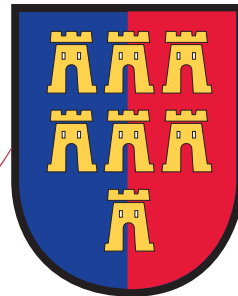


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TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Folgende Veranstaltungen finden in den nächsten Monaten statt:

09. April	Chorkonzert – Choir Concert Lunch at 12:00 & Concert at 14:00 Uhr	12:00 Uhr
15. April	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia	11:30 Uhr
23. April	Germanica – Hansa Haus - Mississauga	
01. Mai	Muttertag/Mother's Day Program	14:00 Uhr
07. Mai	Mitgliederabend/Ballroom Graduation – Members' Banquet	18:30 Uhr
18. Mai	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia	11:30 Uhr
28. Mai	Band Concert	20:00 Uhr
15. Juni	Seniorentreffen – Seniors' Luncheon – Concordia	11:30 Uhr
18. Juni	Waldfest – Picnic & Golf Tournament GCHFC	12:00 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 hätten 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.

ALPINE CLUB EVENTS

16. April	Gruendungsfest	19:00 Uhr
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BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Transylvania Club Mitglieder und Freunde,

Nun, der Frühling ist vielleicht schon da. Ich hoffe, dass der Verlust der einen Stunde Schlaf niemanden Probleme geschaffen hat.

Der Schwabenclub feierte sein 85. Gründungsfest am 20. Februar. Ich danke Phil Neidert und seinem Vorstand für die Einladung zu diesem Meilenstein. Es war ein wunderbarer Abend mit grossem Publikum und Vorführungen ihrer Tanzgruppen.

Am Samstag, dem 5. März hatten wir unseren Trachtenball mit etwa 170 Teilnehmern. Das waren weniger als im letzten Jahr. Es scheint, dass wir dieses Jahr unsere jüngere Generation und die Kindergruppe mit ihren Eltern dieses Jahr nicht dabei hat-

ten. Wir wurden unterhalten von unserem Chor unter der Leitung von Dieter Conrad, und unserer Hofbräu Kapelle unter der Leitung von Andrea Emrich. Auch unsere Tanzgruppe trat wieder auf unter den wachsamen Augen ihrer Ausbilder Hailey Rich und Steve Schatz jr. Es war schade, dass wir nicht genug Kinder der Kindergruppe für eine Aufführung dabei hatten. Wie es bei dieser Veranstaltung zur Tradition geworden ist, mussten wir unsere Miss Transylvania 2015, Stephanie Klaehn, verabschieden. Sie war eine wunderbare Vertreterin unseres Clubs und der Jugend. Sie gab eine vom Herzen kommende Abschiedsrede, die uns wissen liess, dass unsere Jugend auf unser Kulturerbe Wert legt. Stephanie, herzlichen Dank für ein tolles Jahr. Wir wünschen dir für deine Zukunft das Allerbeste! Ich danke auch Stephanie und Liam Schatz für die Leitung des Kinderaufmarsches am Anfang des Programms. Die Kinder hatten so viel Spass dabei, um die Halle herumzumarschieren. Es war mir ein Vergnügen, unsere

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Miss Transylvania für 2016 vorzustellen, Mikaila Emrich begleitet von Alex Emrich. Zu ihrer Amtsübernahme gab auch sie eine begeisterte Rede. Ich weiss, dass sie während des kommenden Jahres eine gute Botschafterin für unseren Klub sein wird. Ihre Begeisterung und ihre Teilnahme in der Jugend wird alle ermuntern, weiter mitzumachen und auf unsere Kultur stolz zu sein. Mikailas Eltern sind Michael und Heide Emrich. Wir danken ihnen für die Blumen, die zur Ehrung der Krönung ihrer Tochter die Tische zierten. Der neue Präsident der Tanzgruppe ist Alex Emrich. Auch er gratulierte der neuen Miss, seiner Schwester, und stellte die Mitglieder des neuen Tanzgruppenkomitees vor. Etwa 78 Personen wurden von der Hofbräu Kapelle zum Trachtenaufmarsch begleitet, immer ein wunderschöner Anblick. Wir hatten während des gesamten Abends ein Angebot schmackhafter Kost in der Küche, dafür danken wir Margit Fritsch und dem Frauenverein. Ein besonderer Dank geht an die freiwilligen Helfer in der Küche, deren Arbeit es möglich machte, dass wir anderen den Festabend genießen konnten.

