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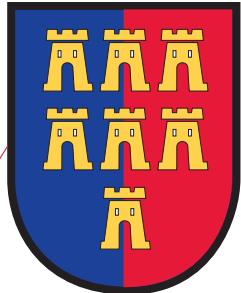
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TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Folgende Veranstaltungen finden in den nächsten Monaten statt:

14. Juni	Waldfest – Picnic & Golf Tournament Golf Tournament – Foxwood Golf Course Picnic – GCHFC	07:00 Uhr 12:00 Uhr
18. Juni	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia Club	11:30 Uhr
20.-22. Juni	Heimattag – Cleveland, Ohio	
16. Juli	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia Club	11:30 Uhr
26. Juni	Kulturabend - with Nuernberg Dance Group & Schlager-Taxi Band	18:00 Uhr
07. August	GC Remembrance Society – Annual Picnic Memorial Service – Anna Tuerr Memorial – Mannheim Picnic – immediately following Memorial Service - GCHFC	17:30 Uhr
20. August	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia Club	11:30 Uhr
17. Sept.	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia Club	11:30 Uhr

Note: All our events will be held at the Alpine Club unless otherwise indicated in the event schedule.

Bitte holen Sie Ihre Karten **zwei** Wochen vor der jeweiligen Veranstaltung ab sonst werden sie verkauft. Es gibt immer wieder Mitglieder die ihre Karten am letzten Tag zurückbringen. Diese Karten haben aber schon längst verkauft werden können.

Please pick up your tickets at our club office at least **two** weeks prior to the event. Tickets not picked up two weeks in advance may be sold.

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BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Hallo wiederum. Wir hatten ganz sicher ein seltsames Frühjahrswetter. Aber wenn ihr diese Zeilen lest, sollte das tatsächlich konstant warme Wetter endlich da sein und hoffentlich hat es bis dahin aufgehört zu regnen.

Es ist die Jahreszeit, in der wir anfangen können, im Garten zu arbeiten, den Rasen zu mähen, die Hecken zu beschneiden und die anliegenden Aufgaben zum Unterhalt zu erledigen, die wir letztes Jahr vertagt haben.

Ich möchte mich bei der Jugendgruppe für den wunderbaren Abend bedanken, den sie ähnlich des Spaghettiabends zusammengestellt haben. Die Unterhaltung war fantastisch. Ihre Grease Aufführung riss alle mit, mit den Fessen mitzuklopfen. Sie sollten auf diese wunderbare Gruppe junger Menschen stolz sein und sie unterstützen.

Am 26. April veranstalteten wir unserenjährlichen Mitgliederabend. Wie schön gaben wir Anstecknadeln an unsere Mitglieder mit 40, 45, 50, 55 und 60 Jahren ununterbrochener Mitgliedschaft. Wir gratulieren denjenigen, die diese Meilensteine erreicht haben. Das Buffet mit gegrillten Hähnchen und Rippen war ausgezeichnet es war einmal etwas anderes, und ich glaube alle haben die Mahlzeit genossen. Unsere Jugend tanzte wieder hervorragend und die Blue Waves machten die Musik, die uns den ganzen Abend zum Tanzen animierte.

Am 4. Mai hatten wir unser Muttertagsprogramm. Es ist immer ein Vergnügen, unsere Kindergruppe auftreten zu sehen. Wir danken wieder Amanda Moser und Alexandra Finster für ihre Hingabe, diese Gruppe zu leiten. Wir konnten ein großes Angebot von Backwaren genießen, das von unseren Mitgliedern gespendet wurde. Es scheint als muss ich noch mehr Zeit auf dem Laubbett verbringen! Es war unterhaltsam, einige der Männer mit der Jugendgruppe tanzen zu sehen. Man sah, dass die alten Tanzschritte doch nicht so schnell vergessen werden. Ich brauche euch nicht daran zu erinnern, wie



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wichtig es ist, Momente von guter Qualität mit Euren Müttern zu verbringen... Allzu früh wird die Zeit kommen, wo ihr es nicht mehr kennst. Unserer besonderer Dank geht an unsere Blaskapelle und unseren Chor. Ihr Beitrag zu dem Nachmittag war wesentlich und unentbehrlich. Das Kollegin Tavares Solo von Taylor Swift's "The Best Day" war ein weiterer Höhepunkt des Programms.

Bitte erinnert euch an das Konzert der Blaskapelle am 24. Mai. Bitte ruft Matthias Wolf an [519-893-0758], wenn ihr noch keine Karten habt.

Am 14. Juni ist unser Picknick im Deutsch-Kanadischen Jagd und Fischverein. Ich habe schon beim Wettermann einen schönen Tag bestellt. Kommt und genießt einen geselligen Nachmittag mit Freunden, ein gutes Essen vom Grill, und die Unterhaltungsmusik unserer Hofblaskapelle, und vielleicht auch ein paar Hufeisensspiele. Ich hoffe euch alle dort zu sehen. Hoffentlich werden wir dann auch unsere Sonnenschutzkreme brauchen.

