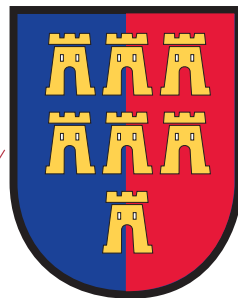


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TCK Choir at their Spring Choir Concert

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TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

April 29	Mitgliederabend/Member's Banquet	18:30
May 7	Muttertag/Mother's Day Program	14:00
May 27	Band Concert	20:00
June 17	Waldfest – Picnic & Golf Tournament - GCHFC	12:00
June 23-25	Heimattag	

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 hoffe, dass alle mit Familie und Freunden ein wunderbares Osterfest hatten und nicht zu viele Ostereier gegessen haben. Es gibt viele Ostertraditionen die viele von uns schätzen. In meiner Familie gehen wir in die Kirche; wir färben Eier ein, essen Fisch am Freitag und am Sonntag kommen wir zu unserem traditionellen Lammessen ehe die jungen Männer zum "Spritzen" zu Besuch kommen. Nun zählen wir auch den Spagettiabend zu unserer Tradition.

Am Samstag, dem 18. März gingen Erika und ich zum Präsidentenball im Concordia Club. Es war ein gelungener Abend. An der Tür wurden wir von Präsident Rob Kerr und den Vorstandsmitgliedern begrüßt. Wir genossen eine gesellige Stunde mit Hors d'Oevres und Sekt und dann setzten wir uns zu einer schmackhaften Mahlzeit. Nach dem Essen und den Reden wurde der neue Vorstand eingeschworen.. Der Concordia gemischte Chor unterhielt uns mit ein paar wunderbaren Liedern und auch die Enziantänzer hatten für uns einen

unterhaltsamen Auftritt. Wir danken Präsident Rob Kerr und seiner charmanten Frau Janice für einen wunderbaren Abend.

unserer Jahreshauptversammlung am 19. März war für mich etwas enttäuschend, weil nur 71 Mitglieder anwesend waren. Meiner Meinung nach war es eine gute Sitzung und ich danke allen, die dabei waren. Etwas, was wir besprochen haben, war die Verschiebung des Fälligkeitsdatums für unsere Mitgliederbeiträge. Der Vorstand war der Meinung, dass es mehr Sinn hatte, die Mitgliederbeiträge zum gleichen Datum wie unsere Jahreshauptversammlung im März zu kassieren. Peter Hamberger gab uns einen ausführlichen Bericht über unsere finanzielle Lage und über die Richtung, die wir vorhaben. Ein Teil meiner Rede widmete sich der Wichtigkeit von freiwilligen Arbeitern, um diesen Club am Leben zu erhalten. Dieser Club ist gut bekannt für die vielen Gruppen innerhalb des Klubs, die wir unterstützen, und die vielen Veranstaltungen, die wir ausrichten, und all die notwendige Arbeit wird von freiwilligen Helfern geleistet. Ich hasse es, wie eine gebrochene Schallplatte zu klingen, aber wir brauchen dringend neue Helfer. Eine Stunde hier oder da würde einen Riesenunterschied machen. Der Vorsitzende unseres Oktoberfestkomitees, Robert Hesch, gab uns einen detaillierten Bericht über das Oktoberfest des letzten Jahres. Es ist offensichtlich, das es von Jahr zu Jahr schwieriger wird, beim Oktoberfest einen Profit zu erarbeiten, und wir müssen noch härter daran arbeiten, unsere Kosten so

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niedrig wie möglich zu halten. Ich danke Rob einmal mehr für seine harte Arbeit für das Oktoberfest.

Eine Reihe von Personen trat vom Vorstand zurück. Ich danke ihnen für ihre Zeit und ihren Einsatz für unseren Klub! Es handelt sich um Danielle Fritsch, die unsere Sekretärin war, Gerald Schatz, einer unserer Veranstaltungsleiter, Robert Hesch, dem Oktoberfestleiter, und Andy Gellner, der eines der Oktoberfestkomiteemitglieder war.

Wir wählten auch etwas frisches Blut in unseren Vorstand, und ich sage ein herzliches Willkommen und Dank, dass sie diese Verantwortung auf sich genommen haben. Willkommen an Ashley Schatz als neue Schriftführerin, Dave Emrich als neuer Veranstaltungsleiter und Leah Hensel-Williams als Mitglied unseres neuen Teams für soziale Medien. Unser 2. Vize-Präsident John Dienesch hat sich bereit erklärt, die Rolle des Oktoberfestvorsitzenden zu übernehmen.

