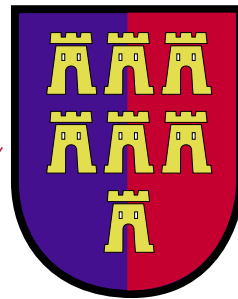


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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

Oct. 6, 7, 9, 13 & 14	Oktoberfest at Habsburg Haus	
Oct. 10	German Pioneers Day – Concordia Club	17:00
Oct. 22	Ballroom Dance Group starts	Sundays - 14:00 to 16:00
Oct. 29	Aylmer Trachtenball – Saxonia Hall	Lunch at 12:30 and Program at 14:00
Nov. 1	Kindergruppe starts	Wednesdays - 18:30 to 19:45
Nov. 18	Saxontreffen - Polka, Pali and Palukas 2.0	16:00
Nov. 19	Volkstrauertag – Woodland Cemetery Followed by coffee & cake at Hubertushaus	14:30
Dec. 6	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner	18:00
Dec. 17	Christmas Pageant – Weihnachtsfeier	14:00
Jan. 13	Kameradschaftsabend – Schwaben Club	18:00

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 e-transfer 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.

ALPINE CLUB EVENTS

Oct. 11	So You Think You Can Tanz	18:00
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,

It seems that Mother Nature is having a hard time deciding what weather to give us.....it seems one day that we see 30 degrees and two days later it's only 18 degrees. Oh well, I hope that you all enjoyed your summer, as it looks like fall is upon us.

With fall comes the time to ramp up our preparations for Oktoberfest. We have been meeting with the Alpine Club to make sure everything is ready for the busy 10 days. As always, we need volunteers for various positions. Please contact Lori Moore at 519-501-7353 or loricrouse@hotmail.com if you can help. Remember that we all reap the benefits of a successful Oktoberfest so lets all lend a hand, even if it's only for an hour or two.....we need helping hands.

Else Egenolf has worked for the Transylvania Club for a little over 30 years and has tendered her resignation effective the end of November 2023. We want to thank Else for her many years of dedication and hard work for our club through many changes and wish her all the best in her retirement. There was a committee formed to find someone to replace Else, with someone who knows the members, speaks German, can do the bookkeeping, organize events, and help us electronically upgrade some of what we do. This committee approached Erika Schmidt because of her knowledge of club life and planning events and her accounting knowledge, and she has graciously agreed to take on this position. Erika already works closely with Else, so the transition should be a smooth one. However, that may mean that we need to change the office to being open on Fridays instead of Wednesday, as it is now. We are hoping to upgrade some of what we can do electronically, such as paying

for your membership and buying your tickets to events electronically. Stay tuned for more news on that.

Our team of ladies in charge of our Social Media and Website have been working hard to refresh our website with more current information and to increase our presence in the various social media platforms, especially as it relates to promoting Habsburg Haus and Oktoberfest. I have had many comments on our increased presence on social media and the great idea to be able to sign up for event alerts, so you always know what is happening at our club. Great work ladies-keep it up!

Oktoberfest this year will be October 6, 7, 9 and 13 & 14. "So you think you can Tanz" is October 11th at the Alpine Club and German Pioneer Day is October 10th at the Concordia Club. Ladies and gentleman, we are NOT.....I repeat NOT saving tables for family day. This has always been a problem every year when a table is "reserved" but sits empty while people who want to get in can't because apparently there are no seats available. People need to get there on time. It is not fair to make people wait outside in line to get in and yet have tables sitting empty and reserved. We would love to have a large group marching in the parade again this year so please come march with us. Marchers will receive a sausage on a bun and members whose membership is paid up will receive a voucher for \$5.00 off their meal that day at admission.

The Aylmer Saxonia Hall is celebrating their Trachtenball on Sunday October 29th at 2:00pm. They have made the change to Sunday afternoon in hopes that more people will attend and feel more comfortable to make the drive to Aylmer during the day. Please come out and support our fellow Saxons and our cultural groups. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and tickets for lunch and Trachtenball are \$30.00. If you do not want to come for lunch, the ticket price for just attending Trachtenball is \$15.00. Anyone interested in attending the annual meeting of the Landsmannschaft, is welcome to attend at 10:00 a.m. before the Trachtenball.

Our Saxon Treffen known as "Polka, Pali and Palukas" is returning on November 18th and promises to be another great family event, just like the last one we held in 2019. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and there will be something for all ages. Food will be available to purchase from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. from our Saxon kitchen. Come out and meet with friends, enjoy some delicious food and great music. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Hope to see you all there!

