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# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

October 7 to 15	o Oktoberfest – jointly hosted by Alpine & TCK Clubs	
October 10	Oktoberfest – Family Day	
October 11	<b>German Pioneers Day</b> – Concordia Club 15:30	
November 5	<b>Trachtenball</b> – Saxonia Hall - Aylmer	
November 13	<b>Volkstrauertag</b> – Woodland Cementery 14:30 Followed by coffee & cake at the Concordia Club	
November 19	<b>70th Anniversary Celebration</b> 16:00	
December 7	Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Dinner	
December 18	<b>Christmas Pageant/Weihnachtsfeier</b>	

**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.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PRAESIDENTEN BERICHT



Hello fellow members and friends,

It has been a pretty quiet summer as far as club events go. The summer has been hot and humid, and my lawn looks like straw from the lack of rain.

I was glad to see the members that attended the picnic at Hubertushaus on June

18th. It was a great day even though the golfing was cancelled due to lack of participants. The fish fry and company were great and as usual, our dance group sold some amazing desserts. The Hofbrau Band under the leadership of Andrea Emrich entertained us with some wonderful music. They are sounding wonderful and just keep getting better!

Our dance group performed at the CNE this year, which brought back memories of when the dance group of my generation also performed at the CNE! I don't want to think about how long ago that was. They represented the TCK well and we should be proud of this group of young people.

I, along with the presidents of the other local German clubs and the president of the German Canadian Remembrance Society, Harry Drung, as well as Alfred Lowrick, Executive Director for Kitchener Waterloo Oktoberfest were honoured to be invited to have dinner at the Royal Ontario Museum on Monday August 22 with The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and His Excellency Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. There were approx. 300 invited guests and we all had to show our invitation and identification to get into the building. As you can imagine, security was tight. It was a delicious meal, and it was really nice to run

into another Transylvania Saxon there....the Hon. Peter Boehm, Senator, Senate of Canada. The speeches weren't too long and we were able to get back to Kitchener by about 11:00pm. I'm pretty sure that is the one and only time that I will be invited to dinner by our Prime Minister!

We are holding meetings regularly with the Alpine Club as we prepare to join forces to operate The Habsburg Haus this Oktoberfest at 464 Maple Avenue. It will be a new experience for both our clubs and there are many details to be worked out. As usual, we are in need of volunteers so please contact Lori Moore at either loricrouse@hotmail.com or 519-501-7353. More hands make the work load lighter. Margit Fritsch will be in charge of the kitchen operations and has a good handle on what is happening in the kitchen. We are limiting the ticket sales for Family Day to members of the Transylvania Club and the Alpine Club as we believe that between the two clubs, we will fill the hall. It should be a great time with entertain for the kids and of course the music of Wildbahn for the adults to enjoy. Please call the office to reserve your tickets asap. We will also need marchers in Tracht for the parade, as usual. Marchers will receive a \$5.00 food voucher to be used at Family Day. It would be great to see a big group of all ages out to represent our club. Hope to see you out there. At this time our plan is to open for Oktoberfest on the following days: Friday, October 7th, Saturday, October 8th, Monday, October 10 for Family Day, Wednesday, October 12th for "So You Think You Can Tanz", Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th. You can contact the club office for tickets or go on-line to purchase tickets.

German Pioneer Day is being celebrated on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 in the main hall at the Concordia Club starting at 3:30pm. Two of our own Saxon Club members, Steve Schatz Sr. and Susan Kachik are being recognized this year. Please come out and help us in honouring these members.

The Concordia Club will be operating a Weihnachtsmarkt in their tent from November 24th - 27th. Come on out and see what the many vendors have to offer and do some early Christmas shopping.

We have a committee that is working hard to organize our upcoming club's 70th Anniversary Celebration which is taking place on Saturday November 19th, 2022. The celebration will start in the late afternoon so that we can have the children and grandchildren enjoy the celebration as well. We are planning on serving some traditional Saxon food in addition to the buffet meal planned. It is a significant milestone in our club's history and is only possible because of you, the membership. Please come out and make this a real Saxon celebration More details will follow so stay tuned. You can call the office to reserve tickets at this time

Volkstrauertag is on Sunday, November 13th at 2:30 at Woodland Cemetery.

November 5th is Trachtenball at the Saxonia Hall in Aylmer. Come out and support our Saxon families from the Aylmer area. Call their office at 519-773-5271 to order tickets.

I hope to see you all at Oktoberfest.

Reinhard Schmidt, President





## PIGNIC











Dear Members and Friends.

I am glad that we are again getting together, hopefully enticing our members and friends to come out to our upcoming events and get things back to normal as possible.

