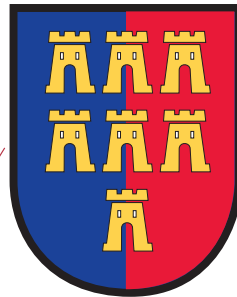


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*at the Alpine Club*

*(all COVID protocols will be in place)*



*A Joyful Christmas*



## BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



*Dear members and friends,*

Hello everyone. I hope you are all able to stay safe and healthy during these difficult times. The weather certainly has taken a turn and the cold and wet fall is upon us. I trust you have all cleaned or changed your furnace filters, cleaned out your rain gutters and raked bags and bags of leaves already. Time to break out the sweaters, winter coats and gloves, and to get the snowblower from the shed and make sure it is ready for what lies ahead. As I sit in front of my computer typing this, the wind is howling outside.

I know that it is not easy having to distance yourself from some of your loved ones, friends and perhaps co-workers. Social distancing and wearing a mask are not in our nature, but I believe it has been proven repeatedly that these precautions are effective in battling Covid-19. It is because of this pandemic and the need to keep all our members safe that it has been decided by our Board of Directors that it would not be wise to hold our annual Weihnachtsfeier event this year. It saddens me to have to say that, as I believe that this would be the first year that our club has not held that event. Our groups have not been able to get together and practice, a majority of our members are seniors or have health issues and are susceptible to the virus and the number of people that are allowed to gather is well below our normal attendance at our events. These are the reasons we have decided to cancel our events for the remainder of the year.

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We are certainly living through some difficult times but if we conduct ourselves in a safe and ethical manner, we can all get through this and once again be able to gather and celebrate. Christmas celebrations will certainly be different this year as we adhere to all the restrictions. We will just have to cut back on the usual amount of baking and cooking we do for our families since Saxons usually tend to make too much and our gatherings will be smaller.

As you all know, we also had to cancel holding our General Membership Meeting which was originally scheduled for March of this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Our hope was to reschedule and hold that meeting sometime in the fall, but the pandemic has continued and caused us to cancel holding that meeting as well. I am hoping that things improve sufficiently that we might be able to hold the membership meeting in March of 2021. Covid-19 and our local Public Health Officials will determine if that is possible. We will keep you all updated when we know closer to that time. In the meantime, your board of directors have had zoom meetings and through email are keeping on top of any issues that arise.

I hope everyone is dealing with life as it is and not having any hardships. I have been lucky to be able to work from home doing everything that I need to do by telephone or on the computer. It certainly is different not putting on a suit or at least dress pants, shirt and tie and going into the office. Now I can wear my pyjamas and have a coffee in my hand as I work. I know other people are

out in the workplace because of their jobs and families are adjusting to new schedules and or decisions like schooling and extra curricular activities.

The Alpine Club is doing their best to keep their facilities clean and ask that people do not schedule any small gatherings or enter the building without letting them know. They do have a protocol in place if you need to go in. You must sign in, take your temperature, and wear a mask while in the building.

Our pigtail sales went very well. We have emptied our fridge and freezers to help keep the hydro costs down since the Alpine Club is not able to hold any income generating events. They have rented part of the parking lot out to another business to help financially, but times are tough for all the clubs. It would be wonderful if some of us can support some of the German clubs by ordering out food or going to eat a meal.

We were not a part of Oktoberfest this year other than at the opening ceremonies, but the Alpine Club, Concordia Club and Schwaben Club did offer take out food or short stay sit down dinners during the week. Many people still dressed up and went out to support these clubs.

The virtual Oktoberfest events were great to watch, especially hearing the bands play on the last weekend. The 50 years of memories of the parade was also a nice idea since the parade itself could not take place. It was disappointing however

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to note the lack of coverage of our own Hofbrau Band, who have been an integral part of Oktoberfest since the beginning.

