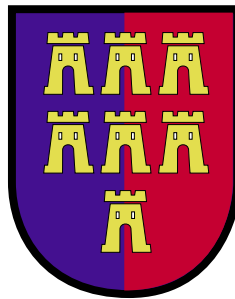


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# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

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June 7	<b>Youth Group Fundraiser</b>	16:00
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June 14	<b>Waldfest – Picnic</b> – Hubertushaus	12:00
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July 11-12	<b>Heimattag</b> – Youngstown, Ohio	
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**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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## ***Our office hours have changed!***

***As of May 7, 2025 our office will be open on Wednesdays from 09:00 until 12:00 instead of Fridays.***

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



*Dear Members and Friends,*

I hope that as you read my report, everyone is in good health and high spirits as we continue to enjoy the spring season. Easter celebrations are behind us, as is the snowy winter weather. It is truly delightful to witness the transformation of our surroundings, with the grass and leaves becoming lush and vibrant. As we anticipate the arrival of summer, we also look forward to the much-awaited summer holidays!

As an organisation, we have had a busy few months and will continue to be so until mid-July after Heimattag in

Youngstown, Ohio. I have also been very busy in my role as President of the Transylvania Club.

The Concordia Club celebrated its President's Ball on March 15th. I thank President Rob Kerr for the invitation and hospitality. It was a great evening filled with camaraderie, great food, entertainment, and dancing. Congratulations to President Kerr and his Board of Directors for a successful evening and for the honour of attending the event.

On Sunday, March 23, the TCK held its annual AGM. With many club members in attendance, we reviewed and discussed the past year and celebrated the achievements of the Transylvania Club. We welcomed three new members to the Club Board: Frank Emrich, Laik Sweeney, and Lorianne Schaus. We also have a new recording secretary: Lorraine Principi. I want to thank these people for volunteering their time and committing to being on our Board. We also had two members leave the Board: David Green and Breanna Gondosch. I want to thank them both for their commitment and dedication to the Board and the Club after many years of service. I would also like to thank Hermine Brown for her

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work as our Recording Secretary since 2024. Your services were greatly appreciated!

On Thursday, March 27th, I attended the KW Oktoberfest AGM with VP Alfred Lowrick. Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors, which includes our very own Rob Hesch as 1st VP of the organization. Congratulations for this achievement Rob!

On Saturday, April 26th, we at the Transylvania Club celebrated our Mitgliederabend! We celebrated with the Canada Eh! Theme, and it was a fantastic evening! Well over 220 guests were present to honour our membership and celebrate our new Heimatland, Canada! The children were able to see a live reptile show as part of the event, and I stayed away from the back room when these creatures were there! Several Milestone membership pins were handed out, as well as honorary memberships to members reaching 65 years of membership. These members were presented with Urkunden, signifying the long-term memberships and support of the Club for all of these years. I would like to say a special thank you to Katie Dienesch for all of the hard work that she does, keeping track of our membership list. She truly does a great job! The BBQ meal was excellent, as was the camaraderie of all of our guests and members. Our Kindergruppe, under the direction of Rick and Krista Hesch, Heidi Hesch, and Bengt Nyman performed songs and dances for the membership. It was spectacular to see all of these young ones perform with composure and smiles, to the delight of everyone present! What a spectacular representation of our culture and heritage! Great job, and thanks to all the children and their leaders! Reiny Schmidt and Bob Foster manned the podium as the evening's MC's. They did a great job, as usual, and kept the evening lighthearted and fun! Bob, I truly think that you had the Canada uniform of the evening! It was awesome! Music for dancing was provided by our own Wildbahn. I would also like to give a special shout-out to Erika Schmidt for all of the organising and background work that she does! The Team games that were planned were the highlight of the evening! Many guests mentioned that it was an exceptionally fun evening... and they were right! It certainly was. I would highly recommend coming to the event next year for all members who were not there! Thank you, Erika, for your organisation and planning for this great event! You certainly work hard for the benefit of all members and the Club!

