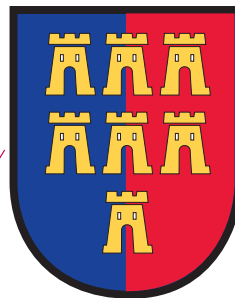


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# TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

## TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- May 2      **Members' Banquet/  
Mitgliederabend**      18:30
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- June 7      **Spring Band Concert**  
Lunch – 12:00 & Concert 14:00
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- June 14     **Youthgroup Fundraiser BBQ**
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- June 20     **Waldfest – Picnic & Golf  
Tournament**  
Picnic – Hubertushaus      12:00
- 
- June 27     **Choir Banquet & Concert**  
Banquet – 12:00 & Concert – 14:00
- 
- July 10-12   **Heimattag – Salem, Ohio**

***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

- April 25    **67th Anniversary of the Alpine Club -  
Gruendungsfest**
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## BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



*Dear Members and Friends,*

I think spring is around the corner and hopefully we will all be able to get outside to enjoy our gardens, sunshine and of course upcoming club events.

Frauenball was Saturday February 1st. The event was called "Big Band Gala" and it certainly lived up to the name. The band consisted of approx. 16 musicians and provided a great Big Band sound. The music had people up dancing all night long. The hall was nicely decorated and the meal was delicious. Hats off to our Frauenverein under the direc-

tion of President Sylvia Hartig for a memorable evening. We also had a good turnout of members from the Schwaben Club who came to enjoy the evening. It's always great to see how club members from other clubs come out to support each other. Let's all try and make an effort to do the same.

On February 29th, Erika and I attended the 89th Grundungsfest at the Schwaben Club. The hall was full and we enjoyed a lovely salad followed by a meal of beef and schnitzel with mashed potatoes and vegetables. The Schwaben Club presented membership and volunteer recognition pins and awards to numerous members. We had the pleasure of watching their Kindergruppe perform and it was great to watch the little ones dance in full costume. We were also entertained with performances by the Youth Dance group, the Schwaben Dancers and the Donau Dancers. They all put on a great show, especially when they all performed one dance together.

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Music was provided by the Golden Keys, who also have the crowd up dancing and this night was no exception.

On Tuesday March 3rd, John Dienesch and I attended the annual Oktoberfest Inc. General Meeting. You probably read the article in the local newspaper about it. It sounds like there will be many changes in the near future to ensure the festival remains vibrant and economically feasible.

March 7th was our annual Trachtenball and the crowning of our Miss Transylvania 2020. It was heartwarming to see all the Trachts that were worn to this event, and to see the hall as full as it was. Once again, we had the kitchen open so that we could enjoy a light meal. We owe a large Thank You to all those that worked in the kitchen so that we could enjoy the sausage, cabbage rolls, chicken fin-

gers and desserts. That team consisted of our Frauenverein under the leadership of their President Sylvia Hartig. As always, the food was delicious. Our Hofbrau band provided the music for the evening and were a joy to listen to. Band conductor Andrea Emrich is doing a marvelous job, as are the band members. Our choir entertained us with a few melodies under the direction of Dieter Conrad and our Kindergruppe stole the show as they danced for us. I would also like to thank all the members of the Saxonia Club that attended Trachtenball and the Saxonia dancers and children's group who performed for us. The Kinderaufmarsch led by Miss Transylvania 2019, Kenzie Sharratt, was fun for the children and give them an opportunity to show off their marching skills. Everyone who attended in Tracht received a



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\$5 food voucher and I am happy to say there were many Trachts to take part in our Aufmarsch of Trachten. It is always a bit sad when we have to say goodbye to the Miss that is stepping aside, but I know that McKenzie was an awesome ambassador for our club and made memories that will last her a lifetime. Her speech was very heartfelt and will be included in the Kulturbericht. Well done Kenzie!! I had the pleasure of announcing our new Miss Transylvania for 2020, Breanna Gondosch and presenting her with her crown, sash, flowers, cash gift and a memory box. I know that Breanna has large shoes to fill but am confident that she can live up to the task. She has dreamed of being Miss Transylvania for a long time. We thank Rob and Kim Gondosch for their donation of the flowers for the tables and Jay and Cynthia Mooser for the donation of the sash. Having all the past Miss Transylvanias that were present come forward to take a picture was also a highlight of the evening. Each Miss was presented with a rose. The youth group performed for us for the first time with the new members that joined this year. It is great to see that the dance group has again grown in size. I congratulate Justin Schatz, their re-elected president for a great job encouraging a large number of our ball-room graduates to join the dance group. This was a wonderful celebration of our Saxon culture!!

