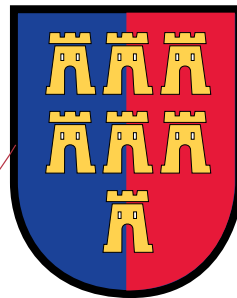


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# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

Dec. 19	<b>Christmas Carnival</b>	14:00 to 16:00
Jan. 15	<b>Kameradschaftsabend</b> – Schwaben Club	
Jan. 19	<b>Kulturgruppe AGM</b>	19:00
Mar. 5	<b>Trachtenball – Miss Transylvania Pageant</b>	19:30
Mar. 27	<b>TCK Jahreshauptversammlung/AGM</b>	14:00
Apr. 10	<b>Choir Concert &amp; Banquet</b>	12:00

**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



*Dear Members and Friends,*

I hope you all had a good summer this year and enjoyed the beautiful fall weather we have had. I know travelling anywhere outside the province was either impossible or at least difficult. On a positive note, it does appear that the Covid-19 situation is improving every week and many restrictions are being either lifted completely or at least loosened somewhat. I believe many of us are looking forward to getting together again with family and friends.

I would like to say thank you to all those members that attended our Membership meeting on October 3rd. It was nice to see familiar faces and get back on track with our elections and club financials. I know everyone who came out enjoyed their TCK masks they were given.

We are continuing in our efforts to eliminate the high cost of our storage unit at Access Storage. We have the new shipping container installed beside the garage at the Alpine Club and it is now properly wired for lights and has been insulated. We are working hard at finding new homes for some of the items that are in storage that other clubs might be able to put to use. We will soon be moving the remaining items that we are keeping into the new shipping container and plan to be able to leave Access Storage by end of this year.

I would like to thank our Miss Transylvania Breanna Gondosch and 2nd VP John Dienesch for attending this year's opening ceremonies for Oktoberfest. I could not get the time off work so John stepped in to represent our club.

I would also like to thank President of the Alpine Club Dietmar Biselli and the Alpine Club for selling

our well known and very popular pigtails as an option for their Oktoberfest Curbside food pickup program. They sold 146 servings of our pigtails, with each serving consisted of 2 pigtails! That's awesome!

Christmas holidays are just around the corner. We are once again teaming up with the Alpine Club for this year's Christmas celebration. This year will be bigger and better than last year. It will be on Sunday, December 19th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Alpine Club. Of course Santa will be there and we will again have gift bags for the children, coffee, hot chocolate and hot apple cider and baking will be available for purchase and we anticipate having some Christmas music being played for us by some of you younger members and maybe a few members of our very own Hofbrau Band. There will be some easy and quick crafts for the children and games for them to play outside. We want this year's event to be more of a visit then just a quick drive-through. We will be looking for volunteers that day so contact the office and leave your name and number if you can lend a hand for a few hours. Hope to see many of you there.

We are working on an event calendar for 2022 with the hope that we can get together again and start getting back to a normal way of life. Obviously the calendar and our ability to hold events will still be determined by whatever Covid protocols are in place as we move forward and dependent on the various groups who normally hold the event. More information will follow as we get into the New Year. As I have mentioned before, this year is our club's 70th Anniversary. Unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic restrictions, we were not able to hold that event this year. It is our hope and our goal to hold that event in 2022 and make it a great party, with members of all ages celebrating our cultural history. Stay tuned for more details to come.

This will be the last Nachrichtenblatt before Christmas so Erika and I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and very Merry Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year. Please hug your loved ones and remember that every day is a gift to enjoy.

Remember, even though we have some limitations on being able to get together, we can still call, Skype or Zoom or whatever other way of communication 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*



## CULTURAL GROUP

### KULTURGRUPPE

*Dear fellow Saxons and friends,*

It has been a while since I have been able to see or speak to many of you and I truly miss everyone's smiling faces, the big hugs and being able to socialize and have some fun. The past months have taken a toll on our cultural activities and events and we have been unable to meet and catch up, practice and plan and laugh and joke, but when we finally are able to, we will cherish our time together more than ever. We have started having some meetings and hope to have things back to normal in the New Year.

The groups are working hard at trying to figure out how to have their practices and get members to come out and participate again. This is not an easy chore since everyone has not had to go anywhere or take part in things over the past 19 months. I hope to see all the groups back at full strength in 2022.