Stay safe everyone, hope to see you all at Oktoberfest at Habsburg Haus.

Reinhard Schmidt, President



CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

Kindergruppe is excited to start back again this fall and we are busy making plans for our fall/winter session. Kindergruppe is for kids 4 yrs to 12 yrs of age, and will be running on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. We are starting Nov. 1st at the Alpine Club and will continue for approximately 7 weeks. Our first night is a Hallowe'en Party so you can come in your costumes! We will be practicing a couple of dances and songs each week to perform at the Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas program on December 17th. Please save the dates. We are hoping to see many new faces and welcome

back some familiar ones. Each night we have lots of fun activities planned for the kids, including: games, crafts, Jr and Sr kids dance groups, 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. For more information or to join, please contact Krista or Rick Hesch at hesch@rogers.com.

*Krista & Rick Hesch and Heidi Hesch
Kindergruppe Instructors*



LADIES AUXILIARY

FRAUENVEREIN

It is a busy time for our ladies group as we prepare for the upcoming Oktoberfest at Habsburg Haus. In the latter half of September we spent 4 days preparing and cooking some of our specialties - pigtailed, cabbage rolls and Sauerkraut, etc. which will be served during the festival. Many thanks to everyone that participated.

If you are available and interested, we could use more volunteers to work during Oktoberfest. If so, please contact Lori at loricrouse@hotmail.com since she is coordinating the volunteers' schedule.

Thanks!

*Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick
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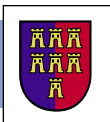
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CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Dear Members and Friends,

Fall is here and that means all our groups are starting up again with practices and performances. All groups would welcome new members who have an interest in playing music, singing, folk dancing or ballroom dancing. Our Children's group invites children 4 years of age and older to come out and have fun, dance, do crafts and sing. It is a great way to get your children involved with their culture and to meet new friends. Information about these groups is in their reports and if you need contact information feel free to contact the club office or myself.

Both the Hofbrau band and the TCK choir will be practicing Tuesday evening, led by Andrea Emrich. Kindergruppe will be starting on Nov. 1st at 6:30 p.m. and will be led again by Rick and Krista Hesch and Heidimarie Hesch. The dance group is practicing on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. led by Amanda Mooser.

Yes, we will have a ballroom group again this year. If you are interested in taking ballroom dancing, please email me at erikaschmidt@rogers.com or Amy Kube at amykubegmail.com. Ballroom is a must to join the dance group. Practices are Sundays from 2 – 4 pm. See Ballroom report in this addition of the Blatt.

Reiny has already given you the info and dates for Oktoberfest at the Habsburg Haus. Note that "so you think you can Tanz" will be held on Wednesday night on October 11, 2023 this year and our dance group will be competing. I hope to see many of you out enjoying the music and the food that will be a combined menu of Alpine and TCK specialties. It would be nice to see those members that are able to, marching in the parade. All ages are welcome to take part whether in Tracht or Dirndl and Lederhosen. Walkers will get a sausage on a bun but will have to pay admission if they are coming to the family day event. Members whose membership is fully paid and will be

given a \$5.00 food voucher to be used on that day when they pay their admission. The dance group will be performing throughout the festival representing the Transylvania Club. Seven Castles and Wildbahn will also be playing at Hubertushaus and Habsburg Haus. So, the Saxon and TCK spirit will be alive during Oktoberfest.

It would be nice to see our members at German Pioneer Day at the Concordia Club on October 10th, to show support for the Hofbrau band, the dance group and the honorees, Ingo Schoppel, John Frim and Nyle Ludolph, who are being recognized for their contribution to culture and business in the Waterloo Region. This day is to promote German influence in our region, so come out and show that the German representation is strong in our community.

Please note that the Saxonia Hall has changed the date of their Trachtenball to Sunday October 29th instead of Saturday November 4th. The Landsmannschaft meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. the same day before Trachtenball. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and the program starts at 2:00 p.m. Come out and support our fellow Saxons in Aylmer and also see our cultural groups perform.

Lastly, I ask you to mark your calendars for "Polka, Pali and Palukas 2.0", our second Saxontreffen on Nov. 18th. Doors open at 4 p.m. with lots of fun for all ages, music for dancing, some games and Saxon food can be purchased from the kitchen between 5 – 8 p.m. The last time we had this event in 2019 it was so much fun and everyone said they could not wait for the next one. So, tell your family and friends and come out for a great time. Make sure you call the office to reserve your tickets. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Hope to see you all there!

