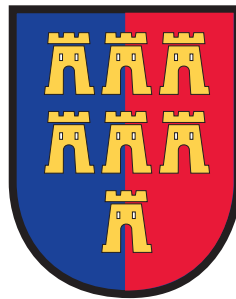


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TCK Youth Dance Group at their Western Themed Fundraiser

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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

June 17 **Waldfest – Picnic & Golf Tournament**
Hubertushaus 12:00

July 7 to 9 **Heimattag – New Castle, Pennsylvania**

July 19 **Kulturaustausch – Traun Group** 19:00

Note: All our events will be held at the Alpine Club unless otherwise indicated in the event schedule. Please order and purchase your tickets at the office or call in to pay by credit card or etransfer at least two weeks prior to the event.

Else is in the office on Wednesdays between 9:00 and noon. It may be easiest and most efficient to call and leave a message. Our office phone number is 519-744-1191 and our email address is transylvaniacub@outlook.com. Thanks.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,
I think Mother Nature has settled down and is now finally bringing us spring. It is nice to see the trees and flowers start to bloom again. I hope everyone has put away their snow shovels and snowblowers in exchange for the rake and lawnmower. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we have made some technological advancements at the club office! You can now use e-transfer to pay for your membership or to buy your tickets for one of our events, and then pick up your tickets at the door. Use: transylvaniacub@outlook.com and make sure

you fill out the comment section stating what and who the payment is for.

We are fine-tuning the process to have the Nachrichtenblatt emailed to those people that would prefer to receive the Blatt electronically and save a few trees. If you would prefer to receive your Blatt electronically, please contact the office and give us your email address. This will save the club some money in the cost of producing and to mail out the Blatt. It also means those people that receive their Blatt electronically will get it before those that get the hard copy, and it will be in colour.

I hope you were able to gather with your family to celebrate Easter. Erika and I had a wonderful visit from our dance group, who carried on the tradition of going "Beschpritzen". It's always a treat when they stop by.

On Sunday April 23rd our youth group held a fundraiser. It was a great evening with a delicious buffet dinner that they prepared themselves.

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Congratulations to Owen Crouse, our new Mr. Transylvania 2023. The competition was tough, and all the contestants did a wonderful job. Music was provided by Liam and Justin Schatz.

We celebrated Mitgliederabend on April 29th and had a very good turnout. There were about 150 people and 17 children. The theme for the evening was "Beach Party" and many people came dressed for the occasion. We started the event at 4:00 o'clock so that the children could enjoy some face painting, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. The Kindergruppe performed several dances and sang songs. The older group sang the first verse of "Siebenbuergen, suesse Heimat", and the audience joined in for the other two verses. It was great to see how enthusiastic they were and how much fun they had. Hats off to Rick & Krista Hesch, Heidimarie Hesch and Bob & Lorianne Schaus for their hard work in leading that group.

Members enjoyed some delicious appetizers made by our Frauenverein before the first half of the program. That was followed by a delicious meal of pulled pork, BBQ chicken, buns, and a selection of salads, catered by Roller Roaster BBQ. We even enjoyed an ice cream bar for dessert with all the toppings served by the board members. Our dance group performed "Fliege mit mir in die Heimat and Gute Freunde", which was very appropriate for the evening, and was great, as always! This is also the annual event where we celebrate members by giving out membership pins for milestone memberships from 5 to 70 years. We also dedicated the picture for our new Miss Transylvania, Grace Maier, and retired Amanda Mooser's picture, which was presented to her. Thanks again for everything you have done and continue to do Amanda. Urkunden were handed out to the three board members who stepped down from the board this year: Hans Gross, Reinhold Fritsch, and Ashley Schatz. Thank you to those people for the many years spent helping to lead our club. I think the most fun was when many members participated in playing hot beach ball and the team agility races. Many comments were made

that we should do this at all the events. I would be amiss to not thank Helmut Wolf for doing the dishes for the event, with help from Margit Fritsch and Tanja Poje.

