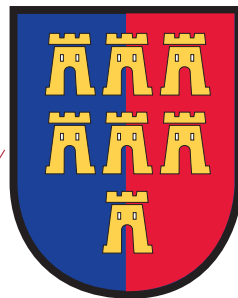


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# TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

## TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Folgende Veranstaltungen finden in den nächsten Monaten statt:

07. December	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner</b>	18:30
18. December	<b>Weihnachtsfeier – Christmas Pageant</b>	14:00
21. December	<b>Seniorentreffen</b> - Seniors' Luncheon - Concordia Club	11:30
14. January	<b>Kameradschaftsabend</b> – hosted by TCK	
18. January	<b>Seniorentreffen</b> - Seniors' Luncheon - Concordia Club	11:30
18. January	<b>Frauenverein Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM</b>	19:00
25. January	<b>Kulturgruppe Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM</b>	19:00
04. February	<b>Frauenball</b>	18:30
15. February	<b>Seniorentreffen</b> - Seniors' Luncheon - Concordia Club	11:30
04. March	<b>Trachtenball</b>	19:30

*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.*

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*Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,*

Ich muss mich für die Verspätung dieses Nachrichtenblatts entschuldigen. Ich bin schuldig. Am Dienstag, dem 4. Oktober hatte ich einen Teil dieses Berichts schon abgeschlossen, aber am selben Tag wurde ich unerwartet im St. Mary's Krankenhaus mit Schmerzen in der Brust eingeliefert. Am Freitag, dem 7. Oktober, dem ersten Tag des Oktoberfests erhielt ich eine vierfache Bypass Operation. Hoffentlich könnt ihr nun verstehen, warum ich meinen Bericht nicht zur Zeit schreiben konnte. Deshalb haben wir das Nachrichtenblatt um einen Monat verschoben.

Nun, ich meine, dass alle von uns, die bei der

65. Jubiläumsfeier am 22. September dabei waren, einen wunderbaren Abend und einen Meilenstein unserer Klubgeschichte erlebt haben. Die Zahl der Anwesenden belief sich um die 315 Personen! Alle Generationen waren vertreten und füllten den Saal mit dem wunderbaren Gefühl, eine Familie zu sein. Ich muss damit anfangen, einen Riesendank auszusprechen an eine Reihe von Personen und Unternehmen, die einen Teil dieses Abends unterstützten. Ihre finanzielle Hilfe machte diese Veranstaltung zu etwas Besonderem. Diese Sponsoren waren:

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Die Mitglieder des Planungskomitees des 65. Jubiläums waren übereinstimmend der Meinung, dass die grosse auf die Wand in der Eingangshalle des Klubs gemalte Karte wichtig und eine grossartige visuelle Darstellung der verschiedenen über Transylvanien verbreiteten Dörfer war, aus denen unsere Landsleute stammten. Deshalb liessen wir diese Karte auf einem Material reproduzieren, das über einen Rahmen gespannt wird und die Karte unseres Heimatlands darstellt. Sie war bei unserem 65. Jubiläum ausgestellt und, weil sie transportabel ist, kann sie mit uns gebracht und bei anderen Veranstaltungen, an denen wir möglicherweise teilnehmen, ausgestellt werden. I sage Alfred Lowrick, der die Photos von dem Original gemacht hat und viel dazu beigetragen hat, dieses Projekt durchzuführen, unseren herzlichen Dank. Danke, Fred! Alle anwesenden Personen erhielten ein Gedenkabzeichen und eine Placemat mit der Abbildung der Transylvania Landkarte, gestiftet von den oben genannten Gondosch Familienmitgliedern. Die Placemats können auch im Büro gekauft werden und würden ein schönes Weihnachtsgeschenk für Familie und Freunde ausmachen. Ich danke Pastor Ehlebracht von der St. Peters Kirche für sein Tischgebet und die bedeutungsvollen Worte zur Weihung der Karte.

Unsere Hofbräu Kapelle unter der Leitung von Andrea Emrich spielte für uns, während wir uns bei geselligem Beisammensein an den schmackhaften von Klubmitgliedern gespendeten Hors d'Heuvres gütlich taten und die vielen mit Erinnerungen gefüllten Bilder und die Diavorführung ansahen. Wir danken Heidi Lowrick und Katie Dienesch für die vielen Stunden der Vorbereitung dieser Ausstellungen. In dieser Zeit gab es auch für die Kinder die Möglichkeit, sich an handwerklichen Aufgaben zu betätigen und / oder sich die Gesichter anmalen zu lassen. Wir danken Lorraine Principi und Anna Schatz dafür, dass sie auch für die Kinder Spass vorbereitet haben. Vor dem Programmanfang hatten wir mit der Kapelle eine Serie von Liedern zum mitsingen, darunter einigen alten Schunkelliedern mit 'Wahre Freundschaft' zum Abschluss.

