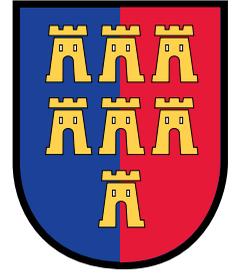


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# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

October 3 **Death Benefit/Sterbefond AGM** 13:45

October 3 **TCK Jahres-  
hauptversammlung/AGM** 14:00

***Note:** All our events will be held at the Alpine Club unless otherwise indicated in the event schedule.  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



*Hello friends and members,*

It looks like summer is finally here to stay and we can all get outside and enjoy the sunshine. I hope that everyone is staying safe and has had at least one Covid shot, if not 2 already. By the time this Nachrichtenblatt goes to print, Erika and I will

have gotten our second shot. The Covid numbers in the province are generally heading in the right direction and I am cautiously optimistic that soon we will be able to get together again and enjoy each other's company. It has been a long time since many of us have seen each other, and I truly miss our camaraderie that we share when we are all together.

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.

Heimattag 2021 in Salem, Ohio, USA was cancelled again but the virtual Heimattag from Dinkelsbuehl was presented very well. Many people were able to watch the various events and I am immensely proud that we were able to have Canadian representation. The Hofbrau band, TCK dance group, Saxonia dance group, Seven Castles and Wildbahn all sent over video presentation that were part of the weekend celebrations. Thank you to Rebecca Horeth for organizing this. John Werner also sent greetings from Canada via video.

As I indicated in my last report, our hope was that we could hold our Annual General Membership meeting in March of 2021 however that was not possible. Since the provincial Covid numbers are heading in the right direction and the province is starting to open things up again, we are trying to

move forward and are scheduling an Annual General Membership Meeting for Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00pm at the Alpine Club. We may still need to wear masks but hopefully we are able to have a hall full of people by then. We will provide updates on our social media outlets and in the next edition of the Nachrichtenblatt when we have more information. Here is the list of the positions that are up for re-election and the names of potential candidates that are willing to run for these positions. Anyone that is interested in running for any of these positions, please feel free to do so. Email John Dienesch at [jdienesch@rogers.com](mailto:jdienesch@rogers.com) and let him know that you are interested.

<b>POSITION &amp; INCUMBENT</b>	<b>NAME OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE</b>	<b>TERM (Years)</b>
1st Vice-President 1. Vize-Praesident H. Gross	Hans Gross	2 (to March 2023)
2nd Vice-Praesident 2. Vize-President John Dienesch	Dave Emrich	1 (to March 2022)
Secretary Schriftfuehrer(in) Ashley Schatz	Ashley Schatz	2 (to March 2023)
Special Events Director #2 Veranstaltungsleiter #2 Bob Foster	Bob Foster	2 (to March 2023)
Property Manager #2 Gebaeudeverwalter #2 Reinhold Fritsch	Reinhold Fritsch	2 (to March 2023)
Press Chair Presseleiter(in) Heidi Lowrick	Heidi Lowrick	2 (to March 2023)
Web & Social Media Coord Web & SozialeMedien Coord Breanna Gondosch	Breanna Gondosch	2 (to March 2023)

Oktoberfest Chair		
Oktoberfest Leiter	Dave Emrich	2 (to March 2023)
John Dienesch		
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Webmaster #2		
Webmeister(in) #2	Katelyn Emrich	2 (to March 2023)
Katelyn Emrich		

This board is always looking for new faces to join us and new ideas to make this club more enjoyable for you, the members. This board has always worked extremely hard to keep our Saxon Heritage alive and interesting. Please come out and support this board and your club.

In an attempt to eliminate the costs that we have for our storage unit at Access Storage, we have purchased a new shipping container and we and the Alpine Club have come to an agreement which allows us to place it beside the garage at the Alpine Club. That was done today, June 30th. A big thank you to Hans Gross, Peter Hamberger and David Green for doing the hard work to make this happen. Of course, a big thank you as well goes out to Dietmar Biselli and the Alpine allowing this. Once we have it insulated and have some lights hooked up, we will begin moving what is worth keeping from the storage unit to the shipping container and eliminate what is not worth keeping. Here is a picture of the new container in place.

