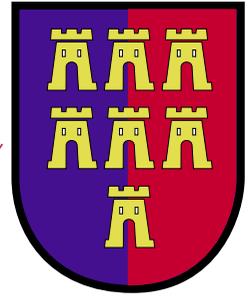


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April 25	<b>Mitgliederabend</b>	16:30
May 24	<b>Hofbrau Band &amp; Choir Concert</b> Lunch at 12:00 & Concert at 14:00	
June 6	<b>Youth Group Fundraiser</b>	
June 20	<b>Waldfest Picnic</b> Hubertushaus	12:00
July 10-12	<b>Heimattag</b> Saxonia Hall - Aylmer	

**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.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



*Dear Members and Friends  
of the Transylvania Club  
of Kitchener,*

I hope that everyone is doing well, and that we are all looking forward to the anticipated warmer weather that comes with spring, which should arrive in a couple of weeks. We have collectively

endured some severe weather over the last several months, 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 weather! It has stayed too long and needs to go!

Our TCK members and groups remain active and busy with the club's activities. The choir and the band are getting ready for their spring concert and rehearse every Tuesday. I was present as the Transylvania youth dancers had elections to set up their new committee and have elected a new Miss Transylvania to represent the Club. The Ladies Auxiliary had an exceptional and successful "Italian" themed event. It was an exceptional evening of exquisite food and entertainment. We all appreciate the hard work the Frauenverein does for the Transylvania Club and are thankful for what they provide for our Club and members. And, as always, your board of directors continues 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.

The TCK Board and some members shared camaraderie with the other German clubs on January 10th at the annual Kameradschaftsabend dance.

Thank you to Alpine Club President Dietmar Biselli for hosting this fun evening. Although the weather was terrible, we had a great time celebrating with our friends from the various local German Clubs. The TCK has hosted one event in the meantime. On Saturday, February 7, 2026, the Frauenverein celebrated its annual Dance, hosting a "Taste of Italy" themed evening. This coincided with the start of the Olympic Winter Games in Italy. Over 150 people joined the Frauenverein for their annual event. We were served a delicious Italian dinner with a typical Italian dessert. The Tiramisu was phenomenal! The hall was decorated with great decorations and guests were encouraged to dress as Italians for the evening. Music for the evening was provided by the Edelweiss Trio, and they kept the dance floor full playing a great variety of dancing music. The Transylvania Youth Dancers were on hand to assist with serving and cleaning up dishes after the meal. We thank them for making this event a success for the Ladies Auxiliary. All guests had a great time! Congratulations and thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary members who made this a successful event!

On Saturday, February 23, 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 95th Anniversary. It was a great evening, with dinner and dancing. As we have become good friends with the members and Presidents of the other German Clubs in the region, it was a great time to chat and catch up.

Saturday, March 7, was the date that we celebrated Trachtenball and the crowning of our new "Miss Transylvania" 2026 at the Club. We gather to celebrate our unique and beautiful Transylvanian Saxon culture and traditions. Two hundred and five guests were at the dance, with 82 people in Tracht! Many of the costumes or Trachts worn have been handed down over generations, and it is heart-warming to see so many of them being worn this evening. I

would like to thank the members of the Saxonia Club in Aylmer for joining us this evening! The Saxonia Dancers put on a great performance for us! They are under the direction and leadership of Rebecca Horeth, who is also the new Bundesvorsitzende of our Canadian Landsmannschaft! Congratulations Rebecca!

We also took some time this evening to honour and thank John Werner, who retired from his position as Chairman of the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada, after leading the organization for 28 years. As we all know, John is a proud Transylvanian Saxon, who is passionate about our culture and traditions. John, thank you for everything that you have done for us over the last 28 years. You worked hard to promote and preserve our unique culture and traditions, for which we can all be grateful!

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 Transylvania Hofbrau Band once again provided dance and March 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 still have this wonderful group of musicians representing the Club. Many old favourites were played to the delight of our members and guests. I would also like to thank the Transylvania Club Choir for singing a few numbers for us as well. The Choir and Band are always looking for new members! Please see their leadership teams if you have any interest in joining!

The main highlight of the evening was, of course, the crowning of Miss Transylvania 2026. I would

like to thank Juliana Hesch for the excellent job that she did as our representative for 2025. She did an excellent job representing the TCK at numerous events throughout the year. Well done, Juliana. I wish you continued success.