Vor dem Essen wurden wir unterhalten von unserer Kindergruppe unter der Leitung von Anna Schatz.

Unsere Gründungsmitglieder wurden vorgestellt und mit einer besonderen Anstecknadel zum 65. beschenkt in Anerkennung ihres besonderen Einsatzes in den Gründungsjahren des Klubs sowie ihrer andauernden Mitgliedschaft und Unterstützung

Wir genossen ein schmackhaftes Essen mit gerösteten Kartoffeln, Hähnchen, Schnitzel, Krautwickel und allem Drum und Dran.

Vor dem Kaffee und Kuchen sang unser Chor eine Liederauswahl, angefangen mit dem eigens für diese Gelegenheit bestellten Lied "I'm a small part of the world" mit Lisa Fritsch als Gastsoloistin und endend mit 'Als Freunde kamen wir, als Freunde gehen wir'.

Unsere Tanzgruppe zeigte einmal mehr ihre Fertigkeit und begeisterte alle mit ihrem neuen Tanz "Fliege mit mir in die Heimat". Nach dem Programm tanzten wir in die Nacht mit der Musik von "Wildbahn". Es war ein erin-

nerungswürdiger Abend. Es versteht sich von selbst, dass so ein Abend nicht von alleine geschieht. Es kamen viele Personen am Freitag Abend, um zu dekorieren und Vorbereitungen in der Küche zu machen, und dann wieder am Samstag Vormittag mit weiteren Vorbereitungen, sie brachten Beiträge zu den Hors d'Oevres und blieben zum Aufräumen. Wir danken all diesen Personen - ihr habt geholfen, eine Veranstaltung für unsere Geschichtsbücher zu machen.

Die Gruppe, die diese Veranstaltung organisiert hat, begann im August 2015 mit den Planungen. Sie haben ausgezeichnete Arbeit geleistet und verdienen ein herzliches Dankeschön. Die Mannschaft bestand aus Erika Schmidt, Hermine Brown, Katie Dienesch, Elke Hensel-Williams, Rosemarie Gellner, Lisa Fritsch, Bob Foster, Gerry Schatz, Heidi Lowrick und mir. Diese Mannschaft hat hart gearbeitet, viele Sitzungen gehabt und viele lange Stunden verbracht, um diese Veranstaltung zu etwas besonderem zu machen. Bitte erinnert euch daran und dankt ihnen, wenn ihr sie beim nächsten Mal seht. Ein besonderer Dank gebührt Bob Foster und Gerry Schatz, die sicher stellten, dass der Tag fließend und zeitgemäss ablief. Wie immer hatte Bob Foster einige bedeutungsvolle Worte, die von allen geschätzt wurden. Wir danken auch Peter Walesch, der Videoaufnahmen für unsere Archive gemacht hat und auch Fred Lowrick für seine Photos.

Dieses Jahr hatten wir wieder das Vergnügen eine unserer ehemaligen Misses im Wettbewerb um Miss Oktoberfest zu unterstützen. Der Transylvania Club ist stolz auf Stephanie Klaehn, die dieses Jahr dazu angetreten ist. Unglücklicherweise hat sie den Titel von Miss Oktoberfest nicht erhalten, aber sie hat sich und unseren Klub stolz vertreten. Toll gemacht, Stephanie!

Wir hatten eine treue Gruppe von Personen, die am 2. Oktober zum Stampede Corral kamen um für das Oktoberfest zu dekorieren. Ich konnte dieses Jahr bei keinen der Veranstaltungen dabei sein, aber von Gesprächen mit anderen Mitgliedern zu schliessen, die mitgearbeitet haben, klingt es wie ein weiteres gutes Jahr. Unser Essen war wie immer wieder ein grosser Erfolg. Wir hatten einige neue Gerichte, die bei unseren Kunden sehr gut angekommen sind. Das Molsen Festessen am letzten Freitag war wieder ein Riesenerfolg, sie freuen sich immer über ein volles Gelage. Ich muss meinen beiden Vizepräsidenten Hans Gross und John Dienesch herzlich danken, dass sie mir alle Oktoberfestaufgaben abgenommen haben, solange ich noch im Krankenhaus lag. Wir haben eine recht lange Liste von Leuten, die viele verschiedene Aufgaben auf sich genommen haben in der Vorbereitung und während des Oktoberfests. Ihre Namen werden auf einer anderen Seite dieses Blattes erscheinen. Wie immer müssen wir unseren Hut abnehmen vor dem Oktoberfestkomitee unter der Leitung von Rob Hesch für die vielen Stunden der Planung, für neue Ideen und Lockmittel, um unsere Halle zu füllen. Eine der schwierigsten Aufgaben ist es, genug Freiwillige zu finden, sie zu organisieren und sicherzustellen, dass alle Schichten voll besetzt sind, dafür danke ich Lori Moore. Danke!