Mitgliederabend is May 2nd. It's a casual evening with the opportunity to see some old friends that you might not have seen in a long time. The club will once again be subsidizing the ticket price to keep the cost down so there is no reason to not come out to this event. Call the office for tickets. \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. There will be lots of surprises too.

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, President*

## **FELLOW TCK MEMBERS**

I hope you are all well and able to stay safe. Please remember to adhere to the directives from the local Health Unit regarding gatherings and social distancing so that we can put an end to this Covid19 pandemic and return to normal practices.

As a result of the ongoing Covid19 issue, we had to cancel our Annual General Meeting, which was to have occurred on Sunday March 22, 2020. Many of us would come to that event and pay for our membership. Memberships paid after that date would normally increase by \$5.00. Since we could not hold our AGM, we are going to extend the lower membership fee rate until such time as we are again able to hold public meetings and our AGM. Once we are able to schedule that meeting, we will let our members know of that date and use that date as the cut-off for the lower membership fee.

*Thank you*

*Reinhard Schmidt*

*Transylvania Club President*



# TRACHTENBALL





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## KULTURGRUPPE

### CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

*Dear Members and Friends,*

Die Kulturgruppe hat am 22. Januar ihre Jahreshauptversammlung abgehalten und ich moechte Allen die gekommen sind danken. Ich moechte mich auch bedanken bie allen Untergruppen und bei den Mitgliedern unseren Gruppen, die im letzten Jahr fliessig gearbeitet haben um unsere Kultur zu erhalten.

The Cultural group held its annual general meeting on January 22, 2020 and I would like to thank the few that attended. I would also like to thank each group, their committees and their members for all the hard work and dedication in the past year. It is not easy to keep our cultural heritage alive for our future generations but our groups are dedicated and do their very best. We should be proud of all of them!

#### **The following is the committees for 2020 after elections were held.**

Kulturleiterin / Cultural Chairperson	Erika Schmidt
Stellvertreter / Vice-Chairperson	Trudy Schneider
1. Schriftfuehrer / Secretary	Danielle Fritsch
2. Schriftfuehrerin / 2nd Secretary	Amanda Mooser
Buecherwart/Archivar / Librarian/Archivist	Heidi Lowrick
Buecherwart und Archiver Helfer / Librarian and Archivist Helper	John Penteker

The upcoming year is going to be filled with many cultural events and all the groups are practicing endlessly to make sure you enjoy their programs when you attend the events and support their

efforts. I will be working with them to make sure they are supported and showcased properly.

On January 26th I attended the youth group elections and was very impressed with the speeches given by the candidates running for the various positions on the youth executive. They all spoke from the heart and showed that they truly care about the members of the group and helping to make sure this vital part of our membership stays interested and committed to their heritage and culture. I would like to congratulate the new youth group committee that was elected on Jan. 26th. I look forward to working with them and know they will do their best to encourage our youth to learn about their heritage and promote our dances and traditions.

#### **The new committee is:**

President	Justin Schatz
Vice-President	Amanda Mooser
Treasurer	Lukas Hensel-Williams
Secretary	Victoria Gondosch
Miss Transylvania	Breanna Gondosch

Our appreciation and thanks also to the committee members stepping down; Katelyn Emrich, and our 2019 Miss Transylvania Kenzie Sharratt. You all put your hearts into leading our youth group in the past year and we thank you for your dedication and hard work and I very much enjoyed working with all of you.

Trachtenball 2020 was a wonderful evening and I would like to thank all of those who took the time to come out and celebrate our Saxon heritage, our Trachten and our culture. It was nice to have a full house and see some people who we have not seen at club functions for a while. I thank those who brought their children, some in Tracht, to experience the Kindereinmarsch and again to take part with their parents for the Trachteneinmarsch later in the evening. Seeing the young people always give us hope and encouragement that our traditions will



be carried on in the years to come and that is why the board and the cultural committee do their best to encourage you to support our groups and our events. Thank you to the Hofbrau Band, choir, dance group and Kindergruppe for helping us celebrate being Saxon in style and tradition. We were also happy to have the Saxonia Kindergruppe and dancers led by Rebecca Horeth join us along with members from Aylmer.