Please join me in extending congratulations to Alex Hesch, selected by her peers as Miss Transylvania, 2026. Alex 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 Alex's parents, Rob Hesch and Lorainne Principi! I know that Alex will continue in her sister's footsteps and proudly represent our Club over the next year! As I have stated in my speech last night, Alex'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 to the Club! Congratulations and best wishes to Alex as she starts her reign as Miss Transylvania.

The TCK Youth Group had the last performance of the evening. They once again did the Club proud with their spirited and energetic performance! We are lucky to have this group participate and keep our cultural traditions alive and represent the Club as only they can!

The TCK AGM takes place on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 2:00 pm. I would ask that you take a few hours out of your busy schedule to attend this meeting. We will not only discuss what has happened over the last year, but we will also chart the direction we will take as the TCK community in the future. Please make your voices heard and be a part of this decision-making process. I heartily welcome you all to attend.

I wish everyone continued health and happiness as we move into spring and some anticipated warmer weather! I look forward to seeing everyone at future TCK events!

*Dave Emrich,*  
*President*



# TRACHTENBALL





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## LADIES AUXILIARY

### FRAUENVEREIN

Our Frauenball, themed A Taste of Italy was a resounding success. We had a wonderful turnout and received many compliments on the food and the decor. Thanks to everyone that helped with the setup, food preparation and decorating and to all who attended and made it such a great event. We are already planning for the next one.

The ladies helped with the setup and food prep for Trachtenball which took place on March 7. Congratulations to our new Miss Transylvania 2026 – Alex Hesch!

We will be serving coffee and cake for the AGM on March 22 and helping with the setup for our Mitgliederabend coming up in April. We hope you will join us at these upcoming events.

*Heidi Lowrick/Lorraine Principi*  
Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents



## CHILDRENS' GROUP

### KINDERGRUPPE

Thirteen members of the Kindergruppe performed at Trachtenball on Saturday, March 7th. They did awesome; performing 6 dances, including "Brüderchen Komm Tanz Mit Mir", Fröhlicher Kreis and "Siebenschritt", to name just 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 11th and it will run weekly until Wednesday, April 22 at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. The Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, April 25th. 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](mailto:hesch@rogers.com) or 519-662-4364.

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



## NEW MEMBERS

### NEUE MITGLIEDER

A warm Transylvanian welcome goes out to:

**Josef & Monika Hoedl**  
**Arlene & John Barr**  
**Abigail Werner - Cody Werner**



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## CULTURAL GROUP

### KULTURGRUPPE

*Dear Members and Friends,*

Die Kulturgruppe hat am 25. Februar 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 fluessig gearbeitet haben um unsere Kultur zu erhalten.

The Cultural group held its annual general meeting on February 25, 2026, 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!

***The following is the committee for 2026 after elections were held.***

Kulturleiterin/Cultural Chairperson

Erika Schmidt

1. Stellvertreter/

1st Vice-Chairperson Trudy Schneider

2. Stellvertreter/

2nd Vice-Chairperson Amy Kube

1. Schriftfuehrer/

Secretary Danielle Fritsch

2. Schriftfuehrerin/

2nd Secretary Amanda Mooser

Archivar / Archivist

Heidi Lowrick

On Feb 1st, I attended the youth group elections and was very pleased that all present committee members were staying on in their elected positions. They also re-instated the social committee to their board to encourage group team building and fun

activities. I would like to congratulate the new youth group committee that was elected. 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:***

President

Laik Sweeney

Co-Vice-Presidents

Ryan Hesch and  
Owen Crouse

Treasurer

Connor Crouse

Secretary

Sean Arsenault

Miss Transylvania

Alex (Alexandra) Hesch

Social Committee

Juliana Hesch and  
Jillian Schaus

Trachtenball 2026 was a full house with over 200 people attending, 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 some new faces, new members, 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 Trachteneinmarsch later in the evening. Seeing young people always gives us hope and encouragement that our traditions will be carried out in the years to come and that is why the board, and the cultural committee, do their best to encourage your support for our groups and our events. We were happy to have 82 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 2026, Alex 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, Alex and the outgoing Miss Transylvania, her sister, Juliana, and their family. Congratulations Alex, I know you are excited to start your new adventure as Miss Transylvania and will do your best to represent our club and heritage. Alex, I am confident that with your love of the Saxon culture, willingness to help and your dedication to the TCK, 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 Juliana, Miss Transylvania 2025, for her enthusiasm, dedication to her Saxon culture and a job well done in the past year during Oktoberfest, and all club functions. Juliana, your outgoing personality and infectious smile will be remembered by all who met you over the last year. Juliana's farewell speech follows my report for those we could not make it to Trachtenball.