I, like many of you, have family and friends in the United States and miss the fact that we cannot cross the border to see them and our fellow Saxons but with the Pandemic numbers where they currently are, I guess that keeping the border closed is the smart thing to do. I do look forward to the day when we can once again go visit those family members and have our Heimattag celebrations and our "Austausch" groups visit.

I really miss us not holding our events and seeing all of my Saxon family. I hope that you all stay safe.....stay healthy and keep in mind that this pandemic shall pass. Think of the party we will have when this is over.

If you need to contact the office, Else's hours are now Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

The presidents of the local German Clubs are staying in contact, and everyone is looking forward to the day we can start holding events again and visiting with each other.

Please think about getting your flu shot this year. Today I got a pneumonia shot, a flu shot and the first of two Shingles shots. I feel like a pin cushion! I have had shingles before, and it was not a good experience so if these shots will help prevent getting it again, they are worth it.

*Missing you all.*

*I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!*

*Reinhard Schmidt, President*



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## KULTURGRUPPE

### CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

*Dear fellow Saxons and friends,*

It has been a while since I have been able to see or speak to many of you and I truly miss everyone's smiling faces, the big hugs and being able to socialize and have some fun. The past months have taken a toll on our cultural activities and events and we have been unable to meet and catch up, practice and plan and laugh and joke, but when we finally are able to, we will cherish our time together **more than ever**.

People ask me how we are going to keep our culture going and what is going to happen to all our groups. I tell them we are Saxon, so we will stay true to our traditions, have the courage to endure whatever confronts us and have the resilience to keep our culture and traditions going even on a small scale until we again have all of our cultural groups together again. At Trachtenball, Bob Foster said something that very much pertains to the present time and how we need to remember where we came from and how we should go forward:

"You Saxons of the Transylvania Club Kitchener are a strong and strong-willed people. I have not witnessed a people, an ethnic group so resilient, as resilient, as the Transylvania Club Kitchener Saxons. From the need to make the Trek from the homeland, to the need to build new lives in Canada, to the loss of your beloved club building on Andrew St., to the parting of ways with the Schwaben Club, to the loss of an Oktoberfest home at the Stampede Corral, you have demonstrated utmost resilience. And you have demonstrated it with dignity, class and pride.

And as long as you continue to Saxon Up! the culture and heritage will remain strong and powerful. You are a people of strength, conviction and courage. You are a people of true resiliency. What a wonderful virtue to own."

If we remember this and practice our songs, language, traditions and celebrate in the Saxon ways at home, it will be like we did not miss any time, when we are allowed to get together and continue on with our cultural group practices and club events. I

thank those of you who got together in your garages to play as a band and allowed us to virtually be part of your concerts and sing and dance at home. I also enjoyed the virtual Oktoberfest events and great meals we were able to take out from the German clubs during Oktoberfest. Hearing our own Wildbahn and Seven Castles play virtually on the last weekend of Oktoberfest was great! I encourage you to call, email and zoom each other to keep in touch. We are family!

It is that time of year when we are all busy planning our Christmas dinner, baking and activities, decorating the house and shopping for those special gifts. This year will most definitely be different and the social gatherings will not be held other than with immediate family, but take the time and cherish every minute, carrying on all your traditions and enjoy the holidays safely. Unfortunately, due to restrictions and the safety of our members the Board of Directors have decided that there will be no Weihnachtsfeier this year. As much as it saddens me to cancel one of most attended and meaningful events, it is for the better this year. All events for the remainder of the year have been cancelled also. We can only hope that this pandemic will slow down and we will be able to have a better 2021. I look forward to a new year of planning wonderful events again with all our groups and hope that you all continue to support each other and the club.

We normally hold our Kulturgruppe AGM in January, but we will have to see what happens with the restrictions. I will keep you informed if we are able to hold the meeting or when the rescheduled elections will be.

The quote below was posted on facebook and I believe the words to be true.

