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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

December 5	Frauenverein Christmas Dinner	18:00
December 22	Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas Pageant	14:00
January 11	Kameradschaftsabend hosted by TCK	18:00
January 22	Kulturgruppe AGM	19:00
February 1	Frauenball	18:00
March 1	Trachtenball & Miss Transylvania Pa	igeant
March 23	TCK AGM	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.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERIGHT



Dear Members and Friends,

I hope and trust that everyone is well and settling into the Fall weather we now are enjoying, and time change that happened last weekend!

The last several months has seen the Club busy with a flurry of events. In early

September, we were asked by the Alpine Club to paint the Transylvania Room, ensuring that the colour scheme matches the rest of the Facility. I would like to thank Bob Foster, Heidi and Alfred Lowrick, and Lori Moore for their assistance with this task. It is now a nice showcase area for our Siebenbuergen display and Treasures. Funny how refreshing a coat of paint can be!

Since mid summer, we were also busy planning and preparing for another successful Oktoberfest at the Habsburg Haus, our co-operative venture with the Alpine Club. A mighty volunteer team was assembled under the direction of both Lori Moore (Operations), Rick and Krista Hesch (Oktoberfest committee members) and Margit Fritsch (food and kitchen). We thank these people for the significant time that they dedicated to making this year's Oktoberfest the success that it was. Of course, there was also the team of volunteers that we must thank as well! Our TCK volunteers are the envy of all the German Clubs in the area, and our events would not be the same without their co-operative spirit! Our members came out to help with: food preparations ensuring that we had our delicious pigtails and cabbage rolls ready for consumption; decorating and organizing the hall for the festival which includes moving and setting up displays, chairs and tables as well as moving items in and out of storage.

As such, I want to say thank you to all the Club volunteers who made the food preparation happen, and to the people who came out on Sunday October 6th to decorate and organize the Hall. Many hands make light work!

Although Oktoberfest has a more open schedule since Covid times, my Oktoberfest schedule as President officially began on Saturday October 5, 2024, with an Oktoberfest Luncheon at the Schwaben Club in Breslau. I thank Glenn Herold and his Board of Directors for the invitation and meal. Along with our fantastic Club Miss, Laik Sweeney, Andrea and I were able to mix and mingle with all the other German Clubs and their representatives. It was great to catch up with old friends and have a chance to make new ones. Everyone was excited about Oktoberfest this year.

Oktoberfest began with a bang on October 11, 2024. The Habsburg Haus was packed, and we had the KW Oktoberfest opening Night tour where we celebrated with a keg tapping, including local dignitaries and KWO representatives. It was a great time for all. The first weekend was virtually sold out, with many patrons enjoying the atmosphere, food and music at the Habsburg Haus. It was great to see many of our friends and members who came out to visit with us!

On Sunday October 13, Andrea, Laik Sweeney, and Alfred Lowrick and I were invited to an early Harvest Breakfast at the Hubertus Haus. There were many tired people in attendance (it was early, LOL), and we thank Janet Kunsch and the Board of the Hubertushaus for the invitation.

The Oktoberfest Parade was next on the list! Andrea and I joined the other German Club Presidents and their spouses on the President's Float. Traveling by horse drawn carriage is incredible, something that you don't get to do everyday! A special thanks goes out to all our Parade marchers, who walked the parade route with our traditional Siebenbuergen Tracht on. They braved the sometimes chilly weather to support the TCK and were rewarded with

"Dave Bucks" back at the Club! We came back after the parade to a sold out Family Day at the Habsburg Haus. It was great to see old friends and Club members out to support us! There was face painting for the children, special guests, and time spent with the Oktoberfest Parade Marshall. Jack Armstrong, known as the "voice" of the Toronto Raptors NBA Franchise joined us to help celebrate. I can honestly say that he enjoyed his time with us! It was a great day!