Since my last report, we held our picnic together with the Hubertushaus. I would like to thank our Hofbrau band for entertaining everyone at the picnic. It was so nice to hear the area being filled with music again. The decadent desserts and coffee sold by the youth group were enjoyed by all and it was nice to see so many youth helping out. The fish fry

dinner was delicious. A nice change from the BBQ we normally have. Thank you, Hubertushaus, for a fun day and Neil Hoffman for sponsoring the band.

Reiny has already given you the info and dates for Oktoberfest at the Habsburg Haus. Note that "So You Think You Can Tanz" has been changed to Wednesday night this year. I hope to see many of you out enjoying the music and the food that will be a combined menu of Alpine and TCK specialties. It would be nice to see those members that are able to, marching in the parade. All ages are welcome to take part whether in Tracht or Dirndl and Lederhosen. Walkers will have to pay admission if you are coming to the family day event, but you will be given a \$5.00 food voucher to be used on that day. The dance group will be performing throughout the festival representing the Transylvania Club.



Seven Castles and Wildbahn will also be playing at Hubertushaus and Habsberg Haus. So, the Saxon and TCK spirit will be alive during Oktoberfest.

It would be nice to see our members at German Pioneer Day at the Concordia Club on October 11th, to show support for the Hofbrau band, the dance group and two of our members, Steve Schatz Sr. and Susan Kachik, who are being recognized for their contribution to culture and business in the Waterloo Region. This day is to promote German influence in our region, so come out and show that the German representation is strong in our community.

All our cultural groups are starting to practice again and they are always looking for new members. Both the Hofbrau band and the TCK choir will be practicing Tuesday evening, led by Andrea Emrich. Kindergruppe will be starting on Nov. 2 and will be led again by Rick and Krista Hesch and Heidimarie Hesch. The dance group is practicing on Sunday evenings and have elected a new committee, which they will report on. I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their time, dedication and commitment to the group. They are Justin Schatz, Victoria Gondosch, Lucas Hensel-Williams and Hailey Rich. It has been a real pleasure working with these young people and I hope they continue to be involved in the club in the future. Justin has been president for the last 5 years and has given his heart and soul to keeping the group together and if he were not off to Ottawa for school. I am sure he would still be there to help out wherever possible. Thanks, Justin, for being such a great leader for our

youth through some difficult times. A special thank you goes out to the parents of these youth, who are always there to host get togethers, guide them and make sure they feel like a family.

We would love to have a ballroom group again this year, if possible, to replenish our dance group. I have been told there are about 5 boys who are interested, but we need some girls. If you know of any girls age 14 and up that would be interested in taking ballroom dancing, please email me at erikaschmidt@rogers.com. Ballroom is a must to join the dance group.

Lastly, I ask you to mark you calendars for our 70th Anniversary on Nov. 19th. Seventy years is a real milestone and we hope that our members will show their support and pride by attending this casual event for all ages. Doors open at 4 p.m. for social time and entertainment by our band and choir before dinner which will be at 5:30 pm. Our founding members will be honoured and we hope to take a photo of any past Miss Transylvanias attending, so please bring your sash along. Plans are still underway, so you never know what we will come up with. We will have entertainment for the children before dinner. Make sure you call the office to reserve your tickets. Hope to see you all there!

As we start this fall season of events, remember that we need you to participate, support and help us celebrate our Saxon roots!

Remember to SAXON UP!!

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin / Cultural Group President



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## LADIES AUXILIARY

#### **FRAUENVEREIN**

Things are ramping up and our ladies group we will be busy in the next month making pigtails, cabbage rolls and Sauerkraut for the upcoming Oktoberfest events. We hope you come out to participate either by volunteering or joining in the festivities.

Heidi Lowrick - 1st VP - Frauenverein



### CHOIR - CHOR

To all choir and Transylvania Club members:

Starting on Sept. 13th the choir will resume practices at the Alpine Club, from 6 pm to 7pm on Tuesdays. Please note the change of the day!

If you want to socialize and/or help Andrea with setting up the chairs, please come by 5:40 pm. We will take a break on Oct. 11th and Oct.18th to allow for Oktoberfest.

We will not mandate mask wearing. If you wish to wear a mask you may do so, but if you do not, that is fine. It will certainly make singing more enjoyable. The choice is yours. However, if you are sick we ask you not to attend and not to return until you feel well again for at least 24 hours.

We will return to practise some of our favourite German and English songs and easy canons so that we can perform at the 70th anniversary of the Club on Nov. 19th and the Club Christmas party on Dec. 18th. We will enjoy our own choir Christmas party on Dec. 20 with the usual pot luck, skits, and songs.

We are very happy to report that our dynamic director Andrea Emrich will continue to direct us despite her busy schedule and we are thrilled that her able assistant Margit Fritsch will continue to encourage us and keep us tuned in, and she will substitute in a pinch.