Big thank you goes to Rob Hesch and Lorraine Principi, who donated the flowers for the tables in honour of their second daughter being crowned Miss Transylvania.

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 25th with the program beginning at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is "World Cup Soccer". I invite you to wear your favourite team jersey and celebrate our friendship, eat some delicious 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 \$30, and non-member price is \$50 per person.

Children aged 6-12 are \$15 and 5 and under are free. You can reserve your tickets by calling the club office at 519-744-1191 or by email to transylvania-club@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 24th 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.

June 6th is the date for the Youth Group Fundraiser. Please come out and help them raise the funds to go to Heimattag this year. Fun for the whole family. More info to follow.

Heimattag 2026 is in Aylmer this year from July 10th-12th. You will see info in the Blatt for this 3-day event. If you would like to come along and help our fellow Saxons celebrate their Heimattag please call the office and let us know if you need to book hotel rooms so we can make sure everyone has a room.

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*



## MISS TRANSYLVANIA 2025 FAREWELL SPEECH

*Guten Abend, liebe Gäste, Freunde, Familie und Klubmitglieder.*

Good evening guests, friends, family and fellow club members. For those who don't know me, my name is Juliana Hesch, and I have had the honour of representing the Transylvania club this past year. When I stood before you last year, I spoke about how grateful I was to represent a community that has shaped my entire life. Looking back now, this year has been a constant reminder of how lucky I am to be a part of this club. I've been surrounded by the most incredible people, who've shown me more encouragement, friendship, and love than I ever could've thought possible. It is because of the support of this community that I was able to thrive both in and out of this role.

I remember my first event as Miss Transylvania, I was so nervous I didn't even think I could get out of the car, let alone walk into a room full of strangers. My head was full of questions. Will they like me? Is it going to be awkward? Is my dress too much? It wasn't until I saw Bob Foster in his ski goggles and Lederhosen that I knew that I definitely was not going to be the most overdressed person in the room. I was laughing so hard I totally forgot about the nerves. Every event after got easier, I made new friends, learned about my culture, and learned so much about myself.

Over the past year I have had the opportunity to represent our club at so many meaningful events. One of the highlights was attending Heimattag in Ohio, where we were able to meet Saxons from across North America and celebrate the traditions that connect all our communities. It was incredible to see how far our culture reaches and how strong those ties remain. I was also honoured to take part in hanging the wreaths at German Remembrance Day where we honoured the fallen German Canadian soldiers from the world wars. And of course, Oktoberfest was a major highlight, participating in the keg tapping opening ceremonies, joining the parade on the Miss float, and spending night

after night dancing along with the TCK dancers. Moments like these reminded me how special it is to share our culture, not only within this club, but with our whole community.

I would not have gotten through this past year if it weren't for my Miss Sisters, Sarah Mcquoid, Natasha Speckner, Anya Kecskemeti, and Madison Nicole. It's hard to think that a year ago I didn't know they existed, and now these girls are the faces I looked for in any crowd, and I'm so grateful I got to work alongside such incredible and inspiring individuals.

I'd love to thank our President Dave Emrich, our Vice-president Alfred Lowrick, as well as the entire board for all your support during this process. Thank you to our youth group, and especially to our president Laik Sweeney for your endless support. From dress codes to speeches, you've been the greatest guide and mentor I could've asked for. And I can't forget to thank my escort Sean Arsenaull whose pocket kept this speech safe the ENTIRE night.

Last but not least, to my parents, who have always been by my side. Thank you for always believing in me and supporting me in everything I do. I am so lucky to have you both by my side. When I think about the future of the club, I could not be prouder of the women who will carry on this role, and the traditions that come with it. She's someone I've been fortunate enough to see grow into the strong, kind, and confident person that she is today. Getting to see her take on this role means more to me than I can put into words, and I know she's going to do amazing things this year. I can think of no one more deserving to continue this title and I know she will carry it with pride, grace, and heart.

