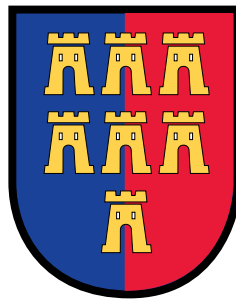


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Transylvania Club

75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday November 14th, 2026

Held at 464 Maple Avenue Kitchener

Program starts at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

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*Unsere Vergangenheit prägt unsere Zukunft,
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**We invite you to come and share in this milestone
celebration of the founding of our club.**

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Visit our website and select the Photo Gallery to view pictures of our
Transylvania Club Events.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

October 9-17 **Oktoberfest**

October 13 **German Pioneers Day** – Concordia Club – 17:00

November 7 **Landsmannschaft AGM**
Saxonia Hall – Aylmer - 15:00

Trachtenball – Saxonia Hall – Aylmer - 18:00

November 14 **TCK 75th Anniversary** – 16:30

November 15 **Volkstrauertag** – Woodland Cemetery – 14:30
Followed by coffee and cake hosted by the Alpine Club

December 3 **Frauenverein Christmas Dinner** – 18:00

December 6 **Frauenverein Christmas Bake Sale**

December 20 **Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas Pageant** – 14:00

January 9 **Kameradschaftsabend** – Concordia Club

February 6 **Frauenball** – 18:30

Note: All our events will be held at the Alpine Club unless otherwise indicated in the event schedule. Please order and purchase your tickets at the office or call in to pay by credit card or e-transfer at least two weeks prior to the event

The office is open on 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 transylvaniacub@outlook.com. Thanks.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



*Greetings and hello to all our
Members and Friends!*

I trust and hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer and looks forward to the fall and the cooler temperatures! After the heat of June and July, the cooler fall weather will offer a somewhat welcome change and allow us to give the air conditioning a rest.

The summer season was relatively quiet once again this year for the TCK. Other than celebrating Heimattag in Aylmer, we haven't had a lot of activities going on. For Andrea and me, this summer has been extremely busy with 6 family weddings by July 4th. We were ready for some downtime to get long-suffering projects at home completed! We were also able to relax and spend time with family and friends.

The weekend of July 10-12 was spent in Aylmer, celebrating the North American Heimattag weekend with our friends from Aylmer and from the U.S. We thank Dave Pfingstgraef and his team at the Saxonia Club Aylmer, as well as Rebecca Horeth and the Landsmannschaft for hosting this event. It is always great to get together to see friends and family from all over the world. I was also able to catch up and chat with Rainer Lehni and his wife Heike, who came over to help us celebrate in Canada. It was great to see them before they set out on their cross-Canada adventure! Kitchener was well represented in Aylmer, having both our Choir and Youth Dancers perform at the event. As usual, these groups both performed brilliantly for the attendees, and I thank them for their wonderful performances. I also want to personally thank our TCK members who travelled to Aylmer to support the Saxonia Club.

Fall is generally one of our busiest times, with numerous activities and events taking place at the Club and in our wider area. 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 handle other duties on that day. Please let Julia Morrison or Hansi Kroisenbrunner 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. The Ladies Auxiliary and other members will be getting together



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Go to clwr.org/beaverbrae to fill out the form and let us know your connection to the Beaverbrae.

to make our pig tails and cabbage rolls for Oktoberfest. Please let Erika Schmidt or Heidi Lowrick know if you are able and can help during this process.

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 will look to regain the title of So You Think You Can Tanz champions, as well as represent the Club during Oktoberfest with performances all over the KW area. They are also scheduled to perform in downtown Kitchener at the Willkommen Platz, a great opportunity to showcase the talents of our Club Youth! Both 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 13, 2026 (Concordia Club)

Aylmer Trachtenball

Saturday, November 7, 2026, details to follow.

We will celebrate our Club's 75th Anniversary on November 14, 2026. Details will be in this Blatt. Make sure to tell your friends and family, so that we can celebrate this tremendous milestone with many people. A full hall is always well received and exciting for our members!

