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The Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada /
Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada
and The Transylvania Club invite you to an engaging and
insightful presentation and reception with

Dr. Waldemar Scholtes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

2PM-4PM ALPINE CLUB (464 MAPLE AVE, KITCHENER, ON)

Dr. Scholtes is a retired German Studies professor and long time Transylvania club member. Passionate about preserving heritage, he has been well recognized for his book "Transylvania Saxons in Canada"

Explore the vibrant heritage of the Transylvania Saxons:

- · Their origins and migration
- · Unique language and dialect
- · Traditional architecture
- Distinctive costume (Tracht)
- · Character, values, and ethnic identity
- · And much more!





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Transylvania Club Events

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

Oct. 10, 11 & 17, 18	Oktoberfest at Habsburg Haus	
Oct. 13	Oktoberfest Family Day	
Oct. 14	German Pioneers Day – Concordia Club	
Oct. 15	So You Think You Can Tanz	
Oct. 26	History of the Transylvania Saxons Presentation by Waldemar Scholtes	14:00
Nov. 1	Landsmannschaft AGM	14:00
	Aylmer Trachtenball – Saxonia Hall, Aylmer	18:00
Nov. 15	TCK Fall Fun Fest	16:00
Nov. 16	Volkstrauertag – Woodland Cemetery Followed by coffee & cake hosted by TCK	14:30
Dec. 4	Frauenverein Christmas Dinner	18:00
Dec. 21	Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas Pageant	14:00
Jan. 10	Kameradschaftsabend	
Feb. 7	Frauenball – A Taste of Italy	

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.

The office is open on Wednesdays 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTENBERICHT



Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings and hello to all our members and friends!

I trust and hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer and looks forward to Fall and the cooler temperatures! After the unre-

lenting heat for most of the summer, the cooler weather will be a somewhat welcome change.

The summer was relatively quiet for the TCK this year. Other than Heimattag in Youngstown, we haven't had a lot going on. Sometimes, this is a welcome change, allowing us to relax with family and friends. Fall is generally one of our busiest times, with numerous activities and events taking place at the Club and in our wider area. There is one major change this year, however. We have actively chosen not to participate in the Oktoberfest celebrations at

the Habsburg Haus (with the Alpine Club). Some dynamics have changed, and we didn't feel that we could provide adequate help in this partnership. I thank all past volunteers for their commitment to the Club during the Oktoberfest Season. We are exploring options for next year's Festival to generate revenue for our organisation, as well as other initiatives, to compensate for the revenue stream that Oktoberfest has traditionally provided. Details will follow! We are still celebrating Family Day along with the Alpine Club on Thanksgiving Monday at the Habsburg Haus. We will be looking for help to run the kitchen and take care of other duties on that day. Please let Julia Morrison or Dietmar Biselli know that you are available. All hours worked are eligible for wages or donation to the TCK. As well, if you want to work at the Habsburg Haus for the duration of the Oktoberfest celebration, you will be paid hourly by the Alpine Club. This is an opportunity for anyone looking to make some money in a familiar environment. Let's continue to support our friends at the Alpine Club



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The Club has been a hive of activity as we transition into the Fall Season. Many of the Club's Untergruppen are starting to resume practicing. The Youth Dance Group and the Hofbrau Band are busy rehearsing for performances at Oktoberfest. The Band will be performing at numerous seniors homes in the area during the next few months, with the Oktoberfest Theme. The Dance Group, the reigning "So You Think You Can Tanz" champions, represent the Club during Oktoberfest with performances all over the KW area. They are also scheduled to perform in downtown Kitchener at the Wilkommen Platz, a great opportunity to showcase the talents of our Club Youth! Both of these groups are always well-received, wherever they perform, and showcase the many talents found at our Club! Also, remember that we have TCK members who perform in local German Bands that are at other venues during Oktoberfest. Remember to support them as well!

Upcoming events: German Pioneers Day

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (Concordia Club)

Transylvanian Saxon History Presentation

by Dr. Waldemar Scholtes, Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 2:00 pm. at the Alpine Club.

Aylmer Trachtenball

Saturday, November 1, 2025.

TCK Fall Fun Fest

November 15, 2025 – more details in the Blatt.

Volkstrauertag / German Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 2:30 pm. Coffee and Cake at the Transylvania Club after the Ceremony.