We have been told many times that we should have more events that are less formal for the "younger" generation and their children. The Transylvania Club is celebrating our 70th Anniversary this year, and that is something we should all celebrate together, from our founding members all the way down to our youngest members. We have a small group that is meeting to discuss planning this event if the regulations allow us to gather in large numbers, which we think will be a less-formal family-oriented event to be held on November 13th of this year. We will honour our 70 years as well as make time to finally socialize with each other, eat, drink, and dance the night away. Stay tuned, we

will let you know as soon as we have finalized these plans. It will be a wonderful party, so make plans to attend. We are asking anyone with pictures of the first club, older pictures or interesting ones from club events that are not already on the website gallery to please send them to Heidi Lowrick for a project we are working on. Email them to Heidi at: hlowrick@gmail.com or drop them off at the office or at a board member's house. Make sure your name is on them if you want them back.

We have lost some key members in the past year, who were always there to support and encourage us to continue our Saxon culture and they have left a large void. My sympathies go out to all families who have been unable to celebrate their loved one's life in the fashion we are accustomed to, by having the support of our club members. Our thoughts are with every one of you.

Remember, even though we have some limitations on being able to get together, 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 so we can greet each other again.*

*Reinhard Schmidt, President*





# PAST PICNICS



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2004



2011



2014



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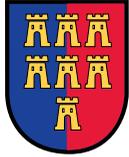
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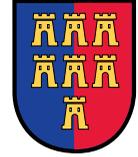
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



## AGENDA

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

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*Dear club members and all fans of our songs,*

Greetings from our choir. We are all looking forward to the time when we can meet again. Covid is testing all of our resolve, and as time goes by we are faced with more challenges.

Unfortunately we had to say good bye to Mathias Wolf. He was undoubtedly one of the pillars of our choir. His great voice was the anchor of our bass singers, and he was a good friend whom all of us miss very much. Since the choir's start is given to be 1951 and he was with it from the start, he was in his seventieth year membership. Also our seniors will

note his absence as he was the leader of our Christmas songs, especially the special traditional Siebenbürgen song and his Horn solos.

Sadly, our choir director Dieter Conrad had a bout of serious illnesses late in 2020 which left him with a loss of dexterity in his shoulders and his fingers and a drastic loss of hearing. Therefore he resigned as our choir director, returned all the music to us and even sold his piano. Those must have been very difficult decisions for him. We all wish him well and hope that he adjusts well to his new situation. Of course we would like to see him as our guest at future functions. Dieter improved our choir from year to year and possibly from performance to performance. He had a vision of how our songs should be sung with a variety of speed, tone, and style that became our trade mark. His acute sense of hearing enabled him to discern any weakness in our members that was simply astonishing. We did enjoy our appearances, and when we did well, we were rewarded with his broad smile that could melt any heart. We hope to welcome him and his wife Claudette at future functions of the club.

Now we are looking for a new conductor. We ask everyone who knows someone with the necessary talents to please put in a good word for us and introduce him/her to us. We would love to have a new conductor in place before we can get together again and fill our hearts with song once more.

For the time being we are concentrating on getting our second Covid vaccinations, staying healthy, and keeping our spirits up.

We wish all club members and fans of song a very enjoyable summer!

*Gerhard Griebenow  
Chor Praesident*





## BOWLING GROUP

### KEGELGRUPPE

I have been in touch with Jamie at Town Bowl and he will email me when he can open. I am confident that we will be able to start bowling again come September.

Even though we had a small group of bowlers, everyone enjoyed getting together in the afternoon for a couple of hours as it is much easier to drive around the city during the day in winter.

So let us keep a positive attitude, and remember to keep those jabs going.

*David Green,*

*Bowling Group President*



## DEATH BENEFIT STERBEFOND

2021 Death Benefit Annual General Meeting will be held on

Oct. 3 at 13:45 prior to the TCK AGM.



## MEMBERSHIP

*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 now. 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. To pay 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 both years 2020 and 2021. Regrettably, due to the pandemic 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.

This past year has been very difficult for everyone. We all hope and pray the pandemic will end soon and we will be able to meet again in the fall. Until then, please be patient, keep in touch with each other, take care and stay healthy.

