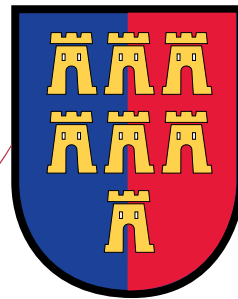


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January to March 2021



TCK President Reiny Schmidt and Alpine Club President Dietmar Biselli with Santa at the Christmas Package Drive Through

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Dear members and friends,

I trust and hope that you are all staying safe and healthy throughout this pandemic. I am of the belief that the masks and social distancing are the right methods to overcome this situation, at least until we can all get vaccinated. Unfortunately, it sounds like the vaccination process will not go as quickly and smoothly as originally promised. I know we are all going a little stir crazy being cooped up at home but let's all be patient and see this through so that we can have a big party when it is all over. I am a hugger, and I will be hugging each and every one of you at that party!

Winter has made itself known with some very cold temperatures lately. Maybe it is just as well that we are spending more time indoors where it's warm. I still try and get out a few times a week for my walk but when I do, I really must bundle up. My motorcycle is sitting in the garage and she and I are waiting patiently for spring to arrive... hopefully that won't be much longer.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas. I know it was difficult for some who lost loved ones and our thoughts go out to those families. We tried to do something to bring people out and make a memorable time for our TCK and Alpine children, by hosting a drive through Christmas package pick up. We organized it in such a way that social distancing was maintained, and all were safe. We had about twenty cars show up to meet Santa Claus, listen to some Christmas music provided by Justin and Liam Schatz and Josh Emrich, have some conversation with other members and share the Christmas spirit. The children really enjoyed getting their packages from Santa and the adults enjoyed their treats from Alpine President Dietmar Biselli and myself. It would have been nice to see more people,

but I think those that did come out and everyone who helped organize the event. The leftover packages were donated to various charitable organizations. I would also like to thank Elke Bitner for bringing her parents out to visit us and the delicious bottle of schnaps.

The Transylvania Club Board of Directors is still meeting on Zoom to keep in touch. With no events allowed and not much to do, we have significantly reduced Else's hours in the office. It does not make any sense to have her spending hours at a time in the office with virtually nothing to do. She is still checking into the office to check voicemail, emails and to cut any cheques that may be required. If you need her, please leave her a message and she will get back to you soon. Our investments are doing well, and we are still looking after the day-to-day operations of the club.

The presidents of the local German Clubs are staying in contact, and everyone is looking forward to the day we can start holding events again and visiting with each other.

The TCK board has decided to waive membership fees for one year. If you paid your membership last year, you do not have to pay this year. If you did not pay last year, please pay your membership for 2021 at the office. Please call before you go to make sure Else is there.

We were able to sell the last of the pigtales. That is not surprising since they are well known in this region as being some of the best pigtales available. Hat's off to our Ladies Auxiliary and all those that helped in making them. Many people have stated that they cannot wait until they can buy our cabbage rolls and pigtales again, so maybe that is something we have to look at for the future, depending on what happens with Oktoberfest.

As I indicated in my last blatt report, our hope was that we could hold our Annual General Membership meeting in March of 2021 however I do not believe that will be possible. Although we traditionally held that meeting in March, we will need to be flexible this year and hopefully things will improve enough that we can still have that meeting this year....perhaps an out-

door meeting on a warm summer day. We will let everyone know once we are able to confirm when that meeting is possible. Until then all board members have agreed to stay on in their positions until elections can be held.

With things being as they are, we are most likely not going to host the group from Europe or attend Heimattag 2021 which was to be in Salem, Ohio. We will keep you informed if anything should change.

Remember, even though we can't get together in person, we can still call, Skype or Zoom or whatever other app you want to use to stay in touch and actually see our friends and family. Keep in touch, remember those that are home alone or that may just need to hear your voice or see your face. We are, after all, one big Saxon family.

Please stay safe.

Reinhard Schmidt,
President



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LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"



It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few months. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the last 20 years.



Reiny Schmidt has been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets any worse I'll have to let him in.



Wife: Did I get fat during the quarantine?