It's been an honour and a privilege to be your Miss Transylvania 2025, and I will cherish these memories forever

Thank you, and I hope you all have a wonderful evening.

*Juliana Hesch*



## MISS TRANSYLVANIA 2026 SPEECH

*Guten Abend, good evening family, friends, and club members,*  
I first want to thank you all for joining us today. It's always nice seeing so many people at club events. As I look out at all of you, I feel grateful and excited to represent you all as your new Miss Transylvania 2026. This moment means a lot to me, and I'd like to begin by recognizing the people who helped make it possible. Firstly, the many individuals who serve on the board. Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping this community going, and upholding our Saxon traditions. Your work does not go unnoticed, so from myself and everyone here, thank you. I would also like to thank the dance group for allowing me to take on this role. To our fearless leader, Laik, you have taken on the role of president and have led us with incredible dedication. Thank you to my escort Ryan, you're doing an amazing job over there. And lastly, thank you to all of the amazing people who have travelled far and wide to come support me this evening, it means so much to have you here sharing this moment with me. My next thank you is to someone very important to me. I have the unique honour of following in my sister's footsteps by taking over the role of Miss Transylvania. You would think that me being the older sibling, she would be following in my footsteps, but at this moment I have never been happier to be following in hers. Over the past year I have watched my sister pour so much effort into her role as Miss Transylvania. I could stand up here for hours and tell you about how proud I am of her, but I'll spare you and just say it once; Juliana, I am the proudest older sister in the world. Thank you for all your efforts over the past year, and for setting the bar impossibly high for me.

Lastly, there are two very important people I would be remiss not to thank. My mother, Lorraine Principi, who I have watched commit herself to this club more than ever this past year. I have never met another soul more supportive than my mother. I would not be up here without her. And my father, Rob Hesch, an unbelievably hard-working and reliable man who gave me my Saxon heritage. Thank you for standing in my corner and encouraging me, guiding me, and reminding me to take pride in where I come from. I am incredibly lucky that both of my parents always made sure that I grew up a part of this club. I am only up here today because of the two of them.

Through them, I developed a deep appreciation for my Transylvanian Saxon heritage. When I reflect on my heritage, I think of my Oma and Opa. Unfortunately, I did not get to know them for very long before they passed. Unlike some of you, I was never able to learn their stories from them personally. I never got to ask them about their lives before coming to Kitchener, or hear about their past. This is why this club is so near and dear to my heart. This is where my Oma and Opa's stories are kept alive. I know that the club meant a great deal to them, and I wish they knew how much it means to me now. All of these wonderful people have helped me get here, so let me share a little about the person they've helped along the way. My involvement in the club started in Kindergruppe, continued in ballroom, and eventually led me to join the dance group in 2020. I still love dancing with them whenever I come home. Currently, I am finishing my last semester of university, where I'm studying to become a teacher. I am doing my final practicum teaching chemistry to an amazing group of high school students. When I am not teaching, I'm usually running. Right now I am training for my second marathon, which I will be completing in April. But even with everything I keep busy with, I'm so grateful to be able to take on this incredible role. I moved to Edmonton for school three and a half years ago, which means I'm not in Kitchener as much as I used to be. I have been a part of the Transylvania club since I was little, but it wasn't until I moved away that I realized just how special it is. I have come to realize that every time I come home, I seem to end up at a club event the next day. My trips back to Kitchener seem to follow the club's event schedule. This is no accident of course, a lot of work has gone in to create the club atmosphere I love so dearly. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, small or large, to creating a place that truly feels like family.

I am honoured to have been chosen to represent our club, and to be joining a group of women I admire. This is something I never thought I would have the chance to do, so thank you for trusting me. I will work hard to honour this role and everything it represents. We have an exciting year ahead of us, and I am looking forward to being a part of it as your Miss Transylvania 2026.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight.

*Thank you, Alex Hesch*



## LANDSMANNSCHAFT

*Liebe Landsleute,*

On March 7, I attended the annual Transylvania Club Trachtenball. As always, it was inspiring to see members from Kitchener and Aylmer proudly wearing their Saxon Tracht and participating in our shared traditions.

