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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

Dec. 19	Christmas Carnival 14:00 to	16:00
Jan. 15	Kameradschaftsabend – Schwaben Club	
Jan. 19	Kulturgruppe AGM	19:00
Mar. 5	Trachtenball – Miss Transylvania Pageant	19:30
Mar. 27	TCK Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM	14:00
Apr. 10	Choir Concert & Banquet	12:00

Note: All our events will be held at the Alpine Club unless otherwise indicated in the event schedule. Please pick up your tickets at our club office at least two weeks prior to the event.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends.

I hope you all had a good summer this year and enjoyed the beautiful fall weather we have had. I know travelling anywhere outside the province was either impossible or at least difficult. On a positive note, it does appear that the

Covid-19 situation is improving every week and many restrictions are being either lifted completely or at least loosened somewhat. I believe many of us are looking forward to getting together again with family and friends.

I would like to say thank you to all those members that attended our Membership meeting on October 3rd. It was nice to see familiar faces and get back on track with our elections and club financials. I know everyone who came out enjoyed their TCK masks they were given.

We are continuing in our efforts to eliminate the high cost of our storage unit at Access Storage. We have the new shipping container installed beside the garage at the Alpine Club and it is now properly wired for lights and has been insulated. We are working hard at finding new homes for some of the items that are in storage that other clubs might be able to put to use. We will soon be moving the remaining items that we are keeping into the new shipping container and plan to be able to leave Access Storage by end of this year.

I would like to thank our Miss Transylvania Breanna Gondosch and 2nd VP John Dienesch for attending this year's opening ceremonies for Oktoberfest. I could not get the time off work so John stepped in to represent our club.

I would also like to thank President of the Alpine Club Dietmar Biselli and the Alpine Club for selling our well known and very popular pigtails as an option for their Oktoberfest Curbside food pickup program. They sold 146 servings of our pigtails, with each serving consisted of 2 pigtails! That's awesome!

Christmas holidays are just around the corner. We are once again teaming up with the Alpine Club for this year's Christmas celebration. This year will be bigger and better than last year. It will be on Sunday, December 19th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Alpine Club. Of course Santa will be there and we will again have gift bags for the children, coffee, hot chocolate and hot apple cider and baking will be available for purchase and we anticipate having some Christmas music being played for us by some of you younger members and maybe a few members of our very own Hofbrau Band. There will be some easy and quick crafts for the children and games for them to play outside. We want this year's event to be more of a visit then just a quick drivethrough. We will be looking for volunteers that day so contact the office and leave your name and number if you can lend a hand for a few hours. Hope to see many of you there.

We are working on an event calendar for 2022 with the hope that we can get together again and start getting back to a normal way of life. Obviously the calendar and our ability to hold events will still be determined by whatever Covid protocols are in place as we move forward and dependent on the various groups who normally hold the event. More information will follow as we get into the New Year. As I have mentioned before, this year is our club's 70th Anniversary. Unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic restrictions, we were not able to hold that event this year. It is our hope and our goal to hold that event in 2022 and make it a great party, with members of all ages celebrating our cultural history. Stay tuned for more details to come.

This will be the last Nachrichtenblatt before Christmas so Erika and I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and very Merry Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year. Please hug your loved ones and remember that every day is a gift to enjoy.

Remember, even though we have some limitations on being able to get together, we can still call, Skype or Zoom or whatever other way of communication you want to use to stay in touch and actually see our friends and family. Keep in touch, remember those that are home alone or that may just need to hear your voice or see your face. We are, after all, one big Saxon family.

Please stay safe so we can greet each other again. Reinhard Schmidt, President



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. We have started having some meetings and hope to have things back to normal in the New Year.

The groups are working hard at trying to figure out how to have their practices and get members to come out and participate again. This is not an easy chore since everyone has not had to go anywhere or take part in things over the past 19 months. I hope to see all the groups back at full strength in 2022.

If we remember to 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 still get together in your garages to play as a band and allow us to virtually be part of your concerts and sing and dance at home.

Thank you to the TCK dancers for representing us at the Oktoberfest opening ceremonies. Seven

Castles and Wildbahn also played at various events on the weekends for patrons who visited the restaurants and bars. It sure was a very different Oktoberfest but we enjoyed the food that the German clubs had available for takeout and dine in.

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 definitely be different and the social gatherings will be smaller, 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 traditional Weihnachtsfeier this year, but in place of that I invite you to attend the TCK and Alpine outside "Christmas Carnival" on December 19, 2021 at the Alpine Club from 2 – 4 p.m. Bring a chair, dress warm and enjoy the afternoon! There will be live music, games and crafts for the children, packages to be picked up from Santa Claus and some hot beverages and cookies and squares to be purchased while you stroll around enjoying the Christmas atmosphere, watch the children play and meet with friends and family for some festive time - a real family outing. I hope you will all take the time to come out and support us.