As we start this fall season of events, remember that we need you to participate, support and help us celebrate our Saxon roots!

Remember to SAXON UP!!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President



GERMAN-CANADIAN EDUCATION FUND

The German-Canadian Education Fund is a Registered Canadian Charity affiliated with the German-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Waterloo Region. It recently awarded \$1,500 scholarships to post-secondary students enrolled at a Canadian College or University. They



had to be a child or grandchild of a current member in good standing of one of the German clubs of Waterloo Region. One scholarship was allocated per German Club. Applicants were invited to submit an essay on "Why my exposure to the German language and culture is important to me". The winner representing the Transylvania Club is Grace Maier. Grace is the granddaughter of members - Marlene and Fred Maier. She is currently enrolled at Western University studying Art History and Studio Arts. Pictured here is Grace receiving the award from Thomas Drung representing the executive of the German Canadian Education Fund.

Thanks,

Harry Drung

President, German-Canadian

Business and Professional Association



BALLROOM DANCE GROUP

Ballroom classes will be starting on Sunday October 22, 2023. Classes will be held every Sunday from 2 – 4 pm and will run until April 2024. Ballroom graduation will be held at Mitgliederabend on April 27th, 2024, where students will perform all the dances they have learned and accomplished.

We have a number of participants but are looking for more. If you have a child or grandchild 13 years of age or older, that would like to learn to dance, meet new friends and have fun, please contact the TCK Office (519-744-1191), Erika Schmidt (erikaschmidt@rogers.com), Lorianne Schaus (lorianneschaus1@gmail.com) or myself (amykube@gmail.com) if you would like to join.

Lorianne Schaus, Henry Hoffman and myself look forward to sharing our love of dance with the new 2023/24 Ballroom Class.

Regards,

Amy Kube - Ballroom Dance Instructor



2019 Ballroom Class



LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

Der schöne warme Sommer ist vergangen aber die gute Erinnerungen an den Heimattag in New Castle und den Kulturaustausch Besuch der Siebenbürgerkapelle und Siebenbürger Tanzgruppe aus Traun, Österreich werden uns und ihnen das ganze Leben lang bleiben.

On Thursday July 6th, I greeted our guests from Traun, Austria on their arrival in Toronto at the start of their two week Kulturaustausch stay in Canada and the United States. The intent of the Kulturaustausch was for our guests, not only to visit Canada and the United States, but to see and experience how we as Siebenbürger Saxons sustain and promote our Transylvania Saxon Culture.

The greeting for the group at our Alpine Club location with the participation of our Hofbräu Band, our youth, Gastgeber and members, made it clear to them that they were in a Saxon community. The official welcome by Transylvania Club President Reinhard Schmidt and myself set the tone for their exciting two week stay.

Friday morning Helgard and I accompanied the group on the bus to participate in our North American Heimattag, this year held in New Castle, Pennsylvania on July 7th and 8th. On a second bus from the Transylvania Club and a bus from the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer, over 60 of our Canadian members attended the Heimattag. The Kulturaustausch was planned to coincide with the Heimattag so that our guests would be able to experience our North American Heimattag. I know they enjoyed every minute and I would like to thank ATS President Denise Crawford, the organizing committee and the members of the New Castle Branch 25 and President Tom Stoops for a job well done and for making all of us from Canada feel welcome in New Castle. Thank you to the Transylvania Club Youth Group and Saxonia Dance Group for your dance contribution at the Heimattag, and TCK President Reinhard Schmidt, Aylmer Saxonia Hall President David Pflingstgraef and all members from the Transylvania Club and Saxonia Club for your support in attending the Heimattag in New Castle.

The Kulturaustausch participants spent the week after the Heimattag traveling to Youngstown, Cleveland, Salem and Detroit before coming to Aylmer on Friday July 14th. In Aylmer Rebecca Horeth, John Horeth and Derek Gotzmeister organized the program for the group. During their two day stay in Aylmer they visited the Aylmer-Malahide Museum and Archives, hiked around the Springwater Conservation Area, went swimming at Port Stanley Beach and presented their Blasmusik and dance program at the Saxonia Hall on Saturday evening. Thank you to the member families for billeting the participants during their stay in Aylmer.