"OHNE KUNST UND KULTUR WIRD'S STILL!"  
"Without art and culture, it gets quiet"

Keep your Saxon heritage close to your heart, practice the traditions with the younger generation and SAXON UP!

*Ich wuensche Euch alle ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein glueckliches neu Jahr!*

*I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year.*

*Frohe Weihnachten!*

*Erika Schmidt*

*Kulturleiterin / Cultural Chair*





## TRANSYLVANIA CHOIR

Dear club members,

The choir is trying hard to keep up contacts among each other during these times. We would

dearly love to be able to get together and to sing again at club functions. We send the best wishes to all for a very good Christmas with your families, and we send this photo as a memento to happier times.

Gerhard Griebenow

Chor Praesident



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## KEGELGRUPPE

### BOWLING LEAGUE

We have started bowling as of September. We bowl every other Thursday but have changed to bowling during the day from 1pm till 3pm and have 8 bowlers so far but we can go to ten. If you are interested in joining us call me at 519-884- 2975 or email me at drbgreen@rogers.com.

*Dave Green*

*Bowling Group President*



## OKTOBERFEST UPDATE

I am sure you all read in the K-W Record the recent articles that told us that Lot 42 has taken on a new purpose with the use of their space, and that the property is now also for sale. It would appear that we have lost the option of holding Oktoberfest at Lot 42 in the future.

I would like to give you an update on recent developments as it relates to our relationship with the Alpine Club. We have entered into discussions with the Alpine Club regarding the possibility of working together for Oktoberfest 2021. There have been some fruitful discussions between our two clubs and we are working hard at finding common ground upon which we can build a solid working relationship to conduct joint operations for Oktoberfest 2021.

We are hopeful that Oktoberfest 2021 will be Covid-free and that we can return to a more normal festival.....that will remain to be seen.

In the meantime, we will continue our discussions with the Alpine Club and keep you posted when we have some solid information to provide.

*Thank you.*

*Please stay healthy and safe.*

*Reinhard Schmidt, President*



## LANDSMANNSCHAFT

*Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,*

2020 has been a year like we have never experienced. Since mid-March all our club and international Saxon functions have been cancelled. The world has changed and we all look forward to being able to get together with our family and friends and certainly again enjoy our Saxon activities in our clubs. We are hopeful that next year the Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl, the Kulturaustausch with Traun, Austria, the Heimattag in Salem, Ohio as well as our Jugendgruppe, Kindergruppe, choir and band practices and our club functions can again start up. We need to be patient and careful of our activities we participate in. Stay home, stay safe! With each other's support and our trust in God we will get through this crisis just as our forefathers have gotten through wars and the many more difficult obstacles they had to face to look after their families and stay alive. Be thankful and proud that we live in Canada.

At this time of year when we joyfully look forward to the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the plight of our fellow Saxons still living in Siebenbürgen. The living conditions that they face in Siebenbürgen, the cold weather and sometimes the lack of nutritious food is especially difficult for the elderly and even for some of the younger people that are in need of social assistance and help with medical conditions. We are fortunate to live in Canada. I ask for your support to help our less fortunate Saxons in Siebenbürgen by making a donation to the "Altenhilfe". Donations (cheques) can be sent to the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada 149 White Pine Cres. Waterloo, Ontario N2V 1B3. Cash donations can be given to Trudy Schneider or John Werner.

The book "Transylvania Saxons in Canada" written by Dr. Waldemar Scholtes can make a nice Christmas gift. Copies can be obtained by contacting John Werner. (519-884-7725)

Im Namen der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada wünsche ich allen Landsleuten und Freunden nah und fern, ein Gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein gutes, glückliches und gesundes neues Jahr.