We plan to hold our Kulturgruppe AGM on January 19th with elections. All are welcome to attend.

The quote below was posted on Facebook last year and I still 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 wünsche euch allen ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein glückliches Neujahr! I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year.

Erika Schmidt Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President









































BOWLING GROUP

KEGELGRUPPE

We have not been able to put any teams together for this season but will see what response there is next year as all restrictions are supposed to be lifted by March 2022.

David Green, Bowling Group President



KULTURGRUPPE AGM

Die Jahreshauptversammlung der Kulturgruppe findet am 19. Januar 2022 um 7 Uhr statt. Ein neues Kommitee wird gewaehlt und alle Klubmitglieder sind eingeladen. Bitte kommt und unterstuezt unsere Kulturgruppe.

The annual meeting of the Cultural Group with elections will take place on January 19th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. All club members are invited to attend and show support of our Cultural Group. Positions up for election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Archivist Helper.

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Youth	\$ 25.00	\$ 00.00



LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

2021 will soon be over and will forever remain in our memory as the year that we have been separated from our family and friends and also have not been able to participate in any of our club functions and extended Saxon events other than through internet participation.

With mass vaccination in place we hope to get Covid under control and again be able to celebrate our Club, Heimattag and Kulturaustausch events. We still need to be patient and careful of the activities we participate in. With each other's support and our trust in God we will get through this crisis.

Stay safe!

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



LADIES AUXILIARY

FRAUENVEREIN

The Ladies' Auxiliary has been on pause for the last long while due, of course, to the pandemic. The last event we held was our Big Band Gala on February 1, 2020. Our Spring Fashion show had been scheduled for March 24, 2020, but we decided it best to cancel it as things were starting to shut down. Who knew what was around the corner for all of us!!

Needless to say, we held no other events in 2020 in the hopes that 2021 would be back to business as usual, yet here we are at the end of 2021 and we have, for the most part, still been on pause.

In September 2021 we did get together to cook 300 pounds of pigtails to be included as an option on the Alpine Club's Oktoberfest drive thru menu. The cooking went really well and it was great to get together again. We maintained proper protocols to keep everyone safe.

On November 9, 2021 the Ausschuss ladies got together for an evening of coffee and desserts and to discuss upcoming 2022 Frauenverein events. We discussed the feasibility of holding our Frauenball, slated for Saturday, February 5, 2022, and have decided that we are not in a position to commit to a big event that early in the New Year, given that the pandemic is still a concern and we don't know what the winter will bring. In addition, we decided to

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hold off our Spring Fashion Show which was to be on Sunday, March 27. An event such as this takes an enormous amount of planning and lead time, and we are not confident that we'll be in a position to proceed. We hope to reschedule one or both of these events later in 2022, so stay tuned to hear more on that.

The Ladies' Christmas dinner (which had been scheduled for December 8, 2021) will not happen this year. Instead we will have a scaled-down Christmas event for just the Ausschuss ladies later in December

Our last Frauenverein Annual General Meeting was held on February 20, 2020. Everyone maintained their current positions, and we hope to have an AGM sometime in 2022. The executive committee is as follows:

President Sylvia Hartig
1st Vice-President Heidi Lowrick
2nd Vice-President Kathy Mathes
Treasurer Trudy Schneider
Secretary/2nd Treasurer Rosemarie Rawlings
Genesungskarten Helgard Werner

Wishing you and your families all the best for the upcoming holiday season.

Sylvia Hartig

Frauenverein Praesidentin



Christmas Poems

My Christmas Wish For You
My Christmas wish for you, my friend
Is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too Throughout the coming year Lots of laughter and happiness To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one And when totaled by the lot May you find all you've been given To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light May your spirit never grow old May all your clouds have silver linings And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more May all your dreams come true May you have a Merry Christmas friend And happy New Year, too! Weihnachten

Markt und Straßen stehn verlassen. Still erleuchtet jedes Haus, Sinnend geh' ich durch die Gassen, Alles sieht so festlich aus. An den Fenstern haben Frauen Buntes Spielzeug fromm geschmückt, Tausend Kindlein stehn und schauen, Sind so wunderstill beglückt. Und ich wandre aus den Mauern Bis hinaus ins freie Feld Hehres Glänzen, heil'ges Schauern! Wie so weit und still die Welt! Sterne hoch die Kreise schlingen, Aus des Schnees Einsamkeit Steigt's wie wunderbares Singen -O du gnadenreiche Zeit!

By: Joseph Freiherr von Eichendorff.