Der Heimattag in Cleveland kommt schnell näher..... kontaktiert Erika Schmidt [519-743-4555] falls ihr eure

Teilnahme im Hotel oder auf dem Bus noch bestätigt habt. Es ist immer eine gute Zeit, also macht mit!

Wir haben ein neues Komitee, das an Plänen für eine weitere "Dracula Nacht" im Herbst arbeitet. Wir haben seit einiger Zeit keine mehr gehabt, und es wäre toll alle wieder in Kostüm zu sehen. Wenn ihr daran interessiert seid, in diesem Komitee mitzumachen und bei der Organisation dieser Veranstaltung zu helfen, dann kontaktiert bitte Stephanie Plomp [519-505-1808].

*Reinhard Schmidt,
President*

Dear Members and Friends,

Hello once again. This has certainly been strange weather for spring. By the time you read this, the warm weather should finally be here on a daily basis.....hopefully the rain has stopped by then.

It is that time of year when we can start our gardening, cutting the grass, trimming the hedge and looking after those outside maintenance chores that we put off last year.

I want to pass along a thank-you to our Youth group for the wonderful evening they put together for their Spaghetti Dinner April 19th. The food was great and the entertainment was fabulous. Their performance of Grease had everyone tapping their toes. We should be very proud and supportive of this wonderful group of young people.

On April 26th, we held our annual Mitgliederabend. As is customary at this event, membership pins were handed out for those members with 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years of continuous membership. Congratulations to those members who reached those milestones. The buffet of BBQ chicken and ribs was excellent....it was a nice change and I believe everyone enjoyed the meal. Our Youth group performed once again and put on a marvelous show. The Blue Waves provided the music that had us dancing through the evening.

May 4th we held our Mother's Day program. It's always fun to watch our Children's group members performing. Many thanks once again to Amanda Mooser and Alexandra Finster for taking the time to lead this group.

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We were able to enjoy a wide selection of baked goods provided by our members. Seems I will need more time on the treadmill! It was fun to watch some of the mothers performing with the dance group. It looked like some of the old steps are not that easily forgotten! I don't need to remind any of you how important it is to spend quality time with your mother the time will come when you no longer can. Our special appreciation goes to our band and our choir that provided an essential contribution to the afternoon. Kolina Tavares' solo rendition of Taylor Swift's "The Best Day" was another definite highlight.

Remember the band Concert is May 24th ... contact Mathias Wolff [519-893-0758] to get tickets if you don't already have them.

June 14th is our picnic at the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club and I have already put in my request to the weatherman for a nice day. Come out and

enjoy some time visiting with friends, some great barbecue food and enjoy the music of our Hofbrau band and perhaps play some horseshoes. Hope to see you all there. Hopefully by then we will need our sunscreen!

Heimattag in Cleveland is approaching quickly contact Erika Schmidt at [519-743-4555] if you have not yet confirmed with her for the bus and motel rooms. It's always a good time, so join us.

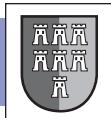
There is a new committee in place that is working on plans to hold another "Dracula Night" in the fall. We haven't had one for some time and it would be great to see everyone dressed in costume again. If you are interested in being on that committee and helping organize this event, please contact Stephanie Plomp at [519-505-1808].

Reinhard Schmidt, President

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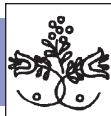
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MITGLIEDERABEND





KULTURGRUPPE CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Dear Members and Friends,

May is always busy with everyone trying to get their planting done, cottages opened and still come out and support the few events we have before the summer break. I know we are hoping that the warm dry weather will soon be here so we can get everything done outside.

We celebrated our mothers and grandmothers at our "Muttertagfeier" on May 4th and I would like to thank the Hofbrau band, the TCK choir, Kindergruppe and the dance group for their participation in the program. These groups are always there to perform for us when asked and we very much appreciate all their dedication and time spent practicing for these important events. I would also like to thank our Miss Transylvania, Kolina Tavares, for the lovely solo. As always the ladies provided delicious baking for intermission and the Ladies Auxiliary honoured each mother with a carnation. I only wish that there would have been better attendance for the event, but those that did come out to honour their mothers and support the groups had a wonderful afternoon.

The band concert was held on May 24th and as always was sold out. The variety of music and vocal accompaniments were music to our ears. I know the band members practice many hours for this annual

concert and members and guests wait all year to attend. I thank all the band members and their conductor, Jeremy Frim, for their dedication and hard work in keeping this traditional brass band music alive. Congratulations on another fantastic evening!

