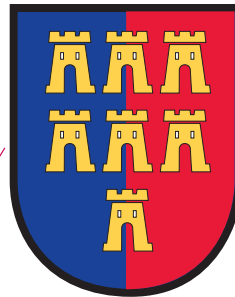


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TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

February 1	Frauenball – Big Band Gala	18:00
March 7	Trachtenball	18:30
March 22	Death Benefit Annual General Meeting	13:45
March 22	TCK Annual General Meeting	14:00
March 29	Spring Fashion Show	13:00
April 4	Choir Concert & Banquet Lunch: 12:00 & Concert: 14:00	
May 2	Members' Banquet/Mitgliederabend	18:30
June 7	Spring Band Concert Lunch: 12:00 & Concert: 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.

ALPINE CLUB EVENTS

February 28 **Marchtoberfest 2020**



BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Dear Members and Friends,

The men of the board of directors were honoured to serve the ladies at the annual Ladies' Christmas dinner. This evening is always a nice start to the Christmas season, and I thank Sylvia Hartig and her committee for all their efforts to make this a memorable evening for all. The club provided the wine for the ladies attending and the men served and did the dishes. I know many of our members look forward to this dinner.

Christkindlmarket was held at the City Hall in Kitchener on Dec. 5th-8th and as always attracts many visitors to this German traditional market to purchase their Christmas cookies, special gifts and listen to the ongoing entertainment. The Hofbrau band and choir took part this year.

Our Weihnachtsfeier was held on Sunday, December 15th and was again a joint event with the Alpine Club. It was a wonderful program filled with a great performance by our Kindergruppe of 17 children who sang and danced for us. Thank you, Rick, Krista and Heidimarie Hesch for all the effort you put into teaching our young members. The Hofbrau Band entertained us with Christmas music under the direction of Band Conductor Andrea



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Emrich and our choir, under the direction of Dieter Conrad sang a few melodies for us with accompaniment by Andrea Von Weyhe. The youth group under the leadership of President Justin Schatz presented their rendition of the 12 days of Christmas that had everyone laughing. Miss Alpine, Niki Paul read "T'was the night before Christmas" for all the children and Miss Transylvania, Kenzie Sharratt along with Miss Alpine placed the memorial ornaments on the Christmas tree to honour those members that had passed away in the last year. Willi Platzer from the Alpine Club entertained us with music and song. We lit the advent wreath through out the program and the 4 candle lighters this year were Ursula Hesch, Kenzie Sharratt and family, Dick and Lily Schuster (Alpine Club) and the Petsche family (Alpine Club). We also had a solo by Lisa Fritsch who as always sang beautifully adding that special touch to the program. During the intermission we enjoyed coffee and baked goods served by our Ladies Auxiliary and youth group. Of course, no Christmas program is complete without the appearance of Santa Claus, who had all the children excited as they stood in line to sit on Santa's knee and receive their packages. Thank you, Bob Foster, Dave Emrich, Erika Schmidt, and everyone who helped with organizing this wonderful program.

I hope and trust that everyone was able to gather with their family to celebrate Christmas together. Erika and I certainly enjoyed watching our four grandchildren as they had a wonderful time. We also had an amazing time when the youth group came to our house on their Christmas Caroling Tour and serenaded

us with several beautiful songs. This was all done with the assistance of Marco on the accordion and two guitar players, Justin and Tyler. At my request, they even took the time to go to the wonderful senior couple that live beside us and serenaded them with several songs. My neighbours enjoyed it thoroughly and couldn't stop talking about how wonderful it was that these young people would take an evening to go out caroling like that. We should be very proud of them.

I hope you all had a safe "Rutsch" into 2020. I wish you all the best and hope to see you all at our events this year.

On January 11th, Erika and I and some of our club members attended Kameradschaftsabend at Hubertushaus. The event filled the hall and we had a delicious meal catered by Grand Valley Catering. All the German Clubs were represented, and it was a great opportunity to connect with all the members of the other clubs again. Seven Castles entertained us with some wonderful music and had many people up dancing. Unfortunately, the weather was not the best. It had been raining all day and was threatening to turn into freezing rain into the evening as the temperature dropped so many people did not stay very late.

Hurry and get your tickets for Frauenball which is Saturday, February 1st. The event is called "Big Band Gala" and promises to be another great evening. Call the club office to get your tickets.

Don't forget to keep March 7th open for our annual Trachtenball and Miss Transylvania 2020. This is the time to come out with your whole family and show your pride in our cul-

ture and support all our groups. Food will be available for purchase at the kitchen.

