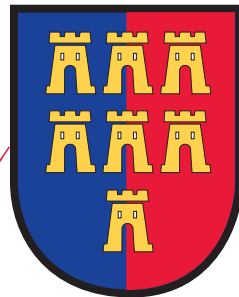


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and Recipient of the Gold Badge of Honour
Manfred Schuller - Landesobmann - Austria
Denise A. Crawford - President of the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons - USA

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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

Sept. 21-24 **Ladies Auxiliary Oktoberfest Food Prep**

Oct. 6-14 **Oktoberfest**

Nov. 4 **Aylmer Trachtenball** – Saxonia Hall

Nov 9-11 **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Baking**

Nov. 18 **Saxon Treffen**

Nov. 19 **Volkstrauertag** – Woodland Cemetery 14:30

Dec. 6 **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner** 18:00

Dec. 17 **Christmas Pageant – Weihnachtsfeier** 14:00

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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*Dear Members and
Friends,*

I hope you were all able to stay hydrated and in the air conditioning during some of those hot, hot days that we had recently. Those temperatures can be dangerous so we have to be extra careful and keep an eye out for those that might

be more at risk during those heat waves.

On Saturday May 28th, our Hofbrau Band and Choir hosted a combined concert. This was the first time that happened and was an outstanding musical treat! Both the choir and the

band performed once again to that high level that they have set as their standard. Hats off to all those choir and band members for all the long hours of practice that they all put in to make this concert an event to remember. Andrea Emrich has done an amazing job leading and conducting these two groups and both groups are sounding wonderful. The lunch that was available was also very delicious.

Our club joined forces again with Hubertushaus for a fish-fry picnic. Our very own Hofbrau Band provided the musical entertainment for the afternoon, and our youth group sold several delicious desserts and coffee. The weather was perfect, and it was nice to get out, enjoy a marvelous meal and some great company. Hats off to the many people that caught and donated their fish so that we could enjoy that feast, and to the kitchen crew that prepared that meal. It was great. It was nice to see a fair number of TCK members and their children there.

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On Thursday June 6th, we welcomed our visitors from Traun, Austria. We fed them pizza and beverages while we got to meet them all and introduce them to our members that were going to be their billets. They had a very long day travelling and so we didn't keep them too late. The next morning, we all met at the Alpine Club to get on the buses for our trip to Heimattag.

Heimattag was July 7 & 8 this year in New Castle, Pennsylvania. We had 44 people on our bus and left at 9:00am on Friday for the trip to Pennsylvania, USA. Unfortunately, after about one hour of travel the TCK bus experienced a flat tire on the bus and had to wait on the side of the highway for about one and a half hours for a service truck to come and change the tire. Once that was done, we were back on our way and finally arrived in New Castle, Pennsylvania at approximately 5:00PM. We all checked into the hotel and thanks to Erika's work ahead of time organizing the hotel rooms, the check-in process went smoothly. After unloading our luggage, we got back on the bus and joined the Friday night casual get-together at the Eintracht Picnic Grounds, owned by the New Castle Maennerchor. It is a beautiful spot right beside a small river. We had a wonderful buffet meal and had a great time visiting with some old friends that we hadn't seen in a long time, and to make new friends. We watched the children throw stones into the river, play in the playground, and listened to the band and had a sing-along. I saw fireflies, which I haven't seen in a very long time. At the end of the evening, we all went back to the hotel and enjoyed snacks and beverages and visited some more with our friends.

Saturday, we went to a different location, Cascade Park, which used to be an amusement park in the 1920s with many old pavilions, trails and some of the original stone entrances. It has a beautiful original pavilion and that is where the event was held. We enjoyed a cold sandwich and salad buffet meal for lunch and luckily, they had

many fans on to try and keep us from overheating because it was a hot day. A church service was held with music provided by the Youngstown Brass Band and hymns by the New Castle Maennerchor and Children's Choir. After church we enjoyed the performances of the New Castle Children's Choir, the Cleveland Saxon Youth Dance Group, the Cleveland Saxon Adult Dance Group, the Cleveland Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor, the Aylmer Saxonia Dancers, the New Castle Männerchor and of course our very own Transylvania Club Dance group. It was an afternoon of great entertainment. Speeches were presented by Denis Crawford from USA, John Werner from Canada and Manfred Schuller from Austria. John Werner was honoured with the Ehrennadel in Gold! Congratulations John for receiving such recognition for all that you do for our Saxon Culture. Well deserved! We had another delicious hot buffet meal for supper and were then entertained by the Siebenbürger Traun Tanzgruppe and Blaskapelle. They presented a wonderful program and people enjoyed dancing to the music. It was a very enjoyable day.....we were very grateful that the beer was cold on such a hot day!

Unfortunately, every party must come to an end. We said goodbye to our fellow Saxons, returned to our hotel and continued the party with our guests from Traun and many American friends. It was sad to have to say goodbye to them. We left New Castle Sunday morning and



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stopped at the Grove City outlet mall and spent one and a half hours shopping before getting back on the bus. We continued onto Buffalo, where we stopped at the Hofbrauhaus for a late lunch. Everyone enjoyed some authentic delicious German food and a beverage before getting back on the bus for the rest of the trip home. Thank you to Bob Foster for organizing that delicious stop. We breezed through customs and made it back to the Alpine Club at approximately 8:00pm. I think that I can speak for all of us when I say that we had a memorable weekend. It was great to see some old friends and to make new friends as well. As usual, our dance group put on a great show, and we are all very proud of them. Those of you that did not come on this trip, or have never been to a Heimattag, should plan to join us for the next one. It's a great time with great people and to reconnect with your Saxon roots.

Ladies & gentlemen, we still need 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: reinschmidt@rogers.com if you are interested.