I hope to see you all at the picnic on June 14th in Mannheim. Don't forget to call the office and let them know how many will be attending so that food can be arranged. Our youth group will be selling cake and coffee again for those with a sweet tooth, so please support them and help them raise some funds for Heimattag costs.

Also don't forget to mark June 26th on your calendar for an evening not to be missed. The "Abschiedsfeier / Kulturabend" with performances by the dance group from Nürnberg and the band "Schlager-Taxi" along with our dance group and a BBQ dinner, is something not to be missed. Please call the club office if you are planning on attending. Admission is \$15.00 and includes the BBQ.

If you have a son or daughter who would be interested in Ballroom dancing this fall, please call Hailey Rich or myself. We are looking for youth ages 14 and up who would like to make new friends, learn to dance and have fun.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Take the time to enjoy your family and friends and maybe even sing some Saxon songs and eat some speck on the BBQ.

Keep your Saxon roots close to your heart!

Erika Schmidt

Cultural Group President



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Little Sängerfest 2014

Before 1900 Waterloo Region was known for its Sängerfests that would attract over 15,000 people and last for more than a week. Events of this scale do not happen anymore, however the tradition continues with the occasional Sängerfests organized by the German Canadian Choir Association, or the North American Swiss Singing Alliance, and with local events that bring together German Choirs of the Region and all of Ontario.

For the second year in a row some of the best German choirs of Ontario accepted the invitation of the Transylvania Club choir on April 5, 2014 at the Alpine Club of Kitchener. The Concordia Men's and Mixed Choirs from Kitchener, the Men's Choir Harfenteine from Toronto, the Germania Hamilton choir, the Lyra London Choir, and the Loreley Singers of Oshawa came to present some of their newest or most popular selections.

Approximately 350 people filled the room to capacity. They were rewarded with a cordial and pleasant afternoon.

The event began with a delicious meal - you cannot imagine larger nor tastier Schnitzels - prepared by the Transylvania Club's ladies under the direction of Kriemhilde Hensel. The meal was preceded by the vocal version of "Vater Unser", arranged and directed by Dieter Conrad, and grace spoken by the newly crowned Miss Transylvania, Kolina Tavares. The pastries that were served with the coffee showed off the enviable baking skills of the choir's ladies and one of our men who did not want to be outdone.

Kolina Tavares' solo "An die Musik" by Franz Schubert dedicated the concert that was opened and closed by the Transylvania Choir.

The motto, "Bekannte und beliebte Klänge" ['Well known and favourite sounds'], was indeed appropriate, as the choirs' selections transported the audience into revelry, and coaxed many to sing along. Songs like the "Morgenwanderung", "Jacob's Ladder", "Tulpen aus Amster-

dam", "Fliegermarsch", "Es zogen auf sonnigen Wegen", "Sierra Madre", "Mala Moja", "Das Lied der Berge", and "Abendlied" were awarded with thunderous applause or accompanied by waving arms. The afternoon ended much too soon, but the songs "So ein Tag, so wunderschön wie heute", sung by the mass choir, and "Das Morgenrot", sung by all the men, provided a powerful and memorable conclusion to the event.

The organizing committee and the Transylvania choir members thank all guests and our superb volunteers: your participation made the afternoon concert a success.

Everybody had a good time.

We are now looking forward to the next choir reunion at the 150th anniversary of the Germania Choir in Hamilton on May 17th and 18th.

Gerhard Griebenow, Chor Praesident



KARTENSPIEL-GRUPPE

Es wird bekannt gegeben, dass die Kartenspiel Gruppe sich wieder jeden Donnerstag, von 12.30 Uhr bis 17.00 Uhr im Schwaben Klub trifft. Jeder der gerne mitmachen möchte ist herzlich willkommen.



KEGELGRUPPE

The bowling season finished with our banquet on May 8th at the Alpine Club.

We had an excellent evening which was well attended and included Chinese food, beer and wine. I look forward to seeing you all again when we start our new season in September. Remember it is a fun evening. We all like to get together, have a chat and just enjoy the evening.

My thanks again to all TCK members who came out to bowl. We start again in September at Towne Bowl. We divide everybody into teams of five depending on their average from the last season so that all teams are on an equal footing to win a prize at the end of the season.

David Green,

Bowling Group President



LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

Wir begrüßen die Nürnberger Jugendtanzgruppe und die Band Schlager-Taxi aus Deutschland die am 15. Juni in Kanada ankommen. Die Gruppe ist 27 Personen stark und wird in Kanada am Donnerstag den 19. Juni in der Saxonia Halle in Aylmer und am Donnerstag den 26. Juni im Transylvania Klub (Alpine Club) ihr Tanz und Musik Programm vorführen. Alle Mitglieder und Freunde sind herzlich eingeladen. Wir hoffen dass auch diese Begegnung, wie alle vorherigen, dazu beitragen werden, die Gemeinschaft zwischen hier und dort zu stärken. Nach ihrem Aufenthalt in Canada ist die Gruppe für eine Woche in den Vereinigten Staaten und wird am Heimattag in Cleveland, Ohio am 20. bis 22. Juni teilnehmen.