Bitte seid daran erinnert, dass euer Vorstand hart daran arbeitet, unseren Klub lebensfähig zu erhalten und für unsere besten Interessen arbeitet. Bitte unterstützt sie wenn immer möglich.

Gerhard Griebenow und der Transylvania Club Chor haben sich einmal mehr selbst übertroffen und am 8. April ein wunderbares Chorkonzert zusammengestellt. Es begann mit einem schmackhaften Schnitzeessen, das unter der Leitung von

Kriemhild Hensel von unseren Chormitgliedern und Helfern hergestellt wurde, gefolgt von hausgebackenen Leckerbissen. Danach hörten wir die vielen Stimmen im Lied. Es waren dieses Jahr im ganzen fünf Chöre dabei, die das grossartige Programm ausmachten. Die Halle war voll und alle hatten eine gute Zeit. Wir tippen unserem Chor den Hut zu einer weiteren grossartigen Veranstaltung.

Ich werde über den Spagetti Abend der Jugendgruppe in meinem nächsten Bericht schreiben.

Ich hoffe, euch alle am 29. April beim Mitgliederabend zu sehen. Lasst uns unserer sächsisches Herz zur Schau stellen und einen Abend voller Spass mit Tanzen, schmackhaftem Essen und tollen Freunden feiern. Wir schätzen unsere Mitglieder und freiwilligen Helfer. Das ist der Grund, warum der Vorstand beschlossen hat, diese Veranstaltung zu subventionieren und unsere Mitglieder zu feiern.

Ihr wollt unser Muttertagsprogramm am Sonntag, dem 7. Mai nicht verpassen. Angefangen um 14:00 Uhr werden alle Gruppen ihre Talente vorzeigen. Anna Schatz hat hart mit unserer Kindergruppe gearbeitet und ich bin mir sicher, dass sie uns ein tolles Programm vorführen werden. Erinnert euch daran: diesmal ist Backen nicht nötig!

Erinnert euch auch daran, Karten für das Konzert der Hofbräu



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Kapelle am 27. Mai um 20 Uhr zu besorgen. Unsere Kapelle hat schwer geprobt und ihr wisst, dass sie immer eine tolle Schau aufziehen. Also vergesst es nicht, kauft eure Karten frühzeitig.

Wir haben auch eine Gruppe, die sehr konzentriert an den Plänen für den Heimattag vom Freitag, dem 23. bis zum Sonntag, dem 25. Juni arbeitet. Diesmal sind wir an der Reihe, Gast für diese wichtige Veranstaltung zu sein, wir wollen es richtig machen. Also zeigt bitte eure Unterstützung und helft mit ein paar Stunden, wo ihr könnt. Bitte sagt zu, wenn ein Anruf kommt und euch um Hilfe bittet, oder ruft im Büro an und lasst euch in der Freiwilligenliste eintragen.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with family and friends and did not eat too many Easter eggs. There are many traditions at Easter that many of us still hold dear and I know that in our family we have to go to church, colour eggs and eat fish on Friday and then we get together for the traditional lamb dinner on Sunday before the young men come to visit for "spritzen". Now we add going to spaghetti night on Saturday to our traditions.

On Saturday March 18th Erika and I attended the President's Ball at the Concordia Club. It was a wonderful evening. We were greeted at the hall entrance by the Concordia Club President Rob Kerr and the Board of Directors. We enjoyed some social time, champagne and hors d'oeuvres and then sat down to a tasty meal. After dinner and speeches, the new Concordia Board of Directors was sworn in. The Concordia Club mixed choir entertained us with a few beautiful songs, and the Enzian Schuhplattler put on a marvelous performance for us as well. Thank you to President Rob Kerr and his lovely wife Janice for a wonderful evening.

Our Annual General Members meeting was held on Sunday March 19th. Personally, I was a little disappointed to have only 71 members attend. I thought it was a good meeting, and want to thank all those that did attend. One issue that we addressed was to change the date that our membership fees were due. The board felt it made more sense to have the membership fees due on the same date as the March Annual Membership Meeting. Our Treasurer, Peter Hamberger gave us a detailed report of our financial situation and where we are heading. A portion of my speech again dealt with the importance of volunteers to keep this club alive. This club is well known for the many groups within the club that we support, and the many events that we hold, and all of that is done with volunteers. I hate to sound like a broken record, but we need more members to help out. An hour or two here and there from more members would make a world of difference. Our Oktoberfest Chair Rob Hesch gave us a detailed report of last year's Oktoberfest event. It is obvious that it is getting harder and harder to make a profit at Oktoberfest and we have to work that much harder to keep our costs as low as possible. Thanks again Rob for all your hard work for Oktoberfest.