On May 6th Erika and I attended the Alpine Club's 70th Anniversary celebration. It was a very nice evening with a buffet meal and membership pins and certificates being awarded. It was also the crowning of the Miss Alpine 2023, Grace Jaklitsch. Congratulations Grace, we hope you have a great year! Everyone danced to the music of Wildbahn.

On Saturday May 28th our Hofbrau Band and Choir are hosting a combined concert. This is the first time that has happened and promises to be a musical treat! Get your tickets from the band or choir members, it's an event not to be missed.

Our club is joining forces with Hubertushaus again this year for a fish-fry picnic. Our very own Hofbrau Band will once again be providing the musical entertainment for the afternoon, and our youth group will again be selling several fantastic desserts and coffee. Please call the office to let them know if you are attending so that they can have an idea of how many will be attending. Tickets can also be purchased online.

Heimattag is July 7 & 8 this year in Newcastle, Pennsylvania. These trips are always a lot of fun and a chance to reconnect with some of our American friends that we haven't seen in a while. It is also a great opportunity to make some new friends so if you want to join us on the bus, please contact Erika Schmidt at erikaschmidt@rogers.com. Space is limited so don't wait! She needs to book the hotel rooms. Registration forms for tickets and meals can be obtained at the office.

Ladies & gentleman, we need some people that can work with the Oktoberfest committee to sit down and work on the planning and execution of our club's Oktoberfest operations. As you can imagine, Oktoberfest has many moving parts and things that need to be organized and done. We can't expect 2 or 3 people to do all of that. Please contact Lori, Dave Emrich, or me, if you are able to help us out...

...remember that our club has a vital role and presence in this festival and has always had a great volunteer base to help us when needed. Let's make this another successful year.

We are also looking for someone to take on the position of Board secretary for our monthly meetings and someone to take on the position of Treasurer.

Please contact me at: reinyschmidt@rogers.com if you are interested.

Reinhard Schmidt, President



Im Namen der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada begrüße ich die Siebenbürgerkapelle aus Traun und die Siebenbürger Tanzgruppe Traun die am 6. Juli in Kanada ankommt. Die Gruppe besteht aus 38 Personen und wird am Heimattag in der USA teilnehmen. Nach ihrem Aufenthalt in den USA kommt die Gruppe am 14. Juli zurück nach Aylmer, wo sie am 15. Juli ihr Musik und Tanz Programm vorführen werden. Am 16. Juli kommt die Gruppe nach Kitchener einige Tage mit uns zu verbringen. Eine Fahrt nach Toronto und an die Niagara Fälle ist geplant. Ihr Programm und Abschiedsfeier findet am Mittwoch, den 19. Juli um 7:00 Uhr im Transylvania Klub (Alpine Klub) statt. Alle Mitglieder und Freunde sind zu den Veranstaltungen in Aylmer und im Transylvania Klub herzlich eingeladen. Wir hoffen das auch diese Begegnung, wie alle vorherigen, dazu beitragen werden, die Gemeinschaft zwischen uns zu stärken.

On behalf of the Landsmannschaft in Canada I welcome the 39 members of the Siebenbürgerkapelle and the Siebenbürger Tanzgruppe Traun as part of the Federation Cultural Exchange Program. Our guests arrive in Canada on July 6th and will attend the Heimattag on July 7th and 8th in New Castle, PA. After their stay in the USA, they will return to Canada on July 14th to stay three days in Aylmer. On July 15th they will perform their program at the Saxonia Hall. On July 16th they will return to

Kitchener. To show them a bit of our country a trip to Toronto, Niagara Falls and around Waterloo Region are planned. On Wednesday July 19th they will perform their Blasmusik and dance program as part of the Abschiedsfeier at the Transylvania Club (Alpine Club location) starting at 7:00pm. These performances are a great opportunity for our members and friends to meet our Saxon Landsleute from Austria and enjoy the Saxon heritage this group of performers brings to us. Please plan to attend to support the cultural activities of the Transylvania Club, the Saxonia Hall and the Landsmannschaft.