Wenn ihr diese Zeilen lest, wird unsere Jahreshauptversammlung schon hinter uns liegen. Über die Einzelheiten dazu werde ich im nächsten Blatt berichten.

Bitte kommt zu unserem Spagetti Essen am 26. März und unterstützt unsere Tanzgruppe, die mit dem Erlös die Kosten ihrer Reise nach Europa im Sommer und zu dem Heimattag in Youngstown, Ohio reduzieren möchte. Diese Reisen sind teuer, sie brauchen eure Unterstützung, also kommt bitte! Das Thema des Abends ist "Der grosse weiße Norden". Zieht euch eure beste kanadische Kleiung an und kommt zu einem tollen Abend.

Unser Chor veranstaltet sein Chorkonzert am 9. April. Nach einem Schnitzeessen um 12 Uhr beginnt das Programm um 14:00 Uhr. Die vier Gastchöre sorgen für ein abwechslungsreiches Programm. Bitte kommt und werdet unterhalten, und unterstützt dabei unseren Chor.

Unser Muttertagsprogramm fängt am Sonntag, dem

1. Mai 2016 um 14:00 Uhr an. Bitte kommt und genießt die Aufführungen der Kinder und anderer Gruppen und Mitglieder. Es ist immer recht unterhaltsam. Kaffee und Kuchen werden in der Pause angeboten.

Wir haben eine Gesellschaftstanzgruppe von etwa acht Paaren. Sie werden am Mitgliederabend am 7. Mai ihren Abschlusstanz vorführen. Bitte kommt und seht euch unsere zukünftigen Tanzgruppenmitglieder an, wie sie nervös auftreten. Ich glaube, die meisten von uns erinnern sich noch daran, als wir es machen mussten ... Füsse zusammen ... nach links gucken ... Tanzhaltung...

Viele unserer deutschen Clubs haben Präsidenten, deren Amtszeit abgelaufen war und die sich zur Wiederwahl stellten. Bill Poje macht weiter für den Alpenclub, Phil Neidert ist der Präsident des Schwabenclubs, Rob Kerr is wieder der Präsident des Concordia Clubs. David Mendler bleibt weiter der Präsident des Deutsch-Kanadischen Jagd- und Fischvereins, seine Amtszeit ist noch nicht abgelaufen. Ich gratuliere diesen Herren und spreche ihnen meinen grossen Dank dafür aus, dass sie diese lebenswichtigen Rollen weiter ausführen. Unsere Clubs und ihre Präsidenten arbeiten durchweg daran, die Zukunft unseres Kulturerbes weiterzuführen und die unsere Sichtbarkeit in der Gemeinde zu stärken.

Reinhard Schmidt, Praesident

Transylvania Club Members and Friends,

Well I think spring may finally be here. I hope losing that hour of sleep didn't cause anyone any serious problems.

The Schwaben Club held their 85th Gründungsfest on Feb. 20th. I thank Phil Neidert and his board for the invitation to this milestone event. It was a wonderful evening with many in attendance and performances by their dance groups.

On Saturday March 5th we held our annual Trachtenball and had approximately 170 people

there. This numbers were down from last year and it seems we were missing out younger generation and the Kindergruppe and parents this year. We were entertained by our Choir under the direction of Dieter Conrad, our Hofbrau band under the leadership of Andrea Emrich and our Dance group once again performed, under the watchful eyes of instructors Hailey Rich and Steve Schatz Jr. It was unfortunate that we did not have enough children from the Kindergruppe there to perform for us this year. As is the tradition at this event, we wished well and had to say goodbye to our Miss Transylvania for 2015, Stephanie Klaehn. She was a wonderful representative of our club and the youth and gave a very heartfelt outgoing speech letting us know that our youth do feel their heritage is important. Stephanie, thanks for a great year. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. I also thank Stephanie and Liam Schatz for leading the Kinderaufmarsch at the beginning of the program. The children had so much fun marching around the hall. It was my pleasure to be able to introduce our new Miss Transylvania for 2016, Mikaila Emrich escorted by Alex Emrich. Mikaila also gave an inspiring speech as she took on her new role as Miss Transylvania. I know she will be a great ambassador for our club throughout the next year and her enthusiasm and involvement with our youth will encourage everyone to stay involved and be proud of your culture. Mikaila's parents are Michael and Heide Emrich and we thank them for donating the flowers on the tables for the evening in honour of their daughter's crowning. The new President of the Dance group, Alex Emrich also congratulated our new miss, his sister, and introduced the new dance group committee. We had approximately 78 people participate in the Tracht Aufmarsch while our Hofbrau Band marched us in. It is always a beautiful sight.