Andrea and I were honoured to attend the Alpine Club's 72nd Gründungsfest on Saturday, May 3rd. Thank you to

President Dietmar Biselli for the invitation. The evening was a celebration of the founding of the Alpine Club. They also introduced their new Miss Alpine 2025, Sarah McQuoid! Congratulations and best wishes to Sarah!

### Upcoming Events:

The next few months will be very busy at the Club.

I will be attending the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer on Saturday May the 24th. We at the TCK wish our Saxon Family in Aylmer best wishes, as they celebrate this Milestone achievement. Congratulations!

On **Saturday June 7th**, the **Youth Group** is having their annual **fundraising event**. They are hosting a sports-themed night. If I know the Dance group, this is a night that should not be missed! More details will follow, but I know that they will be having a Spaghetti Dinner for the evening, as well as all of the usual fun and games that they bring to their event. I understand that the new Mr. TCK will also be introduced this evening! Good luck to all contenders for this crown!

The **annual Club picnic** will be celebrated on **Saturday June 14th** with our friends at the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club at the Hubertushaus in Mannheim. Pre-ordered Fish Fry Meals and will be available for purchase. Our own Hofbrau Band will provide entertainment, and the Youth Group will once more be selling dessert there. Come on out for an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

On the **weekend of July 11-13**, we will travel to **Youngstown Ohio** to celebrate the **North American Heimattag**. Here, we will celebrate our cherished Siebenbürgen culture and traditions. Please contact John Werner or the Club office for event details and pricing. It would be great to see a good Canadian contingent to help our American Saxons celebrate our customs and traditions!

**Oktoberfest planning** for the Habsburg Haus will be commencing shortly. Please be advised that **ticket sales will be live as of May 15, 2025**. Please come out to support our joint venture with the Alpine Club. We would love to see you there!

I want to wish every one of our Club members a safe and happy summer season, and hope to see you all at our Club celebrating!

*Best Wishes!*

*Dave Emrich, President*





# MITGLIEDERABEND







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## CULTURAL GROUP

### KULTURGRUPPE

*Dear Members and Friends,*

I am sure many of you have already started planting your gardens or are planning what you will plant this year. It is nice to see everything become green, start to bloom and bring colour and beauty into our world. I know some people are opening their cottages and planning camping trips and vacations for the summer, but while you are planning your days make sure you mark the calendar with some not to be missed events coming up. Our groups have been working very hard for their upcoming events and Heimattag.

**Mitgliederabend** held on April 26th with the theme "Canada Eh?" was a great success with over 200 people attending in Canada gear. There were appetizers, a delicious BBQ meal, games, a reptile show for the children and membership pin distribution. It was the perfect event for our members to enjoy the talents of our youngest and flourishing group, our Kindergruppe. The enthusiasm as they sang "This Land is Your Land" and the square dancing they performed, where perfect for the event. Thank you to the teachers, parents, grandparents and family members who take the time to teach, encourage, bring the children and help every week to make it fun and interesting for the children. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event so awesome.

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**"Sports Night"** on June 7th is the youth group fundraiser theme.

They are working on making this a fun event for the whole family, with a spaghetti dinner, music, games and surprises. Your support of this very important group would be very much appreciated. Make sure you plan to attend, wear your favorite sports team jersey and have some fun with family and friends.

The Youth group will also be selling desserts at the picnic on June 14th. Don't forget to leave room for dessert after your fish lunch.

**Heimattag 2025** in Youngstown Ohio on July 11th - 13th.

There is a bus leaving Friday morning that is free for all members attending and hotel rooms have been reserved.

If you wish to join us for a great weekend with our fellow Saxons, please call the office as soon as possible or let John Werner or myself know. Join in the celebration of your Saxon roots.

**Saxon UP!!!!**

**Have a great summer.**

*Erika Schmidt*

*Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President*



## LADIES AUXILIARY

### FRAUENVEREIN

All the ladies that are members of the Transylvania Club are also members of our Frauenverein. We have a great group in the Ausschuss and we have lots of fun cooking and setting up and decorating for events.

