TRANSYLVANIA CLUB

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Nr. 495

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Weihnachtsfeier

Sunday, December 16th at 2:00

FEATURING

PERFORMANCES

Hofbrau Band

Cookies Coffee & Tea Lighting of Advent Candles Sing-a-Longs Visit from Santa Claus

Choir Dance Group Kindergruppe

DONATIONS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO BE DONATED TO THE FOOD BANK WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

Our Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday - 09:00 to 13:00 Check www.transylvaniaclub.com

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

TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

05. December	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner	18:30
16. December	Weihnachtsfeier – Christmas Pageant	14:00
19. December	Seniors' Christmas Luncheon – Concordia Club	11:00
12. January	Kameradschaftsabend – Concordia Club	
23. January	Kulturgruppe Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM	19:00
02. February	Frauenball	18:30
03. March	Trachtenball & Miss Transylvania Pageant	19:30
24. March	Frauenverein - Spring Fashion Show	14:00

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.



BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Dear Members and Friends,

You will see in this month's Nachrichtenblatt that we are now only producing the President's report in English. It was not an easy decision to make but it is becoming increasingly

difficult with everyone's hectic schedules and the extra cost involved to produce a second German copy of the report and the extra pages add to the cost of mailing. I would like to thank Gerhard Griebenow for the 12 years that he did the translations for Alfred Lowrick and the 4 years that he has been doing the same for me. I know there were many times when I was later then I should have been getting my report to him, which really put the pressure on him to get the translation done by the deadline. Thank you, Gerhard, for all the hard work that you put in for this over the years. It was greatly appreciated.

Well the weather is certainly changing, and it's time to start thinking about getting your snow tires put on the car.

On Friday October 26th we held our volunteer appreciation party for everyone who generously volunteered hours for prepping and working the week of Oktoberfest. I believe we had approximately 80 of our over 100 volunteers attend and I think everyone had a good time. We all sat down and ate together, chatted with old and new friends, enjoyed some chicken, cabbage rolls, pigtails, salads, munchies, apple strudel with ice-cream and had a few drinks. It was a fun and relaxing party. As I said that evening, as far as I am concerned, our volunteers are heroes and deserve to be recognized. We could not have an Oktoberfest without all of you.



Thank you to the Alpine Club for their assistance with our party organizing.

On Saturday November 3rd Erika and I attended the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer for the annual Landsmannschaft meeting and elections. I would like to congratulate John Penteker, Rosemary Horeth and Hannelore Maiterth and were re-elected to their positions for another 2 year term and thank John Werner and his committee for all they do to promote our culture and give our cultural groups the opportunity to participate in the wonderful programs available to us through the Landsmannschaft. I'm sure John Werner will give us more details in his report. After the meeting, we attended Trachtenball in the Saxonia Hall. There were approximately 140 people there and we all enjoyed a delicious buffet of schnitzel, cabbage rolls and palukus to start off the evening. Our Choir, under the direction of Dieter Conrad and accompanist Andre Von Wehye performed a number of harmonious melodies for us. We were entertained by a number of young dancers from the Saxonia Hall who have bright futures as dance group members. The "more experienced" Saxonia Club Dance group also performed for us, as did our own dance group later in the evening. When we weren't watching dance groups or listening to the choir, we were tapping our toes or dancing to the music of Seven Castles.

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner is December 5th at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Else in the office at 519-744-1191 and let her know if you plan to attend so they know how much food to order. Once again, this year the men of the TCK Board will be happy to serve the ladies a Christmas dinner and perhaps sing some Christmas carols together. I know the ladies have some entertainment arranged and as always it is a fun and well deserved night off for the ladies.

Weihnachtsfeier is Sunday December 16th and starts at 2:00pm. We are again joining with the Alpine Club in this celebration of traditions and music for the afternoon. Please bring your familes,



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TRANSYLVANIA CLUB NACHRICHTEN

young and old to enjoy some Christmas music, delicious cookies, talents showed by all our groups and of course the visit from Santa. The Kindergruppe has been practicing very hard and will undoubtedly have another great show for us along with the youth group, choir and band. I hope to see you all there.

I hope that everyone has the chance to get together with their loved ones to enjoy Christmas this year and perhaps carry on some family traditions. Remember to take a moment during the holiday season to make a donation of some non-perishable food to the Food Bank, donate to the turkey drive or donate some clothes that your family is no longer using to one of the local charities. There are many that will be cold and hungry this winter.