This summer the Nürnberger Jugendtanzgruppe and the Band Schlager-Taxi from Germany, as part of the Federation Cultural Exchange Program will be our guest for one week beginning on June 15th. The 27 members of the group will be billeted in with Saxon families in both Kitchener and Aylmer. Performances will be given at the

Saxonia Hall in Aylmer on June 19th and at the Transylvania Club (Alpine Club) on June 26th. These performances are a great opportunity for our members and friends to meet our Saxon Landsleute from Germany and enjoy the heritage this group of young Siebenbürgers performers brings to us. Please call the Transylvania Club office to order your tickets and support the cultural activities of the Landsmannschaft and the Transylvania Club.

Wir wünschen allen Mitgliedern und Freunden einen schönen Sommer. *Bundesvorsitzender, John Werner*



FRAUENVEREIN

We had a very successful Mother's Day celebration with a full house. We honoured our mother with the youngest baby, Michelle Nyman and baby Emily and our oldest mother, Mrs. Fritsch. We wish them all the best for the coming years.

Many thanks to all the ladies who set up and cleaned up the hall for the event and all those who brought baked goods. They were very delicious.

A friendly reminder to our members that we will have guests from Nuernberg attending our Heimattag. Their Abschiedskonzert will be held at the Alpine Club on June 26 and we welcome food donations for this event specifically salads and desserts.

After our May meeting the group will start their summer holidays and we will reconvene in September.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and hope to have lots of sunny and warm days.

Elke Hensel-Williams, Frauenverein Praesidentin



SENIOREN-TREFFEN

Bei gutem Essen und gemütlichem Beisammensein treffen sich die Senioren jeden dritten Mittwoch im Monat im Concordia Klub. Unsere nächsten Zusammenkünfte finden jeweils am Mittwoch, den 18. Juni und den 16. Juli 2014, wie immer um 11:30 statt. Um Anmeldung wird gebeten unter Tel. 519-744-1191. Bringt auch eure Freunde mit.

Mathias Wolf, Präsident des KUV und Sterbefonds und Leiter der Seniorengruppe



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OKTOBERFEST

Dear Members and Friends,

Oktoberfest is only a few months away and we want to remind you about our "Super Early Bird Promotion", exclusively available to our Transylvania Club members. In the past, we have offered an "early bird" deal to the general public which included a discounted meal ticket for tickets purchased by August 1st, but this year, we are evolving this promotion to include a discounted ticket option for our members.

Transylvania Club members will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the first and/or second Friday of the festival for only \$10, if purchased by August 1st. We do not have the tickets in hand quite yet, but members of the Oktoberfest Committee will be at each of the upcoming functions (Band Concert, Club Picnic and the Kultauraustausch Cultural Evening) and will be ready to take down information for anyone who is interested in this special promotion.

In addition, we are always looking for volunteers to join the Oktoberfest Committee or to volunteer at the Transylvania Haus at the Stampede Corral during the festival. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have any questions, please contact Else at the Transylvania Club office and she can get you in touch with one of our Oktoberfest Committee members. Thank you again for your continuous support!

The Transylvania Club Oktoberfest Committee



BALLROOM DANCING

Ballroom Dance Classes for Beginners

We are planning to start another ballroom class in the fall and are looking for young people, ages 14+ to come out and learn to dance, make new friends and have some fun.

Please contact the club office, Hailey Rich or Erika Schmidt if you know of anyone interested in joining this class.
Erika Schmidt, Cultural Chair



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service and organization of the event. Once again we thank Kriemhilde Hensel for her incomparable leadership and dedication. I would like to thank the following ladies for their help in the kitchen: Sarah Bliefert, Hilda Janzen, Trudy Schneider, Rosie Karst, Margit Fritsch, Sylvia Hartig, and Margie Habl, and our servers Mike Griebelnow, Samantha Trieu, and Danielle Fritsch, as well as Trudy and Hilda. Also, all choir members helped in setting up the hall, bringing pastries and tombola tickets, and cleaning up. Altogether, our TCK spirit was true to form. My own personal thanks go to all that went the extra mile, you and I know who you all are.

Thank you to our volunteers!

All audience members of the choir concert were extremely impressed by the superb quality of the meal and the efficient

Gerhard Griebelnow

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Members that would like to announce an anniversary or birthday are asked to contact K. Lowrick at 519-745-8048 or Heidi Lowrick by phone at 519-662-1757 or by email at hlowrick@gmail.com.

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

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Amy Finster
Amy Kube
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