We had great food available from the kitchen throughout the evening thanks to Margit Fritsch and the Frauenverein. A special thanks to those who helped in the kitchen throughout the night, so the rest of us could enjoy the evening.

By the time you are reading this, we will have already had our Annual General membership meeting. I will report the details of that meeting in next month's Blatt.

Please come out to Spaghetti Night on March 26th, 2016 and support our Dance group as they try and offset the cost of their trip to Europe this summer as well as Heimattag in Youngstown, Ohio in June. These trips are expensive and they need our support so please come out. The evening's theme is "The Great White North". Dress in your most "Canadian" outfit and come out for a great evening.

Our Choir has their concert April 9th, 2016 with lunch at 12:00, and the concert beginning at 2:00pm. This is always a great afternoon of musical talent, so come out and enjoy yourself while supporting our choir.

Our Mother's Day program starts at 2:00p.m. on Sunday, May 1st, 2016. Come out and watch the children and other groups and members perform... it's always very entertaining. Coffee and cake will be available during intermission.

We have a ballroom class of approximately 8 couples that are going to be graduating at our Mitgliederabend on May 7th, 2016. Please come out and watch our future dance group members as they nervously perform for us. I think most of us can still remember when we had to do it.....feet together...look to your left.....close holding.

Many of the local German Clubs have Presidents whose terms were over and were up for re-election. Bill Poje is continuing as the Alpine Club President, Phil Neidert is the President of the Schwaben Club, Rob Kerr is again the President of the Concordia Club. David Mendler remains the President of the German Canadian Hunting and Fishing Club as his position was not up for re-election. Congratulations and a big thank you to these gentlemen for continuing to take on these vital roles in our clubs. Our clubs and Presidents are continuously working together to ensure the future of our heritage and to strengthen our visibility within the community.

Reinhard Schmidt, President



TRACHTENBALL





TRACHTENBALL





KULTURGRUPPE

CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Dear Members and Friends,

Trachtenball 2015 was a wonderful evening and 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 have a fairly full house and see some families who we have not seen at club functions for a while. I thank those who brought their children, some in Tracht, to experience the "Einmarsch of Trachten" with the Kinder-einmarsch and again with their parents later in the evening. Seeing the young people always gives us hope and encouragement that our traditions will be carried on in the years to come and that is why the board and the cultural committee do their best to encourage you to support our groups and our events.

The crowning of our new Miss Transylvania 2016, Mikaila Emrich 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, Mikaila, the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Stephanie Klaehn, and their families. Congratulations Mikaila, I know you have been waiting for this moment a long time and will do your best to represent our club and heritage as Miss Transylvania. I am confident that 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 Stephanie, Miss Transylvania 2015 for her enthusiasm, dedication to her Saxon culture and a job well done in the past year during Oktoberfest, Heimattag, and all club functions. The following is an excerpt of Stephanie's speech that evening as I thought it was important for our members and friends to understand how seriously these girls take the position of Miss Transylvania and the impact the year has on them.

"Heimattag was one of my most impactful moments

during this past year. It's such a wonderful feeling to be surrounded by hundreds of Saxons who share the same pride and devotion to this culture. We respect, encourage, and support each other, we all understand that we are part of something unique and great and we make the most of the time we get to share together. We do not have to know each other beforehand; we are not strangers – we are family. We make memorable, life defining moments together. It is this unconditional love that I have for this extraordinary culture. Finally, thank you to the Transylvania Club; it is because of all of you and your dedication to this club and culture that this has been such a wonderful experience. The welcoming smiles and comments; the guidance and gratitude. I am floored by the support given to me by each group, member, and guest. I am so grateful for all of it, the lessons, the laughter, the love I'm surrounded by, I am blessed to call you all my family. You make this life so beautiful and I feel privileged to share this Saxon culture and this chapter of my life with all of you. I would also like to thank the youth group for all their encouragement, trust, and for supporting and believing in me to represent them this past year as Miss Transylvania. As youth it is our responsibility to keep this culture alive and show our commitment to it. The rest of your life is being shaped right now, by the dreams you chase, the choices you make and the person you decide to be. Life is short and opportunities are rare and we have to be vigilant in protecting them and not only the opportunities to succeed but the opportunity to laugh and to live. Life doesn't owe us anything but I believe that we owe something to the world. We are all part of something big and so extraordinary we should embrace it and share the joy with others."