January 12th is Kameradschaftsabend at the Concordia Club. Be sure to call their office and get

your tickets early as it will be a full house that evening as board of directors and members from various clubs enjoy each others company.

The Kulturgruppe has their AGM on January 23rd at 7 p.m. Please come out to support this very vital group in our club.

Frauenball is February 2nd, 2019. The theme is Morocco/Casablanca. It promises to be an exciting night with an exotic menu, music by Wildbahn and Morracan décor, so call the office and get your tickets.

Ich wuenshe allen eine frohe Weihnachtzeit and ein gesundes und glueckliches neu Jahr! Dankeschön. Reinhard Schmidt,

President



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Dear Members and Friends,

November started off with Trachtenball in Aylmer on Nov. 3rd. I would like to thank the choir members and the dance group members for making the trip to Aylmer to take part in Trachtenball. 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 and junior dance group led by Rebecca Horeth. The Seven Castles played for our dancing entertainment and for the Trachtenaufmarsch. Congratulations to the Saxonia Club for a wonderful evening.

The Landsmannschaft held their annual meeting before the Trachtenball and I would like to congratulate the newly elected committee members and thank John Werner and those committee members staying on for the remainder of their term for all their hard work in the past years. Jugendlager 2019 will be held in Austria.

Please note that Kindergruppe started on Tuesday October 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpine Club. I would like to thank Krista and Rick Hesch and Heidimarie Hesch for taking on the challenge of teaching our Kindergruppe and making sure we do not lose this very important part of our club life. Belonging to the TCK family is something each child should experience and enjoy. The tree of life has many branches but the tree cannot grow without strong roots and those roots can only stay strong when you know where you came from, your family history and the culture and traditions that have been instilled in your family for centuries. Make sure your children have strong roots to grow! 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.

I very pleased that we will have a Ballroom Graduation Class come spring. It looks like we will have 10 couples in the class this year and welcome participants from other German clubs and friends of our members. We are fortunate to have Hailey Rich and Liam Schatz offer to instruct our young people again. Their helpers will be Amanda Mooser, Justin Schatz and Mikaila Emrich. Plan to be at Mitgliederabend on May 4th to cheer these young people on as they show us what they have learned.

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. Our annual Weihnachtsfeier will take place on December 16, 2018 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. 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 choir, band and dance group as they perform throughout the weekend and at the same time enjoy some Gluehwein, Leberkaes, waffles or many of the delicious foods available while you shop and take in the Christmas spirit. I personally have to go a few times during the weekend to make sure I saw everything. It is an event not to be missed.

I invite you all to the Annual General Meeting of the Cultural Group with elections on Wed. January 23rd 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alpine Club. If you have interest in our cultural activities, we invite you to join our meeting.

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 neu Jahr!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President



FRAUENVEREIN

The ladies continue to be busy with our upcoming events.

The annual Ladies' Christmas Dinner is our next event on Wednesday, December. 5th at 6:30. This is open to all ladies, so please plan to attend. We have a nice evening planned. Call the club office to reserve your seat(s) by Nov. 22. Tickets can be paid for at the door... . \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members.

The Schwaben Club Ladies' Group have invited the club ladies to a Christmas dinner at the Schwaben Club on Sunday, December 9 at 5:00. Cost is \$20 (for non-members). Tickets can be purchased at the Schwaben Club office by November 29, or paid for at the door. Please contact me by November 29 if you would like to attend so they know numbers (sylviahartig@rogers.com).

I hope you will plan to attend Frauenball on Saturday, February 2, 2019. The theme is "MOROCCO". You will have seen the flyers in the Nachrichtenblatt and on the website. Tickets for this event will be \$35. Wildbahn is playing and the ladies are cooking! It will be a great evening.

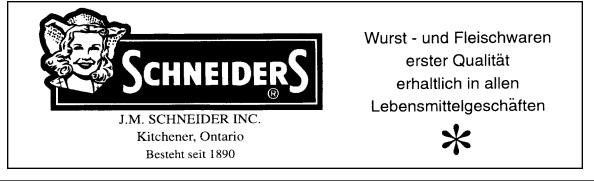
The spring Fashion Show has been set for Sunday, March 24 and we will soon have more details into the new year.