I wish everyone a safe and happy transition to Fall. We look forward to seeing you back at the Club at any of these upcoming events and practices!

Dave Emrich, President



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Contact the office to reserve tickets.

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After the summer lull, our group has been very busy this month preparing trays of cabbage rolls and pigtails which will be served at upcoming Oktoberfest events. Make sure to join us for Family Day to get a taste.

Many thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen that volunteered to work in the kitchen to make our delicious cabbage rolls and pigtails!

Alfred Lowrick
Amy Kube
Anne Foster
Audrey Horn
Claudia Griebenow
Dianne Lowrick
Ed Lowrick
Erika Schmidt
Hannelore Maiterth

Heidi Lowrick Helgard Werner Helmut Wolf Hermine Brown Ingrid Drung Katie Dienesch Kriemhilde Hensel Lori Moore Lorianne Schaus Lorraine Principi Margit Fritsch Reiny Schmidt Rosemarie Gellner Stephanie Green Susan Kachik Trudy Belez

Later in the season we will be prepping for the TCK Family Fun Fest. Plan to join us; it should be a blast.

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Oktoberfest!

Margit Fritsch/Heidi Lowrick Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents

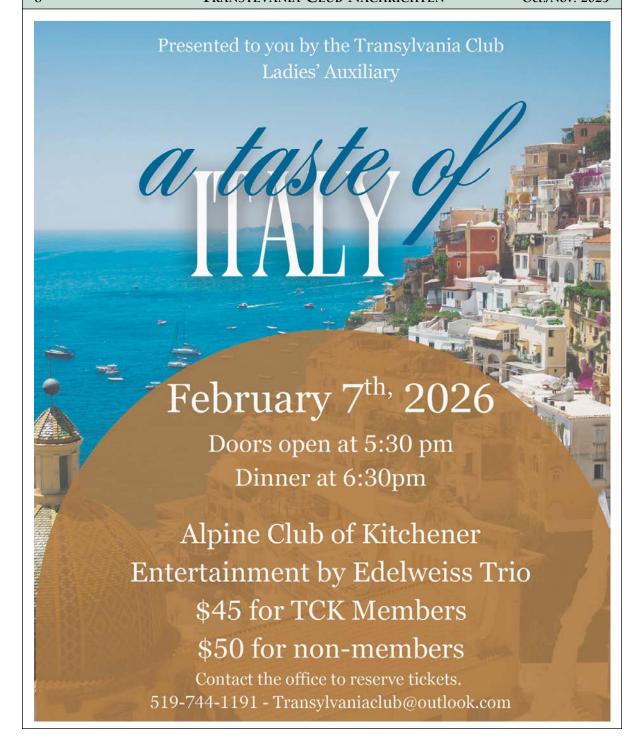














The weather is getting cooler, the trees are changing colours, and the days are getting shorter, which means fall is on its way. A new season is starting and that means all our groups have started practicing again and welcome new members to join the choir, band, Kindergruppe and the youth group. We are also hoping to have another ballroom class this year, so if you know of any young people who would like to learn to dance the basic dances like the waltz, polka, tango, blues, cha-cha-cha, etc., this class is perfect for them and it is a prerequisite if they wish to join our youth dance group.

Our TCK choir practices Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. The Hofbrau band practices on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

Our Kindergruppe (Children's group) will start after Oktoberfest on Wednesday Oct 29th from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Ballroom class will start after Oktoberfest if we can get enough participants to hold the class. It will be Monday nights from 6-8 p.m. until April 25, 2026, which will be their graduation performance.

If you wish to join, be part of our large Saxon family or have any questions, please contact the person in charge of the group or the club office.

The band and dance group are practicing hard and are anxious to participate in Oktoberfest festivities and I know they will represent the club and all the members very well. Good Luck and enjoy!

I hope to see everyone at family day at the Alpine Club on Monday October 13th. If you are interested and able, please put on your Tracht and march in the Thanksgiving parade to represent TCK. All ages are welcome, and all participants will receive a sausage or schnitzel on a bun voucher. We hope to have a bus available to take you from the Alpine Club to the parade route and back.

Please mark your calendar for Oct 26th and come out to listen to Professor Waldemar Scholtes give a presentation about our Saxon heritage. Program will start at 2:00 p.m. and there will be coffee and cake after the presentation. Admission is a donation at the door.

