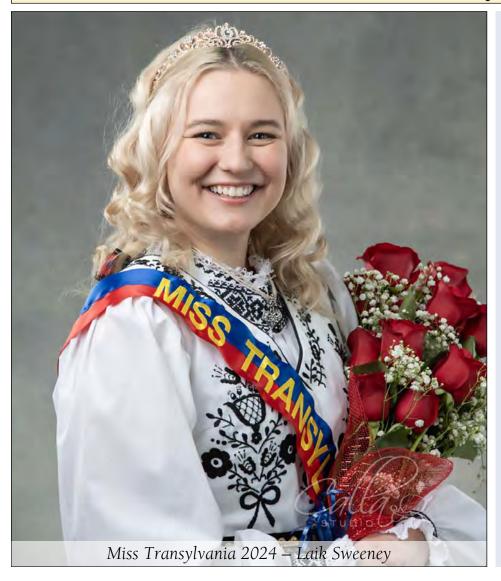
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# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

April 27	Mitgliederabend & Ballroom Graduation	16:30
May 26	Band & Choir Spring Concert Lunch @ 12:00 & Concert @ 14:00	12.00
June 8	Youth Group Fundraiser	
June 15	Waldfest – Picnic – Hubertushaus	12:00
July 5 – 19	Jugendlager	
July 12 – 14	4 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 etransfer 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 transylvaniaclub@outlook.com. Thanks.



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,

I was glad to see some of you out to Frauenball on February 10th. The theme this year was "Mardi Gras" and as all the ladies' events have been so far, it was a wonderful and interesting evening of Louisianna delicacies catered

by Bella Vista Catering, very colourful décor, and music by Wildbahn. Congratulations to the Frauenverein for another great event.

March 2nd was our annual Trachtenball and crowning of Miss Transylvania 2024. It was wonderful to see a full house for this annual event celebrating our Saxon heritage and culture. The program started with the children marching in led by Miss Transylvania 2023, Grace Maier and Seth Bailey, her escort. The Kindergruppe performed dances dressed in Tracht. They have a senior group and a junior group. Both groups did an excellent job and were so adorable. The Choir performed and the Hofbrau band played for us while we enjoyed some delicious food from our kitchen, which was prepared by the Frauenverein. Hats off to the ladies for putting together some great meal choices. I heard many positive comments about the cabbage rolls, sausage and pretzel sandwiches. We had 26 people from the Aylmer Saxonia Hall make the trip to join us, about 10 people from the Schwaben Club and a few from the Alpine Club as well. It was nice to have the support of our other German clubs. This was also the night when we say farewell to our Miss Transylvania 2023, Grace Maier, and crown our new Miss Transylvania 2024 Laik Sweeney. Thank you, Grace for representing the TCK and its youth in the past year. I hope you had a memorable year and enjoyed all the events and activities you attended. Laik was elected by the dance group

members, and I know she will do her best to represent the Transylvania Club and our youth in the coming year. She was escorted in by Connor Crouse through the honour guard of the dance group. Congratulations Laik, we look forward to seeing your beautiful smile at our upcoming events. You will be able to read Laik's speech in this issue of the Nachrittenblatt. It was very nice to see approx. 80 Trachts as we marched into the hall together. A big thank you to all those that took the time to wear their Tracht. We were also entertained by the Saxonia Dancers and our own TCK Dance Group. Seeing both those groups perform so well and with pride gives us hope for the future of our Saxon Culture. I would also like to thank Glenn Herold. president of the Schwaben Club, David Pfingstraff, president of the Saxonia Hall and Dietmar Biselli, president of the Alpine Club, for the kind words and remarks regarding my 10 years as president of the TCK.

On February 24th Erika and I attended the Schwaben Club's 93 Gruendungsfest. We enjoyed a wonderful meal that included Rouladen. Numerous members received pins for years of membership, some members received volunteer awards and we also watched the presentation of their Hans Schaadt award. We enjoyed performances by both the Kingergruppe and the Jugendgruppe. It was a very nice evening.

