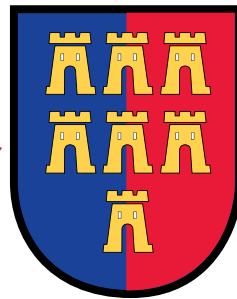


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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

April 26 **Mitgliederabend** 16:00

May 25 **Hofbrau Band and Choir Concert**
Lunch at 12:00 and Program at 14:00

June 7 **Youth Group Fundraiser** 16:00

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 etransfer at least two weeks prior to the event.*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,

Dear members and friends of the Transylvania Club in Kitchener. I greet you today, and hope that everyone is doing well! As I write this report from my office, I'm looking out at beautiful blue skies and look forward to the coming of spring which should arrive in a couple of weeks. We have endured

some severe weather in the last several weeks, but it looks like we're approaching the tail end of this winter's grasp. I can honestly say that I have had enough of this white stuff and the cold! Let's hope that it is over soon!

As for the Transylvania Club, our members remain active and busy with all of the activities that go on within the club. The choir and the band are getting ready for their spring concert and rehearse every Tuesday. Transylvania youth dancers have had their new committee elected and have elected a new Miss Transylvania to represent the club. I'm also pleased to announce that we have a new active dance group at the club as well. We look forward to seeing them perform as well. The Ladies' Auxiliary just had an exceptional themed event as they always do every February. We appreciate the hard work they do for the Transylvania club. And, as always your board of directors continues



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUS DEM KLUBVORSTAND

A special thank you to
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to work behind the scenes and serve the club as best they can. We have a busy several months coming up and we look forward to seeing all our members attend functions and meetings as they are able.

Since writing my last report, we have had several more functions at the club. On Saturday, February 1, 2025, the Frauenverein celebrated their annual dance hosting a Bavarian-themed evening. 130 people joined the Frauenverein for their annual event, where we were served with a delicious Schnitzel dinner, and other specialty Bavarian treats! The hall was nicely decorated and guests were encouraged to dust off their Dirndls and Lederhosen for the evening. Music for the evening was provided by the Edelweiss Trio- Justin and Liam Schatz, with special guest Joshua Emrich. They kept the dance floor full playing a great variety of dancing music. The Transylvania Youth Dancers also provided guests with a lively and energetic performance that we have come to expect and love. It was a wonderful performance, and all guests had a great time! Congratulations and thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary members who made this a successful event!

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, Andrea and I were invited and attended Gründungsfest at the Schwaben Club, in Breslau. We thank them for this invitation, and to help them celebrate this tremendous milestone achievement. The Schwaben Club was celebrating their 94th Anniversary, and they also celebrated 90 years for their Ladies' Auxiliary. It was a great evening with dinner and dancing. We have also become good friends with the members and Presidents of the other German Clubs in the region, so it is always a great time to chat and catch up.

On Saturday, March 1, we celebrated our crown jewel function at the Transylvania Club. Trachtenball is the

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main event and function where we can celebrate our unique and beautiful Saxon culture and traditions. Singing, dancing, and music are all central to this idea of tradition, but our beautifully embroidered Siebenbürgen Tracht highlights our essence and spirit as a people. Many of the costumes or Trachts worn, have been handed down over generations, and it is heart-warming to see them being worn. Thanks to each of the 77 people who wore their Trachts this evening! One hundred and eighty-eight people attended the event, and we were happy to see so many friends and relatives in attendance. We also thank our brothers and sisters that joined us from the Saxonia Club in Aylmer. It is always great to celebrate Trachtenball together, whether it is here or in Aylmer. The Saxonia Dancers put on a great performance for us! They are under the direction and leadership of Rebecca Horeth!

Club members were treated to dance performances by our delightful Kindergruppe. They always put on a great show, to the delight of everyone in attendance. I watch grandparents and parents of the children performing, and you can see how proud they are of their children and grandchildren. Thanks to the leaders of the Kindergruppe for their guidance and leadership with the children. We thank Rick and Krista Hesch, Heidimarie Hesch, and Bengt Nyman for their leadership with the children!

The Hofbrau Band provided the music for the evening, and we thank them for their effort! They are led by Andrea Emrich. We are very lucky as an organization to have this wonderful group of musicians, representing the Club. They make us proud! They provided the evening's music, which lends to an authentic taste of Saxon culture. Many old favourites were played, and we thank them for this!