Please note that this presentation will be filmed for future use, so please arrive on time, and if children are attending, they must be able to remain quiet during the filming. Sorry but there will be no activities arranged for children for this event.

Saxonia Hall in Aylmer is hosting their Trachtenball on Saturday November 1st. Mark it on your calendar to attend and support our fellow Saxon Club. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and is \$35 / person for dinner and dance. If you wish to attend the dance only, the cost is \$15. The Hofbrau band and TCK choir and dance group will be performing during the evening. The Landsmannschaft will also hold their annual general meeting before the Trachtenball program.

Clear your calendar on November 15th for our TCK Fall Fun Fest! This will be a fun event for the whole family. Those who attended Polka, Pali, and Palukas in the past years will tell you how much fun they had playing games, winning prizes, enjoying our delicious buffet, dancing to DJ Frank and socializing with friends and family. Make sure you book your tickets by calling the office. Prices are \$20.00 per person (including food), \$10.00 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 5. Come one and all!!! See you there.

Keep in mind when going through your closets that there is always someone who could use a Tracht piece or pieces. We are always thankful for all donations for our groups to use.

Help keep our cultural groups alive by coming out to support events, get involved and encourage your family and friends to join our large Saxon family.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Erika Schmidt,

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President



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, social way to:

- · Make new friends that last a lifetime
- Build confidence
- 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 TCK office transylvaniaclub@outlook.com with the following information:

- Participant's name Your phone number
- · Your email address

Practice will be held on Monday evenings at the Alpine Club starting on Monday Oct 27, 2025 from 6 pm - 8 pm.

We're excited to welcome new dancers under the guidance of Amy Kube, Henry Hoffman, and Lorianne Schaus!







The choir AGM was held on September 9th. Not everybody was present but we were very pleased to welcome back some members who sang with us in the past. We again invite anybody who loves to song to join our unique community. After the executive Committee met last week the group reported that the one hour practices on Tuesdays from 6-7pm on Tuesdays should remain as is. Our director cannot spare any more time with us although she wishes she could. Her professional & personal responsibilities take up all the energy she can muster at this time. We are pleased with and proud of the high standard of performance she has accomplished with the choir to date and hope to build on that. We will do our best to make our club appreciate our performances again.

Hannelore Maiterth will not continue in her role. Gerhard thanked her for sixteen years of dedication, expertise and council as Vice President. Although not continuing her position on the executive, she will remain singing in the alto section of the choir.

Our newly elected executive is as follows:

President: Gerhard Griebenow Vice President: John Werner Treasurer: Anne Bogad 1st Secretary: Maria Drygala 2nd Secretary: Helgard Werner

*Appointed Librarian of music: Judy Penteker

After the AGM concluded, Andrea Emrich led us through our warmups and then we sang a round that we have often sung. This time Andrea challenged us to perform in four groups. Success! It was fun

We will continue full practices in earnest next week at 6 pm on Tuesday, September 16th. All are invited to join us.

This time our 2026 concert in May will have the theme "Rivers".

Other goals include our standard performances at club functions and at the Trachtenball in Aylmer, also hopefully a Christmas program at a senior citizens' residence in K-W.

Gerhard Griebenow, Choir President



Kindergruppe will be starting back up again for our fall session on Wednesday, October 29th and it will run weekly until Wednesday, December 17th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. The Weihnachtsfeier (Christmas) performance will be held on Sunday, December 21 in the afternoon. We are hoping to see many new faces. Each night we have lots of fun activities for the kids (ages 4 to 13) 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. If you are interested in joining please contact us at the number below.

We are also looking for some youth and adult volunteers who may be interesting in helping with and/or leading Kindergruppe this fall. If you are interested, please let us know. 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













Die Bezieher der Siebenbuerger Zeitung werden ersucht die Bezugsgebuehr fuer das Jahr 2026 von \$65.00 vor dem 31 Dezember, 2025 zu bezahlen. Den Scheck bitte ich auf "Alliance of Transylvania



Saxons" auszustellen und an Trudy Schneider, 1520 Mannheim Rd., Petersburg NOB 2H0 abzusenden. Herzlichen Dank,

Trudy Schneider, Schatzmeisterin, Landsmannschaft der Siebenbuerger Sachsen

VOLKSTRAUERTAG GERMAN REMEMBRANGE DAY SERVICE

Volkstrauertag - The annual Remembrance Day Service to commemorate the deceased of the two World Wars will be held on:

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 2:30 p.m. at Woodland Cemetery, 119 Arlington Boulevard, Kitchener, Ontario.