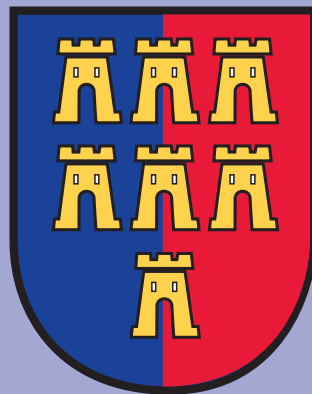
On April 12, 2023 Sabine Sparwasser, the German Ambassador to Canada, on behalf of Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier presented Senator Peter Boehm „Das Große Verdienstkreuz mit Stern des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Großoffizier)“. Peter was born in Kitchener to Michael and Anna Boehm and has been a lifelong member of the Transylvania Club. In his career among the many positions he held, he has diplomatically represented Canada in Cuba, Costa Rica, and Washington, as well as being our Canadian Ambassador in Germany from 2008 to 2012. On behalf of our Siebenbürger Saxons in Canada, I congratulate Senator Peter Boehm on receiving this very distinguished award.

Ich wünsche allen Mitgliedern und Freunden einen schönen Sommer.

John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender



SIEBENBUERGER KAPELLE UND TANZGRUPPE - TRAUN





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CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring has finally arrived and with that some of our groups are getting ready for their concerts, fundraisers and Heimattag 2023.

The youth group held their fundraiser on Sunday April 23rd and the theme was Western. They made pulled pork, baked beans, roasted chicken, corn bread and many salads. It was very delicious, and they did it all without parental help. They had face painting for the children that attended, a silent auction, a jail that you could pay to put people in and performed a square dance for us. Competition for Mr. Transylvania was held. Contestants had to win a shootout, perform a talent, and show how adept they are at the Schuhplattler. Judges were Susan Frim, Christine Lang and Justin Schatz. Congratulations to Owen Crouse, who took home the Mr. Transylvania hard hat and denim sash! It was a fun night for all. Well done TCK Youth.

The TCK choir and Hofbrau band are both directed by Andrea Emrich and have decided to try a combined concert this year. We have heard them perform together at Christmas and at Trachtenball and they sound fantastic. Please come out and support these two groups on May 28th. The concert starts at

2 p.m., but you are welcome to come out and purchase a light lunch before the concert. Doors open at 12 noon. This is certainly an event for music lovers and should not be missed.

Come out and enjoy a fish fry at Hubertus Haus on June 17th for the combined TCK and Hubertushaus picnic and listen to the Hofbrau band during the afternoon and support the dance group by purchasing some delicious desserts and coffee.

There will finally be another Heimattag on July 7 & 8th in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Our fellow Saxons in the US are anxiously awaiting our arrival and are planning a wonderful weekend of camaraderie, good food, music and culture on Friday night and Saturday. I am booking rooms at the Holiday Inn Express and taking reservations for the bus. Please let me know if you wish to join us for a great Saxon weekend. Meal / Ticket reservation sheets should be filled out and either mailed to the address on the form or dropped off at the club office. Payment must be in US dollars. For more information feel free to contact John Werner or myself.

We are also hosting a band and dance group from Traun in July. There will be approximately 40 people arriving on July 6th, staying one night in Kitchener, then they are off to Heimattag and touring the US for a week. They will arrive in Aylmer on July 14th and back in Kitchener on July 16th to the 20th. There will be a concert put on by the Traun group on July 19th starting at 7 p.m. Plan to attend,



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tickets can be purchased at the door. We are looking for billets for this group. If you are able to help out, please contact John Werner, Hannelore Maiterth, Trudy Schneider or myself. The group has a very busy schedule while they are in Kitchener, so billeting families will basically only have them in the evenings and for breakfast. If you have had the opportunity to participate in one of these cultural experiences in Europe, you know how much fun it is and how your hosts made sure you had a wonderful time. We want to make sure they feel welcome in Canada and show them the same hospitality we were shown. So, if you have a spare bedroom, consider being part of this experience and making new friends.

Ballroom will be starting in the fall. We have a number of participants but are looking for more. Amy Schatz, Henry Hoffman and Lorianne Schaus have offered to teach the group this year. If you have a child or grandchild 13 years of age or older, encourage them to come out and learn to dance, make new friends, and learn a skill that they will always be glad they learned. Contact the office, Amy or myself if you would like to join.