We are looking forward to performing again and invite all past choir members and all those with a love of singing to join us on Tuesday evenings. *Gerhard Griebenow - Chor Praesident* 



## CHILDRENS' GROUP

#### KINDERGRUPPE

After a long hiatus, Kindergruppe is excited to be returning and we are busy making plans for this fall! Kindergruppe will be running on Wednesday evenings starting Nov. 2nd at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:45 p.m. and will continue for approximately 7 weeks. We are starting our first night with a Hallowe'en Party so you can come in your costumes! We will be practicing a couple of dances and songs each week to perform at the TCK 70th Anniversary event on November 19th and the Weihnachtsfeier/Christmas program on December 18th. Please save the dates. We are hoping to see many new faces and welcome back some familiar ones. Each night we have lots of fun activities planned for the kids including: games, crafts, Jr and Sr kids dance groups, 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, & Heidi Hesch - Kindergruppe Instructors

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### YOUTH GROUP

#### **JUGENDGRUPPE**

Throughout the summer the dance group has been working hard to prepare ourselves and a few new members for a special event. On Sunday, August 21st we were honoured to be invited to dance at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto on their international stage representing the Germanic culture. It was a great opportunity to come together as a group and enjoy a beautiful day.

We would also like to make mention that earlier this month we elected a new committee. We would like to recognize and thank our outgoing committee members for their many years of dedication to the group in a particularly challenging time. Justin Schatz has been our outstanding president of the dance group for the past six years, Victoria Gondosch as our steadfast secretary for six years, Amanda Mooser as vice president for five years, and Lukas Hensel-Williams as treasurer for one year.

We have some new faces in our committee this year and we're looking forward to working together to continue our culture and traditions. Our new committee is as follows: Amanda Mooser as president, Juliana Hesch as vice president, Laik Sweeney as secretary, Connor Crouse as treasurer, and Henry Hoffman as Tanzleiter.

Thanks,

Amanda Mooser - Youth Group President





### **OKTOBERFEST REPORT**

Dear Members and Friends!

Oktoberfest is here again! After the long absence caused by the Covid Pandemic, we are ready to get back to celebrating Oktoberfest! This year, we are happy to announce that we have partnered with our friends at the Alpine Club to host Oktoberfest at the Habsburghaus (at the Alpine Club)! The name comes from a common heritage that we historically shared as subjects of the Royal Habsburg House (part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire). This joint venture will provide the best of all things and traditions that our two clubs offer to the wide community at Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest! 2 for the price of 1! The Habsburghaus is a 50-50 collaborative joint effort by both clubs, and we are both excited to offer this to our members and friends!

Therefore, we heartily and happily invite you to celebrate Oktoberfest with us in a cozy and familiar family atmosphere! Bring your friends and family to join us and celebrate! We will offer traditional Transylvania Club food favourites in a fun family-oriented atmosphere! We will also feature the award-winning band Wildbahn, whose members are all of Transylvania Saxon heritage!

The Oktoberfest schedule is posted on the Habsburghaus website. Tickets are available online on Eventbrite or available through the Club office. Family Day tickets will be a hot commodity and are currently only available through the Club office. Make plans to join us and spread the message wide and far to your friends and family! We would love to see you to celebrate this great local festival, in a comfortable and cozy atmosphere that we can once again call our own!

Dave Emrich, 2nd Vice President, Transylvania Club



## **KLAUS JOHANNIS**

Most members know – many from personal experience – of the massive decline in the population of Siebenburger Sachsen in Romania. From a peak of nearly 750 thousand in 1930 to as few as 12 thousand today.

Nevertheless, one of those remaining is now President of Romania and has been since 2014.

Klaus Johannis (Iohannis in Romanian) was born in Hermannstadt (Sibiu) in 1959. The Johannis family consisted of Klaus, his parents and a sister. His father was a technician and his mother was a nurse. In 1992, after the fall of communism, the family moved to Wurzburg in Bavaria. There, they were granted citizenship under the Right of Return. Unlike the rest of his family and indeed most late-departing Sienbenburger Sachsen, Johannis saw his future in Romania. He returned to attend university in Klausenburg (Cluj-Napoca) and received a degree in Physics in 1983.

He taught Physics at various high schools and colleges in Hermannstadt and eventually served in senior school board positions in the city.

Backed by the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania, he was elected mayor of that city in 2000. He received nearly 70% of the vote despite the fact that Germans represent only 1.6% of the population of Hermannstadt. He was re-elected three times – in 2004, 2008 and 2012 with even larger majorities. Under his leadership the city prospered and became one of Romania's top tourist destinations.