SIEBENBUERGER ZEITUNG

Die Bezieher der Siebenbuerger Zeitung werden ersucht die Bezugsgebuehr fuer das Jahr 2022 von \$60.00 vor dem 31 Dezember, 2021 zu bezahlen. Den Scheck bitte ich auf "Alliance of Transylvania Saxons" auszustellen und an Trudy Schneider, 1520 Mannheim Rd., Petersburg NOB 2H0 abzusenden.



PROPOSED TCK CONSTITU-TION AMENDMENTS

FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT THE 2022 TRANSYLVANIA CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL #1

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE TRANSYLVANIA CLUB KITCHENER (TCK) CONSTITUTION

Part A.9 of the constitution describes the rules for the dissolution of the TCK.

Part A.9.5 currently states: "Should no new organization be established within five years, then the remaining assets of the TCK shall vest in the "Siebenbuergische Stiftung". "

It is proposed to modify Part A.9.5 to read as follows:

A.9.5. Should no new organization be established within five years, then the remaining assets of the TCK shall be gifted to

Siebenbuergisches Kulturzentrum

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Schloss Horneck 74831 Gundelsheim, Germany on the condition that at the time of that proposed gift it is still a centre for the storage and display of Transylvania artifacts and records.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL #2

At the October 3, 2021 TCK Annual General Meeting, the topic of the dissolution of the TCK Sterbefond (Siebenbuerger Saxon Death Benefit Fund) was started. The reasons for its dissolution were given as:

- a) not sufficient interest and leadership is not available
- b) the need for this benefit appears no longer to be needed by the membership
- c) removal of the potential long-term financial commitment on the TCK.

Discussion on this topic and vote will take place at the March 27, 2022 TCK Annual General Meeting.



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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS - GEBURTSANZEIGE



Drew Maria Plouffe

Born in Woodstock on October 21, 2021

Parents: Natalie and Austin Plouffe

Grandparents: Karin & Randy Gondosch and Wendy Plouffe & Paul Auger Great Grandparents: Regina Schneider and Maria & Michael Gondosch

DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Rudolf Suessman

passed away on October 12, 2021.

Rudolf was born August 15, 1931 in Poland.



We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the months of August to December. If you have a birthday in any of these months and your name does not appear in the list, please call our office with the correct information in order that we can update our membership records and database.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Trudy R. Schneider Hermine Brown Sven-Erik Nyman Annemarie Schatz Hans Kauntz Johann Karschti John Werner Maria Eichberger Andrew Saur Darlene Giebat Johann Bidner Susanna Kauntz Eugenia Schatz Christa Bendix Ronald Schatz Andrew French Petrina Breckner Jennifer Frim Karl Wolf Tina Rich

Gwen Wolf Michelle Nyman Sara Brantsch Margit Fritsch Randy Gondosch Sofia Hendel David R. Green Maria Goellner Neil Hoffman Gerald Schatz

Nancy Fritsch Lauren Krause Rosie Emrich Anna Schatz Andreas Emrich Klaus Bliefert Katharina Ungar





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kristian Lowrick

Andrea Emrich

Lilly Hill

Tina Vicano

Claudia Griebenow

Betty Ann Doering

Alex Emrich

Rosemarie Rawlings

Anna Kreischer

Michael Giebat

Harry Drung

Reinhold Schuster

Elke Hensel-Williams

Katherine Warkentin

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Melanie Gondosch

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Katie Dienesch

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Katharina Schertzer

Michael Griebenow

Anna Fichvald

Peter Wuschnakowski





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Helga Rakoschi Groh Ingrid Kremer Pieternella Scholtes Walter Marzinko Emma Berg Guenther Breckner Ray Williams Margaret Habl Stephanie Green Christine Lang Wilhelmine Koestel David Spaetzel Mackenzie Sharratt Mikaila Emrich David Merkle Sylvia Hartig Rose Frim
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Katharina Jung Ruth Friedel Michael Fritsch John Belez Katharina Fritsch Michael P. Werner Katharina Mann Wiltrud Jenkins Stephen Kenny Linda Fritsch Danielle Fritsch Katharina Emrich Heidi Schumann Waldemar Scholtes Kurt Emrich Katharina Baumann Jane Penteker Elizabeth Egi

Manfred Gabber Reinhard Schmidt Leah Hensel-Williams Paul Arsenault

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roberto Reale Agnes Sebastian Cynthia Mooser Martin Hartig Erika Werner Hilda Janzen Stephen Werner Kathy Mathes David Kachik Elizabeth Bauer Susan Frim Mike Gondosch Rosie Karst Erna Emrich Rosina Pinnau Amanda Mooser Rosemarie Klaehn Sara Orendi Georg Emrich Danny Vicano Hubert Knobloch Gilberto Hackl Adam Schatz Holger von Weyhe Heidi Hesch Martin Gabber Wilma Gorbach John Frim Eveline Hackl John Frim Jr. Liam Schatz Victoria Gondosch





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