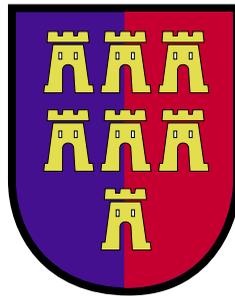


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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

February 10	Frauenball / Ladies' Gala	18:00
March 2	Trachtenball & Miss Transylvania Pageant	19:00
March 24	TCK Annual General Meeting	14:00
April 20	Youth Group Fundraiser	16:30
April 27	Mitgliederabend with Ballroom Graduation	16:30
May 26	Band & Choir Spring Concert Lunch @ 12:00 & Concert @ 14:00	
June 15	Waldfest – Picnic – Hubertushaus	12:00
July 12 – 14	Heimattag	

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.

Erika Schmidt has taken over Else's role and will be at the office on Fridays from 09:00 until 12:00. 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.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some quiet time over the Christmas Season and was able to gather with family and friends to celebrate. It is always so much fun watching the excitement of the little ones ripping open their presents after having to patiently wait until after dinner. It was not the white Christmas that we are used to, but it was still a great time getting together with everyone and making memories.

We held our Saxontreffen known as “Polka, Pali and Palukas 2.0” on November 18th and those that attended had a great time. We had a scavenger hunt for the children, crafts, treats and some face painting. The attendees got to pick their own teams and competed in a garlic toss, hot onion contest and a word game with the winners receiving bouquets of green onions and peperettes. The menu was simple with a selection of different types of palukas, sausages, cabbage rolls and pigtails available. Freshly made Apple fritters were a special dessert treat. Thank you to all the many members who volunteered in the kitchen, at the door, selling food and with set-up and clean up for this event. Wildbahn was the main musical entertainment with the addition of a variety of other talented musicians from among the guests also taking part. It made for a very interesting musical adventure. A fun, casual family event that was enjoyed by all. I even had some comments that this was the best event of the year.

A big thank you to Craig & Lori Moore for hosting the Oktoberfest Volunteers appreciation party. It was a fun night with delicious food, drinks and prizes. I can't say thank you enough to our volunteers that work so hard to make Oktoberfest a success.

Volkstrauertag was on Sunday, November 19. The weather was not as issue this year compared to some years. Many wreaths were placed by a variety of groups and organizations by the club Misses. The members of our Hofbrau Band played for the service and we thank them. Coffee and cake was held afterward at Hubertushaus this year.

On December 6th the men of the TCK Board were pleased to serve the ladies at the Frauenverein Christmas Dinner. It is always good to see ladies from different clubs come out to join in as well. Everyone enjoyed a delicious catered turkey buffet followed by a yule log cake, coffee, and tea while enjoying the music of Michael and Anna Schatz. The ladies were very gracious and collected tips which they presented to the men as a thank you for our work that evening. We are donating that money to our Kindergruppe for supplies that they need to continue with that important program.

On December 17th we once again held the joint TCK and Alpine Weihnachtsfeier. We called Else Egenolf forward to wish her well in her retirement and to say thank you for her 30+ years of working for the Transylvania Club. We gave her a “retirement gift package” to help her pass the time as she relaxes in her retirement.

We were excited to watch our Kindergruppe perform under the leadership of Rick & Krista Hesch, Heidimarie Hesch, Bengt Nyman and their helpers. The choir sang a few songs for us and the Hofbrau

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Band showed off their musical skills playing some wonderful music throughout the program. These two groups are led by Musical Director, Andrea Emrich who does a wonderful job with both groups. The youth group put on a great skit again this year and had us all laughing. We enjoyed coffee and a wide variety of cookies and baked goods. Thanks to everyone that brought those delicious treats and to the Frauenverein who baked most of the cookies. Of course, the jolly fellow in a red suit made an appearance again and it's always fun to watch all the children's reaction to him. This year was very interesting...a number of the kids grilled Santa to see if he was the "real deal" and he convinced them that he was! Great job Santa!

I hope to see many of you at the Frauenball on Feb. 10th. The theme this year is "Mardi Gras" and as all the ladies' events have been so far, should be a wonderful and interesting evening of Louisiana delicacies, décor and music. Please come out and support our Frauenverein. Call the office to reserve your tickets.

Don't forget to mark March 2nd on your calendar for our annual Trachtenball and crowning of Miss Transylvania 2024. The program will start at 7 p.m. and food will be available to purchase from the kitchen, the Hofbrau band will be playing and all groups will be participating. It would be wonderful to see a full house for this annual event celebrating our Saxon heritage and culture. Take those Trachts out of the closet and come out and wear them proudly. Tickets are available at the office.

Just a reminder that the TCK annual meeting with elections will be held on March 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Please note that we will not be giving out membership cards any longer. They serve no purpose, are a lot of work to issue and we save the expense. You will receive a receipt for your payment.