On Sunday afternoon the group returned to Kitchener-Waterloo to attend a BBQ at Michael and Margit Fritsch's house in Crosshill. Thank you to Michael and Margit for their hospitality and all Gastgeber and committee members that brought salads, desserts and drinks. Monday morning the group was off for a day in Niagara Falls. The day's activities included a film at the IMAX Theater and the Hornblower boat ride to the foot of the falls. Thank you to the Transylvania Club Ladies Auxiliary for providing the picnic lunch. The day finished off with the participants spending the evening with their Gastgebers. Tuesday the group toured Waterloo Region with a stop at the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market for lunch and then on to the West Montrose Covered Bridge. On Tuesday evening the group gave their final Blasmusik and dance performance at the Transylvania Club and enjoyed a farewell evening before their return to Austria. This wonderful cultural evening left them and all in attendance with many fond memories of their two week stay in Canada and the USA. Thank you to group leader Dietmar

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Lindert for his hard work in putting together their program.

On Wednesday morning the group was off to Toronto for a visit to the CN Tower and a short tour of Toronto before heading to the airport for their return back to Austria.

I would like to thank Lori Moore, Heidi Hesch, Jane Penteker, Rebecca Horeth, Christine Lang, Heidi Lowrick, Alfred Lowrick, Justin Schatz, Erich Bliefert and Krista Hesch for being our tour guides for their trips to Niagara Falls, around Waterloo Region and to Toronto.

I would like to thank Erika Schmidt and the Kulturaustausch committee - Reinhard Schmidt, Hannelore Maiterth, Trudy Schneider, Heidi Lowrick, Christine Lang, Helgard Werner, Alfred Lowrick, Jane Penteker and Margit Fritsch for their help in organizing and carrying out this event. A special thank you goes to all of our Gastgeber in Kitchener and in Aylmer who opened their hearts and their homes for our guests. This is how to really get to know each other and make friendships that will last a life time. Thank

you to all that made a donation, financial, food and drinks, the Hofbräu Band, the TCK Choir, the TCK Youth Group, and to all our members and friends that attended the functions where the group performed. Friendships and memories were made that will never be forgotten.

Das Große Sachsentreffen in Hermannstadt will take place on August 2nd to 4th, 2024 in Hermannstadt, Romania. The Motto is „Heimat ohne Grenzen” translated “Homeland without Borders”. As many as 10,000 Saxons from around the world are expected to attend. People interested in attending can contact myself (519-577-5440) or get more information on line at www.siebenbuerger.de

Travel arrangements can be made with Krista Kreutzer www.northstartravel.ca (519-886-9111 ext. 115)

The Jahreshauptversammlung of the Landsmannschaft takes place on Sunday October 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the German Canadian Club in Aylmer. The annual Aylmer Trachtenball takes place the same afternoon with a meal starting at 12:30 p.m. All Landsleute are invited to participate at the Jahreshauptversammlung



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Wir wünschen allen Landsleuten ein schönes Erntedankfest.

John Werner - Bundesvorsitzender



SIEBENBUERGER ZEITUNG

Die Bezieher der Siebenbuenger Zeitung werden ersucht die Bezugsgebuehr fuer das Jahr 2024 von \$63.00 vor dem 31 Dezember, 2023 zu bezahlen. Den Scheck bitte ich auf "Alliance of Transylvania Saxons" auszustellen und an Trudy Schneider, 1520 Mannheim Rd., Petersburg NOB 2H0 abzusenden.

Herzlichen Dank,

Trudy Schneider, Schatzmeisterin,

Landsmannschaft der Siebenbuenger Sachsen



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Consulate-General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Toronto and the German-Canadian Remembrance Society wish to announce:

VOLKSTRAUERTAG – German Remembrance Day Service

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

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Susan Kachik



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:

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Kremer	Christine Lang	Michael Werner
Pieterella Scholtes	Mackenzie Rich	Josh Emrich
Walter Marzinko	Mikaila Emrich	Robert Schertzer
Emma Berg	David Merkle	Branko Radisic
Ray Williams	Rose Frim	Clifford Strassburger
Guenther Breckner	Sylvia Hartig	Trudy Tschoepe
Stephanie Green	Kimberly Dreger	Katharina Hartig
David Spaetzel	Phil Voll	Bengt Nyman
Wilhelmine Koestel	Luke Carter	William Vetter

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Fritsch	Danielle Fritsch	Elizabeth Egi
Katharina Jung	Katharina Emrich	Manfred Gabber
Ruth Friedel	Waldemar Scholtes	Reinhard Schmidt
John Belez	Heidi Schumann	Thomas Emrich
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