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## TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

October 4	Miss Oktoberfest Ball		
October 11-19	Oktoberfest		
October 14	Oktoberfest Parade (in Tracht)	08:00	
October 14	Oktoberfest – TCK Famiy Day	12:00	
October 15	<b>German Pioneers Day</b> – Kitchener City Hall Displays: 15:00, Band: 16:00, Program: 17:00		
November 2	Landsmannschaft AGM Saxonia Hall Aylmer Trachtenball – Saxonia Hall	16:00 18:00	
November 16	Polka, Pali & Palukas – Saxontreffen		
November 17	<b>Volkstrauertag</b> - Woodland Cemetery Followed by coffee & cake	14:30	
December 4	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner	18:30	
December 21	Weihnachtsfeier – Christmas Pageant	14:00	

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

Please pick up your tickets at our club office at least two weeks prior to the event.

### BERIGHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Dear Members and Friends.

The Saxonia Hall in Aylmer held this year's Heimattag from July 12-14th. I was proud to see that our club had approximately 100 people attend this weekend! Friday

evening was a casual evening with a east coast theme and a delicious pulled pork buffet and authentic east coast musical entertainment and dancers. The hall was full and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Saturday was a beautiful warm day and some of us spent the day shopping and seeing the sights in St. Thomas while others enjoyed the sun on the beach. The evening program began with a wonderful meal, followed by a full evening of very cultural entertainment with performances by several groups.

The Hofbrau Band, under the direction of Andrea Emrich once again performed both Saturday and Sunday throughout the program and sounded amazing, our choir, under the leadership of President Gerhard Griebenow and Director Dieter Conrad sang both Saturday and Sunday for us. The TCK youth dance group, under the leadership of Justin Schatz performed Saturday night, along with the Saxonia Dancers and the Saxonia Children's Group and Cleveland Saxon Kinder Dance Group, who were so adorable. The Newcastle Eintracht Kinderchor and the Maennerchor also entertained us with a wonderful repertoire



of songs. It was a good evening and the hall was full. There were many honoured guests in attendance and greetings were brought from the Landsmannschaft in Europe by Frau Herta Daniel, Joan Miller-Malue from the ATS and John Penteker from the Landsmannschaft of Canada. The meal of cabbage rolls, roast beef and chicken was delicious. Sunday was a warm day and we started the program with a parade down the street to the Saxonia Hall along with a police escort. The Hofbrau Band played out in the parking lot for everyone to march to. We held a church service in the hall followed by Rally where speeches from the the Landsmannschaft representatives from Germany and USA along with John Werner

representing Canada were presented. After clearing away all the chairs we enjoyed a delicious Schnitzel lunch and some fellowship. We were again entertained my many groups, which of course included our own TCK choir, band and dancegroup and the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and Saxonia Dancers. I would like to extend a warm thank you to Saxonia Club President Eric Schneider, and Vice President David Pfingsgraff and their entire team for organizing a wonderful Heimattag event.

On Saturday, September 7th Erika and I attended the 65th Anniversary celebrations at Hubertus Haus. It was a wonderful evening where President David Mendler presented 3



Honorary Membership awards to 3 very deserving club members for their many years of service to their club. We enjoyed a delicious meal of roasted chicken, potatoes, salad and vegetables catered by Nith River Catering and afterwards we were entertained by Seven Castles. It was a wonderful evening and I wish to thank President David Mendler for the invitation

We are working hard in preparation for Oktoberfest 2019 at Lot 42 again. We will need many volunteers again this year so please either call Else at the office at 519-744-1191 or Lori Moore at 519-501-7353 if you are able to help in anyway. Last year was a success due to the hard work of our members, so let's see if we can have a strong Transylvania Club presence again this year. We are all aware of some issues we had last year and how hard our members worked but this year promises to be bigger and better, so please come out and help.

Don't forget to come out to represent the club by marching in the parade. All ages are welcome, and we would love to see a large group proudly showing off their Trachts. After the parade we will again have family day at the Alpine Club, featuring our cabbage rolls and pigtails and entertainment by Wildbahn and the TCK dancers. Tickets are available at the club office or at the door.