The highlight of the evening was of course the crowning of Miss Transylvania. We thank Laik Sweeney for the excellent job that she did as our representative for 2024. We also congratulate Laik as she assumes the leadership role for the youth dance group. Congratulations to the new leadership of the youth group. You make us all proud. Also, we must thank Amanda Mooser for her dedication and leadership of the youth group for the last several years. Your hard work, dedication, and leadership are greatly appreciated!

Please join me in extending my congratulations to Juliana Hesch, selected by her peers as Miss Transylvania, 2025. Juliana has been actively involved in the TCK for her entire life. She also has strong roots within the club and happily participates in club functions. Congratulations to Juliana's parents Rob and Lorainne Hesch! Juliana's grandfather, George Hesch was a former President of the Club in the 1980s. I have known the family for years and can attest to their dedication! Congratulations to Juliana!

The TCK Youth Group was the last performance of the evening. They once again did us proud with their spirited and energetic performance! We are lucky to have this group participate and keep our cultural traditions alive!

The TCK AGM takes place on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 2:00 pm. I would ask that you take a few hours out of your busy schedule to attend this meeting. We discuss not only what happened over the last year but will also chart the direction we will take as a community in the future. Please make your voice heard and be a part of this decision-making process. I heartily welcome you all to attend.

I wish everyone continued health and happiness! I look forward to seeing everyone at future TCK events!

Dave Emrich, President

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

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CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Dear Members and Friends,

Die Kulturgruppe hat am 22. Januar ihre Jahreshauptversammlung abgehalten und ich moechte Allen die gekommen sind danken. Ich moechte mich auch bedanken bie allen Untergruppen und bei den Mitgliedern unseren Gruppen, die im letzten Jahr fliessig gearbeitet haben um unsere Kultur zu erhalten.

The Cultural group held its annual general meeting on January 22, 2025, and I would like to thank everyone who 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! We also added a new position of 2nd Vice-chairperson to our committee to invite younger ideas and learning opportunities for the future. We welcome Amy Kube, who has been very involved in our club life since she was a little girl, and we know that she is very interested in keeping our heritage alive.

The following is the committee for 2025 after elections were held:

<i>Kulturleiterin/ Cultural Chairperson</i>	<i>Erika Schmidt</i>
<i>1. Stellvertreter/ 1st Vice-Chairperson</i>	<i>Trudy Schneider</i>
<i>2. Stellvertreter/ 2nd Vice-Chairperson</i>	<i>Amy Kube</i>
<i>1. Schriftfuehrer/Secretary</i>	<i>Danielle Fritsch</i>
<i>2. Schriftfuehrerin/ 2nd Secretary</i>	<i>Amanda Mooser</i>
<i>Archivar/Archivist</i>	<i>Heidi Lowrick</i>

On January 28th, I attended the youth group elections and was very impressed with the speeches and enthusiasm the candidates had. They all spoke from

the heart and showed that they truly care about the members of the group and about 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. 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:

<i>President</i>	<i>Laik Sweeney</i>
<i>Co-Vice-President</i>	<i>Ryan Hesch and Owen Crouse</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Connor Crouse</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Sean Arsenaault</i>
<i>Miss Transylvania</i>	<i>Juliana Hesch</i>

Our appreciation and thanks goes to Amanda Mooser who is stepping down as President after 3 years. Amanda has been an outstanding leader for our youth and has always been there to ensure everything was taken care of and that the youth members understood what it meant to be part of the group and the TCK family. I enjoyed working with Amanda very much and I know the group will miss her. All the committee members put their 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 2025 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 see new faces, some people who we have not seen for a while and those members that are always there to support. I thank those who brought their children, some in Tracht, to experience the Kindereinmarsch and again to take part with their parents for the Trachtenaufmarsch later in the evening. Seeing 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.

The crowning of our new **Miss Transylvania 2025, Juliana Hesch** 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, Juliana and the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Laik Sweeney, and their families. Congratulations Juliana, I know you are excited to start your new adventure as Miss Transylvania and will do your best to represent our club and heritage. Juliana, I am confident that with your love of the Saxon culture, outgoing personality and willingness to help, 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 Laik, Miss Transylvania 2024, for her enthusiasm, dedication to her adopted Saxon culture and a job well done in the past year during Oktoberfest, and all club functions. Laik, your outgoing personality and infectious smile will be remembered by all who met you over the last year.

Big thank you goes to Rob Hesch and Lorraine Principi, 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.