If we remember to practice our songs, language, traditions and celebrate in the Saxon ways at home, it will be like we did not miss any time, when we are allowed to get together and continue on with our cultural group practices and club events. I thank those of you who still get together in your garages to play as a band and allow us to virtually be part of your concerts and sing and dance at home.

Thank you to the TCK dancers for representing us at the Oktoberfest opening ceremonies. Seven

Castles and Wildbahn also played at various events on the weekends for patrons who visited the restaurants and bars. It sure was a very different Oktoberfest but we enjoyed the food that the German clubs had available for takeout and dine in.

It is that time of year when we are all busy planning our Christmas dinner, baking and activities, decorating the house and shopping for those special gifts. This year will definitely be different and the social gatherings will be smaller, but take the time and cherish every minute, carrying on all your traditions and enjoy the holidays safely. Unfortunately, due to restrictions and the safety of our members the Board of Directors have decided that there will be no traditional Weihnachtsfeier this year, but in place of that I invite you to attend the TCK and Alpine outside "Christmas Carnival" on December 19, 2021 at the Alpine Club from 2 – 4 p.m. Bring a chair, dress warm and enjoy the afternoon! There will be live music, games and crafts for the children, packages to be picked up from Santa Claus and some hot beverages and cookies and squares to be purchased while you stroll around enjoying the Christmas atmosphere, watch the children play and meet with friends and family for some festive time - a real family outing. I hope you will all take the time to come out and support us.

We plan to hold our Kulturgruppe AGM on January 19th with elections. All are welcome to attend.

The quote below was posted on Facebook last year and I still believe the words to be true.

**"OHNE KUNST UND KULTUR WIRD'S STILL!"**

**"Without art and culture, it gets quiet"**

Keep your Saxon heritage close to your heart, practice the traditions with the younger generation and SAXON UP!

***Ich wünsche euch allen ein gesegnetes  
Weihnachtsfest und ein glückliches Neujahr!***

***I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a  
joyous and healthy New Year.***

*Erika Schmidt*

*Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President*



# WEIHNACHTSFEIERN PAST

**2012**



**2011**





# WEIHNACHTSFEIERN PAST





# WEIHNACHTSFEIERN PAST

**2010**



**2010**





# WEIHNACHTSFEIERN PAST

**2009**



**2009**







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## BOWLING GROUP

### KEGELGRUPPE

We have not been able to put any teams together for this season but will see what response there is next year as all restrictions are supposed to be lifted by March 2022.

David Green,  
Bowling Group President



## KULTURGRUPPE AGM

Die Jahreshauptversammlung der Kulturgruppe findet am 19. Januar 2022 um 7 Uhr statt. Ein neues Komitee wird gewaehlt und alle Klubmitglieder sind eingeladen. Bitte kommt und unterstuezt unsere Kulturgruppe.

The annual meeting of the Cultural Group with elections will take place on January 19th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. All club members are invited to attend and show support of our Cultural Group. Positions up for election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Archivist Helper.

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES 2020 MITGLIEDSBEITRAG

Mitgliedsbeitrag Membership Fee	bis/before Due now	Sterbefond Anteil/ Death Benefit Portion
Family	\$ 95.00	\$ 20.00
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Youth	\$ 25.00	\$ 00.00



## LANDSMANNSCHAFT

*Liebe Landsleute und Freunde,*

2021 will soon be over and will forever remain in our memory as the year that we have been separated from our family and friends and also have not been able to participate in any of our club functions and extended Saxon events other than through internet participation.

With mass vaccination in place we hope to get Covid under control and again be able to celebrate our Club, Heimattag and Kulturaustausch events. We still need to be patient and careful of the activities we participate in. With each other's support and our trust in God we will get through this crisis.

### Stay safe!

At this time of year when we joyfully look forward to the Christmas Season we are reminded of the plight of our fellow Saxons still living in Siebenbürgen. The living conditions that they face in Siebenbürgen, the cold weather and sometimes the lack of nutritious food is especially difficult for the elderly and even for some of the younger people that are in need of social assistance and help with medical conditions. We are fortunate to live in Canada. I ask for your support to help our less fortunate Saxons in Siebenbürgen by making a donation to the "Altenhilfe". Donations (cheques) can be sent to the Alliance of Transylvania Saxons in Canada 149 White Pine Cres. Waterloo, Ontario N2V 1B3. Cash donations can be given to Trudy Schneider or John Werner.

The book "Transylvania Saxons in Canada" written by Dr. Waldemar Scholtes can make a nice Christmas gift. Copies can be obtained by contacting John Werner. (519-884-7725).