There are many events coming up in the next few months. 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.

NOTE: Starting in the new year the Nachrichtenblatt will be reduced from 9 issues per year to 6. This will reduce the cost of printing and make it easier for those that write the reports and for Heidi Lowrick who spends

many hours accumulating the articles and putting the Blatt together.

Reinhard Schmidt,
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KULTURGRUPPE

CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed time with family and friends.

We started the season with the Christkindl Market at the Kitchener City Hall. The Transylvania Club participated as always with our band and choir taking part during the 4 days of celebration that seems to get bigger each year. Unfortunately, due to scheduling issues the dance group was unable to perform this year. Hopefully we can get that straightened out for next year. It was nice to see our members out to support the groups performing. The delicious food, many vendors and décor really put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

The Hofbrau band and the choir also performed throughout the community during the Christmas season and brought joy to many and I thank them for sharing their talents and music with the community. The youth group went carolling, stopping at many members' houses and Reiny and I were one of the lucky ones to be serenaded by the group and spend some time with these young members. I truly enjoyed the visit and so did our neighbours. Mikaila put together a video of the group carolling, and interviews with people who they visit-

ed. If you have the chance watch it on YouTube.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlnoh0WCteY or search Mikaila Emrich Carolling Tour on YouTube.

Our Weihnachtsfeier this year was a shared event with our friends at the Alpine Club. Many members from both clubs and friends who came out that afternoon to celebrate Christmas! I believe we had about 250 in attendance. Our program was filled with Christmas music from our brass band led by Andrea Emrich, wonderful harmony from our choir led by Dieter Conrad, lots of laughs and fun as the youth group performed their rendition of "the Saxon 12 days of Christmas" and of our course the children in the Kindergruppe who danced and sang for us while dressed in Tracht. Thank you to the teachers, Rick and Krista Hesch and Heidimarie Hesch and all the parents and grandparents who bring the children on a weekly basis for this wonderful program. I thank everyone who came out to support this event and all those who helped from both clubs to setup, bake and participate in the afternoon. The Advent wreath candle lighters mentioned in the president's report this year always add a special touch to the festivities. Thank you to all the ladies and youth for taking the time to bake and letting us taste your delicious cookies and for serving the coffee and clean up. Every little bit helps to make it an enjoyable time for all. The children of the Kindergruppe with help from the young people lit a candle as the choir sang "Peace"

and then with the choir, youth and children at the front of the hall we all joined in with them and the band to sing "Stille Nacht/Silent Night". It was a very emotional time for many to have the all the generations of our club stand at the front of the room in the candlelight as we sang. It would have made an awesome Christmas card.

There were so many children at the Weihnachtsfeier that were not part of the program because they don't come out to Kindergruppe. Just think how big our Kindergruppe would be if all those children took part. Please allow them the chance to participate and have some fun.

I encourage you all to join one of our groups, get involved and show your Saxon spirit and share your talents. All of the groups welcome new members anytime of the year.

I look forward to seeing you all at Trachtenball and the crowning of our new Miss Transylvania on March 7th. I encourage you to bring the whole family and your friends for this memorable event as we celebrate our heritage in song, music and dance. The Hofbrau band will be providing the music for our Aufmarsch and for dancing, the choir will entertain us with song, the youth group will showcase their dances and we hope to have another Kinderaufmarsch as well as our Kindergruppe perform. Remember this is our celebration of our Tracht, our music, our dance and

our history! I hope to see a full house of all ages! You should not miss it!

Make sure you mark your calendars for the upcoming, not to be missed events. March to June are full months with the AGM, Fashion Show, choir concert, Mitgliederabend, band concert, Picnic and Youth event to be determined. I would love to see you all there. Please come out and support the groups and our efforts to make all our functions fun and entertaining.

Don't forget to reserve July 10-12 for Heimattag in Salem, Ohio. Plan to attend and have some fun with our fellow Saxons and our visiting group from Traun. There will be buses to take you to Salem for the weekend but you need to let us know asap so we can reserve the buses and hotel rooms required. More information will follow.

We will be hosting the Traun group of 40 members from July 19 – 23, 2020 and we will be needing volunteers, people to billet and help with many other things to make sure our guests have a great time in Canada. If you can billet please let John Werner know.

Remember we need you to be involved, volunteer, attend events in order for our club to survive and our heritage to continue. It is all up to you!

Always keep your Saxon culture close to your heart.