Reinhard Schmidt,

President



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CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Happy New Year to all members and friends.

A new year has begun for our cultural groups, and they are all very busy practicing for upcoming club events and their own fundraising events. Make sure you check the calendar and come out to support their hard work and appreciate the talent we have in the various groups.

In the past few months, we have had various club events. Saxontreffen is supposed to be a fun, family event with no set program, time to see friends, reminisce and enjoy some Saxon fare and that is just what it was this year. Those that attended said it is the best event of the year because you come as you are, no set seating, children are encouraged to get involved, music is a jam session, and you can choose what and when you want to eat. I had one young member tell me that every event should be like this, so much fun and he got to see all his friends. This is how we encourage our young people to come out and enjoy being part of our extended family and then hopefully they will come out and support our more formal events also. For those that missed the event, I hope you mark it on your calendar for next year and come out and enjoy a great night.

The Transylvania Club and Alpine Weihnachtsfeier was another full house. It was wonderful to see young and old come out to celebrate the Christmas season.

The program was filled with so many wonderful things. We had Christmas music by the Hofbrau band, beautiful harmony from our TCK choir and a superb performance by both groups together. Miss Alpine, Grace Jaklitsch read "Twas the night before Christmas" to the children, our always entertaining Kindergruppe performed a number of dances and then sang both in German and English. The dance group's rendition of the Christmas Carol was hilarious as always. We are so blessed to have all this talent in our club and I hope they continue to showcase their talents for years to come. Our advent candles this year were lit by Grace Maier, Miss Transylvania 2023 and her parents, Helmuth and Richard Herold (Alpine), Lorianne, Bob, Jackson and Jillian Schaus and Maximilian Biselli, Autumn Calma and Rudy (Alpine). My favourite part of the program, besides when Santa comes, is the singing of Stille Nacht / Silent Night with the choir, youth and children together while holding the lit candles and all other lights turned down. I always find that so moving as it represents so many generations coming together. Thank you to all the group leaders and the group members, the ladies' who baked, the Frauenverein for making our tables look so lovely and serving the coffee and cookies, the Alpine Club for the very delicious Gluehwein, and everyone who helped make the day so special. A special thank you Bob Foster our Uber MC and Santa Claus for making a special trip to be there for all the children. Good job Santa, I know we had a lot of inquisitive children this year, but you handled it well.

Please mark your calendars for Trachtenball on March 2nd. This is an event for the whole family and a great opportunity to show your children and grandchildren how we celebrate our heritage and let them participate in both the Kinderaufmarsch and the adult Aufmarsch if they are still awake. It is also an opportunity to enjoy the performances of the Kindergruppe, Dance group, Choir and Band. The young girls love to watch the crowning of our new Miss Transylvania 2024 and hopefully be encouraged to want to be Miss one day. So, bring the whole family and celebrate with us. The program will start at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available



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from the kitchen for a few hours and we hope that the Saxonia Dancers will be able to join us. Call the office for your tickets. Admission is \$15 per person, children under 12 are free.

Just a reminder that the TCK annual meeting is on March 24, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Also, Mitgliederabend will most likely be a full house with ballroom graduation taking place on the same day, so make plans now to attend and cheer on these young people who are working so hard to perform their dances for you on April 27th. More details to follow.

Remember if you enjoy getting together with new people or old friends, like to sing or play a musical instrument or have children or grandchildren who would greatly benefit from our Kindergruppe, feel free to join these groups and get involved. New members are always welcome.

Keep your Saxon heritage close to your heart. Only through you will your family and children know where their roots are and learn to be proud of their Saxon culture.

SAXON UP!

*Erika Schmidt,
Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President*

2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2024 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

Mitgliedsbeitrag Membership Fee	bis/before March 24, 2024	nach/after Mach 24, 2024
Family	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00
Single Adult	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
Senior	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
Youth	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00

Please pay your membership fee at the office or by telephone.

Bitte bezahlen Sie Ihren Mitgliedsbeitrag im Büro oder übers Telefon.



CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

The kids put on fabulous performances at the Christmas/Weihnachtsfeier performance on Sunday, December 17th. They sang a song together in both German and English (O Du Fröhliche, O Du Selige) and the Senior and Junior kids danced two performances each. We would like to thank the kids for all their hard work and effort they put forward each night - everyone seemed to be having lots of fun. Thanks again to all of you, parents and grandparents, for bringing out your children/grandchildren and helping out with snacks, crafts and in any other way. Special thanks also to Nicole and Mrs. Maiterth for their work organizing and fitting the Trachts.

Kindergruppe will be starting back up again for our spring session on Wednesday, March 20th and it will run weekly until Wednesday, April 24th, at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. A Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, April 27th. Kindergruppe is for kids 4 yrs to 12 yrs of age. 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, Heidi Hesch & Bengt Nyman
Kindergruppe Instructors*



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Transylvania Club, on behalf of Habsburg Haus, would like to acknowledge the unfortunate omission of a couple of names of dedicated Oktoberfest volunteers.