Hermannstadt/Sibiu was even named the "European Capital of Culture" in 2007. Interestingly, Luxemburg had received the same designation in 1995. The two cities decided to share the honour because so many of the Transylvania Saxons emigrated to Romania from Luxemburg and the Moselle valley in the 12th century.

Johannis started to attract national attention in Romania. In 2014 he was finally persuaded to run for President and won over 54% of the ballots in the final round of voting. He was reelected with an even larger margin in 2019.



He is quite conservative and ran on a platform that included anti-corruption and unification of Romania with Moldava. Corruption is deeply entrenched in Romania and he has received considerable push-back in those efforts.

He is married to Carmen Lazurca who is ethnically Romanian and is an English teacher. The couple has no children.

The information that I reviewed suggests that Johannis is fluent in both German and Romanian but is silent on his command of our Saxon dialect. I prefer to assume that he has that knowledge as well.

For more information:

https://www.presidency.ro/en/president/klaus-iohannis Peter Hamberger - Treasurer



A warm Transylvanian welcome goes out to:

**Rosemary Frim** 



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

Members that would like to announce an anniversary/birthday or other special event are asked to contact: Mitglieder die ein Jubiläum oder einen Geburtstag bekannt geben wollen, sollen sich bei den folgenden anmelden:

Helgard Werner Heidi Löwrick helgardrwerner@gmail.com hlowrick@gmail.com

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#### **BIRTHDAYS - GEBURTSTAGE**



Best wishes to

Sara Brantsch

who celebrated her 103rd birthday on August 17, 2022.

#### **WEDDINGS - EHESCHLIESSUNGEN**



Congratulations to

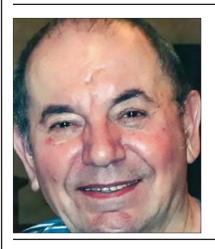
Dianne Penny and Edwin Lowrick

who were married on August 27, 2022.



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

#### **DEATHS - TODESFAELLE**



Josef Hensel

passed away peacefully

on May 27, 2022

at the age of 83.

Josef was born in in Deutsch Pien

on March 9, 1924.

## John Groh

passed away on June 12, 2022. John was born on June 24, 1928 in Tekendorf, Roumania.



## Martin Hartmann

was born on March 9, 1924 in Eibesdorf, Roumania.

He passed away peacefully on August 2, 2022.



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS - FAMILIENNACHRICHTEN

#### MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

#### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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

Monika Spaetzel Linda Jung Chris Kube Maria Suessmann Helmut Wolf Robert Foster Anna Kremer Stephanie Boutilier Sabrina Emrich Elke Bidner Arlene Vandepas Lydia Grafinger

Ronald Schertzer Brigitte Schoppel Anna Boehm Kurt Lowrick Lori Poschner Trudy Fritsch

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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

Darlene Giebat Eugenia Schatz Susanna Kauntz Christa Bendix Ronald Schatz Andrew French Karl Wolf Petrina Breckner Jennifer Frim Tina Rich Gwen Wolf Michelle Nyman Sara Brantsch Margit Fritsch Randy Gondosch Maria Goellner David R. Green Sofia Hendel Gerald Schatz Nancy Fritsch Neil Hoffman Lauren Krause Rosie Emrich Anna Schatz Katharina Ungar Andreas Emrich Klaus Bliefert

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kristian Lowrick Andrea Emrich Claudia Griebenow Tina Vicano Lilly Hill Betty Ann Doering Alex Emrich Anna Kreischer Rosemarie Rawlings

Michael Giebat
Harry Drung
Reinhold Schuster
Alfred Lowrick
Elke Hensel-Williams
Katherine Warkentin
Melanie Stuehler
Katie Dienesch
Dave Emrich

Gerhard Griebenow Erhard Dreger Anne Foster Mike Vandepas Katharina Dienesch Hailey Rich Voll Ingrid Hesch Oscar Karg Georg Fritsch

Katharina Werner Martin G. Hesch Katharina Schertzer Michael Griebenow Anna Eichvald Peter Wuschnakowski

#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Helga Rakoschi Groh Ingrid Kremer Pieternella Scholtes Walter Marzinko Emma Berg Ray Williams Guenther Breckner Margaret Habl Stephanie Green
Wilhelmine Koestel
Christine Lang
David Spaetzel
Mackenzie Sharratt
David Merkle
Mikaila Emrich
Rose Frim

Sylvia Hartig Kimberly Dreger Phil Voll Michael Werner Luke Carter Josh Emrich Robert Schertzer Branko Radisic

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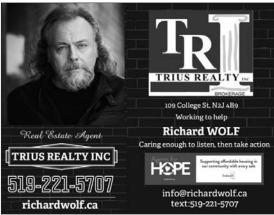
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Helgard Werner, John Werner

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