*John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender*





## BERENTZEN

*My friends,*

It is time to restock your schnaps bar for the cold months ahead. Harry and Ingrid Drung at HHD Imports are assisting us in putting together a large order of Berentzen products for those that are interested. The following flavours are available and retail between \$20.00-\$24.00 per bottle (determined by shipping costs and exchange rates) and come in packs of 6. You don't need to buy an entire 6 pack, but could share that with a friend perhaps:

<b>Wild Cherry</b>	<b>Caramel Cream</b>
<b>Rhubarb Strawberry</b>	<b>Waldmeister</b>
<b>Raspberry Peach</b>	<b>Waldfrucht (Raspberry/Blueberry/Blackberry)</b>
<b>Johannisbeere (Black Current)</b>	<b>Orange Herb</b>
<b>Mango Vanilla</b>	<b>Sauer Roter Jostabeere</b>
<b>Plum</b>	<b>Lemon Twist</b>
<b>White Chocolate</b>	<b>Mint</b>
<b>Macademia</b>	<b>Chocolate Cream</b>
<b>Apfelnkorn</b>	<b>Sour Apple</b>

Since we could not get this information to everyone in time to have this order ready for Christmas, the

cut-off date for this order will be December 31, 2020. The order will take approx. 6 weeks to arrive, at which time you will be notified and payment will be due. To place your order, please call:

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## MEMBERSHIP

*Liebe Mitglieder / Dear Members;*

I hope you are all well and staying healthy.

Thank you to those members who were able to go to the club office to pay their membership fees before the Covid-19 Pandemic lock-down happened.

In the last few weeks I have had several calls from members wanting to make their membership payments. Cheques can be mailed to the office and payments will be processed. No late fees are being charged.

Once we are able to re-schedule our Annual General Meeting, the cut-off due date for membership payments will be determined.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

It appears this pandemic will keep us apart for a while longer. Until we are able to meet again, please take care and be safe.

*Katie Dienesch*

*Mitglieder Kassier / Membership Treasurer*



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## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

### A SIGN OF THE TIMES

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped:

"Didn't you get my E-mail?"

### CHRISTMAS LIST

I felt the need to send Santa my list this year. But it was a short one.

I wrote, "Dear Santa,

This year all I ask is for a Big Fat Bank Account and a Slim Body.

Please don't mix up the two like you did last year."

### ANGELS

Gregory, aged 5: "I only know the names of two angels: Hark and Harold.

Bert, aged 25: "My wife's an angel."

Don, aged 27: "You're lucky, mine is still alive.

### WHAT A GIRL WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady of about 20 years walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother please," replied Emily sweetly. "Something for your mother? Well, that's a very loving and thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What would your mother like me to bring her?"

Without turning a hair, Emily answered quickly, "A son-in-law."





## CHRISTMAS RECIPE



### VANILLEKIPFERL

Makes about 75 cookies

#### Ingredients

For the cookie dough:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour spoon and level (350g)
- 1 1/2 cup unsalted butter cold, cut into small cubes (280g)
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar (140g)

- 2 cup ground almonds or hazelnuts or walnuts (140g)
- 1 pk vanilla sugar or lemon zest from one lemon
- 1 pinch of salt