The crowning of our new Miss Transylvania 2020, Breanna Gondosch was what young and old were waiting for all evening and as always was an exciting and emotional time for both the new Miss Transylvania, Breanna, the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Kenzie Sharratt, and their families. Congratulations Breanna, I know you are excited to start your new adventure as Miss Transylvania and will do your best to represent our club and heritage. I am confident that you will do a fantastic job representing the club and encouraging the youth to become and stay involved in their Saxon culture. I would also like to thank Kenzie, Miss Transylvania 2019 for her enthusiasm, dedication to her Saxon culture and a job well done in the past year during Oktoberfest, Heimattag, and all club functions. Kenzie, your wonderful personality, dedication to the youth group and ability to make friends with everyone you met, made a great impression on many people in our community as well as our members. The following is Kenzie's speech that evening as I thought it was important for our members and friends to understand how seriously these girls take the position of Miss Transylvania and the impact the year has on them and the opportunities that being part of the TCK youth group can offer our young people.

"It's hard to believe that a whole year has already passed since I was crowned Miss Transylvania 2019 as it feels like just yesterday that I was up here at this podium thanking everyone for giving me this honour and speaking passionately about what I was most looking forward to. Now looking back, I feel

blessed that my year was enriched by so many more experiences than I could have ever imagined. My heart is full of love for our Saxon culture and the club that has remained a strong presence in the community for over 50 years.

There are so many people who have made this year such an amazing experience. First of all, thank you to our Tanzgruppe for allowing me to be their representative at all of the functions this year and making this adventure possible. I will never forget the feeling of being lifted up for the first time after performing, having the honour of spinning out last at every event, and chanting the name of our dance group with pride in unison. This was a very uplifting experience both metaphorically... and literally. You all are truly my extended Saxon family, and I know we will all cherish these bonds of friendship forever.

Secondly, I'd like to thank Tyler for escorting me this evening, coming to all of the events that he could, and being the perfect dance partner. And of course, thank you to my parents and family for always being there for me and supporting me in all of my endeavors. I would not be the person I am today without your influence and love.

Next, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to Erika and Reiny Schmidt for being behind me in everything I did at these events, whether it was as a chaperone or providing me with guidance, you graciously led me on this journey, and I will always appreciate your steadfastness and encouragement. Thank you to the committee members, our Klub Vorstand, for all their hard work, all year long, and of course my parents for their continuous love and support. Also, to Bonnie and Peter Hamberger for being the most fun and thoughtful chaperones during Oktoberfest and the Miss O Gala.

Even though not all of them are here tonight, finally, I would like to thank all of the other club misses who attended these events all year with me and made it one of the most incredible experiences. Through this shared journey I know that I have

made friendships that will last a lifetime. From practicing new dance moves and leading line dances at the different club events to tapping kegs, I am so lucky to have been with such wonderful ambassadors and friends. I have gained so many amazing memories that I will cherish forever and I could not imagine this year without them.

It was so special to be able to finally debut the new dance group dirndls and lederhosen for the first time, and watching our dance group double in size again as we welcomed the many of the members from the graduating ballroom class. I am so excited to be able to perform tonight with them for the first time and am very proud of their fast progress.

And a few final thoughts, to everyone gathered here tonight as I conclude my last speech as Miss Transylvania:

Ich danke Ihnen von ganzem Herzen, daß Sie mir die Gelegenheit gegeben haben, Miss Transylvania 2019 zu sein und unseren Verein in der Gemeinschaft zu vertreten. Ich werde die Freundschaften und Erinnerungen, dieses Jahres den Rest meines Lebens fest ins Herz schließen. Ich bin so dankbar, dass ich dieses Jahr so ein tiefes "Heimatgefühl" bei jeder Veranstaltung erlebt habe.

I am so grateful and honoured to have had the opportunity to represent our club this past year and am so excited to pass on the torch by crowning the new Miss Transylvania 2020 so that she may proudly wear the red and blue sash, representing stability and loyalty, of the Siebenburger Saxon. I know that she will be amazing."

I would like to ask you to give your children and grandchildren this wonderful opportunity and bring them to our club events, encourage them to participate in the children and youth groups and become a part of our family.

Please note that this year's "Spaghetti Night" has been changed to a fundraiser BBQ on June 14th. Make sure you bring the whole family out for a fun afternoon.