We saw a number of people step down from the board and I

want to thank them for their time and effort on behalf of the club. They are Danielle Fritsch, who had been our board secretary, Gerald Schatz who had been one of our special events coordinators, Robert Hesch who had been our Oktoberfest Chair and Andy Gellner, who had been one of our Oktoberfest Committee members.

We also elected some new blood to the board, and I want to say a big welcome and thank you to them for agreeing to take on the responsibility of these positions. Welcome to Ashley Schatz as our new board secretary, Dave Emrich as our new special events coordinator and Leah Hensel-Williams as part of our social media team. Our 2nd V.P. John Dienesch has agreed to take on the responsibilities of the Oktoberfest Chair.

Please remember that the board is working hard to keep this club viable and is working for our best interests. Remember to support them whenever you can.

Gerhard Griebenow and the Transylvania Club Choir outdid themselves once again and put together a marvelous choir concert on Saturday April 8th. It all started with a tasty schnitzel lunch which was made by our own choir members. After enjoying that marvelous lunch, we then spent the afternoon listening to the many voices raised in song. There were a total of 5 choirs that participated this year and made for a great program. The hall was full and everyone had a great time. Hats off to our choir for another great event.

I will report on the youth group's Spaghetti Night in my next blatt article.

I hope to see everyone at Mitgliederabend on April 29th. Let's show our Saxon spirit and enjoy a fun evening of dancing, delicious food and great friends. We appreciate our members and volunteers and that is why the board of directors has decided to subsidize this evening and celebrate our members.

You don't want to miss out on our Mother's Day program on Sunday May 7th, starting at 2:00pm. All our groups are ready to show you their talents. Anna Schatz has been working hard with our Kindergruppe and I'm sure they will put on a great program for us. Remember no baking is required.

Remember to get your tickets for the Hofbrau Band Concert which is on May 27th, starting at 8:00pm. Our band has been practicing hard and you know they always puts on a fabulous show so don't miss out, get your tickets early.

We have a group of people working very hard on the plans for Heimattag, which is from Friday June 23rd to Sunday June 25th. This is our turn to host this important event, and we want to do it right so please show your support and help out for a few hours where you can. Please say yes when we call and ask for your help, or call the office and get your name on the volunteer list.

Reinhard Schmidt,
President



SPAGHETTI NIGHT





KULTURGRUPPE

CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is here but it seems the rain and snow do not want us to realize that spring has come. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter weekend with your families and friends. I saw some of you at the youth group's annual spaghetti night and hope to see more of our members at the upcoming events. Remember we need you to support these groups and our club functions so that we can continue our cultural activities and pay our bills.

The choir's "Chornachmittag" was held on April 8th. The delicious schnitzel lunch made by the ladies of the choir with some helpful volunteers, followed by the homemade baking and coffee was enjoyed by all. The afternoon's program was again filled with song from the four very talented guest choirs along with our Transylvania Choir under the direction of Dieter Conrad. The four guest choirs were Teutonia Stratford, Maennerchor Concordia, Heidelberg-Rheingold from St. Catharines and the Concordia Choir. The mass choir at the end of the program was awesome. They performed 3 songs, each one directed by a different conductor and the voices gave you goosebumps. I thank Gerhard Griebenow and the choir for the invitation and for the wonderful afternoon.

I will report on the Spaghetti Night in the next edition.

Our annual Muttertagfeier will be held on May 7th together with our friends at the Alpine Club. We will still be having our always entertaining program with performances by our band, choir, youth group and children's group, along with individual members showing off their talents. As always I am sure there will be lots of surprises and laughter! Make sure

you bring your mothers and grandmothers along to help us celebrate. Please note that coffee and cake will be provided so moms get a break from baking for this event.

April 29th is Mitgliederabend. I hope to see you all there. Come out and receive your membership pins, have some fun and dance the night away. The theme this year is "we appreciate you"! We would not be what we are without our cultural groups, volunteers and members, so come out and show us that you appreciate all our work and planning too.

The Hofbrau band will hold its annual concert on May 27th. It promises to be another evening of music and song with something for everyone. I hope to see many of you there to support this group who has been working very hard to get ready for this concert. Tickets can be reserved by calling any of the band members or the club office.

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for Heimattag being held in Kitchener this year. It promises to be a great weekend filled with celebration and camaraderie. Mark June 23 – 25th on your calendar and plan to attend and show how proud you are to be Saxon! Call the club office for more information and to order your tickets.

We hope to start another session of Ballroom Dancing in the fall if we have enough participants. Please contact me if you have a young man or lady age 13 and up, that would like to learn to ballroom dance before joining the dance group.