As always, I want to remind all female club members that they are automatically members of the Frauenverein (Ladies' Auxiliary). We welcome all ages and appreciate any help you can provide, even if it's just for an event that particularly interests you. Don't hesitate to contact me or any of the executive committee, and we may reach out as well. We always have a good time working together as we plan and prepare for events.

Sylvia Hartig

Frauenverein Praesidentin





TCK Frauenball 2019

"MOROCCO"

Saturday February 2, 2019



Dinner: 6:30 Tickets: \$35 Door Prizes Call the club office to order tickets: 519-744-1191 Dance the night away to the sounds of 'Wildbahn'



UPCOMING FRAUENVEREIN CHRISTMAS EVENTS

TCK Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. Call the club office to reserve your seat(s) (by November 22nd please) (519) 744-1191

\$22 for members / \$25 for non-members

Other events:

Schwaben Club Christmas dinner invitation for all club ladies!!

The Schwaben Club Ladies' group has invited the ladies to a Christmas dinner at their Club on Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Cost will be **\$20 for non-members.**

This event is in an effort to get to know the other club ladies, and share in some Christmas cheer.

Tickets can be purchased at the Schwaben Club office by November 29, or can be paid for at the door.

If you think you would like to attend, please contact me: sylviahartig@rogers.com

(P.S. on Sunday, Dec. 9th Schwaben also has their movie afternoon, should anyone like to go to that beforehand.)

Thanks,

Sylvia Hartig TCK Frauenverein President

LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,

The annual meeting of the Landsmannschaft in Canada was held on November 3rd at the German Canadian Club, Saxonia Hall in Aylmer. Reports on the activities relating to the events of the past year were presented. The Kulturaustausch with the Jugendtanzgruppe from Siebenbürgen and the Heimattag in Cleveland, Ohio were the focal points of the year. New friendships were made, old friendships were rekindled, all making memories that will last a lifetime.

The following Officers were elected for a two year term:

1st Vice Chairman	John Penteker
Media Representative	Hannelore Maiterth
Ladies Representative	Rosemary Horeth

I would like to thank the above Officers for accepting their position. Thank you to our club Presidents Reinhard Schmidt (Transylvania Club), John Horeth (Saxonia Club) and Frank Klein (Windsor Saxon Club) as well as all club members for their support of the Landsmannschaft.

2019 will again be an exciting year for our Transylvania Saxons. The Federation Jugendlager will take place in July in Austria with youth from Germany, Romania, Canada and the USA invited to attend. The Jugendlager, which was started in 1971, is recognized as an important event to facilitate the meeting and discussion between Saxon Youth from the five Federation Saxon Countries. Canada is entitled to send (5) five youth and (1) one chaperone. Program details will be available in January. Youth interested in participating in the Jugendlager in the USA are asked to contact Kolina Tavares (226-808-0317), Rebecca Horeth (519-550-2486) or John Werner (519-884-7725). Heimattag 2019 will take place at the German Canadian Club (Saxonia Hall) in Aylmer on July 12th, 13th and 14th. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the Heimattag celebration.

The book "Transylvania Saxons in Canada" written by Dr. Waldemar Scholtes can make a nice Christmas gift. Copies can be obtained by contacting John Werner (519-884-7725).

At this time of the 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, cold weather and sometimes lack of nutritious food is especially difficult for the elderly and even for some younger people that need social assistance and help with medical problems. Romania is not Canada! At the Heimattag 2018 in Dinkelsbühl, Rebecca Horeth on behalf of the Landsmannschaft and our Saxon Community in Canada presented a donation of \$2,400 each to the Austrian and German representatives for Social Assistance to Saxons living in Siebenbürgen. Letters thanking us for these donations have been received. I ask everyone to help us continue this work with your donation. Donations (cheques) can be sent to the "Alliance of Transylvania Saxons" 149 White Pine Cres. Waterloo, Ontario N2V 1B3. Cash donations can be made to Trudy Schneider or John Werner. Your donations to support our fellow Saxons in Siebenbürgen are appreciated.

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



Kindergruppe had it's fall kick off on October 30th, with a fun-filled Halloween dress up party, including "not too scary" games and activities such as Zombie Tag, Monster Musical Chairs, Mummy Wrap and a Marshmallow Munch contest. Starting on November 6th, we will be meeting every Tuesday at the Alpine Club from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will continue for approximately 7 weeks leading up to the Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas program on December 16th. Each night we have lots of fun activities planned for the kids including: games, crafts, activities, Jr and Sr kids dance groups, songs, snacks and much more. Come out and join in the fun, meet new people, develop friendships and learn about the Siebenburger Sachsen/Transylvania Saxon heritage. For more information or to join, please contact Krista or Rick Hesch at hesch@rogers.com or 519-662-4364. *Krista, Rick & Heidi Hesch*

Kindergruppe Instructors



Bowling is going well. We hope to have a couple more bowlers by early December. On November 9th is our treat night at bowling then on November 25th we have our Christmas get together at Chucks Roadhouse at 5pm.