German Pioneer's Day was celebrated on Tuesday October 14, 2024. This is a day that is officially recognized by the Province of Ontario to recognize the contributions made by German settlers to Ontario. The day started out with a performance by our very own Transylvania Hofbrau Band, under the direction of Andrea Emrich. There were many political delegates in attendance: Local, Provincial and

Federal, as well as many members of the local German community. This year's honorees included the Doerr Family (Dare Foods), as well as one of our own: Dr. Peter Boehm. Peter grew up in and was actively involved in the Transylvania Club. He has gone on to a stellar political career, and is well regarded by his peers in Ottawa, and indeed around the Globe. Peter is currently an independent Senator in Ottawa, but holds his Transylvanian roots close to his heart. We congratulate Peter for this recognition and award! After the celebrations concluded, we were guests at a dinner hosted by the Concordia Club. Thanks to President Rob Kerr for the invitation.

On Wednesday evening, the Habsburg Haus hosted the ever popular, "So You Think You Can Tanz" dance competition. This is a yearly competition where the local German dance groups perform to

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win the coveted trophy and title. I am happy to report, despite stiff competition, that our very own Transylvania Youth Dancers won! Congratulations to the group under the leadership of Amanda Mooser! The kids did great and made us all very proud! Great job!

The weekend ended with two sold out evenings! The Habsburg Haus also hosted our own President's Luncheon on Saturday October 19, 2024. We were joined by the rest of the German Club President's, Club Misses, as well as Allan Cayenne, Tracy Van Kalsbeek and Oktoberfest Ambassador Allie Steffler. We celebrated with our German Club counterparts, as well as recognizing the contributions made by our own boards from the Alpine and Transylvania Clubs. I can't believe the week is over. Oktoberfest was another success at the Habsburg Haus. To our staff and volunteers, we couldn't be successful without you your dedication and service! Whether you were part of the cooking/kitchen crew, were selling buttons and souvenirs, taking photo buttons, working the door, selling tickets, or were part of the clean-up crew, we can't thank you enough! Thanks to everyone from the Transylvania Club and Alpine Club who made it a success!

On Saturday November 2, 2024, I joined other members in Aylmer at the Saxonia Club for the Annual meeting for the Landsmannschaft in Canada. John Werner, President, hosted the meeting which highlighted the activities and functions over the past year. The new Board was elected to serve the Saxon Community here in Canada. Thanks to John and his entire Board for the work that they do.

After the meeting, we were guests at Trachtenball in Aylmer. Thank you to the Transylvania Club Choir, the TCK Youth Dance Group for their performance and to the Hofbrau Band who provided dance music for the afternoon. I would also like to thank all members of the TCK who made the drive down to Aylmer, to support our Sister Club. It was a great

afternoon with camaraderie, food and culture with our Siebenbuerger Trachts once again on display!

On Saturday November 16, we will celebrate another Saxon Treffen. There will be food, Saxon food and fare, dancing with DJ Frank Emrich, as well as fun and games for children and adults as well. I hope to see everyone there!

Upcoming events:

- Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party, December 5th (information available from any member of the Frauenverein)
- Annual Weihnachstfeier with Children's Christmas Performance, TCK Choir performance, Hofbrau Band performance as well as well as the lighting of the Advent Wreath candles. There will also be a visit by the Jolly old elf himself! The celebration happens on Sunday December 22, 2024
- January 16, 2025, Kameradschaftsabend, hosted by the TCK
- February 1, 2025 Ladies Auxiliary Dance

We would love to see everyone out to our upcoming events and support the Transylvania Club! I look forward to seeing you all!

I want to take the time now to wish everyone the joy of the upcoming Holiday Season, to spend time with loved ones and cherished family members. Take care of yourselves and see you soon!

Dave Emrich, President













OKTOBERFEST



















You will read all about Oktoberfest from other reports, but I would like to thank all our groups and members for volunteering their time to help the club again be part of this festival. The Hofbrau band performed downtown and at other venues for Oktoberfest and brought that traditional sound back to Oktoberfest. The TCK dance group performed at many halls, Kidtoberfest and in the parade and had a lot of fun representing our club.

German Pioneers Day was held at the Concordia Club this year. The Hofbrau band entertained everyone before the program. The Cultural Group congratulates Sen. Peter Boehm and the Dare family for being the honoured persons this year for their contribution to the German culture, the work force in the Region of Waterloo and achievements they have had. It was very heart warming to hear both Martin Gabber, who introduced Peter, and Peter himself speak about their Transylvania Club roots and memories.