Thanks also goes out to our Hofbrau Band for their march and dance music, our Choir for their uplifting songs, our talented Youth Dance Group for adding the traditional touches to the evening.

Also mark April 9th on your calendar for the choir's annual concert. This year it is promising to be a sold out event again at the Alpine Club and will be an unforgettable musical experience along with a

delicious schnitzel lunch.

Please come out and celebrate your mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other family members at our Mother's Day program on May 1st. We will have many of our groups entertaining us, some surprises as always, flowers for the moms and delicious dessert and coffee during intermission. Take a few hours out of the afternoon to enjoy the company and share time with friends and your moms.

Mitgliederabend will take place on May 7th and will be the graduation night for the ballroom class. These young people have been working hard with their instructor Hailey Rich and Liam Schatz, over the past few months to learn all the classic ballroom dances and be ready to perform them for you on graduation night. I would like to thank some of the participants from the Schwaben Club for joining

our ballroom group this year and hope that you enjoyed learning the dances.

Let me know if you are interested in joining us at Heimattag in Youngstown Ohio this year from June 24 – 26th. We would like to show our support to our fellow Saxons in the US by having as many people attend as possible. I will be booking busses and rooms soon.

The Kulturgruppe also congratulates President Reinhard Schmidt and his newly elected board of directors and look forward to working together with them in the year to come.

Hope to see you all at these upcoming events as you support our groups and our culture.

Frohe Ostern! Happy Easter!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President



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OKTOBERFEST



FRAUENVEREIN

I hope this newsletter finds you well and all excited about spring. I think most of us can hardly wait to go out and clean up the winter mess.

There are two things I would like to share with you in this newsletter.

First of all, for Mother's Day we are getting a break and don't have to bake for our event. As this day is in our honour, I hope you can attend our Muttertag event and be spoiled by our program, Kaffee and Kuchen. As every year, we honour the mother with the youngest baby and our oldest mother. I look forward to greet you all.

Second, we are starting Oktoberfest preparation early on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4th, to

make our pigtails. It is always fun to work together and learn from each other. We need all the available hands. We will have more details at our next meeting, April 20th.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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 20. April und den 18. Mai 2016, wie immer um 11:30 statt. Um Anmeldung wird gebeten unter Tel. 519-744-1191. Bringt auch eure Freunde mit.

Mathias Wolf - Präsident des Sterbefonds und Leiter der Seniorengruppe

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MISS TRANSYLVANIA'S SPEECH

Liebe Mitglieder und Gäste,

Ich möchte mich recht-herzlich bedanken das ihr mir das Vertrauen geschenkt habt, eure Miss Transylvania 2016 zu sein.

I would like to thank our 2015 Miss Transylvania, Stephanie Kleahn. You have been an amazing representative and I have loved getting to know you so well over the past year. You have such a kind heart, and we have been blessed to have you as our ambassador.

I would also like to thank the Dance Group for believing in me and attributing to my most amazing memories. I have shared my favourite laughs with you, and cannot wait to see what this coming year holds for us.

Thank you to my parents, brother, grandparents, and extended family and friends for caring so deeply about me and always knowing how to make me smile.

Finally, thank you to Erika Schmidt for guiding me in my Miss Transylvania journey so far. Your knowledge of our culture is indispensable.

I would also like to tell you all a little about my family.

Meine Eltern sind Heide und Michael Emrich, und mein Bruder, der mich heute Abend begleitet, heißt Alexander. Meine Großeltern sind Artur und Rosina Pinnau und kommen aus Stonopönen, Ostpreussen, und Minarken, Siebenbürgen und Traugott und Gisela Emrich aus Passbusch, Siebenbürgen und Detmold, Deutschland. My Oti, Traugott Emrich, passed away when I was in Grade 12, and there has been so much that I have wanted to share with him, like going to University, living away from home, and buying my first car.

Tonight, I wish so deeply that he were here to see me be able to represent this culture which we all love. I do feel, however, that he knows and is here, and I hope that I have made him proud.

And now I would like to share a bit about myself!

I am in my third year of Commerce at the University of Guelph, studying Marketing Management specifically, and I have had a love for soccer since I was 4 years old (FC Bayern, Forever #1!). I love figure skating and am currently working as a coach for young children and strive to be a strong role model in terms of enthusiasm, positivity, and the importance of hard work.