Mitgliederabend is on April 26th with the program beginning at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is "**Canada Eh!**" I invite you to attend and celebrate our friendships, eat some BBQ food, play some games and enjoy some relaxing time with your family. Dance to the music of Wildbahn. The program will include a performance by the

always adorable Kindergruppe around 5:30 p.m. Members' tickets will be subsidized by the club again. Members' price is \$25, and non-member price is \$40 per person. Children under 12 are free. You can reserve your tickets by calling the club office at 519-744-1191 or by email totransylvaniacub@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.

Also mark **May 25th** 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 with the theme "Friendship".

June 7th is the date for the Youth Group Fundraiser. Please come out and help them raise the funds to go to Heimattag this year. The theme is going to be Sports, so you are encouraged to wear your favourite team jersey. The food will be delicious, there will be games, and the crowning of Mr. Transylvania 2025! Fun for the whole family. Hope to see you there.

Heimattag is in Youngstown, Ohio this year from July 11th– 12th. Plans are still being finalized for this 2-day event. There will be a bus going to Youngstown on Friday, for those that would like to come along and help our fellow Saxons celebrate their Heimattag. If you plan on going, please call the office and let us know so we can book hotel rooms and make sure we have room for everyone on the bus.

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

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter weekend and gets to enjoy some egg colouring, homemade baking and delicious food, maybe a schnaps or two and family time.

Frohe Ostern! Happy Easter!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin /

Cultural Group President



LADIES AUXILIARY

FRAUENVEREIN

Our Frauenball in Bavaria was a great success and enjoyed by all. We would like to thank everyone that helped with and attended our annual Ball. Stay tuned for next year's theme.

We had our AGM with elections in February and the following is our 2025 executive:

<i>Margit Fritsch</i>	<i>Co-President</i>
<i>Heidi Lowrick</i>	<i>Co-President</i>
<i>Helgard Werner</i>	<i>VP & Genesungskarten</i>
<i>Trudy Schneider</i>	<i>1st Treasurer</i>
<i>Rosemarie Rawlings</i>	<i>Secretary & 2nd Treasurer</i>

All the ladies that are members of the Transylvania Club are also members of our Frauenverein. It's a great group on the Ausschuss and we have lots of fun cooking and setting up and decorating for events. We also go out to shows or dinners from time to time. If you wish to join us please contact Heidi Lowrick (hlowrick@gmail.com) or Margit Fritsch (fritsch.margit@gmail.com).

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 1st. They were wonderful; performing 6 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 19th and it will run weekly until Wednesday, April 23rd at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. The Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, April 26th. 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.

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On behalf of ATS President Denise Crawford, I am extending the Heimattag invitation to all our members and friends to be part of this Saxon weekend. Please support our annual Canada/USA Heimattag to meet old friends and make new ones.

Motel and meal reservation information is included in this Blatt and online. Please contact Erika Schmidt at the TCK office to book your motel and meal reservations.

Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl, Deutschland

Der diesjährige Heimattag der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland unter dem Motto „Zusammen Seite an Seite“ findet zu Pfingsten vom 6. bis 9. Juni in Dinkelsbühl statt. Die Einladung von Verbandspräsident und Bundesvorsitzender Herr Rainer Lehni geht an alle Landsleute in Kanada an diesem Feste teil zunehmen.

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Ich wünsche allen Mitgliedern und Freunden ein schönes Osterfest.

John Werner

Bundesvorsitzender



YOUTH GROUP

JUGENDGRUPPE

Hello TCK members!

What a fantastic time we had at Trachtenball this year! Our dance group was thrilled to take the stage, especially with so many of our new youth members performing for the very first time. Thank you to our new members who practiced tirelessly each week to put on such a great performance.

We're excited to officially welcome and congratulate Miss Transylvania 2025, Juliana Hesch! We'd also like to thank the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Laik Sweeney for her great representation of the club and being the newest Youth Group President. Thank you to our outgoing President, Amanda Mooser who has been and continues to be a great role model and pillar in our group.

Now, mark your calendars! Our annual fundraiser is happening on Saturday, June 7, and this year's theme is 'Sports Night!' Wear your favorite jersey and join us for a night of fun, community, and the crowning of Mr. Transylvania 2025. All the details are in the enclosed poster. To reserve your tickets, email Laik at transylvaniadancers@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your ongoing support—we can't wait to see you soon!

Laik Sweeney

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