Tuesday, Oct. 15th is German Pioneers Day. Many people work very had to bring this event to fruition and I hope you all come to the City Hall to celebrate the German influence in our community. The Hofbrau band will be playing and our ladies' auxiliary will have a display of our artifacts again.

Please come out and support all our groups and their upcoming events. They need your encouragement and support to give them a purpose to continue doing what they do all year round representing our members and the club.

Mark Saturday, November 16th on your calendar as a must attend event for the whole family! "Polka, Pali and Palukas" - our first annual Saxontreffen promises to be a great event for the whole family. This event will start at 4:00pm so that the little ones can come out and have fun as well. Homemade Saxon food, various bands from the past, entertainment for the children and much more! Make sure you tell all your Saxon friends and family to save this date and make plans to attend this new, casual, fun event. Call the office to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members and children under 12 are free. I hope to see everyone there.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Reinhard Schmidt, President



#### Be part of the Saturday/Sunday Programs!

Henning Grumme "Continental Breakfast" - Saturday 6-8am

Hermann & Christel "German Hit Parade" - Saturday 8-10am

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## OKTOBERFEST PREP - MAKING PIGTAILS













#### CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Dear Members and Friends,

Our summer has come to an end and fall is again upon us. The fall brings the start of all our cultural group practices and also the start of our club events. The choir (Mon. at 7 p.m), band (Tues. at 8 p.m.) and youth dance group (Sun. at 2:30 p.m) have started practicing already on their usual days and times and are getting ready for Oktoberfest and another year of events. Kindergruppe will start on October 29 on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

I hope to see you all when the groups start practicing and please feel free to join one of these groups if you have interest in music, dance or just furthering our culture and friendships. Our cultural groups are what keep our heritage and culture alive for both young and old and they are the reason our club exists, so please support them whenever possible.

Heimattag was hosted by the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer in July this year. It was a wonderful 3-day event, with delicious food, lots of performances by cultural groups and the celebration of our Saxon roots. The Transylvania choir and youth group performed numerous times throughout the weekend and the Hofbrau band provided the music for the weekend. I would like to thank our groups for taking part in the weekend, supporting both the TCK and the Saxonia Hall and showing everyone the talent and commitment, we have to continue our culture through music, song and dance.

Congratulations to the Saxonia Hall for a great weekend! They had a full house every day from the Friday night "East coast party", the banquet Saturday and the church service and lunch on Sunday.

Oktoberfest is just around the corner and I hope to see you out enjoying the festivities at the Transylvania Haus at Oktoberfest Haus / Lot 42, proudly representing our club while marching in Tracht or watching the parade on Monday morning and then bringing your family and friends to our Family Day at the Alpine Club to enjoy some of our delicious food and great

entertainment. We will have our dance group perform for you on Monday afternoon and will have face painting and a clown to entertain the children.

There are many events during the week of Oktoberfest and two important ones take place on the same day, Tuesday, October 15th, and it would be great if we were well represented by our club members. The first is German Pioneers Day at the City Hall at 5:00 p.m. This is a chance to show the community that the German people influenced and played a large part in forming the history of our region. The Hofbrau band will perform and our ladies will be displaying our Tracht and artifacts. A lot of work goes into this event, so please make the effort to come out and enjoy the festivities. The second is "So you think you can Tanz" competition at the Alpine Club starting at 6:00 p.m. Our dance group will be competing this year and always appreciate the support of our members. Please come out and support these events.

Also keep your fingers and toes crossed for Katelyn Emrich, who is competing for the title of Miss Oktoberfest 2019 on October 4th. I wish Katelyn much fun and success. I know she would make a great Miss Oktoberfest! This year Katelyn is being sponsored by Angie's Kitchen, but the Transylvania Club is still supporting her 100%.

Plan to attend our "Polka, Pali and Palukas" event on November 16th! If you like to get together with friends, enjoy some great Saxon food, let the children run and play and get to know each other and listen to sounds of the past, then this is the event to attend. Dress will be casual. Food will be available from 5-8 p.m. from the kitchen, and there will be games, music and camaraderie! Don't miss it. Please call the office to let us know how many will be attending. Saxon UP!