Congratulations to the newly crowned 2026 Miss Transylvania, Alex Hesch. Her experiences as a dance group member and participant at important annual events such as the Heimattag, Trachtenball, and Oktoberfest demonstrate her passion for the Transylvanian Saxon and German cultures. I am confident that her fellow youth group members will thrive under her leadership this year. On behalf of the Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada, I presented Alex with a copy of the book, "Siebenbürgische-sächsische Trachtenlandschaften." It features a collection of the Saxon Tracht from the different regions of Transylvania as well as a detailed list of all villages in Transylvania with German and Romania place names.

### **Jugendlager 2026 in Germany**

I am pleased to announce that we have an active group of young members representing Canada at this year's Jugendlager from June 25 to July 9, 2026. Under the guidance of chaperone Ryan Hesch, our Jugendreferent, the following participants have been selected to travel to Germany for the two-week cultural exchange:

- Ethan Hesch
- Helena Maiterth
- Jackson Schaus
- Jacob Werner
- Xander Werner

In the event that additional spaces become available, applicants who remain on the waitlist will be notified and asked to confirm if they would like to join the group. Thank you to Lori and Craig Moore for your assistance in booking the group's travel arrangements!

### **Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl, Germany**

The annual Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl, Germany will celebrate under the motto „Generationen verbinden - Perspektiven schaffen“ or “Connecting Generations - Creating Perspectives.” On behalf of the Landsmannschaft, our First Vice-President, Rick Hesch, accompanied by a small group of Canadians, will attend the event over the Pentecost Weekend. The weekend festivities will be hosted by the Siebenbürgisch-sächsische Jugend in Deutschland (SJD) and the Sozialwerk der Siebenbürger Sachsen; both organizations are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. Those of us staying home can tune in to the livestreamed events on the weekend of May 22nd to May 25th on YouTube through the Verband's account:

[www.youtube.com/@Siebenbuerger](http://www.youtube.com/@Siebenbuerger)

### **North American Heimattag**

The North American Heimattag will be hosted by the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer, Ontario on Friday July 10, Saturday July 11, and Sunday July 12, 2026. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.saxonia-hall.com/heimattag](http://www.saxonia-hall.com/heimattag) or by calling the club to pay by credit card over the phone. For group bookings, please contact [daniel@saxoniahall.com](mailto:daniel@saxoniahall.com)

Payment by cheques must be made out to “The German Canadian Club of Aylmer, ON”.

This year's motto is “Wir sind Heimat | We are Heimat,” which celebrates the generations of people in our Transylvanian Saxon community who make us feel at home. I encourage you and your family to attend and participate in the weekend's festivities. We look forward to welcoming our Saxon compatriots from the USA as well as the Federation President, Rainer Lehni, and his wife.

### **German-Transylvanian Saxon Language Memory Game - \$35 Each**

The Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland has developed a bilingual memory card game to learn and practice Saxon vocabulary. This game is based on the Southern Transylvanian Saxon dialect and matching cards are in German. The Landsmannschaft will have a limited quantity of the games available for purchase at the 2026 Heimattag. If you would like to guarantee a pur-

chase, please contact treasurer@saxons.ca by April 10 to process your order and payment. The cost of \$35 per game includes shipping and duty fees.

### **Transylvania Saxons in Canada Book**

The Landsmannschaft will receive a limited reprint of the Transylvanian Saxons in Canada book, written by Waldemar Scholtes. We have already received orders. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact treasurer@saxons.ca by April 10 to process your order and payment. The cost is a donation of \$45 per book and books will be available for pick-up at the Heimattag in Aylmer, Ontario. If you are not able to pick-up your order, please arrange for someone to pick it up on your behalf or pay for the additional shipping costs.

### **Donations to the Landsmannschaft and/or Altenhilfe**

We have received some inquiries regarding making donations to the Landsmannschaft.

Donations can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@saxons.ca

Donations by cheque must be made payable to "The Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada" and can be mailed to:

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### **Additional Contact Information**

If you would like to contact the Landsmannschaft at any time during the year, please email president@saxons.ca or treasurer@saxons.ca, or write to the above address.

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## OFFICIAL PROGRAM

**\$25 CAD - FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026**

*included in Weekend Pass*

5:00pm Doors open at the Saxonía Hall

*Join us in our Bavarian Biergarten! Dirndls & Lederhose  
or your FIFA team's football jersey encouraged!*

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026**

**\$20 CAD - not included in Weekend Pass**

1:00 pm Paulaner & Hacker-Pschorr German  
Beer Tasting - Saxonía Hall Lounge  
Taste six beers paired with small bites of  
food, featuring expert explanation by a  
Paulaner representative. Learn their history  
and how their beers are crafted.

