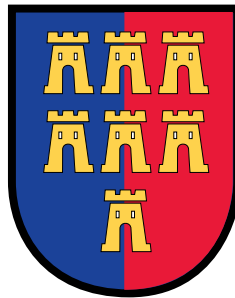


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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

February 1	Frauenball	18:00
March 1	Trachtenball & Miss Transylvania Pageant	19:00
March 23	TCK Annual General Membership Meeting	14:00
April 26	Mitgliederabend	18:30
May 25	Hofbrau Band and Choir Concert Lunch at 12:00 and Program at 14:00	
June 14	Waldfest – Picnic – Hubertushaus	12:00
July 11-13	Heimattag – Youngstown, Ohio	

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.

The office is open on Fridays from 09:00 to 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.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a blessed and healthy Christmas and New Year's season and that you were able to spend time with all of your loved ones! I also hope that New Year's resolutions have been made and that

you are keeping those resolutions! As January moves forward and we are blanketed with a healthy layer of the white stuff outside, I look back fondly on 2024 and look forward with anticipation to the New Year ahead of us! I want to thank everyone at the Club, our dedicated Board of Directors and members for the successful year we have had. In my first year as President of the Transylvania Club, we have had a busy year including hosting the very successful North American Heimattag, Jugendlager, and our regular Club dances and functions. Overall, it was a great year! Thank you to everyone for your continued help and support for the Club.

Since my last report, we have had many functions and activities at the Club. On Saturday, November 16, we celebrated Saxontreffen. Fun was had by all the attendees who came out for the event. Traditional Saxon food was prepared and served. Special thanks goes out to Margit Fritsch for her organization in the kitchen and to all of the volunteers who helped out during the evening. We were treated to fun and games, organized by Erika Schmidt, and we danced to the music of DJ Frank (Emrich). On Sunday

November 17, the Hofbrau Band played at the Volkstrauertag event at Woodland Cemetery, honouring the German War dead buried there. The TCK was represented by our Miss, Laik Sweeney who helped lay wreaths during the Ceremony. We were served coffee and cake at the Schwaben Club after the service.

On Thursday, December 5, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their annual Christmas Party. It was a well-attended event, and as tradition dictates, the men from the Board served dinner, desert, and coffee to the guests. A special thanks goes out to Emmi Hensel for her delicious donation of dessert for the event. It was delicious! It was great to be able to continue this tradition of taking care

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
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of the ladies this evening, as the Ladies Auxiliary does a lot for our club!

On December 22, the last Sunday of Advent, we celebrated Christmas with our annual Weihnachtsfeier along with members from the Alpine Club. As I was away for this event, I want to thank our Vice President Alfred Lowrick for being there in my place for this event. By all accounts, it was a great program. The Transylvania Hofbrau Band and Transylvania Choir performed for our guests, playing and singing traditional English and German Christmas music. The Kindergruppe under the direction of Rick and Krista Hesch, Heidimarie Hesch, and Bengt Nyman put on a great performance. It is wonderful to see the children's performance, they are the future of our Club. The Youth Group also provided laughs and smiles with their annual production. We thank all these

groups for participating. The highlight of the day came when we were visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus. This was a new feature for our Christmas program. I think they were a little overwhelmed by the spirit and excitement of our children! Presentations were made to leaders of all the various Untergruppen of the Club, as tokens of appreciation. Thank you to all these leaders for your involvement with the Club!

New Year's has come and gone, but we had an early start to our yearly calendar. On January 11, 2025, The Transylvania Club hosted Kameradschaftsabend. Every year, one of the five German Clubs in the region takes a turn hosting this event. It was a fun evening, attended by members of all the German Clubs and Organizations in the region. It is great to make and rekindle friendships that we have made over the years and allowed us to make new friends as well. Seven Castles played for our dancing pleasure, and our Dance Group also performed to their usual high standards. Thank you to Erika Schmidt for taking care of the catering and thank you to all the members who were there to help set up, and tear down for the function. We will host again in 2030!

On December 6, 2024, lifelong TCK members John Werner and Senator Peter Boehm were honoured with the King Charles Coronation Award, handed out in Ottawa. Congratulations John and Peter! This award is truly well deserved!

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Upcoming events:

We have several upcoming events coming up in the near future. The Frauenverein hosts their annual dance in February. It happens on Saturday, February 1, 2025, and has the theme of "Frauenball in Bavaria"! Time to dust off those Dirndls and Lederhosen and join the ladies for a fun evening of food, dancing and entertainment. Cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. There will be a Schnitzel dinner prepared by the Frauenverein, and entertainment will be provided by "The Edelweiss Trio". Tickets can be purchased through the Club office for this event. Come on out to support the group!

Trachtenball and the Crowning of Miss Transylvania will happen on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Music will be provided by the Transylvania

Hofbrau Band, under the direction of Andrea Emrich, and there will be performances by all of our Dance groups, as well as participation by the Saxonia Dancers. Remember to wear your Siebenbürgen Tracht with pride and bring it out for this evening.

Finally, our AGM will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 2:00 pm. Come out, find out about the good things happening at the TCK, or have your voice heard. Coffee and dessert will be served at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone out at our upcoming events, be proud of your heritage and participate! Bring a friend along, we would love to see them!

Happy New Year and stay healthy!

Dave Emrich, 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.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Saxontreffen "Come get your Saxon on" a great success. So much fun was had by all, and the food was delicious as always.