Trachtenball in Aylmer is Nov. 2nd, 2019 and our fellow Saxons are counting on us to support them and come out to enjoy the evening. There will be more information to follow.

Prosit, see you at Oktoberfest! Happy Thanksgiving!

Erika Schmidt Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President



#### FRAUENVEREIN

With September upon us, we are gearing up for a busy fall and winter.

Our first order of business is cooking pigtails (September 12, 13, 14) and cabbage rolls (September 19, 20, 21) at the Alpine Club. A big thank you as always to Margit Fritsch for coordinating the cooking and all that is involved to get it done, and to all the ladies and other volunteers who came out to help. Our delicious pigtails and cabbage rolls will be featured at Lot 42 during Oktoberfest.

After a break for the summer, the ladies will be resuming regular meetings on Wednesday,

September 25 at 7:00 and we'll be focussing on our upcoming scheduled events:

Ladies' Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Frauenball - Saturday, February 1, 2020

Spring Fashion Show - Sunday, March 29, 2020

We'll also be looking at doing some Christmas baking again, and some baking to support the upcoming November 16 Saxon Treffen event (Polka, Pali & Palukas).

As you can see, we are a very busy group! We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend these events.

If you have interest in helping in any way, please feel free to contact me or any of the ladies of the Ausschuss.

Sylvia Hartig, Frauenverein Praesidentin

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are urgently looking for volunteers to support us with our operations at Lot 42 for Oktoberfest 2019.

If you have not yet signed up and are able to volunteer for even one shift it would be greatly appreciated!! We have openings for kitchen food sales, ambassadors and in the souvenir booth, Snacken Shack and coat check. There is also help needed in the photo booth and for RFID support.

If you are interested in participating at Lot 42, click the link below

#### TCK Oktoberfest 2019 Volunteer Schedule

and fill your name in on the google spreadsheet (it will update automatically when you complete the cell – you do not have to save the document or send it back, simply close the document when finished) or contact me at loricrouse@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly by email *loricrouse@hotmail.com* or 519-501-7353. Ideally we would like for as many volunteers as possible to wear Bavarian outfits, however, t-shirts will be provided in the event that you do not have one. If this is the case, please let me know so I can get the appropriate size for you.

Also, if you know of anyone else that might be interested in joining us as a volunteer this year, please feel free to forward this email, encourage them to contact me, or provide me with their information and I would be happy to contact them myself.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the Transylvania Club and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Lori Moore, Oktoberfest Committee, Volunteer Coordinator

## **LANDSMANNSCHAFT**

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Der Sommer ist schnell vergangen aber die schöne Erinnerungen vom Heimattag in Aylmer und für die Teilnehmer am Jugendlager in Österreich werden lange bleiben.

Our Motto "Wir kommen von Fern – Come from Away" used for our Heimattag celebrated on July 12th to 14th at the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer reflects our own Saxon immigration to Canada in the 40's and 50's.

I would like to thank Frau Herta Daniel, Bundesvorsitzende des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland und Vorsitzende der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen for attending our Heimattag to represent Germany, Austria and Romania. Mrs. Daniel very much enjoyed our Heimattag weekend and wrote a detailed article that was published in the Siebenbürger Zeitung on August 19th and can be found by going on line at www.Siebenbuerger.de

I would like to thank our Heimattag host the Saxonia Club, and the Landsmannschaft/Saxonia Club committee and all involved that worked together to achieve a successful Heimattag that we all enjoyed. Thank you to ATS President Joan Miller-Malue and our Saxon Brothers and Sisters for their support and we look forward to Heimattag 2020 on July 10th to 12th in Salem, Ohio.

I would especially like to thank the Transylvania Youth Group (Justin Schatz), Hofbräu Band (Andrea Emrich), the TCK Choir (Gerhard Griebenow, Dieter Conrad) the Saxonia Club Dance Group and Kinder Group (Rebecca Horeth) as well as the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group (Amanda Donnellan), Cleveland Kinder dance group (Kristen Pechatsko), Eintracht Kinderchor (Danuel Forsberg), Eintracht Männerchor (Jonathan Baisch, Danuel Forsberg) for providing the music, songs

and dance presentations at the Heimattag. The performances of these groups leave us with everlasting memories of our Heimattag. Thank you to everyone for your Heimattag participation and support.