If you are interested in joining please contact Heidi Lowrick ([hlowrick@gmail.com](mailto:hlowrick@gmail.com)) or Margit Fritsch ([fritsch.margit@gmail.com](mailto:fritsch.margit@gmail.com)).

Our busy time starts again with Oktoberfest preparations in September.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer and vacation season!

*Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick*

*Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents*





## CHILDRENS' GROUP

### KINDERGRUPPE

We had lots of people tell us what a great performance it was and that they really enjoyed it. Thanks so much for all the hard work you put into learning and performing our sets. We are off now from Kindergruppe until after Oktoberfest, but there are two fun upcoming events in June that I hope you will join us in attending:

1.) The TCK Youth/Dance Group will be hosting its annual fundraiser, on Saturday, June 7th from 4pm to 11pm. Tickets include: dinner (spaghetti), fun games, dancing and activities. Please mark the date on your calendar and come out to support our youth dance group. The theme for the event is "Sports Night" so come dressed in your favourite team or sport gear! For more information see the TCK website

Tickets can be reserved by e-mailing [transylvaniadancers@gmail.com](mailto:transylvaniadancers@gmail.com)

2.) The club picnic will be held on Saturday, June 14th starting at noon, outside on the grounds of the Hubertushaus. It's a great time for the kids as there will be food, games and fun activities!

It is a fish fry and sausage meal. Price is \$20 for members, \$25 for non members and \$10 for children. If you would like to have the meal, you need to make reservations by June 1st by e-mailing

[gchfc.entertainment@gmail.com](mailto:gchfc.entertainment@gmail.com). For payment, you can send that by e-transfer to [hubertushaus1954@gmail.com](mailto:hubertushaus1954@gmail.com). Please indicate in the message who you are paying for and if you are members of the TCK, so you can get the reduced rate.

Look forward to seeing you then. Let us know if you have any questions or comments.

*Krista & Rick Hesch, Heidi Hesch & Bengt Nyman  
Kindergruppe Instructors*



## BALLROOM DANCE GROUP

### BALLROOM IS BACK THIS FALL!

Do you have a child or grandchild aged 13 or older? Encourage them to join us for ballroom dance this fall!

It's a fun way to make new friends, build confidence, and learn a timeless skill they'll carry for life.

Participation is also the first step toward joining our amazing Transylvania Club Youth Dance Group!

To register, please contact the office with the participant's name, along with your phone number and email address.

Practice dates are still being finalized and will be announced by the end of summer.

*Lorianne Schaus, Henry Hoffman and Amy Kube  
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# MEMBERSHIP PINS FOR 2025

*Congratulations to our members in celebration of their years of dedication and membership to the Transylvania Club.*

## 70 YEARS

Maria Gondosch

## 65 YEARS

Rosie Karst

## 60 YEARS

Gisela Emrich

Regina Karschti

Edith Kauntz

Erika

Wuschnakowski

Peter

Wuschnakowski

## 50 YEARS

Erich Bliefert

Guenther Breckner

George Emrich

John Frim Jr.