Please come out and support our groups and our club events. Without your support we cannot continue to showcase our talents, culture and Saxon spirit!

Keep your Saxon roots close to your heart,

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin /

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TRANSYLVANIA CHOR

Dear Members,

The choir hopes the concert we organized was all you hoped for. We certainly think that those people who love the nostalgia of listening to German folk songs, uninterrupted by commercials, remembering the times of their youth when these songs were sung in families, schools, churches, and at village or club outings, those people got their money's worth with the 50 songs over three hours.

But for us the fact that four visiting choirs chose to accept our invitation to participate is a thrilling confirmation that our community of singers stands together in spite of the realities and complications of age that we all face. We are ever so thankful to our visiting choirs, one coming from a large distance (St. Catherines) and another one, two from down our town coming in large numbers (Concordia), and finally, Stratford with us again after a three-year hiatus. Because of them we enjoyed a large selection of interesting music.

Our choir enjoyed the many positive comments we received about our performance as that validated the long practise hours, and we are grateful to Dieter Conrad and Andrea von Weyhe who worked hard to get us where we are today.

Kriemhild Hensel and her team of helpers aim to make sure that everybody agrees there is no better Schnitzel to be had anywhere (never mind the comment that the portions were too generous). Our choir members really give it their best with the help in the set-up and clean-up, with the baked treasures and the tombola prizes to ensure a pleasant experience for all. The shared work makes things fun.

Thank you to our audience who make all of it worthwhile.

Our choir now has several more outings planned to which everybody is welcome:

Mothers' Day and Heimattag at home, concert participation in London on April 23rd, Stratford on May 6th, and Exeter on June 3rd, and also a spring concert at Luther village on a Monday evening (to be determined)

If you are interested in joining us, please inquire any of our members.

Gerhard Griebenow
Chor Praesident





CHOIR CONCERT





LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Der Heimattag der Siebenbürger Sachsen findet in diesem Jahr am 23., 24. und 25. Juni unter dem Motto "Discover – Tradition – Entdecken" im Transylvania Klub statt. Das Fest fängt am Freitag mit dem Kameradschaftsabend "Bootleg & Bratwurst" an. Am Samstag Abend ist das Festbankett mit Kulturprogramm und Tanz. Sonntag beginnen wir mit dem Gottesdienst gefolgt von der Kundgebung. Gottesdienst und Kundgebung wird im Breithaupt Centre 350 Margaret Ave., Kitchener abgehalten. Mittagessen und gemütliches Beisammensein ist im Transylvania Klub (Alpine Klub). Ich lade alle Mitglieder und Freunde von nah und fern ein an diesem Feste teilzunehmen. Anmelde Information finden sie in diesem Nachrichtenblatt.

The Siebenbürger Saxon Heimattag hosted by the Transylvania Club takes place on June 23rd, 24th

and 25th. This year's Motto is "Discover – Tradition – Entdecken". The weekend starts off on Friday evening with the Kameradschaftsabend "Bootleg & Bratwurst". Saturday evening will be the Festbankett followed by cultural performances and dancing to the Hofbräu Band. Sunday morning we will start with a Church Service followed by the Rally. The Church service and rally will be held at the Breithaupt Centre 350 Margaret Ave., Kitchener. Lunch and fellowship with intermittent program by various Cultural Groups will be at the Transylvania Club, Alpine Club location. I invite all our members and friends to attend the Heimattag to meet old friends, make new friends and be part of our Cultural heritage. The Heimattag Reservation Form and Motel List for out of town guests can be found in this Nachrichtenblatt. Please call the Transylvania Club to order your tickets. (519-744-1191)

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FRAUENVEREIN

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I would like to welcome Kim Dreger to our Frauenverein. We are very happy to have you amongst us.

As you most likely know, our club is hosting Heimattag this year from June 23rd to the 25th and we need your help. We are in the process of organizing the event and the work that goes along with it. We are looking for helpers with set up and take down, food prep, cooking and serving. In the very near future many of you will receive an email asking for your time. Please offer a few hours of your time to this event. We want this to be a Heimattag to be remembered.

As May 14th is Mother's Day

M is the million things she gave me
O means only that she's growing old
T is for the tears she shed to save me
H is for her heart of purest gold
E is for her eyes, with love & light shining
R means right, and right she'll always be

Till next time,

Elke Hensel-Williams, Frauenverein Praesidentin



KEGELGRUPPE

The bowling group concludes its season on April 28th and a date for our banquet to be announced on that night. The group welcomed two more bowlers in February which brings our total to 18 so we now have three teams of six. Everyone enjoyed the season and we hope all will return for our new season in September.

David Green, Bowling Group President



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