Am 11. Oktober feierten wir den Tag der deutschen Pioniere im Kitchener Rathaus. Diese Veranstaltung ist wichtig, denn sie gibt uns die Gelegenheit, Personen, Betriebe und Kulturgruppen mit deutscher Abstammung zu ehren, die etwas zur Entwicklung unserer Gemeinde beigetragen haben. Dieses Jahr wurde der Transylvania Klub geehrt, zusammen mit der Familie von Charles Ahrens, der eine Schuhfabrik in Berlin betrieben hat, und einem Gründungsjubiläum der Stadt Waterloo. Auf der Plakette steht geschrieben:

**German Pioneers Award**  
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**nity, and for preserving German Heritage**  
**for the past 65 years.**

Sie wurde überreicht vom Deutsch Kanadischen Kongress und dem Komitee für den Tag der deutschen Pioniere.

Ich war sehr enttäuscht, dass ich nicht an dieser Feier teilnehmen konnte, aber unser erster Vizepräsident Hans Gross und meine Frau Erika, unsere Kulturgruppenleiterin, haben die Anerkennung für unseren Klub angenommen.

Die Hofbräu Kapelle gab ein einstündiges Konzert vor dem Programm, unsere Frauen hatten eine erweiterte wunderbare Ausstellung von Kulturerbstücken, unser Chor und unsere Tanzgruppe unterhielten das Publikum. All diese Gruppen vertraten unseren Klub gut und zeigten dem Publikum unser Kulturerbe. Wir danken Gerhard Griebenow und Helene Schramek für ihren Einsatz und ihre Hingabe zu dieser schönen Feier und für ihre Wahl, in diesem Jahr den Transylvania Klub zu ehren.

Der Trachtenball in Aylmer findet am 5. November statt und am selben Tag auch die Jahreshauptversammlung mit Wahl. Ich werde darüber in meinem nächsten Bericht schreiben.

Ich hoffe, dass ich beim Weihnachtessen der Frauen am 7. Dezember dabei sein, vielleicht sogar servieren kann. Ich hoffe, viele unserer Frauen dort zu sehen, wo wir zu Anfang unserer Weihnachtssaison schmackhaftes Essen, Musik und Geselligkeit genießen werden.

Bitte vergesst nicht, unsere Klub Weihnachtsfeier am 18. Dezember um 14:00 Uhr im Kalender vorzumerken. Bitte bringt Eure Kinder, Familien und Freunde zu diesem festlichen Nachmittag. Vielleicht können wir die Halle wieder füllen mit

unseren wunderbaren Sachsenfamilien und Freunden. Wir werden viel Unterhaltung haben und bitten euch, für die Kaffeepause von eurem Lieblingsgebäck mitzubringen.

Vermerkt euch bitte auch schon den 14. Januar auf dem Kalender. Dies ist das Datum für den Kameradschaftsabend der Arbeitsgemeinschaft, den wir dieses Mal im Alpenklub ausrichten. Was könnt ihr erwarten? Mehr gutes Essen, Musik und gute Unterhaltung, und Einlagen unserer Kulturgruppen. Bitte kommt alle und genießt das gesellige Beisammensein mit den Mitgliedern unserer Schwesterklubs, Bitte meldet euer Interesse schon jetzt im Büro an, Einzelheiten werden wir so früh wie möglich ausgeben.

Dies ist die letzte Ausgabe unseres Nachrichtenblatts vor Weihnachten, deshalb möchte ich die Gelegenheit ergreifen, Euch allen ein sehr sicheres Frohes Weihnachtsfest zu wünschen. Ich hoffe, ihr werdet euch mit euren Lieben treffen können um diese besondere Jahreszeit zu genießen. Bleibt sicher!