TCK office hours are Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can call anytime and leave a message and e-transfer your membership or ticket payment if you wish. I would ask members to please refrain from calling Erika at home during the week for tickets or membership payment. Nobody likes being called about work after hours.....please call the office during the office hours.

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. Mark your calendars for Mitgliederabend 2024 on April 27th. The evening will be special because we will have performances by our ballroom class and our Kindergruppe. As always, the club will be subsidizing your ticket price if you are a paid-up member.

Members are \$35 and non-members are \$50 and includes a delicious catered meal, music to dance to and entertainment. Please call the office to reserve your tickets asap as it will be a full house. I hope to see you all there.

Discussions are ongoing already to make this year's Oktoberfest even better. As always, we will need volunteers to make this event the best Oktoberfest Hall in the Region!

It has been a pleasure being your club's president for the past 10 years. I have enjoyed wonderful support from the board and the membership in general, made a lot of new friendships and was honoured to represent the Transylvania Club and its members. It has been fun and a learning experience for me. Thank you everyone.

Reinhard Schmidt, President

# 2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2024 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

Membership fees for the year 2024 are due at the rates shown below:

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 via e-Transfer, by cheque or by calling the club office to pay with a credit card.

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### **KULTURGRUPPE**

Dear Members and Friends,

Die Kulturgruppe hat am 24. Januar ihre Jahreshauptversammlung abgehalten und ich moechte allen danken die gekommen sind. Ich moechte mich auch bei allen Untergruppen und bei den Mitgliedern unseren Gruppen bedanken, die im letzten Jahr fliessig gearbeitet haben um unsere Kultur zu erhalten.

The Cultural group held its annual general meeting on January 24, 2024 and I would like to thank the few that attended. I would also like to thank each group, their committees and their members for all the hard work and dedication in the past year. It is not easy to keep our cultural heritage alive for our future generations but our groups are dedicated and do their very best. We should be proud of all of them!

# The following is the committees for 2024 after elections were held.

Kulturleiterin /

Cultural Chairperson Erika Schmidt

Stellvertreter /

Vice-Chairperson Trudy Schneider

1. Schriftfuehrer /

Secretary Danielle Fritsch

2. Schriftfuehrerin /

2nd Secretary Amanda Mooser

Archivar / Archivist Heidi Lowrick

On January 28th, I attended the youth group elections and was very impressed with the speeches and video given by the candidates running for the various positions on the youth executive. They all spoke from the heart and showed that they truly care about the members of the group and helping to make sure this vital part of our membership stays interested and committed to their heritage and culture. I would like to congratulate the new youth group committee that was

elected on Jan. 28th. I look forward to working with them and know they will do their best to encourage our youth to learn about their heritage and promote our dances and traditions.

### The new committee is:

President Amanda Mooser
Vice-President Ryan Hesch
Treasurer Connor Crouse
Secretary Owen Crouse
Miss Transylvania Laik Sweeney

Our appreciation and thanks also to the committee members stepping down; Henry Hoffman and Julianne Hesch and our 2023 Miss Transylvania Grace Maier. You all put your hearts into leading our youth group in the past year and we thank you for your dedication and hard work and I very much enjoyed working with all of you.

Trachtenball 2024 was a full house and I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time. I would like to thank all of those who took the time to come out and celebrate our Saxon heritage, our Trachten and our culture. It was nice to have a full house and see some people who we have not seen for a while. I thank those who brought their children, some in Tracht, to experience the Kindereinmarsch and again to take part with their parents for the Trachteneinmarsch later in the evening. Seeing the young people always gives us hope and encouragement that our traditions will be carried on in the years to come and that is why the board and the cultural committee do their best to encourage your support to our groups and our events. We were happy to have approximately 80 people in Tracht take part in the parade. Thank you to the Hofbrau Band, choir, dance group and Kindergruppe for helping us celebrate being Saxon in style and tradition. We were also happy to have a large group from the Saxonia Club including their dancers led by Rebecca Horeth join us from Aylmer and members from the Schwaben Club and Alpine Club.