#### For the sugar mixture:

- 1 cup fine sugar
- 1 pk vanilla sugar

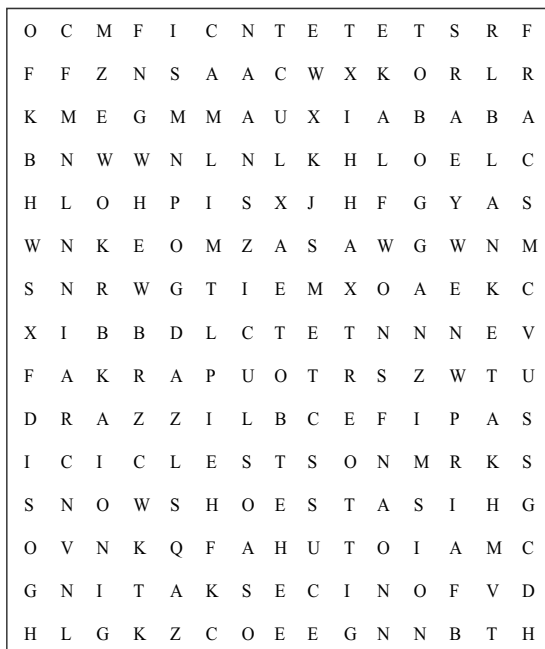
#### Instructions

- In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment combine flour, salt, cold cubed butter, sugar, ground nuts, and vanilla sugar (or lemon zest). Mix at medium speed until a crumbly dough forms, about 1-2 minutes
- Use your hands to press the dough together and wrap it in plastic wrap. Chill for half an hour in the fridge. [Alternatively, shape them first, then chill on pans just before baking. This help the cookies to hold their shape]
- Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C) and line one or two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- Roll the chilled dough into a log approximately 1/2 inch thick. Cut the log into 1 1/2-inch pieces, form the pieces into small cylinders and taper the ends into dull points. Bend each one into a crescent shape. Place the Vanillekipferl on the baking sheet about 1 inch apart.
- Bake the Vanillekipferl one cookie sheet at a time for 12 to 15 min (depending on the size of the cookies) until the edges are golden. They should not brown. Let cool for two minutes.

- Combine fine sugar with the vanilla sugar and roll the cookies carefully in the mixture. Let them cool completely.
- These cookies keep fresh for about 3 weeks in an airtight container stored in a cool place.



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## FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN - FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitglieder die ein Jubiläum oder einen Geburtstag bekannt geben wollen,  
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Members that would like to announce an anniversary/birthday or other special event are asked to contact:

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**Heidi Lowrick**

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## TODESFAELLE - DEATHS



*Artur Pinnau*

*passed away peacefully  
on September 1, 2020  
at the age of 90.*

*Artur was born on March 28, 1930 in Stonopoenen,  
East Prussia.*



*Lily Intschert*

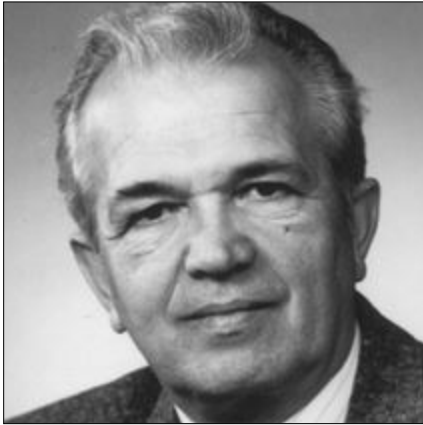
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**FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN - FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Helmut Groh*

*passed away on October 8, 2020.*

*Helmut was born April 23, 1930*

*in Tekendorf, Romania.*



*Susanne Heeschen*

*passed away suddenly at the age of 92  
on November 13, 2020.*

*She was born in Birk, Transylvania.*



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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Kremer  
Helga Rakoschi Groh  
Walter Marzinko  
Emma Berg  
Guenther Breckner  
Margaret Habl  
Ray Williams  
Stephanie Green  
David Spaetzel  
Wilhelmine Koestel  
Christine Lang  
Mackenzie Sharratt

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Andrew Fritsch  
Steven Brown  
Darrin Boutillier  
Bengt Nyman  
Maria Emrich  
William Vetter

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Fritsch  
Katharina Jung  
Ruth Friedel  
Katharina Fritsch  
Michael P. Werner  
Katharina Mann  
Stephen Kenny  
Linda Fritsch

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Reinhard Schmidt  
Leah Hensel-Williams  
Paul Arsenault

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roberto Reale  
Agnes Sebastian  
Martin Hartig  
Cynthia Mooser  
Erika Werner  
Evan Karst  
Hilda Janzen  
Stephen Werner  
David Kachik  
Kathy Mathes  
Elizabeth Bauer  
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