Im Namen der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada wünsche ich allen Landsleuten und Freunden nah und fern, ein Gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und ein gutes, glückliches und gesundes neues Jahr.

John Werner, Bundesvorsitzender



## LADIES AUXILIARY

### FRAUENVEREIN

The Ladies' Auxiliary has been on pause for the last long while due, of course, to the pandemic. The last event we held was our Big Band Gala on February 1, 2020. Our Spring Fashion show had been scheduled for March 24, 2020, but we decided it best to cancel it as things were starting to shut down. Who knew what was around the corner for all of us!!

Needless to say, we held no other events in 2020 in the hopes that 2021 would be back to business as usual, yet here we are at the end of 2021 and we have, for the most part, still been on pause.

In September 2021 we did get together to cook 300 pounds of pigtails to be included as an option on the Alpine Club's Oktoberfest drive thru menu. The cooking went really well and it was great to get together again. We maintained proper protocols to keep everyone safe.

On November 9, 2021 the Ausschuss ladies got together for an evening of coffee and desserts and to discuss upcoming 2022 Frauenverein events. We discussed the feasibility of holding our Frauenball, slated for Saturday, February 5, 2022, and have decided that we are not in a position to commit to a big event that early in the New Year, given that the pandemic is still a concern and we don't know what the winter will bring. In addition, we decided to

hold off our Spring Fashion Show which was to be on Sunday, March 27. An event such as this takes an enormous amount of planning and lead time, and we are not confident that we'll be in a position to proceed. We hope to reschedule one or both of these events later in 2022, so stay tuned to hear more on that.

The Ladies' Christmas dinner (which had been scheduled for December 8, 2021) will not happen this year. Instead we will have a scaled-down Christmas event for just the Ausschuss ladies later in December.

Our last Frauenverein Annual General Meeting was held on February 20, 2020. Everyone maintained their current positions, and we hope to have an AGM sometime in 2022. The 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>

Wishing you and your families all the best for the upcoming holiday season.

*Sylvia Hartig*

*Frauenverein Praesidentin*

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*(auch Mitglied des Transylvania Klubs)*

# Christmas Poems



My Christmas Wish For You  
 My Christmas wish for you, my friend  
 Is not a simple one  
 For I wish you hope and joy and peace  
 Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too  
 Throughout the coming year  
 Lots of laughter and happiness  
 To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one  
 And when totaled by the lot  
 May you find all you've been given  
 To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light  
 May your spirit never grow old  
 May all your clouds have silver linings  
 And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more  
 May all your dreams come true  
 May you have a Merry Christmas friend  
 And happy New Year, too!  
 Weihnachten

Markt und Straßen stehn verlassen,  
 Still erleuchtet jedes Haus,  
 Sinnend geh' ich durch die Gassen,  
 Alles sieht so festlich aus.  
 An den Fenstern haben Frauen  
 Buntes Spielzeug fromm geschmückt,  
 Tausend Kindlein stehn und schauen,  
 Sind so wunderstill beglückt.  
 Und ich wandre aus den Mauern  
 Bis hinaus ins freie Feld,  
 Hehres Glänzen, heil'ges Schauern!  
 Wie so weit und still die Welt!  
 Sterne hoch die Kreise schlingen,  
 Aus des Schnees Einsamkeit  
 Steigt's wie wunderbares Singen –  
 O du gnadenreiche Zeit!



By: *Joseph Freiherr von Eichendorff.*



## SIEBENBUERGER ZEITUNG

Die Bezieher der Siebenbuenger Zeitung werden ersucht die Bezugsgebuehr fuer das Jahr 2022 von \$60.00 vor dem 31 Dezember, 2021 zu bezahlen. Den Scheck bitte ich auf "Alliance of Transylvania Saxons" auszustellen und an Trudy Schneider, 1520 Mannheim Rd., Petersburg NOB 2H0 abzusenden.

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## PROPOSED TCK CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT THE 2022 TRANSYLVANIA CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AMENDMENT PROPOSAL #1

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE TRANSYLVANIA CLUB KITCHENER (TCK) CONSTITUTION

Part A.9 of the constitution describes the rules for the dissolution of the TCK.

Part A.9.5 currently states: "Should no new organization be established within five years, then the remaining assets of the TCK shall vest in the "Siebenbuergische Stiftung". "

It is proposed to modify Part A.9.5 to read as follows:

*A.9.5. Should no new organization be established within five years, then the remaining assets of the TCK shall be gifted to*

*Siebenbuergisches Kulturzentrum  
"Schloss Horneck" e.V.*

*Schloss Horneck 74831 Gundelsheim, Germany*

on the condition that at the time of that proposed gift it is still a centre for the storage and display of Transylvania artifacts and records.