Maria Goellner

Ingrid Hesch

Martin Hesch

Hans Kauntz

Susan Kauntz

Erika Norris

Alma Werner

Michael Werner

## 45 YEARS

Kurt Emrich

Barbara Gierscher

Robert Hesch

Hilda Mueller

Annemarie Schatz

Heidi Tavares

## 40 YEARS

Petrina Breckner

Margit Fritsch

Linda Jung

Herbert Kreischer

Katherine Reale

Roberto Reale

## 35 YEARS

Christine Gondosch

Claudia Griebenow

Gerhard Griebenow

John Kreutzer

David Merkle

## 30 YEARS

Jeremy Frim

Edwin Lowrick

Timothy Rich

Eugenia Schatz

Karen Scherl

Stephen Werner

## 25 YEARS

Ernst Friedel

Ruth Friedel

David Kachik

Susan Kachik

Kurt Lowrick

Stephanie Plomp

Reinhold Schuster

## 20 YEARS

Lisa Fritsch

David Green

Stephanie Green

Lilly Hill

Chris Kube

Kristian Lowrick

Sven-Erik Nyman

Lorraine Principi

Tyler Rich

Kristin Werner

## 15 YEARS

Isik Kayhan

Maria Lowrick

Craig Moore

## 10 YEARS

Alex Kenny

Kathy Mathes

Patrick Stuehler

Werner Thuring

## 5 YEARS

Sean Arsenault

John Belez

Owen Crouse

Erhard Dreger

Kimberly Dreger

Thomas Emrich

Siegfried Gottsmann

Lydia Grafinger

Alexandra Hesch

Juliana Hesch

Ryan Hesch

Wiltrud Jenkins

Andreas Klein

Karolina Leuschner

Andrew Saur

Sarah Saur

Pieterella Scholtes



## 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**

**helgardrwner@gmail.com**  
**hlowrick@gmail.com**

**519-884-7725**  
**519-589-8122**

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### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS - GEBURTSANZEIGE

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*Otto Kaden Lowrick*

*was born on April 7, 2025*

*Parents: Amy Cronk & Kristian Lowrick*

*Grandparents: Cheryl & Oran Cronk and Alfred  
& Heidi Lowrick*

*Great-grandparents: Regina Schneider  
(Reichsdorf) and Katherine Lowrick (Burghalle)*



*Quinn Eloise Vigneux*

*was born April 10, 2025*

*Parents: Stephanie & Jonathan Vigneux*

*Grandparents: Rosemarie & Shawn Klaehn,  
Michael & Rayelle Vigneux, and Terry Vigneux  
& Bill Dubreuil*





## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

### DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



*Manfred Gabber*

*was born in Canada on November  
21, 1954.*

*He passed away on March 17, 2025  
at the age of 70.*



*Anna Boehm*

*was born in Draas, Romania  
on July 26, 1928.*

*She passed away  
at the age of 96 on March 24, 2025.*



*Werner Funk*

*passed away on April 8, 2025  
at the age of 85.*

*Werner was born in  
Nichburg a.d. Weser, Germany  
on March 3, 1940.*



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN



*Anna Eichvald*

*was born in Heidendorf, Romania  
September 30, 1937.*

*She passed away on April 16, 2025.*

*She was 87 years old.*



*Katharina Schertzer*

*died on May 2, 2025  
at the age of 87.*

*“Katie” was born in Birk, Romania  
on September 29, 1937.*



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**Todd Crouse & Danielle Guistini**

**Krystal & Curtis Darling & family**

**Makayla Emrich**

**Randy & Laura Harris & family**

**David Mathes & Gwen Sim**

**Eric Sims**

**Amy Vandenberg & family**



## 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 June and July.*

*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.*

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

R. Michael Emrich	Edwin Lowrick	Maria Drygala
Werner Thuring	Claus Bendix	Tina Torok
Lori Moore	Peter Walesch	Judith Penteker
Lorraine Principi	Ashley Schatz	Devin Plomp
Heidi Peller-Oliver	Annemarie Boehm	Katherine Reale
Ryan Hesch	Monica Frim	Robert Brown
Walter Bauer	Bea Abbott	Laik Sweeney
Gwen Sim	Gertrude Graef-Ings	Richard Wolf
George Emrich	Erika Schmidt	Peter Stolz
Wayne Steffen	James Abbott	

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lukas Hensel-	Maria Suessmann	Lydia Grafinger
Williams	Helmut Wolf	Anna Bogad
Ingrid Drung	Robert Foster	Ronald Schertzer
Amy Kube	Anna Kremer	Brigitte Schoppel
Monika Spaetzel	Sabrina Emrich	Curtis Darling
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Helgard Werner, John Werner

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