*Reinhard Schmidt, Praesident*

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*Dear Members and Friends,*

I must apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. It is my fault. On Tuesday October 4th I had a portion of this article completed, however on that day I was unexpectedly admitted to St. Mary's Hospital with chest pains. On Friday, October 7th, the first day of Oktoberfest, I underwent quadruple bypass surgery. Hopefully you can understand how I could not get my article done in time, so we postponed the Blatt for one month.

Well I believe those of us that were at the 65th Anniversary Celebration on September 22nd, enjoyed a wonderful evening and milestone in our club's history. The final attendance count was somewhere around 315 people! All genera-

tions were represented and filled the hall with that wonderful sense of family. I have to start by giving a very big thank you to a number of people and businesses that sponsored portions of the evening. Their financial support went a long way to make this event something special. Those sponsors are:

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The members of the 65th Anniversary planning committee were in agreement that the large map of Transylvania that had been painted on the wall in the upstairs hallway of our club was important and was a great visual display of the various villages throughout Transylvania that our people came from. Because of that, we had that map recreated on a section of material. That material

comes with a frame that is put together, and the map is stretched over the frame and recreates that same map of our homeland. It was on display for our 65th anniversary celebration, and because it is portable, can be taken with us and displayed at various other functions that we might attend. I have to give a very big thank you to Alfred Lowrick, who had the pictures of the original map, and who did much of the work to make this project happen. Thanks Alfred. Each person attending was given a 65th Anniversary Pin and a Transylvania Club placemat, donated by the Gondosch families listed above, that has that same beautiful map of Transylvania on it. Those placemats can also be purchased at the club office and would make a great Christmas gift for family and friends. I want to thank Pastor Mark Ehlebracht of St. Peter's Church for saying grace and his meaningful words in the dedication of the map.

Our Hofbrau Band under the direction of Andrea Emrich played for us as we mingled and enjoyed some wonderful hors d'oeuvres donated by some of our members and browsed the many pictures and wonderful slideshow filled with many memories of the years past. Thank you to Heidi Lowrick and Katie Dienesch for all the hours put into this display. There was face painting and crafts for the children during this social time. Thank you to Lorraine Principi and Anna Schatz for making sure the children had fun too. Before

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the program started we had a sing-a-long with the band of some of the old "schunkel" songs ending with Wahre Freundschaft.

Before dinner we were entertained by our Kindergruppe under the direction of Anna Schatz. The founding members were introduced and presented with a commemorative 65th year pin in recognition of their dedication to the forming of the Transylvania Club and their continued membership and support. We then enjoyed a wonderful dinner which included roasted potatoes, chicken, Schnitzel, cabbage rolls and all the trimmings. Our choir entertained us with a selection of songs beginning with the song "I'm a small part of the world" - especially requested for this event - with Lisa Fritsch as guest soloist and ending with 'As

friends we came, as friends we leave' while we enjoyed coffee and a decadent dessert. Our dance group once again showed us their dancing skills and thrilled everyone with their new dance "Fliege mit mir in die Heimat". After the program was over, we danced the night away to the music of Wildbahn. It was a memorable evening, and of course, evenings like that don't just happen by themselves. There were many people that came in Friday evening to decorate and work in the kitchen, and again people came in Saturday morning to help with more preparations, brought a contribution to the hors d'oeuvres and stayed to clean up. Thank you to all those people - you helped make it an event for our history books.



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The group that organized this event started working on this in August 2015 and did a fantastic job and they deserve a warm thank you. That team consisted of Erika Schmidt, Hermine Brown, Katie Dienesch, Elke Hensel-Williams, Rosemarie Gellner, Lisa Fritsch, Bob Foster, Gerry Schatz, Heidi Lowrick and myself. This team worked very hard, held many meetings and spent many long hours to make this event special. Please remember that next time you see them and say thanks. A special thank you goes to Bob Foster and Gerry Schatz, who made sure the day ran smoothly and on time. As always Bob had some meaningful words of wisdom and they were appreciated by all. Thank you also to Peter Walesch for videoing the event for our archives and Alfred Lowrick for taking the pictures.

Once again this year we had the pleasure of having a former Miss Transylvania running for Miss Oktoberfest! The Transylvania Club was proud to

sponsor Stephanie Klaehn as she ran for the title this year. Unfortunately, Stephanie was not successful in winning the title of Miss Oktoberfest but represented herself and our club proudly. Great job Stephanie!