Reinhard Schmidt, President



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CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Dear Members and Friends,

Well summer and the heat is upon us and hopefully you are all enjoying the summer, spending time in the garden and having some vacation time. Our groups are all taking a break from practices and performances. The band had their last performance at the picnic/fish fry in June where they entertained the crowd for 2 hours to the pleasure of all who attended. The dance group just finished their performance schedule at Heimattag in New Castle, PA on July 8th, to a very loud applause of appreciation by all attendees.

If you were in attendance for the first ever Band and Choir concert combined, you know what a wonderful concert it was. It left you wanting more!!! Congratulations to both groups for attempting this new concept and making it such a success. Andrea Emrich, thanks for bringing this to fruition and having the idea to combine these two musical groups along with some guest vocals from Michael and Anna Schatz. We cannot wait for the next one. Also, thanks to the ladies who prepared the delicious lunch with all the fabulous choices.

I know Reiny enlightened everyone about our fantastic weekend in New Castle with our fellow Saxons from Austria, the USA, Aylmer and Kitchener but I will fill in some of the other details. It was so nice to get off the bus at the beautiful Eintracht Picnic Grounds and be greeted with big hugs and cheers from people we have not seen for many years due to COVID. You could tell everyone missed these gatherings. We can be very proud of our youth dance group, who out did themselves with their performance on Saturday afternoon. Being last on the program and having to wait in Tracht in the unbearable heat for hours was difficult, but they were real troopers and danced their best with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm. All the

groups that performed were excellent, from the children to the seniors. So many wonderful Trachts, songs, dances and music during the cultural part of the program, showed how dedicated people are to keeping the Saxon culture going. It was also great to see some of our past youth members along with some of the Traun group, try to show each other certain dance moves and flying out on the lawn. This is how we learn from each other, and it was heartwarming to watch. Even some of the parents of the youth tried to fly and they were not too bad at it! The after-event parties on Friday and Saturday night, hosted by the TCK were appreciated by all and were so much fun. It gave everyone time to relax, meet new people, learn about their backgrounds and of course enjoy some food and drinks and even some "Boflesch and Zwibel". They were late nights but being we could sleep in on both mornings made it all worthwhile.

The Kulturgruppe would like to congratulate John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbuerger Sachsen in Kanada, for being honoured with the "Ehrennadel in Gold" for his contribution to our Saxon culture, the Landsmannschaft, the Exchange Program and the Jugendlager Program. We all know that John is very deserving of this honour and we thank and appreciate everything he does to help our cultural groups continue to be part of these programs and have the opportunities we have to travel and meet other fellow Saxons.

Heimattag 2024 will be in Kitchener on July 12 – 14, 2024, along with the Jugendlager. There will need to lots of planning and work to make it a great weekend. Our US sisters and brothers are already planning to come and join in the festivities. Mark it on your calendar now!

All groups will start up again in the fall and are always looking for new members. Think about joining one of the groups or volunteering for functions. We are one big family and would love to have more members partake in activities and bring new ideas. 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.

Another day to mark on your calendar is November 18th, 2023 for SAXON TREFFEN. Planning has started for this family event not to be missed! More information to follow.

Enjoy your summer. Stay safe and healthy. See you September.

Erika Schmidt, Kulturgruppe Leiterin/Cultural Group President



LADIES AUXILIARY

FRAUENVEREIN

The Transylvania Club Frauenverein is looking forward to cooking in September from the 21st to the 24th for Oktoberfest at Habsburg Haus which is held at the Alpine Club. We will be adding a weekend day for those individuals who would not be able to attend during the week.

If you would like to join us in cooking, please contact Heidi Löwrack or Margit Fritsch.

We will also be doing Christmas baking in November from the 9th to 11th. If you are interested, we would be very happy to have you join us.

All Transylvania Club ladies are members of the Frauenverein. We have fun cooking, setting up for events, and we also go on outings and shows. If you would like to become a member of the Frauenverein Ausschluß, please speak with Heidi Löwrack or Margit Fritsch. We welcome all new members!

Margit Fritsch/Heidi Löwrack

Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents



CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

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 Siebenbuerger Sachsen/Transylvania Saxon heritage.

We are also looking for some volunteers who may also be interesting 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.

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DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Michael Poschner

passed away May 23, 2023.

*Michael was born February 9, 1932
in Burghalle, Transylvania.*



Erwin Giebat

*passed away peacefully on June 29
at the age of 88.*

*Erwin was born May 21, 1935
in Ostpreussen.*



Sara Brantsch

*passed away July 10, 2023
in her 104th year.*

*She was born August 17, 1919
in Zukmantel, Romania.*



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the months of August and September. If you have a birthday in this month 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

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 Annemarie Schatz
 Hans Kauntz
 John Werner
 Maria Eichberger
 Andrew Saur
 Darlene Giebat
 Eugenia Schatz
 Susanna Kauntz
 Christa Bendix
 Connor Crouse

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 Maria Goellner
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 Nancy Fritsch
 Neil Hoffman
 Rosie Emrich
 Anna Schatz
 Klaus Bliefert
 Katharina Ungar
 Andreas Emrich
 Elmer Brown

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 Andrea Emrich
 Claudia Griebenow
 Tina Vicano
 Lilly Hill
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 Alex Emrich
 Anna Kreischer
 Rosemarie Rawlings
 Michael Giebat
 Harry Drung
 Reinhold Schuster

Katherine Warkentin
 Alfred Lowrick
 Elke Hensel-Williams
 Melanie Stuehler
 Katie Dienesch
 Erhard Dreger
 Gerhard Griebenow
 Dave Emrich
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The following members donate their time to bring you this informative and entertaining newsletter.

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Helgard Werner, John Werner

Herausgeber/Editor: Heidi Löwrick.

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