*Katie Dienesch*

*Mitglieder Kassier / Membership Treasurer*

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2020 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

Mitgliedsbeitrag Membership Fee	bis/before Due now	Sterbefond Anteil/ Death Benefit Portion
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Seniors	\$ 35.00	\$ 5.00
Youth	\$ 25.00	\$ 00.00

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## LANDSMANNSCHAFT

*Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,*

We have been kept secluded basically to our own homes for well over a year, but we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. With the distribution of vaccines we look forward to the start of a normal life. We are hopeful that by the fall we may resume some of our cultural activities, band practice, choir practice, children and youth dance practices and perhaps a club event, even if some precautions may still need to be kept in place.

The first international event that is re-scheduled for 2022 is the Heimattag in Salem, Ohio on July 8th to 10th. We hope that the Kulturaustausch with the Blasmusik and Tanzgruppe from Traun, Austria can also be re-scheduled for this same time.

Heimattag 2021 in Dinkelsbühl was a three day digital presentation on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Early in April, all Saxon Cultural Groups worldwide were asked to submit a short video of how they are celebrating our Saxon Culture during the pandemic. I would like to thank the following groups from Canada for their submissions that were forwarded to Germany to be used as part of the Heimattag 2021 weekend presentation.

Aylmer Saxonia Hall  
 Dance Group - Rebecca Horeth  
 TCK Dance Group - Justin Schatz  
 TCK Hofbräu Band - Andrea Emrich  
 Seven Castle Band - Ron Schatz  
 Wildbahn Band - John Frim

On behalf of the Landsmannschaft and all Saxons living in Canada I also sent a short Grußwort. All presentations from our groups in Canada as well as greeting from many dignitaries, dance group and band presentations from Germany, Austria,

Romania and the USA can be viewed on [www.youtube.com/siebenbuerger.de](http://www.youtube.com/siebenbuerger.de) or [www.siebenbuerger.de/heimattag](http://www.siebenbuerger.de/heimattag).

The May 23rd Pfingstgottesdienst that featured a number of choirs and readings from pastors in various locations in Europe can also be viewed.

## EIN FÖRDERER DER LANDSLEUTE IN KANADA

Mit tiefer Trauer haben wir am 4. April die Nachricht vom plötzlichen und unerwarteten Tod unseres Landsmannes und Freundes Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert vernommen. Dr. Bonfert hat für uns Siebenbürger Sachsen weltweit viel getan. Mit seinem unermüdlichen Einsatz für den Kulturaustausch (seit 1968), die Jugendlager (seit 1971) und die Gründung der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen (1983) hat er grundlegende Wege gelegt für die Erhaltung und Förderung der siebenbürgisch-sächsischen Kultur. Für uns in Kanada, für meine Vorgängerin Käthe Paulini (1932-2016) und mich, ist Dr. Bonfert immer behilflich und förderlich gewesen.

In dieser Stunde nehmen wir Abschied von Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert. Für alles, was er für uns gewesen ist, Vorbild, Mitarbeiter, Landsmann und Freund, wollen wir ihm heute nochmals danken. Gott schenke ihm die ewige Ruhe. Wir werden ihm immer ein ehrendes Andenken in unseren Herzen bewahren. Möge sein Leben auch für kommende Generationen ein Vorbild sein.

Im Namen der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada sprechen wir Frau Ingeborg Bonfert und der ganzen Familie unser inniges Beileid und Mitgefühl aus und wünschen ihnen die Kraft, diese schweren Stunden zu überwinden.

*Bleibt gesund. Stay safe.*

*John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender*

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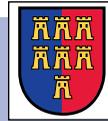
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## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!



If the last year has taught us anything, it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.



Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized that even the trash goes out more than me.



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# RECIPES

## CUCUMBER SALAD/GURKENSALAT

**Ingredients:**

- 2 English cucumbers
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- salt, pepper to taste
- ½ onion (Spanish or Vidalia) chopped
- fresh dill

**Directions:**

Peel and slice the cucumbers (best is to use a slicer or a grater that has the slicing option).  
 Place slices in a bowl and sprinkle generously with salt.  
 Cover and let sit for approximately 30 minutes.