We had a dedicated group of people that came out to the Stampede Corral on Sunday, October 2nd to decorate for Oktoberfest. I was unable to attend any of this year's Oktoberfest events, but from speaking to many of our members that were involved, it sounds like it was another good year. Our food was a big hit again, as it always is. We had some new food items that were very well received by our patrons. The Molson dinner on the last Friday was again a huge success and they always enjoy a full feast. I need to give a big thank you to our 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Hans Gross and John Dienesch for handling all of the Oktoberfest duties for me that I couldn't deal with while I was still in the hospital. There is a



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very long list of people that need to be thanked for taking on many different chores leading up to and during Oktoberfest, and their names will appear on another page in this newsletter. As always the Oktoberfest committee, led by Rob Hesch are to be commended on all their hard work and many hours of planning and coming up with new ideas and incentives to fill our hall. One of the most difficult jobs is rounding up enough volunteers and getting them organized and I would like to thank Lori Moore for all her hard work in making sure all shifts were covered. Thank you!!

On October 11th, we celebrated German Pioneers Day at the City Hall in Kitchener. This event is important as it provides us an opportunity to celebrate people, businesses and cultural groups that come from a German background and helped shape this community. This year the Transylvania Club was honoured along with the Charles A. Ahrens & Co., manufacturer of shoes and slippers in Berlin, Ontario and the City of Waterloo. The plaque presented to the club reads;

***German Pioneers Award  
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and for preserving German Heritage  
for the past 65 years.***

It was presented by the German-Canadian Congress and the German Pioneers Day Committee. I was very disappointed not to be able to attend this event to accept this honour, but Hans Gross, 1st VP and my wife Erika, our cultural chair, accepted the award for the club. The Hofbrau band played before the program, the ladies auxiliary had a beautiful display of our artifacts, our choir entertained us and our dance group performed. All the groups represented our

club well and displayed our culture and heritage for the audience. Thank you, Gerhard Griebenow and Helene Schramek for all your efforts and dedication to making this a wonderful event and for choosing to honour the Transylvania Club this year.

Trachtenball in Aylmer is on November 5th along with the annual meeting of the Landsmannschaft with elections. I will cover this in my next report.

I hope to be able to attend if not help serve the Ladies Christmas Dinner on Dec. 7th. I hope to see many of the ladies that night, as we start off the Christmas season and enjoy some delicious food, music and camaraderie.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Weihnachtsfeier on December 18th at 2 p.m. Please bring your children, families and friends to this festive afternoon. Maybe we can fill the hall again with our wonderful Saxon family and friends. We will have lots of entertainment and ask that you bring along your favourite cookies for our coffee time during intermission.

Please also note the 14th of January 2017 on your calendar. That is the date of the Co-operative Council's Kameradschaftsabend that we will be hosting in the Alpine Club. Be prepared for more good food, music, and entertainment by our cultural groups. Please come out and enjoy the camaraderie with the members of our sister clubs. All are invited to attend! Please register in the office. Details will be made public as soon as possible

This issue of our newsletter is the last one before Christmas, so I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas. I hope that you all have the chance to gather with loved ones to enjoy the special time of year. Be safe.

*Reinhard Schmidt,*  
President



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## KULTURGRUPPE

### CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

*Dear Members and Friends,*

Fall has come along with all its beautiful colours and the cooler temperatures and with that another few months of club functions for all to enjoy. Now that cottages are closed, our gardens and yards have been cleaned up and we are waiting for the spring again, we have more time to come out and enjoy our friends and families and celebrate our culture at the upcoming events.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and also enjoyed Oktoberfest and all the activities going on in the week. Unfortunately Reiny and I were not able to attend a lot of the Oktoberfest activities but all reports I have heard is that all our groups performed well and were enjoyed by the patrons. Oktoberfest would not be one of the largest Canadian festivals if it were not for the German culture. I would like to thank all the members, youth and children that took part in the parade. It is always great when we can show a few generations of Saxons and show how proud we are of our heritage. Family Day at the Alpine was well attended and I think all the children had fun dancing, making new friends while running around and dancing and the wonderful balloon animals. Our Transylvania Hofbrau Band and Youth Group are major contributors to the cultural events during the week of Oktoberfest and we thank them for all the time and effort that goes into each performance during the 10 days of the festival and the days leading up to it, showing our Saxon/German culture through music and dance.

The Cultural Group congratulates the newly crowned Miss Oktoberfest 2016, Vanessa Buttinger and wishes her much success in the year to come! We also thank Stephanie Klaehn for proudly representing the club in the Miss Oktoberfest pageant.