The crowning of our new Miss Transylvania 2024, Laik Sweeney was what young and old were waiting for all evening and as always was an exciting and emotional time for both the new Miss Transylvania, Laik Sweeney and the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Grace Maier, and their families. Congratulations Laik, I know you are excited to start your new adventure as Miss Transylvania and will do your best to represent our club and heritage. Laik, I am confident that with your outgoing personality and willingness to help out, you will do a fantastic job representing the club and encouraging the youth to become and stay involved in their Saxon culture. I would also like to thank Grace, Miss Transylvania 2023 for her enthusiasm, dedication to her Saxon culture and a job well done in the past year during Oktoberfest, and all club functions.

Big thank you goes to John and Jane Sweeney, who donated the flowers for the tables in honour of their daughter being crowned Miss Transylvania and to Jay and Cynthia Mooser for the sash for our new Miss.

I would like to ask you to please give your children and grandchildren this wonderful opportunity and bring them to our club events, encourage them to participate in the children and youth groups and become a part of our family.

Also mark May 26th on your calendar for combined concert of our choir and band. It promises to be a sold-out event again at the Alpine Club and will be an unforgettable musical experience.

Mitgliederabend is on April 27th with the program beginning at 5:00 p.m. The theme this year is Ballroom Graduation. I invite you to attend and celebrate our membership, our friendships and our culture. It will include a performance by the Kindergruppe for Mother's Day. This will be graduation night for the ballroom students and their performance promises to be outstanding. Members' tickets will be subsidized by the club again. Members' price is \$35 and non-member price is \$50 per person. Children under 12 are free. You can purchase your tickets by calling the club office at 519-744-1191 or by email to transylvania-club@outlook.com. Payment for tickets can be done at the office, by e-transfer to the above email or by calling in your credit card information.

Heimattag is in Kitchener this year from July 12th– 14th. Plans are still being finalized. Come out and "SAXON UP" on Friday night when we plan to

include a Jugendlager reunion. If you participated in the Jugendlager program or know of anyone else who was there with you or attended at a different time, contact them and plan to attend to have some fun and reunite with old friends. We would love to have as many members as possible join in the weekend activities and experience our Saxon culture, show your Saxon spirit and help us celebrate our Saxon roots. More information will follow. We will also be hosting the Jugendlager in Kitchener and Aylmer from July 5th to the 19th. We will be needing volunteers, people to billet and help with many other things to make sure our guests have a great time in Canada. If you can billet, please let John Werner, Rick Hesch or myself know. More information will follow.

Remember we need you to be involved, volunteer, attend events in order for our club to survive and our heritage to continue. It is all up to you!

# Happy Easter!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President\



# SURVEY

If you are interested in an evening of information on our Transylvania History and Heritage please reply to our club email address: transylvaniaclub@outlook.com.

If enough people are interested, we will inform you of when and where it will be held.



# DONATIONS

Thanks to

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# **APRIL 27, 2024**

Doors open at 4:30 pm Program starts at 5:00 pm Buffet Dinner at 6:30 pm

\$35 FOR MEMBERS & \$50 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Performance by The Kindergruppe & Dance the night away to Wildbahn



Tickets can be purchased by emailing & e-transfer to transylvaniaclub@outlook.com or calling the club office at 519-744-1191



# FRAUENBALL











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# LADIES AUXILIARY

### **FRAUENVEREIN**

All enjoyed our Mardi Gras event on February 10. It was a wonderful evening of fun and friendship! The attendance was somewhat low, but the glitz and the glamour was strong! We would like to thank everyone for attending this wonderful event!

# We had our AGM with elections in February and the following is our 2024 executive:

Margit Fritsch Co-President Heidi Lowrick Co-President Helgard Werner 1st VP &

Genesungskarten

Kathy Mathes 2nd VP
Trudy Schneider 1st Treasurer
Rosemarie Rawlings Secretary & 2nd Treasurer

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 Ausschuß, please contact Heidi Löwrick - hlowrick@gmail.com or Margit Fritsch - fritsch.margit@gmail.com. We welcome new members.