*Biergarten open 1:00pm -4:00pm at no charge*

**\$60 CAD - included in Weekend Pass**

5:00pm Doors open at the Saxonía Hall

6:00pm Dinner followed by cultural  
performances

*Dance to follow*

**\$45 CAD - SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026**

*included in Weekend Pass ; ticket for lunch only (service & rally no fee)*

10:30am Worship Service at St. John's Lutheran Church

11:00am Trachtenumzug Parade to Saxonía Hall

11:30am Kundgebung | Cultural Rally

12:30pm Lunch

**WEEKEND PASS ONLY \$125 CAD**

Tickets online at [www.saxoniahall.com/heimattag](http://www.saxoniahall.com/heimattag)

*All prices include sales tax (HST)*



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## ACCOMODATIONS INFORMATION

Information also available on the Heimattag website: [www.saxoniahall.com/heimattag](http://www.saxoniahall.com/heimattag)

### COMFORT INN - ST. THOMAS

2 Queen Beds | Breakfast included

*11 minutes from the Saxonia Hall*

#### Heimattag Room Block

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Ask to book in the "German Canadian Club" block.

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<https://www.choicehotels.com/en-ca/ontario/st-thomas/comfort-inn-hotels/cn005>

### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - ST. THOMAS

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*13 minutes from the Saxonia Hall*

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# 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**

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## DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



*Sara Bliefert*  
*nee Kappes*

*was born January 16th, 1932*  
*in Zendersch, Romania*  
*and passed away*  
*January 11, 2026*  
*in her 94th year.*

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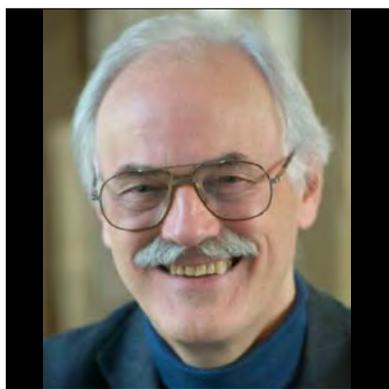
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**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN****DEATHS - TODESFAELLE**

*Katherine (Kathy) Mathes*

*passed away peacefully,  
surrounded by her children,  
on February 10, 2026  
at the age of 81.*

*She was born December 7, 1944.*



*Waldemar Scholtes*

*passed away on February 14, 2026  
at the age of 81.*

*He was born in  
Reichenberg, Czechoslovakia,  
as a refugee from  
Bistriz, Hungary, (present day Romania).*



*Kimberlee (Kim) Gondosch  
nee Lacey*

*passed away peacefully  
on March 4, 2026  
surrounded by her family.*

*She was born on April 2, 1961.*



## 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 April and May. 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.

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Gisela Knobloch  
 Jack Hergott  
 Katelyn Emrich  
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 Bonnie Bremner  
 Jason Mooser  
 Brad Hunt  
 Karen Scherl  
 John Klein  
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 Danielle Guistini  
 Alexandra Hesch  
 Peter Tschoepe

Maria Lowrick  
 Karin Gondosch  
 Audrey Horn  
 Christian Sebastian  
 Rosemarie Emrich  
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 John Emrich  
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 Breanna Gondosch  
 Ursula Krieger  
 Gabriella Wolf  
 Erin Dienesch  
 Karolina Leuschner

Barbara Gierscher  
 Henry Hoffman  
 Jan Baier  
 Lisa Fritsch  
 Dr. Peter M. Boehm  
 John Dienesch  
 Christopher Dienesch  
 Frank Emrich  
 Erika Wuschnakowski  
 Richard Gondosch  
 Jacob Werner  
 Christine Gondosch  
 Hans Gross

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Strassburger  
 Mathias Wolf  
 Michael Emrich  
 Ernst Friedel  
 Georg Ungar  
 Regina Schneider  
 Edward Gierscher  
 Karlheinz Maiterth  
 Helga Merkle  
 Crysta Steffen  
 Martin Schelling

Stefanie Zilinskas  
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Helgard Werner, John Werner

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May 10th



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