Husband: You were never really skinny to begin with.

Time of Death: 11:00 p.m.

Cause: COVID



A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!" The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you..."



Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?



What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards? A receding hare-line.



When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become President. Now I believe it.



What did the bald man exclaim when he received a comb for a present? Thanks—I'll never part with it!



The virus has done what no woman has been able to do: Cancel sports, shut down all bars and keep men at home!



CULTURAL GROUP

KULTURGRUPPE

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and entered 2021 safely and in good health. 2020 was a very different year for all and for our club life. We can only hope that 2021 will start to get better and we can again start making plans for our events, group practices and fun times together. I miss seeing everyone and hearing the band play, the choir sing and seeing our youth and children having fun dancing and getting together. These are all things we just took for granted and I believe will not cherish and appreciate them much more.

Our Christmas drive through was not as successful as I has hoped, but those that did drive by with their children or even just to visit and listen to the music and enjoy some Christmas spirit, had a wonderful time. Everything was done safely from the packaging of the gift bags, to distributing them to the children via a long tube. Thank you to everyone who helped from TCK and from Alpine, to make this event memorable for those that came out.

The Kulturgruppe was not able to hold there annual meeting with elections, so we will just carry on as is until we are able to do that.

Trachtenball would normally be our big event this time of year. Miss Transylvania 2020, Breanna

Gondosch, will continue her roll for 2021 and I truly hope she will be able to enjoy some of the activities and fun that she missed last year.

I know our groups are anxious to get together and enjoy each others company while practicing our cultural songs and dances. Hopefully you are still singing, playing your instruments and dancing at home or with others by video, so that when the time comes, we will all be ready for whatever event is possible.

Since there is nothing to report I ask each and every one of you to remember your fellow members, keep your Saxon heritage close to your heart and always remember you are and always will be a part of our large Saxon family!

Take care of yourselves and stay safe!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin /

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ROASTED LEG OF LAMB

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

Prep Time: 20 min

Cook Time: 1 hr 45 min

Total Time: 2 hrs 5 min

Ingredients:

- 1 (5 to 6) trimmed bone-in leg of lamb
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and line a roasting pan with aluminum foil.

Pat lamb dry with paper towels. Using a sharp knife, score the top side by making shallow cuts all over.

In a small bowl, combine garlic, olive oil, rosemary, thyme, Dijon, salt and pepper.

Place lamb, fat side up, on a rack in the prepared roasting pan. Spread garlic mixture evenly over the lamb, rubbing in thoroughly into the cuts.

Place into oven and roast until it reaches an internal temperature of 135 degrees F for medium, about 1 hr 30 min to 1 hr 45 min or until desired doneness. Let rest for 15 min before slicing.

LEMON SPINACH POTATOES

Ingredients

- Potatoes (about 7 medium potatoes depending on the size of the tray)
- Olive oil

- Salt, Pepper, Oregano and Thyme
- 1 Spanish Onion
- 1 Lemon
- Parmesan cheese
- Spinach

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Chop up potatoes and put in a bowl with olive oil then season with salt, pepper, oregano and thyme.

Cut up half an onion and put in bowl with potatoes and mix together then put on a baking tray.

Squeeze half a lemon and add Parmesan cheese and bake for 30 minutes and then flip and bake for another 10 min.

In the last ten minutes of bake time sauté spinach in olive oil.

After the 10 minutes squeeze the other half of the lemon onto the potatoes, add more Parmesan cheese and spinach.

SCHNEEBELLE (SNOWBALLS)

A special form is required to get the shape of the snowball.

Ingredients:

- 125 g (1½ c + 1 tbsp) butter
- 4 tbsp sugar
- 5 eggs + 4 egg yolks
- 2 shot glasses Schnapps
- 2 shot glasses mineral water
- 1000 g (2.2 lb) or 6 cups flour

Directions:

Combine butter and sugar then add last 4 ingredients to make dough.

Roll out the dough and cut into thin strips and with our fingers wrap the dough over the form. Every second piece should be woven tightly over the original. Bake in 1 gallon of hot canola oil.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE IN THE PHOTOS BELOW?