At this point, I wanted to speak about how much it means to me to be your ambassador this year, but had such difficulty putting this honour into words. What I repeatedly thought of was when I was younger, and remember watching the Transylvania Club Dance Group perform at Oktoberfest family day, Spaghetti Night, and even for a few guest performances at German school. I wished so badly that I would be able to do that one day. So naturally, after graduating from Ballroom and finally joining the Dance Group, I was overly excited about receiving the signature black and red dirndl! I paraded around the house in it and did not want to take it off, simply because I was so proud. I feel that same pride; the same rush of excitement, every time that our music begins and we get ready to do what we love. Performing with this amazing team makes me happier than anything else in the world, and it is my goal to share with you as much happiness and pride in our culture as I feel when we dance. Words can not express how much this experience of being your Miss Transylvania means to me.

Das bevorstehende Ereignis, auf das ich mich besonders freue, ist mit der Transylvania Blaskapelle

und der Transylvania Tanzgruppe diesen Sommer nach Europa zu reisen. Die Transylvania Blaskapelle und Transylvania Jugend-Tanzgruppe werden in verschiedenen Sachsen-Klubs in Österreich und Deutschland Konzerte geben und die Tanzgruppe wird ihre heimatlichen Tänze vorführen.

Es wird eine aufregende Reise mit meinen besten Freunden sein, von der wir mit vielen Erinnerungen und neuen Freundschaften heimkehren, die wir ein Leben lang nicht vergessen werden.

Mitgliederabend is also approaching, at which time our ballroom class will be graduating. I know that the dance group and myself are SO excited to welcome them and to create a home and family for their entire lives, the way that we are all one joined family here tonight.

Whether it be new dance group members, or club members who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I see this evening and the coming year as an incredible opportunity to get to know everyone

better, which is possibly what I am looking forward to the most.

Nochmals ein herzliches Dankeschön an meine Familie, die Jugendgruppe, und alle, die heute Abend hier sind, für eure Unterstützung. Ich bin so dankbar für diese Ehre und euer Vertrauen in mich.

Thank you,

Mikaila Emrich



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WHAT IF?

I thought that Bob Foster's speech at Trachtenball about "What if" was excellent. I also heard many similar comments, so we are including that portion of Bob's speech for everyone that was not at Trachtenball. It's a good read.

Thanks Bob – well done.

Reinhard Schmidt

Trachtenball is an important event in the life of the club. It carries a great deal of meaning and significance. While you are enjoying tonight's festivities, I would like you to think about why we have Trachtenball, why we are able to have Trachtenball. I'm sure you are all familiar with "What if ...? I'm sure you have heard people ask, "What if ...?" I'm sure you yourselves have all wondered many times, "What if ...?"

Well, I have some "What ifs ...?" for you. These are something to reflect on, something to ponder, something, perhaps, to look forward to.

I want you to take a look around you – take a look at the people at your table, take a look around the room. Do you see the faces of those who had a vision, a dream? Do you see the faces of those who were willing to work toward an inspired and lofty goal? And do you also see in those faces those who have gone before them? Do you see people who built the Transylvania Club? I'm not referring to just bricks and mortar. I'm referring to the club as an entity.

The first Miss Transylvania walked across the stage in 1956. What if ... there had been no stage, no Miss Transylvania? What if ... there had been no Transylvania Club?

What if ... your Transylvania Saxon forefathers and the senior members of this club had not made the pain-staking, heart-wrenching decision to uproot themselves from their beloved homeland and flee the tyranny bearing down on them?

What if ... they had not had the resolve to labour and sacrifice to make solid, rewarding lives for their families here in Canada?

What if ... they had not dared to dream? What if ... they had not demonstrated the will to build the legacy of club and community that you have here today?

What if ... your forefathers and these senior members had not been challenged to ask, "What if ...?"? With this in mind, I throw out the challenge, and the encouragement, to the youth to not be afraid to ask, "What if ...?" For all past efforts can only be crowned with success if you succeed in passing on to the next generation, wholly intact and undamaged, that which has been attained and valiantly defended.

What if ... your forefathers and these seniors had not handed down their gifts of courage, strength, survival and hope?

What if ...?