Klaus and Sara Bliefert

They are our cutlery rollers and we are very grateful for their service!



SAXONTREFFEN





LADIES AUXILIARY

FRAUENVEREIN

*Happy New Year
and we hope you had a wonderful
Christmas with family and friends.*

Since our last report we were involved in the Christmas Market held at the Alpine Club where we sold our homemade Christmas cookies along with Tortes, and squares, etc. with coffee throughout

the day for the attendees. It was very successful and we got many compliments on our baking.

We celebrated our Ladies Christmas Dinner in early December. It was a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to the board members who helped to serve the meal, to Bob Foster for being our MC and Mike & Anna Schatz for the musical entertainment.

We are currently prepping for our annual Frauenball which has a Mardi Gras theme this year. We hope to see you there dressed in your festive glitz to dance the night away.

Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick

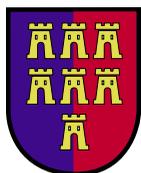
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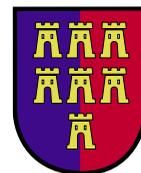


VOLKSTRAUERTAG





ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



AGENDA

All members of the Transylvania Club Kitchener are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting which will be held at

2:00 pm on Sunday, March 24th, 2024 at the Alpine Club, 464 Maple Street, Kitchener.

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| 1 Welcome and opening of meeting | 6 Discharge of the Treasurers |
| 2 A moment of silence for lost members-
Katie will read those names | 7 Discharge of the Board |
| 3 Adoption of the minutes of
the March 26, 2023 meeting | 8 Formation of an Election Committee |
| 4 Unfinished Business | 9 Election of the new Board |
| 5 Reports: Treasurer's report,
Cultural Chair report | 10 Assumption of the new Board |
| | 11 New Business |
| | 12 Resolutions |
| | 13 Closure of the meeting |



LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

After being postponed for three years due to Covid the Federation Jugendlager will take place in Canada from July 5th to July 19th in Kitchener-Waterloo and Aylmer. The (5) Federation Countries, Austria, Germany, Romania, the USA and Canada are entitled to send (5) youth ages 16 to 20 years of age and (1) chaperone. Since starting in 1971 the Jugendlager has been recognized to be an important event to facilitate the meeting and discussion between Saxon youth and to learn more about our Transylvania Saxon Heritage. Youth interested in participating in the Jugendlager are asked to contact Ryan Hesch (226-972-6015), Rebecca Horeth (519-550-2486) or John Werner (519-577-5440). Participants must be active members of the Transylvania Club or Saxonia Club

youth group. The cutoff date for applications is April 1st.

Our North American Heimattag 2024 will be held at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener on July 12th, 13th and 14th. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the Heimattag celebration. Ticket order and hotel reservation information will follow in the next Nachrichtenblatt.

Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl, Deutschland

Der diesjährige Heimattag der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland unter dem Motto „75 Jahre Gemeinschaft – Mach mit“ findet zu Pfingsten vom 17. bis 20. Mai in Dinkelsbühl statt. Die Einladung von Verbandspräsident und Bundesvorsitzender Herr Rainer Lehni geht an alle Landsleute in Kanada an diesem Feste teil zunehmen.

John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender



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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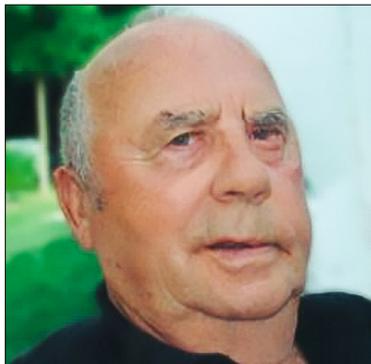
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DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Johann "John" Karschti

passed away on

December 15, 2023.

*He was born on August 5, 1936
in Niedereidisch, Transylvania.*



Oscar Karg

was born on

September 21, 1931 in Germany

and passed away peacefully

on December 25, 2023.

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We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the months of February and March. 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS that were missed in our last edition

Grace Maier
Christine Schmidt

Rosina Emrich

Tyler Rich

Alma Werner

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Hesch
Andreas Klein
Michael Bloos
Andrea von Weyhe
Susan Kauntz
Alison Gondosch
Michael Schatz
John C. Werner

Katharina Bidner
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Katharina Paulini
Rosemarie Gellner
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Regina Karschti

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robert Orendi
Timothy Rich
Daniel Schmidt
Justin Frim
Hannelore Maiterth

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George Orendi
Stephanie Klaehn
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Helgard Werner, John Werner

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ATTENTION!

Articles for the next bulletin must be submitted by:

March 10th



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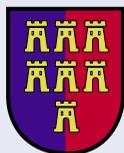
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