Until my next report a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! David Green, Bowling Group President



DIE LUSTIGE WITWE -THE MERRY WIDOW

Ausflug nach Toronto - **Die Lustige Witwe** Sonntag den 28. April, 2019

Trip to Toronto - **The Merry Widow** Sunday, April 28, 2019

- Depart from the Concordia Club at 10:45
- Lunch at your cost at one of the many restaurants in the Yonge & Front St area
- Performance at 15:00
- Return after the performance to arrive home about 19:00
- Cost for the bus and the show \$70 per person
- For more information contact Chris or Agnes Sebastian @ 519-576-7256
- Make cheques payable to Chris Sebastian, 1500 Mannhiem Road, Petersburg, ON N0B 2H0

SIEBENBUERGER ZEITUNG

Die Bezieher der Siebenbuerger Zeitung werden ersucht die Bezugsgebuehr fuer das Jahr 2019 von \$52.00 vor dem 31. Dezember 2018 zu bezahlen. Den Scheck bitte ich auf "Alliance of Transylvania Saxons" auszustellen und im Transylvania Club abzugeben oder an Trudy Schneider, Unit B, 210 Jessica Cr., Kitchener, ON N2R 0H8, abzusenden.



2019 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

Mitgliedsbeitrag Membership Fee	bis/before 30. Mar. 2019	nach/after 30. Mar. 2019	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

KULTURGRUPPE AGM

ATTENTION / ACHTUNG!!!!

Die Jahreshauptversammlung der Kulturgruppe findet am 23. Januar 2019 um 7 Uhr statt. Ein neues Kommitee wird gewaehlt und alle Klubmitglieder sind eingeladen. Bitte kommt und unterstuezt unsere Kulturgruppe.

The annual meeting of the Cultural Group with elections will take place on Wednesday January 23rd, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. All club members are invited to attend and show support of our Cultural Group.

Erika Schmidt, Kulturleiterin



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FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN - FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitglieder die ein Jubiläum oder einen Geburtstag bekannt geben wollen, sollen sich bei den folgenden anmelden:

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

Helgard Werner Heidi Lowrick

519-884-7725 519-662-1757 helgardrwerner@gmail.com 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 December and January. 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roberto Reale Agnes Sebastian Cynthia Mooser Martin Hartig Erika Werner Katharina Sandtner Evan Karst Hilda Janzen Stephen Werner

Christine Schmidt Tyler Rich Michael Paulini Alma Werner Alex Kenny Lise Hensel-Williams Hilda Mueller Dieter Weissmueller Iane Schertzer

David Kachik Kathy Mathes Elizabeth Bauer Susan Frim Rosie Karst Mike Gondosch Michael Gondosch Rosina Pinnau Erna Emrich

Rosemarie Klaehn Amanda Mooser Sara Orendi Georg Emrich Danny Vicano Hubert Knobloch Adam Schatz Holger von Weyhe Heidi Hesch

Martin Gabber Wilma Gorbach Iohn Frim John Frim Ir. Andrea Henry Liam Schatz Victoria Gondosch

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS Susanna Kloos Regina Gabber Craig Moore Maria Schatz Kody Wolf Sara Bliefert Brigitte Bergmeier Debra Vickman John Penteker

Ursula Hesch Iohann Paulini Reinhold Fritsch Erik Lowrick Heide Emrich Josef Hensel Susan Kachik Robert Gondosch Edith Kauntz

Christopher Gellner Katharina Bloos Maria Emrich Iohann Baumann Tony Bergmeier Patrick Stuehler Stefan Schatz



Be part of the Saturday/Sunday Programs!

Henning Grumme "Continental Breakfast" - Saturday 6- 8am Hermann & Christel "German Hit Parade" - Saturday 8-10am Hans & Harry "Musik Melodies" - 12noon - 1pm

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Oktoberfestkomitee Mitglied #2	Lori Moore	Oktoberfest Committee Member #2
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