Stephanie you represented the Transylvania Club and your heritage with such pride and made us very proud.

German Pioneers Day is another event that has become a big part of the Oktoberfest week and Gerhard Griebenow and his committee put together another great program honoring the Transylvania Club, The City of Waterloo and the Ahrens family. Our Hofbrau band entertained us for a few hours in the afternoon while patrons were arriving, our Ladies Auxiliary displayed a wonderful array of our artifacts for everyone to look at and the choir sang and the dance group performed during the program. It was a great honour for me along with Hans Gross, to accept the award for the club on behalf of Reinhard. If you are able to still get a copy of the program, you should read the article about the club regarding the history and participation in the community.

Our 65th Anniversary celebration was a huge success and I wish we would get that many people out to all our functions (even 2/3 would be good). I think Reiny covered most of the details of the event in his report so I won't go into great detail. I would just like to thank all the groups for their performances, their help with various tasks and the donation of appetizer items. As always our members come through when we need help and we very much appreciate it. The Kindergruppe, choir, band and dance group is what forms our club and I was so pleased that they all took part in this historic day in the life of the Transylvania Club. I hope everyone enjoyed the day, the special surprises and gifts and I hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Please note that Kindergruppe has started on Tuesday October 28th at 6:15 p.m. at the Alpine Club. Please send your children so that they make new friends with whom they will progress on through Ballroom and Dance Group with. Like many of us who have made life-time friendships that started at the club, your children should have that opportunity too.

November started off with Trachtenball in Aylmer on Nov. 5th. I would like to thank the choir members and the dance group members for making the trip to Aylmer to take part in Trachtenball. I was not able to attend because Reiny is still recuperating but I heard it was a wonderful evening with many in Tracht, a delicious meal cooked by the ladies of the Saxonia Club and traditional entertainment by our choir, the TCK dance group and the Saxonia dance group led by Rebecca Horeth. Many parents of the youth also drove to Aylmer to support the dance group and I would like to thank them for making that effort. Congratulations to the Saxonia Club for a wonderful evening.

The Landsmannschaft held their annual meeting before the Trachtenball and I would like to congratulate their new committee and thank John Werner for all his hard work in the past years and also for taking on the very important role of leading this group again.

The weather is getting colder and winter is around the corner; that means so is Christmas, my favourite time of year. All our groups are practicing for their Christmas performances and our Weihnachtsfeier. We have a very large Kindergruppe again this year, and I know they are working hard on their Christmas program. I would like to thank Anna Schatz for taking on the difficult task of teaching this group and the parents of the Kindergruppe children who make sure they are there to participate each week. They are having a lot of fun, learning about the club, the Saxon culture and getting ready for the Weihnachtsfeier.

Our annual Weihnachtsfeier will take place on December 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Alpine Club. Please bring the whole family to this very festive afternoon of cultural entertainment, Christmas traditions, and many surprises and of course the very delicious homemade cookies and coffee and we can't forget our special visitor, Santa Claus. All our groups will be participating in the program so it promises to be memorable afternoon. We ask that

you bring some of your favourite cookies for all to enjoy.

I hope to see many of you at the Christkindl Market. Please come out and show support for our groups as they perform and at the same time enjoy some Gluehwein, Leberkaese or many of the delicious foods available while you shop and take in the Christmas spirit.

I invite you all to the Annual General Meeting of the Cultural Group with elections on Wed. January 25th 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alpine Club. If you have interest in our cultural activities, we invite you to join our meeting.

We are going to share the peace light again at this year's Weihnachtsfeier, so remember to bring your lanterns or tealight containers, so that you can take it home with you.

Peace be with you during the festive season!

I wish you all a wonderful next few weeks while planning, baking and preparing for the Christmas season and hope you all have time to spend with your families and friends!

Ich wuensche Euch alle ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein glueckliches Neujahr!

*Erika Schmidt*

*Kulturgruppe Leiterin /*

*Cultural Group President*

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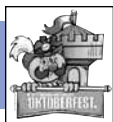






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## FRAUENVEREIN

As you probably know, on Wednesday, December 7th we have our Christmas Party and I hope to greet many of you there. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening.

The Clubs Weihnachtsfeier is on December the 18th and we are looking to our members for Kuchen donations. This event is a joint venture with the Alpine Club and promises to be another success just like last year. Hope you can make it.

Our annual meeting is on January 18th and some of the positions are up for election. Please enter the date into your calendars.

Our Frauenball is on Saturday, February the 4th. This event takes us back to the Roaring Twenties. You will find more details on our Frauenball poster in this newsletter.