The Jugendlager that took place from July 19th to August 3rd in Austria was attended by Katelyn Emrich, Breanna Gondosch, Victoria Gondosch, Aidan Karst and Liam Schatz from the Transylvania Club and Amanda Aspden, Derek Gotzmeister and Jane Walker from the Saxonia Club. A total of 24 youth from Austria, Germany, the USA and Canada traveled from Vienna to Salzburg enjoying the sights and people of Austria. All reports are they had a great time making new friends and learning more about their Saxon Heritage.

Die Jahreshauptversammlung der Landsmannschaft findet am 2. November um 4 Uhr Nachmittag im Aylmer Saxonia Klub statt. Am selben Abend wird auch der Trachtenball abgehalten. Alle Mitglieder sind eingeladen sich an der Jahresversammlung zu beteiligen und am Abend ein schmackhaftes Essen bei guter Unterhaltung am Trachtenball zu genießen.

The AGM of the Landsmannschaft takes place on November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at the German Canadian Club in Aylmer. The annual Aylmer Trachtenball takes place the same evening with dinner prepared by the ladies society starting at 6:00 p.m. All Landsleute are invited to participate at the AGM and attend the dinner and Trachtenball festivity. The Transylvania Club Choir will be attending the dinner and Trachtenball and will provide free bus transportation to Aylmer for TCK members wanting to attend. Please make your dinner and admission tickets reservation with Else in the TCK office at 519-744-1191 or you can call John Werner at 519-884-7725 or Gerhard Griebenow at 519-884-0332

Ich wünsche allen Mitglieder und Landsleute ein schönes Erntedankfest

John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender



#### TRANSYLVANIA CHOIR

Your choir had a very enjoyable Picnic and party on June 24. As always the hors d'oevres were delicious and would have been enough for everybody, but he we also had sausages, potato salads, herring salad, and desserts. The pictures will tell more.

On September 9 a busy fall season begins with regular practises. Busy, because we will be working on new songs and refreshing our repertoire for our appearances in Toronto, Aylmer, and, of course Kitchener. If you feel like joining us, or like coming along to any of our appearances, please refer to the attached schedule. At club events we are usually limited to 15 minutes of singing, whereas typically the songs we sing at non club events, such as Christkindlmarket and retirement homes will give you a much better idea of the variety of our songs because those programs are close to 45 minutes long. Everybody is welcome!

- Sept 9 **Beginning of practises**
- Oct 29 Harfentöne Toronto (all day, bus)
- Nov 2 **Aylmer Trachtenball**
- Nov 25 Luther Village or Trinity (6:30 pm)
- Dec 2 Luther Village or Trinity (6:30 pm)
- Dec 6 Christkindlmarket (5 or 6 pm)
- Dec 8 (?) Pilgrim church
- Dec 9 Sunnyside (6:30 pm, coffee and cookies)
- Dec 15 Club Christmas
- Dec 16 Choir Christmas party

We truly hope to see you at these events! Gerhard Griebenow, Chor Praesident











#### KEGELGRUPPE

#### **BOWLING LEAGUE**

Bowling starts September 13th at 7:30pm at Towne Bowl on Ottawa St. and runs every other Friday until April 24th, 2020. We are going to try some themed nights and try to do a treat night on a monthly basis.

David Green, Bowling Group President



#### KINDERGRUPPE

#### **CHILDREN'S GROUP**

Kindergruppe will be starting back up again on Tuesdays on October 29th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and will run until the December 15th Weihnachtsfeier. Please save the date. We are hoping to see lots of new faces. Each night we have lots of fun activities for the kids including: games, crafts, Jr and Sr kids dance group, 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



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#### FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN - FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Helgard Werner Heidi Lowrick 519-884-7725

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#### **GEBURTSTAGE - BIRTHDAYS**



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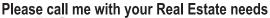
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