The Transylvania Club Dance Group won first place at the "So you think you can Tanz" competition this year and we congratulate them for their enthusiasitc performance. It was great to see so many groups performing. This is one of the more cultural events of the week and is enjoyed by all who attend.

Nov. 2nd was Trachtenball in Aylmer. I would like to thank the Hofbrau band, the choir members and the dance group members for making the trip to Aylmer to take part in Trachtenball. We had a delicious meal cooked by the members of the Saxonia Club and traditional entertainment by our choir, the TCK dance group and the Saxonia dance group led by Rebecca Horeth. The Hofbrau band played for everyone's dancing entertainment. Congratulations to the Saxonia Club for a wonderful afternoon.

The Landsmannschaft held their annual meeting before the Trachtenball and the Kulturgruppe congratulates the newly elected committee members, Rebecca Horeth, Hannelore Maiterth, Krista Hesch and Ryan Hesch and thank John Werner and those committee members staying on for the remainder of their term for all their hard work in the past years and the opportunity given to our youth and members to meet, host, visit and partake in activities with fellow Saxons in Europe and the US.

On Nov. 16th, 2024 we will have our annual fun for all, Saxontreffen.

Please note that Kindergruppe has started again on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpine Club and it is a large group of children. I would like to thank Krista and Rick Hesch, Heidimarie Hesch, Bengt Nyman and the parents and grandparents for taking on the challenge of teaching our Kindergruppe and making sure we do not lose this very important part of our club life. Belonging to the TCK family is something each child should experience and enjoy. Please send your children so that they make new friends with whom they will progress on through Ballroom and Dance Group with. Like many of us who have made life-time friendships that started at the club, your children should have that opportunity too.

The weather is getting colder and winter is around the corner; that means so is Christmas, my favourite time of year. All our groups are practicing for their Christmas performances and our Weihnachtsfeier. Our annual Weihnachtsfeier will take place on December 22nd, 2024 with the program starting at 2 p.m. at the Alpine Club. Please bring the whole family to this very festive afternoon of cultural entertainment, Christmas traditions, and many surprises and of course the very delicious homemade cookies and coffee and we can't forget our special visitor, Santa Claus. We ask that you bring some of your favourite cookies for all to enjoy. We are looking forward to sharing this afternoon with our Alpine friends again.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated Tracht pieces for our youth and children to wear during their performances. We are in need of larger size Stiefel (boots) if anyone has them just sitting in your closets.

I invite you all to the Annual General Meeting of the Cultural Group with elections on Wed. January 22nd, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alpine Club. If you have interest in our cultural activities, we invite you to join our meeting. We always welcome new ideas and energy to this very vital part of our club life.

I wish you all a wonderful few weeks while planning, baking and preparing for the Christmas season and hope you all have time to spend with your families and friends!

Ich wuensche euch allen ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein glueckliches neues Jahr!

Frohe Weihnachten!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturleiterin/ Cultural Chair Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President

ATTENTION / ACHTUNG!!!!

Die Jahreshauptversammlung der Kulturgruppe findet am 22. Januar 2025 um 7 Uhr statt. Ein neues Kommitee wird gewaehlt und alle Klubmitglieder sind eingeladen. Bitte kommt und unterstuezt unsere Kulturgruppe.

The annual meeting of the Cultural Group with elections will take place on Wednesday January 22nd, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

All club members are invited to attend and show support of our Cultural Group.

Erika Schmidt Kulturleiterin



Join Our High-Energy Adult Dance Group!

Calling all experienced adult dancers! Are you ready for a fast-paced, exciting new challenge? We're forming an Energetic Adult Dance Group starting in January, and we want YOU to join us on the journey to an amazing performance in March at Trachtenball.

Details:

- **Commitment:** 6 weeks beginning on Sunday, January 12 in the afternoon time to be confirmed
- **Dates:** January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, (no Rehearsal Family Day weekend February 16) and February 25
- **Performance:** March 1, 2025 at Trachtenball
- **Requirements:** Dance experience needed—get ready for high-energy, fast-paced choreography!
- Footwear: Character shoes and dress shoes
- **Activity Level:** Dances will include hops, jumps and gallops

Please come with a partner - if you do not have a partner please let us know and we can see if any other singles are interested.