*Erika Schmidt, Kulturgruppe Leiterin /
Cultural Group President*



FRAUENVEREIN

As we head into a new year, our calendar is full with events that we'll be busy with and that you won't want to miss!

We are excited about our February 1st Big Band Gala. In an effort to have something unique, we hired a 16-piece big band (Royal City Big Band) as the entertainment for the evening. They play songs from the big band era, by the greats like Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman and others. A great night for dancing and listening. The ladies will once again cook for this event, keeping a traditional old-school feel with a traditional German meal. Tickets are \$40 for club members and \$45 for non-members.

The Spring Fashion Show is our next big event on Sunday, March 29. Last year's show was a true success and we are looking forward to another wonderful afternoon to help us usher in the spring. See the flyer included in this Blatt for more details.

December 4/19 was our Ladies' Christmas Dinner. We had a great turnout and were happy to have ladies from both the Alpine Club and Schwaben Club attend. The TCK board men served that evening, and the wine was provided courtesy of the club. On behalf of the Frauenverein we thank you!!! The meal consisted of Schnitzel with a homemade mushroom sauce, roasted potatoes, roasted vegetables, salad, buns, individual trifle and homemade Christmas cookies. Lisa Fritsch entertained us with a few songs, and then Lisa, Margit Fritsch and I sang a song about a Christmas tree angel, in the style of the Andrews sisters.

Frauenverein AGM and elections will be held on February 20, 2020.

Sylvia Hartig

Frauenverein Praesidentin



KINDERGRUPPE

CHILDREN'S GROUP

Dear Club Members,

The children of the Kindergruppe finished off the winter session with our Christmas/Weihnachtsfeier performance Sunday, Dec. 15th. The kids were fabulous, performing dances, poems and songs they had been learning over the previous few weeks. We would like to thank the kids for all the hard work and effort they put forward each night - everyone was having lots of fun. Thanks again to all the parents/grandparents for bringing your children/grandchildren and helping in any way. Our next performance will be Trachtenball on March 7th.

Kindergruppe will be starting again for our spring session on Tuesday, March 24th and it will run weekly until Tuesday, April 28th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Mitgliederabend (Members Night) performance will be held on Saturday, May 2nd. We are hoping to see many new faces. Each Tuesday 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, & Heidimarie Hesch

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DEATH BENEFIT AGM AGENDA

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Death Benefit Fund on March 22, 2020

1. Greetings and opening of meeting --- Martin Hesch
2. Minute of silence for the members who passed away last year --- Martin Hesch
3. Reading of the annual minutes of 2018, held on February 25th, 2019 --- Gerhard Griebenow
4. Unfinished business
5. President's report --- Martin Hesch
6. Treasurer's report --- Chris Sebastian
7. Auditors' Report
8. Dismissal of treasurer
9. Installation of elections committee
Note: due to the fact that the officers of the Death Benefit Fund are elected to two year terms, and last year the treasurer was elected, this year the positions of president and secretary are up for election
10. Dismissal of president and secretary
11. Report from the nominations committee
12. Elections of the president and secretary
13. nstatement of the new executive
14. New Business
15. End of meeting



TCK AGM AGENDA

All members of the Transylvania Club Kitchener are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting which will be held at 14:00 hours on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the Alpine Club, 464 Maple Street, Kitchener.

Annual General Membership Meeting of March 22, 2020

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening of meeting
2. Adoption of the minutes of the March 17, 2019 meeting
3. Unfinished Business
4. Reports: Treasurer's report, Investment Committee report, Auditor's report, Cultural Chair report, Oktoberfest Chair report, Death Benefit report, Ladies Auxiliary report.
5. Discharge of the Treasurers
6. Discharge of the Board
7. Formation of an Election Committee
8. Election of the new Board
9. Assumption of the new Board
10. New Business
11. Resolutions
12. Closure of the meeting



TRANSYLVANIA CHOIR

I am officially inviting all Club member and friends to attend our Choir afternoon. It is always an afternoon of good food, camaraderie, and songs.

It will take place on April 4th at the Alpine Club at 464 Maple Avenue, Kitchener N2H 4X5 from 12 noon to 6 pm.

We will again start with a delicious Schnitzel dinner and home baked specialties for desert, followed by the choir concert. The cost will be \$ 35 per person this year, up from last year due to all the increases in the food industry, However, the quality & quantity will remain constant, as well as free aluminum foil for those unable to finish the meal.

To ensure good seats, please contact any choir member, phone Else at the office with a number where we can reach you, or leave a message including a call back number on my home phone: 519-884-0332.