Mitgliederabend is on May 2nd. The theme this year is "Ich gehoer dazu... du auch? // I belong.... Do you? I invite you to attend and celebrate our membership, our friendships and our culture. It will include a performance by the Kindergruppe for Mother's Day. This will be a casual evening with lots of good music, food and fun for all ages. Make sure to get your tickets. Members' tickets will be subsidized by the club again because "they belong".

Heimattag is in Salem, Ohio this year from July 10 – 12th. We would love to have as many members as possible join in the weekend activities and experience our Saxon culture, show your Saxon spirit and help us celebrate our Saxon roots. More information will follow. If you need a hotel room please let me know asap.

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!

*Frohe Ostern! Happy Easter!*

*Erika Schmidt*

*Kulturgruppe Leiterin /*

*Cultural Group President*



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# MISS TRANSYLVANIA'S SPEECH

*Good evening ladies and gentlemen,*

Guten Abend zehr ge-hehrte Gäste und Herr Präsidentt. Ich heiße Breanna Gondosch und es ist mir eine große Ehre und Freude vor ihnen als Miss Transylvania 2020 zu stehen. Ich bedanke mich bei alle die gekommen sind, um unseren Trachtenball zu feiern. Ohne Euch alle, würden wir keinen Trachtenball haben.

My name is Breanna Gondosch and I would like to thank you all for being here on what turned out to be a beautiful day and evening. I would like to recognize our honoured guests for being here tonight and joining us at our annual Trachtenball. Without all the hard work, dedication and commitment to this club from our members and volunteers, none of this would be made possible. I am honoured to be standing in front of you all as Miss Transylvania 2020.

I would first like to start off by thanking some important people in my life who have helped to mold and shape me – no literally - stuff me into my tracht tonight. I am thankful for my mother and father, Rob and Kim Gondosch, for their constant support and unconditional love no matter what, as well as my sisters Victoria and Rebecca, and her husband Braden. I feel blessed to have my Omi here this evening, as she will be 96 this April and I grateful I am able to share this moment with her. I would like to thank Erika and Reiny in advance for having to put up with me for this coming year (you're in for a treat! Just Ask my dad Reiny!). I am also excited to share tonight with my extended friends and family, and thank you to Josh Emrich for escorting me in tonight. Finally, I would like to thank our previous Miss, Kenzie Sharratt for representing the club over the past year. You did such a wonderful job as an ambassador and I hope this year has left you with the best memories. You, and all of the former misses have paved and maintained such a high legacy that I strive to carry on this coming year.

So, by now you are probably wondering a little bit about me. I am currently in my third year in the

bachelor of design program at Conestoga College. I chose this career path because I have always had a love for design and creating. I currently work part time at a hair salon as a receptionist in uptown waterloo. In addition to working there, I have also found myself freelancing more and more, honing in on my craft. I also joined the TCK board two years ago as a Digital Communicator.

As a kid, my sisters and I were a part of the Kindergruppe. I remember being downstairs at the old club, making handmade Christmas Crafts or upstairs practicing on stage for whatever event was happening next. Fast forward a few years, and my younger sister Victoria and I would graduate ballroom and then join the dance group, something I always dreamt of. I have been a part of the dance group for 7 years now, and I have been lucky enough to travel to the US and around Europe with our group. This past summer I was given the opportunity to attend a two-week Jügendlager in Austria. That trip created some of my fondest memories, and I was able to learn so much more about my heritage and culture, and I feel grateful that I experienced it with some of my dance group friends. Traveling around Vienna, Salzburg and being hosted in Traun, it felt like a second home.

Gondosch is a common name here at the club so let me clarify which Gondosch family I belong too. I am part of The "Other Gondosch's" - the "pizza Gondosch's". My Omi and Opi are Mary and Mike Gondosch. They had three children, and my father Robert Gondosch, was the youngest of the three. My Tante Trudy, is here with her husband, my Uncle Peter, and my uncle mike and his wife Ann, are unfortunately not here.

There are many people that I wish could be here this evening to share this moment with me but I know they are watching from above. My Opi, my Oma and Opa, Johan and Maria Mathes, my Great Tante Kathi Stoof, and my Nana and Papa Jim and Helen Lacey.

My family comes from a small town called

Mönsdorf, near Bistritz. In 1951 my Omi and Opi came to Canada and settled in Bloomingdale and later moved to Kitchener. My Omi and I often talk about all the sacrifices they all had to go through to come here and what life was like back home in the "old country". I find it so interesting that I have interviewed her almost as if she was under investigation, because I want to know about every little detail. What they did, what they ate, what they wore and who we're related to. I love learning about my heritage, and I hope to one day be able to travel to Romania to see where my Siebenbürgen roots come from.