Pour off excess water.  
 Mix oil, vinegar and some pepper in a glass or cup.  
 Pour over cucumbers.  
 Chop onion and add to salad.  
 Sprinkle with pepper and more salt if needed.  
 Add a little water, only if needed.  
 Chop dill very fine and add to salad.  
 Let sit for 10 min before serving.

## BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER SALAD

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups cauliflower, cut in bite size pieces
- 2 cups broccoli, cut in bite size
- ½ cups celery
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1½ cups cooked and chopped bacon

**Dressing:**

- 2 cups mayonaise
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- ¼ teaspoons salt
- ¼ cup chopped onion

**Instructions:**

In a large bowl toss cauliflower, broccoli, celery, peas, and bacon.  
 In a medium bowl combine mayo, sugar, Parmesan cheese, vinegar, salt and onion. Mix well.  
 Pour dressing over salad and toss to mix well and serve.

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**Heidi Löwrick**

**helgardrwerner@gmail.com**  
**hlowrick@gmail.com**

**519-884-7725**  
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### DEATHS - TODESFAELLE



#### Rosina Flint

*passed away on April 2, 2021.*

*She was born on August 24, 1933  
in Waltersdorf, Transylvania.*

#### Maria Pfeuffer

*passed away on April 27, 2021.*

*She was born April 5, 1926 in Birk, Transylvania.*



#### Mathias Wolf

*passed away in his sleep at St Mary's Hospital on May  
25, 2021 at the age of 88.*

*He was born in Großschogen, Transylvania on  
February 13, 1933.*



#### Michael Boehm

*passed away peacefully on June 4, 2021  
at the age of 93 years.*

*Michael was born in Waltersdorf, Transylvania  
on April 13, 1928.*



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the months of April to July. If you have a birthday in any of these months 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

Gisela Knobloch	Erika Norris	Anita Gross	Dr. Peter M. Boehm
Kim Gondosch	Maria Lowrick	Ursula Krieger	Christopher Dienesch
Katelyn Emrich	Peter Tsoepe	Breanna Gondosch	John Dienesch
Bonnie Bremner	Karin Gondosch	Kristine Brown	Jan Baier
Katharina Moser	Rosie Bendix Singh	Gabriella Wolf	Erika
Jason Mooser	Christian Sebastian	Erin Dienesch	Wuschnakowski
Victoria Kenny	Audrey Horn	Karolina Leuschner	Richard Gondosch
Maria Gondosch	Rosemarie Emrich	Barbara Gierscher	Christine Gondosch
Karen Scherl	Adam Gierscher	Henry Hoffman	Hans Gross
John Klein	John Emrich	Lisa Fritsch	

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Strassburger	Helga Merkle	Dale Baier	David Dienesch
Taylor Sharratt	Crysta Steffen	Erwin Giebat	Loretta Thodt South
Georg Ungar	Martin Schelling	Peter Hamberger	Helgard Werner
Ernst Friedel	Kristin M. Werner	Andrea Kenny	Rick Schmid
Michael Emrich	Liamon Eichvald	Elfriede Walesch	Jeremy Frim
Edward Gierscher	Erich Bliefert	Grete Giebat	Andreas Gellner
Regina Schneider	Fay Nascimento	Stephanie Plomp	
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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Michael Emrich  
Werner Thuring  
Lorraine Principi  
Lori Moore  
Katharina Karst  
Susanna Gross  
Heidi Peller-Oliver

Walter Bauer  
George Emrich  
Claus Bendix  
Edwin Lowrick  
Wayne Steffen  
Ashley Schatz  
Peter Walesch  
Annemarie Boehm

Monica Frim  
Bea Abbott  
Rosina Schmid  
Erika Schmidt  
Judith Penteker  
James Abbott  
Maria Drygala  
Devin Plomp

Tina Torok  
John Groh  
Katherine Reale  
Richard Wolf  
Robert Brown  
Peter Stolz

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robert South  
Ingrid Drung  
Lukas Hensel-Williams  
Michael Gierscher  
Amy Kube  
Katharina Löwrick

Monika Spaetzel  
Chris Kube  
Linda Jung  
Maria Suessmann  
Robert Foster  
Helmut Wolf

Anna Kremer  
Sabrina Emrich  
Elke Bidner  
Stephanie Boutilier  
Arlene Vandepas  
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