As you know, the room capacity does not exceed 300, it is first come first served. Plan to register now and don't lose out on a good time!

CHOIR REPORT 2019

To begin my annual choir report let me share how we regard our mandate:

We are a 'German 'choir with a repertoire of predominantly German folk songs. We have, however, started to include English tunes to reach more of our English-speaking audiences.

We are a well liked & respected member of the German Canadian choir association. Member choirs include Concordia Kitchener, Concordia Ottawa, Germania Hamilton, Harfentöne Toronto,

Heidelberg-Rheingold St. Catherines, Loreley Oshawa, Lyra London and Teutonia Stratford. Together we represent the cultural heritage of choral music that was brought to Canada by immigrants of German descent.

To preserve this heritage, we participate as much as financially viable in each other's concerts. Unfortunately, the cost of bus transportation for out of town trips has been rising significantly. We would like to point out that we have been travelling on bare bone school buses and their lack of comfort is obviously presenting a physical challenge to many of our choir members. These costs put a heavy toll on our finances. Other choirs face the same challenges so that the cultural exchange of musical performances across Southern Ontario is decreasing. Our club and others will have to make a decision as to the degree to which they wish to continue supporting our cultural heritage.

We are trying to create funds by hosting initially the choir night and in recent years the choir afternoon to bring German choirs to our TCK audience. We were the first of the choirs to host our concert in the afternoon to ensure that our guests could return home before the end of the day. Now just about all choirs follow the same pattern. That is why we are so very pleased and grateful to our club members and our friends from the Alpine, Schwaben and Concordia clubs as well as the Swiss community for attending our concert.

We are naturally very grateful to our club for supporting our choir director Dieter Conrad and our pianist Andrea von Weyhe. But it must be pointed out that our choir members each pay \$5 a month to support our finances, and in addition we usually pay for most of the cost of out of town concerts out of our own pockets.

We represent the Transylvania Club at all of our performances. At club functions such as

Trachtenball, Heimattag in Canada, & our Christmas celebration we can only offer a sampling of our repertoire because of the time restraints of the program agendas. However, we work hard at presenting longer programs in the community such as Christkindl Market and retirement homes. Last year we could only fit in Fergus Place and Sunnyside, but in past years we have also performed at Luther Village, Trinity Village, Lanark Place, Briarfield Gardens, and at the Pilgrim Church. Each year we try to pick locations that serve former TCK and choir members and a large 'German' population. After every performance we receive positive compliments and requests to return.

We enjoy singing. Research has shown that the camaraderie and friendships that develop among us and the other choir communities has a significant positive effect on all of us both physically and mentally. We celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries and support each other regardless of club affiliation. Yet everybody must appreciate that we face more physical challenges as we age, and some are forced to remove themselves from our practices. We are very sorry that we have lost Pauline and John Schmidt as well as Grete and Erwin Giebat, but we are happy that they can join us on special occasions. We are very excited that we gained a new choir member in Debbie Bloomer. Dieter discovered her

because she was singing to herself when she had a break at work. Welcome Debbie!

Our choir practices at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings are, to be honest, not just fun and games. We are making a concerted effort at expanding our repertoire and tailoring it to the different occasions. We believe in what we are doing, and with your support we will hopefully be able to continue for the foreseeable future.

Our Club members could follow the choir's participation in club & community events in the reports in the Nachrichtenblatt, but for the record I am providing you with a list of our performances last year:

March 23, Trachtenball, Alpine Club; April 13, Choir concert with three guest choirs, Alpenclub; June 8, Heidelberg-Rheingold concert, St Catherines; June 24, choir picnic; July 13-14, Heimattag, Aylmer; October 19, 90th Anniversary Harfentöne, Toronto; Nov. 2, Trachtenball, Aylmer; Dec. 2, Christmas concert Fergus Place retirement home, Kitchener; Dec. 3, Christmas Concert, Trinity Retirement Village, Kitchener; Dec. 6, Christkindl Market, Kitchener; Dec.9, Sunnyside retirement home, Kitchener; Dec.15, Club Christmas celebration, Alpenclub; Dec.16, Choir Christmas party, Alpenclub.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

We had two more people join our bowling group in November so that fills all our four teams up now. Our bowling starts again on January 3rd.

David Green,
Bowling Group President



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Membership fees for the year 2020 are now due at the rates shown below.

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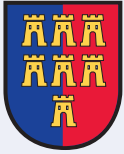
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