Reception to follow at the Alpine Club, hosted by the Transylvania Club.

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LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

On July 11th and 12th the annual North American Heimattag was celebrated in Youngstown, Ohio. A group of (32) Transylvania Club members including (15) youth group members attended a well planned and eventful Heimattag. Thank you to ATS President Denise Crawford and the Youngstown host branch for making the group welcome and especially a memorable weekend for the TCK youth. In my absence, thank you to Krista Hesch for representing our Landsmannschaft.

After a long hot summer we all look forward to the fall season with the start-up of practices for our Kindergruppe, youth group, choir and band. New members to all groups are welcome. The fall event calendar starts with Oktoberfest, the Oktoberfest parade, Oktoberfest Family Day and German Pioneers Day. Young and old, all are welcome to attend.

Please mark October 26th on your calendar to attend the "History of The Transylvania Saxons" presentation by Dr. Waldemar Scholtes. This presentation was originally presented to the 2024 Jugendlager attendees. The response was very positive having given all in attendance a positive look into our heritage. Dr. Waldemar Scholtes has added more information to this presentation and agreed for us to record the presentation for future use. Please call the Transylvania Club office to reserve a seat at 519-744-1191 or email

transylvaniaclub@outlook.com.

The Jahreshauptversammlung of the Landsmann-schaft will take place on Saturday, November 1st starting at 2:00pm at the German Canadian Club in Aylmer. All Landsleute are invited to participate at the Jahreshauptversammlung.

The annual Aylmer Trachtenball takes place the same evening with a meal starting at 6:00pm. The Transylvania Club youth group, choir and Hofbräu Band will be attending and performing. All are wel-

come to attend to enjoy a good meal, Saxon dance presentations and dance to the music of the Hofbräu Band. Please call the Saxonia Hall @ 519-773-5271 to order your tickets.

Wir wünschen allen Landsleuten ein schönes Erntedankfest.

John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender



YOUTH GROUP

JUGENDGRUPPE

Throughout the past few months, the dance group has been working hard to prepare for one of the most exciting times of the year – Oktoberfest! This season feels especially meaningful as we come together not only to celebrate our culture, but to share it proudly with the community.

After being named winners of So You Think You Can Tanz last year, we are thrilled to be performing multiple times in Downtown Kitchener in addition to our usual performances across all the clubs in the region. If you're around, come see us in front of the Main Stage at Willkommen Platz on Friday, October 10th at 2:45 pm and Saturday, October 11th at 2:00 pm.

We can't wait to see familiar faces and make new friends this Oktoberfest season. Prost!

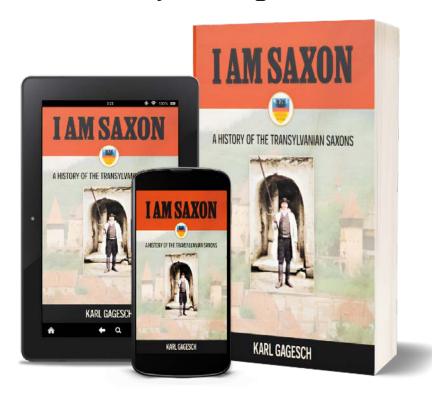
Laik Sweeney Youth Group President



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A History of the Transylvanian Saxons

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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 519-884-7725 hlowrick@gmail.com 519-589-8122

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mackenzie Rich Ingrid Kremer Pieternella Scholtes David Merkle Walter Marzinko Mikaila Emrich Ray Williams Sylvia Hartig Guenther Breckner Rose Frim Stephanie Green Kimberly Dreger David Spaetzel Phil Voll Christine Lang Luke Carter Wilhelmine Koestel Michael Werner

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Are you a local artisan, crafter, or small business owner with handmade goods to share? We're now accepting vendor applications for our upcoming Christmas Market!

Join us for a magical holiday event filled with community cheer, twinkling lights, and plenty of shoppers looking for unique gifts and seasonal delights.

Event Date: Saturday November 22^{nd,} 2025

Location: 1605 Bleams Road, Mannheim

Time: 10am - 4pm

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Helgard Werner, John Werner

Herausgeber/Editor:

Heidi Löwrick.

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November 10th





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