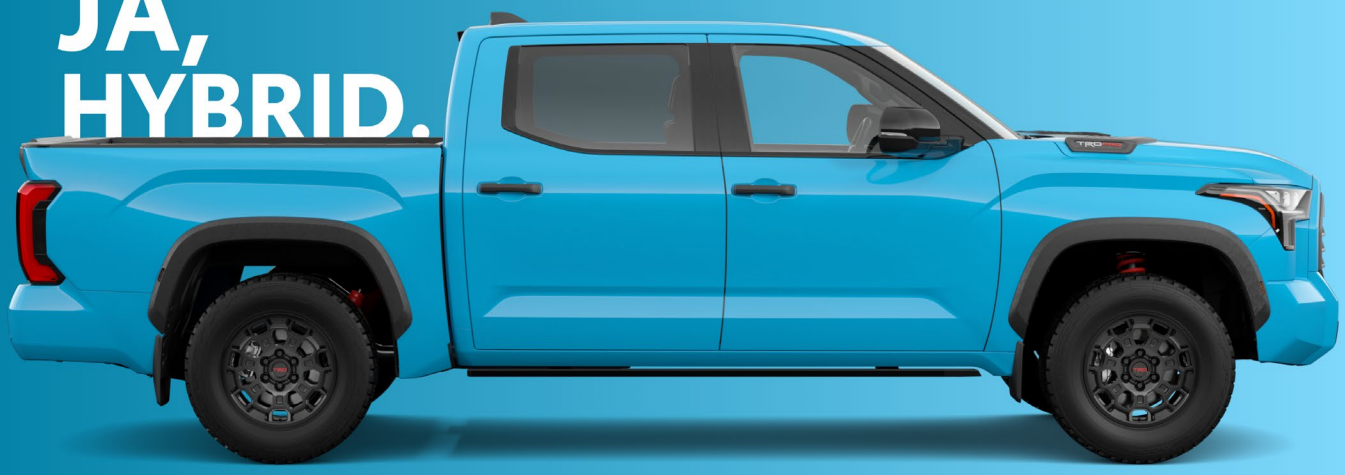


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