BOWLING GROUP

KEGELGRUPPE

Bowling is still closed for now and I do not know when we will start again but we hope that Ford will have some good news by the end of the month.

David Green,
Bowling Group President



LANDSMANNSCHAFT

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

It is hard to believe that we have been dealing with Covid-19 for a year. It was March 2020 when we all became fully aware that something serious was affecting us worldwide. Just as we did not expect Covid-19 in the first place, I do not think that anyone among us would have expected the affect it has had on us physically, mentally and financially. Looking at our Saxon community, we have not been able to meet to enjoy our cultural events, participate in our choir, band and youth dance practices, but even more disappointing is that we have not been able to physically meet with each other, even within our immediate family. We are hopeful that the vaccines that are becoming available will again open up our world to each other.

The Blasmusik and Tanzgruppe from Traun, Austria that was to visit us in the summer of 2020 as part of our Federation Kulturaustausch Program could not take place and was to take place this year. This is not going to happen and will again have to be put off until 2022. The Heimattag that was to take place on July 11 to 12 in Salem, Ohio will also have to be re-scheduled to 2022. Travel, international and domestic has to be put on hold until Covid-19 is under control.

At this point in time there is only one thing that takes priority and that is the wellbeing of each one

of us. We will need to continue to follow health guidelines to protect our health and those dear and close to us. Please stay in touch with each other using that old tool, the "telephone" and of course the new tools that are available through the internet.

Bleibt gesund. Stay safe.

John Werner

Bundesvorsitzender

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Greetings dear members/liebe Mitglieder;

Thank you to those members who have paid their membership fees for year 2020. If you have not paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Although the TCK office is currently closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Else does go in periodically to check for mail and telephone messages. If you wish to make your payment by Credit Card, please phone the club office and leave a message with your name and phone number and Else will return your call and process your payment over the phone. For payment by cheque, please make your cheque payable to 'TRANSYLVANIA CLUB OF KITCHENER' and mail it to the club address. No late fees will be charged at this time.

****PLEASE NOTE:** The TCK Board of Directors has decided that membership fees for Year 2021 will be waived for all members in good standing who are paid up to date for year 2020. Your 2020 membership fee payment will count for years 2020 and 2021. Regrettably, due to the pandemic and lock downs we have been unable to hold any of our cultural activities and events and it was felt that the waiver of 2021 membership fees would be appropriate. Those members who have already pre-paid for year 2021 will have their fees applied to year 2022.

Unfortunately, it appears this pandemic will keep us apart for a while longer. Please be patient, we will get through this together. Stay in touch with each other, take care and stay healthy.

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

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DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Michael Mueller

passed away November 26, 2020

at Freeport Hospital at the age of 89.

Mike was born October 20, 1931

in Zuckmantel, Transylvania.



Marie Boehm

passed away December 16, 2020

at the age of 92.

She was born September 1, 1928

in Oberneudorf, Transylvania.



Maria Emrich (nee Lindert)

*passed away peacefully at home
 on December 18, 2020, at the age of 96.*

Maria was born on October 30, 1924

in Passbusch, Transylvania.



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DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



Helmut Emrich

*passed away peacefully on December 22, 2020,
at the age of 72.*

*Helmut was born on April 21, 1948,
in Linz, Austria.*



Susanna Kloos

*passed away January 16, 2021
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*She was born January 9, 1925
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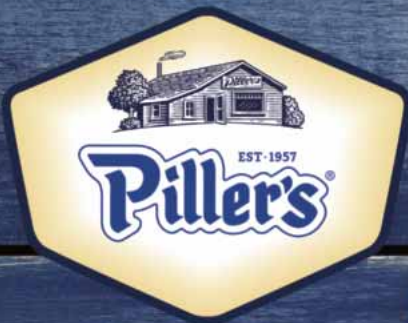
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Katharina Paulini
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Regina Karschti
Rick Murray

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Timothy Rich
Martin Gross
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Justin Frim
Aiden Karst

Daniel Schmidt
Rebecca Emrich
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