Volkstrauertag- German Remembrance Day Ceremony-Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 2:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be at the Alpine 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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HOFBRAU BAND & TCK CHOIR CONCERT





CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Dear Members and Friends,

Fall is here and that means all our groups are starting up again with practices and performances. All groups would welcome new members who have an interest in playing music, singing, folk dancing or participating in our Saxon culture. Our children's group invites children 4 years of age and older to come out and have fun, dance, do crafts and sing. It is a great way to get your children involved with their culture and to meet new friends. Information about these groups is in their reports and if you need contact information you are welcome to contact the club office.

Both the Hofbrau band and the TCK choir will be practicing Tuesday evening, led by Andrea Emrich. Kindergruppe will be starting on Wed., October 28th at 6:30 p.m. and will be led again by Rick and Krista Hesch, Heidimarie Hesch and Bengt Nyman. The dance group is practicing on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. led by Laik Sweeney.

We are still looking for young people aged 13 and up, who would like to learn ballroom dancing. These classes are a requirement to join the TCK dancers. It is a great opportunity for your children and grandchildren to learn to dance and make new friends. Information is in the Ballroom article.

I would like to thank everyone who donated entire Trachts and or parts of the Tracht for our dance group and Kindergruppe to use. They are very much appreciated and will be used for years to come. We all know how precious these handmade heirlooms are, but I always think it is better to have them being used and shown than hanging in a closet where no one will see them.

Oktoberfest is almost here and the Hofbrau band and youth dance group will be representing the club again this year. So when you see the TCK groups performing throughout the festival representing the Transylvania Club, make sure to cheer them on.

Note that "So you think you can Tanz" will be held on Wednesday night October 14, 2026, this year and our dance group will be competing. I hope to see many of you out enjoying the music and the food that will be a combined menu of Alpine and TCK specialties at our family day on Monday Oct. 12th. It would also be nice to see those members that are able, marching in the parade. All ages are wel-

come to take part in Tracht or Dirndl and Lederhosen. Walkers will get a sausage on a bun for participating but have to pay admission if they are coming to the family day event. Please note that you have to reserve your tickets for family day at info@alpineclub.ca. When you see the TCK dance group performing throughout the festival representing the Transylvania Club, make sure to cheer them on.

It would be nice to see our members at German Pioneer Day at the Concordia Club on October 13th, to show support for the Hofbrau band, and this year's honorees, who are being recognized for their contribution to culture and business in the Waterloo Region. This day is to promote German influence in our region, so come out and show that the German representation is strong in our community.

Please note that Saxonia Hall's Trachtenball will be Saturday Nov 7th. The Landsmannschaft meeting will take place the same day before Trachtenball.

One of the most important dates to mark on your calendar is November 14th when we will be celebrating the Transylvania Club's 75th Anniversary. It would be great to see our members, whether past, present our future, come out to celebrate this milestone. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the program will start at 4:30 p.m. It will be a memorable day with some history, entertainment and fun. This is a semi-formal night. So, tell your family and friends and show your support for our culture, heritage and the club. Make sure you call or email the office to reserve/ purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members and include a nostalgic meal served to your table of Schnitzel and chicken and a Saxon appetizer table for your enjoyment. Hope to see you all there!

As we start this fall season of events, remember that we need you to participate, support and help us celebrate our Saxon roots!

Happy Thanksgiving! Erika Schmidt, Cultural Group President



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FRAUENVEREIN

Dear Members and Friends,

Our busy time starts again in September/October when our group gathers to make our delicious cabbage rolls and pig-tails for the upcoming Oktoberfest events. We are already in the planning stages.

In November, we will be helping wherever needed for our TCK 75th anniversary celebration. Plan to join us for this milestone event. We will also be baking our delicious Christmas cookies for the Weihnachtsfeier and for a Christmas bake sale planned for December 6.

On December 3 we will host our annual Ladies Christmas Dinner. There will be a delicious turkey dinner, entertainment, a gift exchange and an evening of good cheer and camaraderie. Ladies, plan to join us for a fun evening.

SAVE THE DATE

for our 2027 Frauenball on February 6.

The theme for the upcoming event is an evening in Greece.