I would like to wish you and your families, ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und einen guten Rutsch ins Neujahr.

*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 21. Dezember, 2016 und den 18. Januar, 2017, 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*



## SIEBENBUERGER ZEITUNG

Die Bezieher der Siebenbuenger Zeitung werden ersucht die Bezugsgebuehr fuer das Jahr 2017 von \$50 vor dem 31 Dezember 2016 zu bezahlen. Den Scheck bitte ich auf "Alliance of Transylvania Saxons" auszustellen und im Transylvania Club abzugeben oder an Trudy Schneider, 210B Jessica Cr., Kitchener, ON N2R 0H8, abzusenden.



## KEGELGRUPPE

Bowling is on track for another good season. There are eight of us from our combined TCK and Alpine group who are now with the Wilmot league. We have rolled over the money from our bowling group to Wilmot which was approved by the Alpine board. There was approx. \$189.00 left at the end of last season.

We have six teams of six to start this season and I am also doing the 50/50 draw. They did not do this before we joined them and it helps to raise funds for a Christmas party and a year end celebration.

## 2017 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG/ 2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Mitgliedsbeitrag Membership Fee	bis/before 28. Feb. 2017	nach/after 28. Feb. 2017	Sterbefond Anteil/ Death Benefit Portion
Family	\$ 95.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 20.00
Single Adult	\$ 55.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00
Seniors	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00
Youth	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 00.00



## LANDSMANNSCHAFT

*Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,*

On November 5th the annual meeting of the Landsmannschaft was held at the German Canadian Club, Saxonia Hall in Aylmer. The executive report given by John Werner highlighted participation of the Transylvania Youth Dance Group and Hofbräu Band at the Kulturaustausch in Austria and Germany, and the annual North American Heimattag 2016 this year held in Youngstown, Ohio.

The following officers were elected for a two year term:

<i>1st Vice Chairman</i>	<i>John Penteker</i>
<i>Ladies Representative</i>	<i>Rosemary Horeth</i>
<i>Media Representative</i>	<i>Hannelore Maiterth</i>

I would like to thank John and Rosemary for continuing on in their respective positions and welcome Hannelore to the board. Thank you also to club Presidents Reinhard Schmidt (Transylvania Club), Eric Schneider (Saxonia Club), and Frank Klein (Windsor Saxon Club) as well as all club members for their support of the Landsmannschaft.

Heimattag 2017 will take place at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener on June 23rd, 24th and 25th. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the Heimattag celebration.

### **Sachsentreffen 2017 Hermannstadt**

August 4 -6, 2017 is the date of the "Sachsentreffen 2017". The three day event will take place in Hermannstadt, Siebenbürgen. The event is being planned for children, youth and adults. There will be concerts, theatre performances, parades, brass band and dance groups performing as well as guided tours of Hermannstadt. Before or after the Sachsentreffen there will be opportunities to travel

and visit the villages where your parents and grandparents came from. Interested people are asked to send me an e-mail [johnwerner@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnwerner@sympatico.ca) or give me a call 519-884-7725.

### **Jugendlager 2017**

As part of the Federation Jugendlager Program, Siebenbürgen is in line to host the Jugendlager in 2017. The date will be August 3rd to 16th with the start of the Jugendlager to be held in Hermannstadt to coincide with the Sachsentreffen that being held in Hermannstadt on August 4th to 6th. Program details are still being worked out. Canada is entitled to send (5) five youth participant plus a chaperone to the Jugendlager. Interested youth are asked to register with Kolina Tavares 226-808-0317 or John Werner 519-884-77285

At this time of year when we joyfully look forward to the Christmas Season we are reminded of the plight of our fellow Saxons still living in Siebenbürgen. The living conditions that they face in Siebenbürgen, the cold weather and sometimes the lack of nutritious food, is especially difficult for the elderly and even for some of the younger people that are in need of social assistance and help with medical conditions. We are fortunate to live in Canada. I ask for your support to help our less fortunate Saxons in Siebenbürgen by making a donation to the "Altenhilfe". Donations (cheques) can be sent to the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada 149 White Pine Cres. Waterloo, Ontario N2V 1B3. Cash donations can be given to Trudy Schneider or John Werner.