Happy Easter to you and your family!

Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents



# CHILDRENS" GROUP

### **KINDERGRUPPE**

Twelve members of the Kindergruppe performed at Trachtenball on Saturday, March 2nd. They were wonderful; performing four dances, including "Bruederchen Komm Tanz Mit Mir", "Froehlicher Kreis" and "Siebenschrit", just to name a few. They also participated in the Miss Transylvania/Kinder Einmarsch. We would like to thank all the kids for their great performance. In addition, we would also like to thank Nicole Del Cul for helping with the organization of the girls' 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. The Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, April 27th. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces. Each Tuesday 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. 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 & Bengt Nyman Kindergruppe Instructors



# Be part of our Saturday & Sunday Programs!

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# MISS TRANSYLVANIA'S SPEECH

Guten Abend liebe Mitglieder, Gaeste und Freunde.

Es is eine grosse Ehre heute Abend hier zu sein als eure neue Miss Transylvania. It's not just an honour to be standing here tonight as Miss Transylvania but is a weight of trust and responsibility from the members of this club that I look forward to upholding.

The Transylvanian Saxon community holds a very unique place in my heart—it's a community that I am new to but it feels like I've been a part of for a long time. I want to thank each of you for that, being welcomed into this community with open arms is a testament to the kind and friendly nature of each person who makes up the club.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank those who are on the board. The tireless commitment to making these events as amazing as they are while upholding Saxon traditions is something that doesn't go unnoticed and is appreciated by myself and every member here tonight.

I would also like to thank our Dance Group President, Amanda Moser. She is an invaluable leader of our group and more importantly someone who has been a great friend and supportive of me which I appreciate so much. To our previous Miss, Grace Meier, thank you for all the hard work you've put in this past year representing the club. I also want to thank my Escort tonight, Connor Crouse and his family the Crouse, Hesch, Moore and Guistini family for everything.

Without them I wouldn't be standing here tonight or have the Tracht I'm currently wearing. And last but not least, to my parents John and Jane Sweeney and family who've traveled to be here, there are no words. Thank you for supporting me and cheering me on always.

With all that, I'd like to briefly talk about myself in case you don't know me well. My name is Laik Sweeney, and I work in Public Relations. When I'm not working, I love doing creative hobbies like crocheting and being a part of the dance group. The past few years, I've acted as the dance group's secretary and have learned about the Saxon's rich culture, made memories that will stick with me forever, made friendships that I hold dearly and found a sense of belonging within our club—a family for which I am truly thankful.

As Miss Transylvania without a genetic background, my goal is to act as a mirror. I want to reflect the vibrant and selfless culture that I've felt so privileged to join both to those here in Ontario and to those who come and visit during this year's Heimattag and Jugendlager.

We have an amazing year ahead of us to look forward to and I am so excited to get to spend it with each and one of you and with the other clubs in the region and beyond.

Thank you, I hope everyone has an amazing time tonight.

Laik Sweeney

Miss Transylvania 2024



# LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

Preparations for the Federation Jugendlager being held in Canada from July 5 th to July 19 th in Kitchener-Waterloo and Aylmer are in full swing. 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. I have already been asked by some countries if they can send additional participants. We will be hosting the youth in Kitchener-Waterloo and in Aylmer with Saxon families. The best way show them our Kanadisch-Siebenbürgische Gastfreundschaft is by taking them into our homes during their stay. The youth will require billets for (5) five nights in Aylmer and (6) six nights in Kitchener-Waterloo. As the youth will attend daily activities, hosts will only need to provide breakfast and (2) two evening meals. If you can be of assistance in billeting some of the youth during the Jugendlager we ask you to contact Erika Schmidt (519-743-4555), Ryan Hesch (226-972-6015), Rick Hesch (519-662-4364), Rebecca Horeth (519-550-2486) or John Werner (519-577-5440).

Since the first Jugendlager 53 years ago (1971) over 650 Saxon youth have participated. 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. We invite past Jugendlager participants to join us at the Heimattag Friday evening July 12 th "Jugendlager Reunion" celebration at the Transylvania Club where you can renew old friendships and make new friends.