The Transylvania Club and Alpine Club 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 superb performances by both our Youth group and Kindergruppe. Miss Alpine, Brookelyn Schleimer read "Twas the night before Christmas" to the children, our always entertaining Kindergruppe performed several dances and then sang both in German and English. The dance group's rendition of the Hallmark Channel's Christmas movies, Saxon style, 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 Laik Sweeney, Miss Transylvania 2024 and her family, the Schleimer family (Alpine), Paul, Jen, Sean and Sophie Arsenault and Felix Biselli and family, (Alpine). My favourite part of the program, besides when Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus came in, 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 and Santa Claus for making a special trip to be there for all the children.

Please mark your calendars for Trachtenball on March 1st. 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 2025 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. There will be no food available from the kitchen this year but we will have some snack items throughout the evening and we hope that the Saxonia Dancers will be able to join us. Call the office to reserve your tickets. Admission is \$15 per person, children under 12 are free.

Just a reminder that the TCK annual meeting is on March 23, 2024 at 2 p.m.

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.

I am also excited to see the idea of an adult dance group come to fruition, thanks to Amy Kube and Lorianne Schauss. I know they are doing it for fun and social time, but maybe we will see them perform in the future.

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



WEIHNACHTSFEIER





CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

Hi Everyone,

The kids did a fabulous job at the Christmas/Weihnachtsfeier performance on Sunday, Dec 22nd! 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 for her work organizing and fitting the Trachts.

What's next for 2025?

Trachtenball Performance:

We have been asked to perform our dances at Trachtenball on Saturday, March 1st (please mark that on your calendar). Note: We will be performing the same dances we performed at the Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas program in December for this event. The kids will be performing early on in the evening, so you have the option of just coming for the performance or staying for the evening. In order to prepare we will be having one practice on Wednesday, February 26th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. I will send more information confirming the details in the New Year regarding Trachtenball.

Kindergruppe Spring Session:

Kindergruppe will be starting back up again for our spring session on Wednesday, March 19th and it will run weekly until Wednesday, April 23, at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, April 26th (please mark that on your calendar). The format will be similar to the previous session, each Wednesday night we will have lots of fun activities for the kids including: games, crafts, Jr

and Sr kids dance group, songs, snacks and much more. Please pass this message along to other kids/parents. We are hoping to see some new faces when we start back up again in March. It's a great opportunity for the kids to meet new people, develop friendships and learn about the Siebenburger Sachsen/Transylvania Saxon culture. For more information or to join, please have them contact Krista or Rick Hesch at hesch@rogers.com or 519-662-4364.

Krista & Rick Hesch, Heidi Hesch & Bengt Nyman

Kindergruppe Instructors



LADIES AUXILIARY

FRAUENVEREIN

Happy New Year!

We are off to busy start to the year as we prepare for our upcoming Frauenball which takes place on February 1, 2025. Our theme this year is "Frauenball in Bavaria" so Dirndls and Lederhosen are the attire for the evening. Please join us for a delicious Schnitzel dinner prepared by our Frauenverein. You will be entertained by a performance by our youth dance group and then you can dance the night away to the tunes of the Edelweiss Trio.

Tickets are available at the office or call in and pay by credit card or e-transfer.

On February 10, we have our Frauenverein AGM with elections. If you are interested in joining our Ausschuss or serving on our executive please contact Margit (fritsch.margit@gmail.com) or Heidi (hlowrick@gmail.com). We have a great team which makes working together on everything that we do a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick

Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents



LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER





KAMERADTSCHAFTSABEND





CORONATION MEDAL AWARD

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are commemorative medals created to mark the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, which took place on 6 May 2023.

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The Canadian medal is the first domestic commemorative medal to mark a coronation. The Chancellery of Honours of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General is responsible for administering the medal on behalf of the government of Canada.

On December 6, 2024, in the Senate Chamber in Ottawa, the Usher of the Black Rod (Canada) Mr. J. Greg Peters presented the King Charles III Coronation Medal to The Honourable Peter M. Boehm, Senator – Ontario “For his outstanding service in performing his many duties representing Canada”.

Peter M. Boehm was a former career Foreign Service officer, and was appointed to the Senate of Canada, representing the province of Ontario in October 2018. He is currently the Chair of Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

On December 6, 2024, in the Senate Chamber in Ottawa, the Honourable Senator Peter M. Boehm presented the King Charles III Coronation Medal to John Werner, Chairman of the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada “For his lifelong dedication to preserving Transylvania Saxon heritage in Canada and his leadership in promoting and supporting cultural identity and youth engagement in the community”.

Peter and John are lifelong members of the Transylvania Club and are proud and supportive of their Transylvanian heritage.



NEW ADULT DANCE GROUP

The adult dance group that will be starting on January, 12th at 2:00pm and meeting weekly. Those of you who are interested in joining, please complete the attached survey, using either the QR Code or hyperlink below. If you have any questions please contact us at amy@astronmetals.com or lorianneschaus1@gmail.com

We look forward to dancing with you!

Adult Dance Group Registration Form



Adult Dance Group Registration Form 2025

*Amy Kube & Lorianne Schaus
Dance Group Instructors*



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

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Maria Gondosch

*passed away on
December 2, 2024
at the age of 100 years.*

*She was born in
Moenchsdorf, Romania
on April 9, 1924.*



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Correction

Apologies for missing the following volunteers in our Oktoberfest volunteer list in the last edition. Your help was very much appreciated!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Hesch	Karen Kreisler	Heidi Lowrick
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