*Im Namen der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada wünsche ich allen Landsleuten und Freunden nah und fern, ein Gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein gutes, glückliches und gesundes neues Jahr.*

*John Werner  
Bundesvorsitzender*

## TRANSYLVANIA SAXONS IN CANADA

“Transylvanian Saxons in Canada” is a new book inspired by Mathias Wolf and assembled by a committee of engaged Saxons. (Sylvia Hartig, John Penteker, Dr. Waldemar Scholtes, Reinhold Schuster, John Werner, †Kaethe Paulini) Over the course of four years it was edited and typeset by Dr. Waldemar Scholtes, who has donated his services to assist the many activities of the Landsmannschaft.

*“The purpose of this volume is to present to the younger generation some pertinent facts regarding the history and culture of the Transylvanian Saxons, their emigration to—and their presence in—their new homeland, Canada, and a depiction of their many positive institutions and traits.” (From the introduction to the book).*

Hildegard (Scholtes) Lindschinger (1952-2016), published poet and writer, further describes the content and context:

*“This inspiring heritage book honours the vision, dedication, diligence, and love of culture of the Transylvanian Saxons in Canada. Their presence here is an integral part of the overall Canadian story.*

*Through numerous generations, their sense of community has been fostered through traditional customs, language, foods, choir and band music, folk dance in colourful embroidered costumes, church affiliation, social events, and more. They have shared these with thousands of other Canadians and visitors who enjoyed concerts and festivals at their attractive, hospitable locales, parades, and at many other community events over the years. They also remained connected with Transylvanian Saxons in Europe through cultural exchanges.*

*We hope that this unique culture will continue to enrich the lives of Transylvanian Saxons in Canada, their descendants, as well as the communities in which they live.*

*May this book be a thoughtful reminder of the past,  
and an inspiration for the future.”  
(From the back cover of the book)*

We are extremely grateful for the generous financial assistance by the following dedicated Saxons who have graciously offered to cover the printing costs of this project:

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**Dr. Reinhold Schuster,  
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of Waterloo**

This book is available by making a \$35.00 donation to the Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada (Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada).

This book will make a treasured Christmas gift and can be reserved by calling Mathias Wolf (519-893-0758), John Penteker (519-886-4714) or John Werner (519-884-7725).

*John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender*

**Books will be available for pickup on Saturday,  
December 3 and  
Saturday, December 10, at the Alpine Club  
between 14:00 and 17:00.**

**Please enter via the bar entrance.**



**NEUE MITGLIEDER  
- NEW MEMBERS**

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

**Michael & Rosina Emrich  
Rebecca Emrich & Family**



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### ATTENTION / ACHTUNG!!!!

Die Jahreshauptversammlung der Kulturgruppe findet am 25. Januar 2017 um 7 Uhr statt. Ein neues Komitee wird gewählt und alle Klubmitglieder sind eingeladen. Bitte kommt und unterstützt unsere Kulturgruppe.

The annual meeting of the Cultural Group with elections will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. All club members are invited to attend and show support of our Cultural Group.

*Erika Schmidt, Kulturleiterin*



## 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 everyone!*

This past summer, 12 members from our dance group were very lucky to be a part of an amazing trip alongside the Transylvania Hofbräu Band to Germany and Austria. The experience was one we will remember for a lifetime. We made wonderful memories, stories, and friends on this trip, and representing the Transylvania Club in Europe was a great honour. Aside from this amazing summer, the dance group has had a very exciting fall season as well! This has included welcoming new members to our group and of course performing at Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest. We had a great time at Oktoberfest 2016 and have enjoyed sharing the experience with many of you. Thank you all for your continued support of our group!

*Alex Emrich, Youth Group President*

## *Christmas is coming!!*

We have some great stocking-stuffers available at our office.

We have beautiful metal key fobs with our Transylvania Siebenbürgen Wappen and colourful placemats with the Siebenbürgen map. Great gifts for everyone. Contact Else at the office at 519-744-1191.

These items will also be available for purchase at our Weihnachtsfeier on December 18th.





# VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Many thanks to the volunteers that helped with rolling cutlery, cleaning up the Stampede kitchen, decorating, working at Stampede during Oktoberfest, helping with Family Day at the Alpine Club and with cleanup at the Stampede after Oktoberfest.*

*Making our Oktoberfest a success would not be possible without your contributions.*

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Members that would like to announce an anniversary/birthday or other special event are asked to contact:

**Helgard Werner**

**519-884-7725**

**helgardwerner@sympatico.ca**

**Heidi Lowrick**

**519-662-1757**

**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 November, December and January. If you have a birthday in 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.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Fritsch

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Danielle Fritsch

Jane Penteker

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Danny Vicano

Martin Hartig

Tanya Walesch

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