Bob Foster, MC/Veranstaltungsleiter



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Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Im Zuge des Kulturaustausches, hat Kanada in diesem Jahr die Gelegenheit eine Gruppe nach Übersee d.h. Deutschland und Österreich zu senden. Die Transylvania Hofbräu Band unter der Leitung von Andrea Emrich und sechs Paare der Transylvania Tanzgruppe haben sich bereit erklärt Kanada an dem Kulturaustausch zu vertreten. Die Gruppe besteht aus 37 Teilnehmern, mehr als die Hälfte hat noch nie an einem Kulturaustausch oder Jugendlager nach Übersee teilgenommen.

On July 20th we fly to Munich from where we travel by bus to Salzburg, Austria. Our first concert will be on Friday evening July 22nd at the "Heckentheater" in the Mirabellgarten. On Saturday we travel to Rosenau and Vöcklabruck where in the evening we will present our second concert in the Siebenbürgerheim Dürnau. Sunday, July 24th we will present our concert in the Welser Burggarten. On Tuesday July 26th we will be travelling to Nürnberg, Germany with a stop in Landshut. Our first concert in Germany will be on Wednesday, July 27th in Nürnberg. On Thursday we travel to Dinkelsbühl, the location of the annual Heimattag which this year is being held on May 14th to 16th. On Friday, July 29th we travel to Heilbronn and make a visit to Schloss Horneck. On Saturday, July 30th we will be visiting Heidelberg and giving a concert. Our last stop in Germany will be in Drabenderhöhe where we will be presenting our last concert on Sunday or Monday before returning home from Frankfurt on Tuesday, August 2nd. I will be giving a further update to our travel agenda in the May Nachrichtenblatt.

This year our annual USA/Canada Heimattag takes place in Youngstown, Ohio on June 24th, 25th and 26th. All our members and friends are invited to take part in this Saxon weekend. Ticket and motel information will be posted in the May Nach-

richtenblatt. Please call Erika Schmidt (519-743-555) or the Transylvania Club office (519-744-1191) for bus and motel information and to reserve your tickets.

Please support our annual USA/Canada Heimattag to reminisce the past, sustain the present and to support the future.

John Werner

Bundesvorsitzender



NEUE MITGLIEDER - NEW MEMBERS

**A warm Transylvanian welcome
goes out to:**

Andrea & Holger von Weyhe

Darrin & Stephanie Boutilier

Peter Hamberger & Bonnie Bremner

Terri & Luke Carter

Richard Wolf



KEGELGRUPPE

We had our last regular season bowl on Friday March 11th and we started our first of three playoffs on March 25th. We are having our banquet on April 16th to coincide with Alpines 63rd anniversary. The bowling league will pick up the cost of tickets for all bowlers.

On a more somber note, one of our long time bowlers and member of the Alpine club, Joe Eppich passed away a couple of weeks ago.

David Green, Bowling Group President



AUS DEM KLUBVORSTAND

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thanks to Gerry and Gee Schatz for donating a brand new microphone to the club.

Thanks to Alex Leuschner for all his help in getting our new website up and running, and for his continued support and assistance to Lisa Fritsch.



KARTENSPIEL-GRUPPE

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



JUGENDGRUPPE

YOUTH GROUP

Hello to all members!

Our group had a wonderful time at Trachtenball on March 5, and it was very exciting to crown our new Miss Transylvania 2016, Mikaila Emrich. On behalf of the dance group, I wish to thank Stephanie Klaehn, our Miss Transylvania 2015, for wonderfully representing our dance group and our Club this

past year. As well, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Spaghetti Night fundraiser on March 26. We had a great time and hope you did as well! Your support for our group is greatly appreciated, thank you. Also, on April 23, our group is honoured to be representing the Transylvania Club at Germanica 2016 at Hansa Haus, where we will be performing our traditional dances. Next, we are very excited to see the Ballroom Class graduate on May 7 during Mitgliederabend. We will be welcoming new members and expanding our group shortly after! We are also looking forward to the Club's Band Concert on May 28, where our members going to Europe this summer will be showcasing what we have been working on. In preparing for this Kulturaustausch trip, we have been collaborating with the Transylvania Hofbräu Band to create what we think will be an awesome program, including singing, and a brand new dance. Thank you for your continued support of our dance group!

Alex Emrich, Youth Group President

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MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the month of April. 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

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Jason Mooser

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Maria Pfeuffer

Maria Gondosch

Maria Schelling

Karen Scherl

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John Klein

Erika Norris

Maria Bernecker

Peter Tschoepe

Maria Lowrick

Rosie Bendix Singh

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Rosemarie Emrich

Karin Gondosch

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