Once my Omi and Opi moved to Kitchener, they found themselves attending the club and making friends with relatives and people that felt like relatives. My Omi often talks about how the club brought her some of her best friends, and what a feeling to resonate with many years later, because that's how I feel to be a part of the club and a part of the dance group. I have met some of my closest friends through the dance group and I look forward to Sunday practices every week.

We have an amazing year ahead of us, and I look forward to spending time with not only all of you, but using this opportunity to create new friendships within the club and other clubs in the region. I am delighted to be given the opportunity to represent our beautiful Transylvanian heritage with the community and the region.

I believe that collectively the reason that we are all here this evening (may be because you want to see our growing dance group) but more importantly-because you take pride in your heritage. To a lot of us it resonates so deeply, it's something you can't necessarily touch, but you feel it. The feeling of love filling a room, with people who are just as proud to be a Transylvanian Saxon as you. You may not be related to them, or better yet you could very well be, but it's a feeling of heimat. A feeling of home filled with love and laughter. I am lucky enough to know and belong to a community like ours and feel extremely proud to be a Transylvanian Saxon. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your evening.

*Breanna Gondosch*



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## FRAUENVEREIN

Our Big Band Gala on February 1st was a hit!! The band (Royal City Big Band) was outstanding, and the ladies prepared a delicious traditional German meal of Sauerbraten, Blaukraut and roasted potatoes, including homemade Donauwellen for dessert. The hall décor was beautiful and overall, it was a very enjoyable and unique evening. Thanks to everyone who helped with planning, cooking, and decorating for this event, and thanks also to Daniel Schmidt and Adam Schatz who once again helped in the kitchen, thus allowing the ladies to relax and enjoy the dinner. We'll start planning our next Frauenball event soon, so stay tuned.

The Frauenverein AGM and elections were held on in February 20th. The positions up for election were President, 2nd Vice-President and 1st Treasurer. The incumbents in those positions were all re-elected for another 2-year term. Our current executive committee is as follows:

<i>President</i>	<i>Sylvia Hartig</i>
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	<i>Heidi Lowrick</i>
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	<i>Kathy Mathes</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Trudy Schneider</i>
<i>Secretary/2nd Treasurer</i>	<i>Rosemarie Rawlings</i>
<i>Genesungskarten</i>	<i>Helgard Werner</i>

In total we have 20 ladies who are actively involved on the Ausschuss. If you are interested in joining the Ausschuss or helping for any Frauenverein events, don't hesitate to reach out.

*Sylvia Hartig, Frauenverein Praesidentin*



## KINDERGRUPPE

### CHILDREN'S GROUP

A number of kids from the Kindergruppe performed at Trachtenball on Saturday, March 7th. They were wonderful, performing four dances, including a joint dance with the Kindergruppe from the Saxonia Club from Aylmer. They also participated in the Miss Transylvania/Kinder Einmarsch. We would like to thank all the kids for their great performance. In addition, we would also like to thank Mrs. Maitherth for helping with the organization of the girls' Trachten .

Kindergruppe will be starting back up again for our spring session on Tuesday, April 4 and it will run weekly until Tuesday, April 28th at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The 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](mailto:hesch@rogers.com) or 519-662-4364.

*Thank you,*

*Krista, Rick, & Heidi Hesch, Kindergruppe Instructors*

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*Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,*

In diesem Jahr ist Kanada und USA an der Reihe des Föderation Kulturaustausches, die Blasmusik und Tanzgruppe aus Traun, Österreich zu empfangen. This group last visited us twenty years ago and many of our Hofbräu Band and youth dance members have been their guest when our Kulturaustausch and Jugendlager experiences took us to Traun. The group of forty-five participants will arrive in Toronto on Thursday July 9th. On Friday they will travel to Salem, Ohio to participate in the Heimattag festivities on July 10th, 11th and 12th. After the Heimattag the group will travel to various Saxon Clubs in the USA before returning to Aylmer on Friday July 17th for a few days and then come to Kitchener-Waterloo before they return home on Thursday July 23rd. Their Blasmusik concert and dance performance at the Transylvania Club will be on Wednesday July 22nd at the Alpine Club starting at 7:00pm. More information as to their stay at the Saxonia Hall and at the Transylvania Club will be in the next Nachrichtenblatt.