Heidi Lowrick/Lorraine Principi/Ladies Auxiliary Co-Presidents



CHILDRENS' GROUP

KINDERGRUPPE

Kindergruppe will be starting again for our fall session on Wednesday, October 28th and it will run weekly until Wednesday, December 16th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. The Weihnachtsfeier (Christmas) performance will be held on Sunday, December 20 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



BALLROOM DANCE GROUP

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 transylvania-club@outlook.com with the following information:

- Participant's name
- Parents names
- Phone numbers
- Email addresses

We are hoping practice will be held on Sunday afternoons at the Alpine Club but will confirm the details closer to the start date.

We will be starting after Oktoberfest.

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



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LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute,

The autumn is always an exciting time for our member clubs, between Oktoberfest, Trachtenball, and membership gatherings! Our cultural groups become more active again as summer holidays come to a close, and our hearty Transylvanian Saxon traditional meals always seem perfectly suited to the cooler months.

It was a pleasure seeing our Saxon communities from Canada and the USA gather at the annual Heimattag in Aylmer, Ontario at the Saxonia Hall this past July. Thank you again to the cultural groups who participated and helped us enjoy our longstanding traditions together: The Cleveland

Saxon Dance Group, the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, the Kitchener Youth Dance Group, the Kitchener Choir, and the Saxonia Dancers.

On Saturday November 7, 2026, at the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer, ON, our Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada will hold its Annual General Meeting. I encourage members from all Saxon clubs in Canada to attend! This is a great way to learn about the national activities of the Saxons in Canada and the international activities around the world. The meeting will be held at 3:00pm. Please plan to join us for the meeting and stay for the Saxonia Hall's Trachtenball in the evening, starting at 6:00pm. Transylvanian Saxon Trachten are encouraged!

Over the past year, the Landsmannschaft has funded a video recording project of the October 2025 presentation by the late Waldemar Scholtes. The video is publicly available for viewing on our website at www.saxons.ca in the "Programs" section, under "Cultural Resources". If you have a project you would like linked on our website that is related to the Transylvanian Saxons in Canada, please contact a Landsmannschaft board member to determine if we are able to host it on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you this fall,

*Rebecca Horeth,
Bundesvorsitzende
Landmannschaft der
Siebenbuerger Sachsen in
Kanada*



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DEUTSCHER PIONIERTAG - GERMAN PIONEER DAY

Dienstag, 13. Oktober 2026 - Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Concordia Club Kitchener
429 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener, Ontario

Wir laden Sie herzlich ein, gemeinsam mit uns den Deutschen Pioniertag zu feiern.

Einlass ab 17:00 Uhr

Musikalische Begrüßung durch die Transylvania Hofbräu Band

Unterhaltung durch die Concordia Enzian Schuhplattler Verein

18:00 Uhr – Offizielles Programm

Verleihung des Heritage Awards

Alle sind herzlich eingeladen, gemeinsam mit uns unser Erbe und unsere Kultur zu feiern! Wir freuen uns auf Ihr Kommen!

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating German Pioneer Day.

Doors Open at 5:00 P.M.

Musical welcome by the Transylvania Hofbräu Band

Entertainment provided by the Concordia Enzian Schuhplattler Verein

6:00 P.M. – Official Program

Heritage Award Presentation

All are welcome to come and celebrate our heritage and culture with us! We look forward to welcoming you!

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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 either of these months 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

Ingrid Kremer
Pieterella Scholtes
Arlene Barr
Walter Marzinko
Ray Williams
Guenther Breckner
Stephanie Green
Wilhelmine Koestel
David Spaetzel

Christine Lang
Mackenzie Rich
David Merkle
Mikaila Emrich
Sylvia Hartig
Rose Frim
Kimberly Dreger
Phil Voll
Luke Carter

Michael Werner
Josh Emrich
Terry Ings
Robert Schertzer
Clifford Strassburger
Branko Radisic
Trudy Tschoepe
Bengt Nyman
William Vetter

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Katharina Jung
Ruth Friedel
Michael Fritsch
John Belez
Michael P. Werner
Wiltrud Jenkins

Katharina Mann
Danielle Fritsch
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