Our North American Heimattag 2024 will be held at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener on July 12 th and 13 th . Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the Heimattag celebration. Ticket order and hotel reservation information as well as the program will be put on line and will also be found 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.

Ich wünsche allen Mitgliedern und Freunden ein schönes Osterfest.

John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender



Hello to all members!

The dance group had a wonderful time at Trachtenball this year. A very special thank you to the Hofbräu band for providing such beautiful accompaniment to our performance.

Our dance group is very proud to welcome and congratulate our Miss Transylvania 2024, Laik Sweeney! We'd also like to thank the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Grace Maier who we have had a wonderful year with!

We are looking forward to seeing the ballroom class graduate during Mitgliederabend. We're excited to be welcoming new members and expanding our group shortly after!

The dance group would like to invite everyone out to our annual fundraiser which is happening on June 8th.

Call the Transylvania Club office to reserve tickets!

Thank you everyone for the excellent support of our Dance Group, we are all excited to see you soon!

Amanda Mooser

Youth Group President



# FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN



Maria Gondosch was born April 9th, 1924 in Moenchsdorf, Romania

Please join Maria and her family to celebrate, open house style on Sunday, April 7th from 2-4 pm at the Alpine Club.



# FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

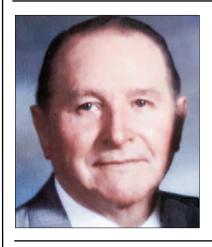
Members that would like to announce an anniversary/birthday or other special event are asked to contact:

Mitglieder die ein Jubiläum oder einen Geburtstag bekannt geben wollen, sollen sich bei den folgenden anmelden:

Helgard Werner Heidi Löwrick helgardrwerner@gmail.com hlowrick@gmail.com 5 519-884-7725

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### **DEATHS - TODESFAELLE**



# Michael Bloos

passed away at the age of 91, on January 20, 2024.

He was born in Draas, Transylvania.



Georg Emrich
passed away peacefully on
January 24, 2024 at the age of 82.

He was born in Passbusch, Transylvania on December 17, 1941.



# FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNAGHRICHTEN



Sofia Hendel
(nee Emrich)

passed away at the age of 93 years
on February 20, 2024.
She was born in Heidendorf,
Transylvania.



Michael "Mike" Klosch passed away on March 2, 2024 in his 89th year. Mike was born in Duerrback, Transylvania on March 28, 1935.



Katharina Werner (nee Folbert)
passed away suddenly on March 2, 2024 at the age of 97.

She was born on September 25, 1926 in Meschendorf, Transylvania.



# 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 April and May. 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.

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Gisela Knobloch Kim Gondosch Katelyn Emrich Bonnie Bremner Jason Mooser Maria Gondosch Karen Scherl John Klein Erika Norris Alexandra Hesch Maria Lowrick Peter Tschoepe Karin Gondosch Audrey Horn Christian Sebastian Rosie Bendix Singh Rosemarie Emrich John Emrich Anita Gross Ursula Krieger Breanna Gondosch Gabriella Wolf Erin Dienesch Karolina Leuschner Barbara Gierscher Lisa Fritsch Christopher Dienesch

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Kathy Strassburger Taylor Sharratt Mathias Wolf Michael Emrich Ernst Friedel Georg Ungar Regina Schneider Edward Gierscher Karlheinz Maiterth Helga Merkle Crysta Steffen Martin Schelling Marnie Eckert-Reinhardt Kristin M. Werner Liamon Eichvald Robert Schaus Erich Bliefert Fay Nascimento Catherine Orendi Reinhold Drygala Dale Baier Andrea Kenny Peter Hamberger Elfriede Walesch Grete Giebat Stephanie Plomp Evelynn Weaver Michelle Dienesch David Dienesch John Kreutzer Loretta Thodt South Helgard Werner Rick Schmid Andreas Gellner Jeremy Frim





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Helgard Werner, John Werner

# Herausgeber/Editor:

Heidi Löwrick.

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