If you're passionate, dedicated, and eager to perform, don't miss this opportunity to shine!

Please email both Amy Kube and Lorianne Schaus to register.

amy@astronsmetals.com lorianneschaus1@gmail.com

Sincerely, Lorianne Schaus (she/her)



CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

We have started back again with Kindergruppe for our winter session. The first night we kicked things off with a Halloween Party, everyone had a great night with many great activities and games. Kindergruppe is for kids 4 yrs to 12 yrs of age and we run our program on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. 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







All our hard work before and during the festival paid off with a successful Oktoberfest all around. The ladies have also been busy helping in the kitchen at the Saxontreffen and baking Christmas cookies for the Weihnachtsfeier.

To celebrate the holiday season please join us at our Ladies Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December and/or our Weihnachtsfeier on December 22

Wishing all of you and your families a safe and healthy Christmas season and a happy New Year!

Margit Fritsch/ Heidi Lowrick Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents

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Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

In the annual meeting of the Landsmannschaft that took place on November 2nd at the German Canadian Club in Aylmer, I presented my executive report that highlighted the 2024 Jugendlager that took place in Kitchener-Waterloo and in Aylmer as well as the Jugendlager reunion and Heimattag celebration at the Transylvania Club. We are pleased that for the Jugendlager participants, new friends and lifelong memories were made and that both events at the Transylvania Club were well attended. Thank you to all our members and friends for your support.

The following officers were elected for a two-year term:

1st Vice Chair Rebecca Horeth

Media Representative Hannelore Maiterth

Ladies Representative Krista Hesch Youth Representative Ryan Hesch

I would like to welcome Krista to the Landsmannschaft committee and thank Rebecca, Hannelore and Ryan for their continued support. I would also like to thank Rosemary Horeth for 10 years of service as Ladies Representative. Thank you to the club Presidents Dave Emrich (Transylvania Club) David Pfingstgraef (Saxonia Club) as well as all club members for their support of the Landsmannschaft.

Heimattag 2025 will be held at the Saxon Club in Youngstown, Ohio on July 11th, 12th and 13th. Please mark this date on your calendar.

At this time of year when we joyfully look forward to the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the plight of our fellow Saxons still living in Siebenbürgen. The living conditions that they face in Siebenbürgen, the cold weather and sometimes the lack of nutritious food is especially difficult for

the elderly and even for some of the younger people that are in need of social assistance and help with medical conditions. We are fortunate to live in Canada and I ask for your support to help our less fortunate Saxons in Siebenbürgen by making a donation to the "Altenhilfe". Donations (cheques) can be sent to the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada 149 White Pine Cres. Waterloo, Ontario N2V 1B3. Cash donations can be given to Trudy Schneider or John Werner.

Im Namen der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada wünsche ich allen Landsleuten und Freunden nah und fern, ein Gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein gutes, glückliches und gesundes neues Jahr.

John Werner Bundesvorsitzender

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

Membership fees for the year 2025 are due at the rates shown below:

Mitgliedsbeitrag Membership Fee	bis/before March 23, 2025	nach/after Mach 23, 2025
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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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to all of the amazing volunteers that assisted with prep, setup, organizing and cooking (pigtails, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut...) prior to the festival and those that helped at Habsburg Haus (in the kitchen preparing and serving food, making photo buttons, selling souvenirs, tickets, pretzels and clean up, etc, etc, etc. And special thanks to our organizers for taking charge and working tirelessly in order to make it all possible.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Craig Moore

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

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DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Liamon Eichvald
was born in Zebrene, Latvia
on May 14, 1937.
He passed away peacefully on
May 27, 2024
at the age of 90.



Katharina Bloos passed away on October 16, 2024 at the age of 87.

She was born in Rode, Transylvania on January 25, 1937.



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNAGHRICHTEN

DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Katharina Hartig (nee Botscher) passed away peacefully on October 23, 2024 at the age of 94.

She was born in Weilau, Transylvania on October 25, 1929.



A warm Transylvanian welcome goes out to:

Dianne Lowrick





FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

Dec. 2024 / Jan. 2025

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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January 10th





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