### AMENDMENT PROPOSAL #2

At the October 3, 2021 TCK Annual General Meeting, the topic of the dissolution of the TCK Sterbefond (Siebenbuenger Saxon Death Benefit Fund) was started. The reasons for its dissolution were given as:

- a) not sufficient interest and leadership is not available*
- b) the need for this benefit appears no longer to be needed by the membership*
- c) removal of the potential long-term financial commitment on the TCK.*

Discussion on this topic and vote will take place at the March 27, 2022 TCK Annual General Meeting.



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**Helgard Werner**

**helgardrwerner@gmail.com**

**519-884-7725**

**Heidi Löwrick**

**hlowrick@gmail.com**

**519-662-1757**

### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS - GEBURTSANZEIGE**



*Drew Maria Plouffe*

*Born in Woodstock on October 21, 2021*

*Parents: Natalie and Austin Plouffe*

*Grandparents: Karin & Randy Gondosch and Wendy Plouffe & Paul Auger*

*Great Grandparents: Regina Schneider and Maria & Michael Gondosch*

### **DEATHS - TODESFAELLE**



*Rudolf Suessman*

*passed away on October 12, 2021.*

*Rudolf was born August 15, 1931 in Poland.*



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday in the months of August to December. 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.

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Trudy R. Schneider  
Hermine Brown  
Sven-Erik Nyman  
Annemarie Schatz  
Hans Kauntz  
Johann Karschti  
John Werner  
Maria Eichberger  
Andrew Saur  
Darlene Giebat

Johann Bidner  
Susanna Kauntz  
Eugenia Schatz  
Christa Bendix  
Ronald Schatz  
Andrew French  
Petrina Breckner  
Jennifer Frim  
Karl Wolf  
Tina Rich

Gwen Wolf  
Michelle Nyman  
Sara Brantsch  
Margit Fritsch  
Randy Gondosch  
Sofia Hendel  
David R. Green  
Maria Goellner  
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Andrea Emrich

Lilly Hill

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Claudia Griebenow

Betty Ann Doering

Alex Emrich

Rosemarie Rawlings

Anna Kreischer

Michael Giebat

Harry Drung

Reinhold Schuster

Elke Hensel-Williams

Katherine Warkentin

Alfred Lowrick

Melanie Gondosch

Stuehler

Erhard Dreger

Gerhard Griebenow

Katie Dienesch

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Oscar Karg

Georg Fritsch

Katharina Werner

Martin G. Hesch

Katharina Schertzer

Michael Griebenow

Anna Eichvald

Peter Wuschnakowski





## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Helga Rakoschi Groh  
Ingrid Kremer  
Pieternella Scholtes  
Walter Marzinko  
Emma Berg  
Guenther Breckner  
Ray Williams  
Margaret Habl

Stephanie Green  
Christine Lang  
Wilhelmine Koestel  
David Spaetzel  
Mackenzie Sharratt  
Mikaila Emrich  
David Merkle  
Sylvia Hartig

Rose Frim  
Kimberly Dreger  
Phil Voll  
Michael Werner  
Luke Carter  
Josh Emrich  
Robert Schertzer  
Clifford Strassburger

Branko Radisic  
Trudy Tschoepe  
Katharina Hartig  
Steven Brown  
Darrin Boutillier  
Bengt Nyman  
William Vetter

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Katharina Jung  
Ruth Friedel  
Michael Fritsch  
John Belez  
Katharina Fritsch  
Michael P. Werner

Katharina Mann  
Wiltrud Jenkins  
Stephen Kenny  
Linda Fritsch  
Danielle Fritsch  
Katharina Emrich

Heidi Schumann  
Waldemar Scholtes  
Kurt Emrich  
Katharina Baumann  
Jane Penteker  
Elizabeth Egi

Manfred Gabber  
Reinhard Schmidt  
Leah Hensel-Williams  
Paul Arsenault

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roberto Reale  
Agnes Sebastian  
Cynthia Mooser  
Martin Hartig  
Erika Werner  
Hilda Janzen  
Stephen Werner  
Kathy Mathes

David Kachik  
Elizabeth Bauer  
Susan Frim  
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Amanda Mooser

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Sara Orendi  
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