We are asking our members to billet our guests in their homes during their stay with us and show them our Kanadisch-Siebenbürgische Gastfreundschaft. An important part of the Kulturaustausch is to meet fellow Saxons and there is no better way to do this than to invite them into your home. If you can be of assistance, please call Erika Schmidt (519-743-4555), John Penteker (519-886-4714) and John Werner (519-884-7725) or call the Transylvania Club office (519-744-1191).

### **Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl, Deutschland**

Der diesjährige Heimattag der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland Unter dem Motto „Wurzeln suchen – Wege finden“ findet zu Pfingsten vom 29. Mai bis 1. Juni in Dinkelsbühl statt. Die Einladung von Verbandspräsidentin Frau Herta Daniel und Bundesvorsitzender Herr Rainer Lehni geht an alle

Landsleute in Kanada an diesem Feste teil zunehmen.

### **Heimattag in Salem, Ohio July 10th, 11th, and 12th 2020**

This year our annual USA/Canada Heimattag is taking place in Salem, Ohio. The Heimattag starts on Friday evening with a Kameradschaftsabend. Saturday evening will be the banquet followed by cultural performances. Sunday Church Service, Kundgebung, lunch and cultural performances including a performance by the group coming from Traun, Austria will make this an enjoyable Heimattag. Erika Schmidt is working to secure a block of motel rooms as well as bus transportation for us to attend. Our TCK Youth Group, the Saxonia Dance Group as well as the Kulturaustausch group coming from Traun will be participating in the Cultural Program. I am extending the Heimattag invitation to all of our members and friends to be part of this Saxon weekend. Please support our annual USA/Canada Heimattag to reminisce about the past, sustain the present and support the future. You never know who you may meet from the past or who you may make friends with that will last a lifetime. Call Erika Schmidt (519-743-4555) or the Transylvania Club (519-744-1191) to order tickets, book your room and spot on the bus.

*John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender*



## NEUE MITGLIEDER - NEW MEMBERS

A warm Transylvanian welcome goes out to:

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Casual evening, fun, music, more	<i>Free for Children</i>		
	<i>Ages 12 &amp; Under</i>	x _____	
<b>SATURDAY EVENING</b>			
Doors Open 4:00 pm – 11:30pm			
Official Opening 6:00 pm			
Pork Schnitzel and Chicken Paprikash dinner	Adults \$26	x _____	\$ _____
	<i>Free for Children</i>		
	<i>Ages 12 &amp; Under</i>	x _____	
Vegetarian Schnitzel and Sausage dinner	Adults \$26	x _____	\$ _____
	<i>Free for Children</i>		
	<i>Ages 12 &amp; Under</i>	x _____	
<b>FOOD TRUCK 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm offering Vegan, Vegetarian, and other options</b>			
Cash US \$ only or credit card for food truck purchases			
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
12:30 pm			
Roast Beef Dinner	Adults \$22		\$ _____
	<i>Free for Children</i>		
	<i>Ages 12 &amp; Under</i>	x _____	
Vegetarian Beef dinner	Adults \$22	x _____	\$ _____
	<i>Free for Children</i>		
	<i>Ages 12 &amp; Under</i>	x _____	
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Please enclose check or money order in USA currency)</b>			\$ _____
<b>DAILY GROUNDS ADMISSION WITHOUT MEAL RESERVATION \$5.00 (USA currency)</b>			
<b>CASH BAR ALL WEEKEND (USA Currency ONLY)</b>			

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**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JUNE 19, 2020**

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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**

**519-884-7725**

**helgardrwner@gmail.com**

**Heidi Lowrick**

**519-662-1757**

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## MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the months of April and May. 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.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jason Mooser  
Katharina Moser  
Maria Pfeuffer  
Victoria Kenny  
Maria Gondosch  
Karen Scherl  
Michael Boehm  
John Klein  
Erika Norris  
Maria Lowrick  
Peter Tschoepe  
Karin Gondosch  
Audrey Horn

Rosie Bendix Singh  
Christian Sebastian  
Rosemarie Emrich  
Adam Gierscher  
John Emrich  
Anita Gross  
Breanna Gondosch  
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Helmut Emrich  
Gabriella Wolf  
Helmut Groh  
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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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 Mathias Wolf  
 Taylor Sharratt  
 Michael Emrich  
 Ernst Friedel  
 Georg Ungar  
 Regina Schneider  
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 Karlheinz Maiterth

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 Crysta Steffen  
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 Reinhold Drygala  
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