On another note, I just have to comment on how nice it was to see so many young people, children and members out at Mitgliederabend. We tried a different more relaxed program and it seemed to be well received by all. Starting a bit earlier, splitting the program before and after dinner, less formal, games and face painting for the children and games for adults of all ages and children was a lot of fun.

It was great to see everyone participating, having fun and all ages interacting with each other. That is what family is all about. Thanks to everyone who helped with setup, making appetizers, clearing and cleaning up and to Wildbahn for helping out with the music for the games.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming functions and hopefully Heimattag!

Stay true to your roots,

SAXON UP!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President

Membership fees for the year 2023 are due at the rates shown below:

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Family	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00
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The Ladies group hosted a successful Spring Cleaning and Maker's Market on May 13. We had over 20 vendors and a large variety of garage sale items. We sold coffee and a variety of cakes, squares and Tortes which were very well received.

Looking forward we will be involved in helping with the Austausch group that will be visiting from Traun.

Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick
Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents





YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER





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CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

The children of the Kindergruppe finished off the spring session with a Mitgliederabend performance on Saturday, April 29th. The kids were fabulous, performing 6 dances including "Bruderchin Komm Tanz Mit Mir", Froehlicher Kreis and "Siebenschrit", just to name a few. The kids also sang Mein Hut Der Hat Drei Ecken and Siebenburgen, Land des Segens to the enjoyment and some participation from the audience. We would like to thank the kids for all the hard work and effort they put forward each night - everyone seemed to be having lots of fun. Thanks again to all the parents/grandparents for bringing out your children/grandchildren and helping in any way. Thank you to the board members of the Transylvania Club for your ongoing support.

Kindergruppe will be starting back up again in October (date yet to be announced). We are hoping to see many new faces. Each night we have lots of fun activities for the kids including: games, crafts, Jr and Sr kids dance group, songs, snacks and much more. Come out and join in the fun, meet new people, develop friendships and learn about the Siebenburger Sachsen/Transylvania Saxon heritage.

We are also looking for some volunteers who may also be interested in helping with and/or leading Kindergruppe this fall. If you are interested, please let us know. For more information or to join, please contact Krista or Rick Hesch at hesch@rogers.com or 519-662-4364.

Krista & Rick Hesch,

Heidi Hesch

Lorianne & Bob Schaus

Kindergruppe Instructors



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to the members who made recent donations to the Transylvania Club. We very much appreciate your support!

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our members in celebration of their years of dedication and membership to the Transylvania Club.

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Katharina Dienesch
Andreas Emrich
Trudy Fritsch
Ursula Hesch
Susanna Kauntz
Katharina Schertzer

55 YEARS

Maria Drygala

50 YEARS

Katharina Baumann
Katharina Emrich
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Lori Moore

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William Vetter

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NEW MEMBERS - NEUE MITGLIEDER

A warm Transylvanian welcome goes out to:

Anne Bogad

**Bob and Lorianne Schaus
and their children – Jackson and Jillian**



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

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

Helgard Werner

helgardrwerner@gmail.com

519-884-7725

Heidi Löwrick

hlowrick@gmail.com

519-662-1757

BIRTHDAYS - GEBURTSTAGE

On May 4, 2023

REGINA SCHNEIDER

celebrated her 95th birthday.

*She celebrated the happy occasion with lots of family and friends.
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Regina was born in 1928 in Reichesdorf, Siebenbuergen.





FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

ANNIVERSARIES - JUBILÄUM

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

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Michael Emrich	Wayne Steffen	Judith Penteker
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Lorraine Principi	Ashley Schatz	Katherine Reale
Lori Moore	Annemarie Boehm	Richard Wolf
Heidi Peller-Oliver	Monica Frim	Robert Brown
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Walter Bauer	Erika Schmidt	Peter Stolz
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Edwin Lowrick	Tina Torok	
Claus Bendix	Devin Plomp	

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lukas Hensel-	Maria Suessmann	Brigitte Schoppel
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Amy Kube	Anna Kremer	Trudy Fritsch
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