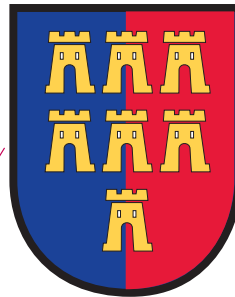


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TCK VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER

TCK SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

14. April	Chorkonzert – Choir Concert	12:00
	Lunch at 12:00 & Concert at 14:00	
28. April	Mitgliederabend – Members' Night	18:00
06. May	Mother's Day Program	14:00
27. May	Band Concert	14:00
16. June	Waldfest – Picnic – GCHFC	12:00
	With Golf Tournament	
22. to 24. June	Heimattag - Cleveland	

Note: All our events will be held at the Alpine Club unless otherwise indicated in the event schedule.

*Bitte holen Sie Ihre Karten **zwei** Wochen vor der jeweiligen Veranstaltung ab sonst werden sie verkauft. Es gibt immer wieder Mitglieder die ihre Karten am letzten Tag zurückbringen. Diese Karten hätten aber schon längst verkauft werden können.*

*Please pick up your tickets at our club office at least two weeks prior to the event. Tickets not picked up **two** weeks in advance may be sold.*

ALPINE CLUB EVENTS

April 21 **65th Gruendungsfest**



BERICHT DES PRÄSIDENTEN



Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Ich hoffe sehr, dass alle von den verschiedenen unangenehmen Bazillen verschont geblieben sind, die in diesem Winter ihre Runde machten. Ich hörte, dass ein Schnupfen als die "Hundert Tage Erkältung" bezeichnet wurde. Tröstet euch damit, dass der Frühling im Kommen ist.

Am 17. Februar feierten Erika und ich das 87. Stiftungsfest des Schwabenclubs. Es war ein gelungener Abend. Vor dem Essen wurden Hors d'Oeuvres serviert. Das schmackhafte Essen bestand aus Schnitzel, Rostbraten, Quetschkartoffeln, Schwabenbohnen und - meiner Lieblingsspeise - Mohrrüben. Die Halle war voll. Der Club gab Anstecknadeln an Mitglieder, die Meilensteine der Mitgliedschaft erreicht hatten. Unterhalten wurden durch die Aufführungen

der Kindertanzgruppe sowie der Jugendgruppe, den Donauschwaben Tänzern und den Schwabentänzern. Die Golden Keys spielten zum Tanz auf und waren wie immer hochklassisch. Wir danken dem Schwabenclub und Präsidentin Monika Anstett für den wundervollen Abend.

Am 3. März veranstalteten wir unseren Trachtenball mit etwa 170 Personen. Der Festabend begann mit dem Kinderaufmarsch, der von Miss Transylvania 2017 Katelyn Emrich und Liam Schatz angeführt wurde. Was für eine Freude es war, so viele Kinder, davon viele in Tracht, um die Tanzfläche herum marschieren zu sehen. Ich kann es kaum abwarten, bis meine Enkel mitmachen können. Der Chor stellte dann englische und deutsche Lieder vor und sang mit harmonischem Klang.

Es war toll, eine etwa 20 Personen starke Gruppe aus Aylmer begrüßen zu können die hergekommen waren, um diesen Festabend zu unterstützen. Wir genossen die Aufführungen der Saxonia Kindergruppe und der Saxonia Tänzer, beide waren wunderbar. Wir hatten

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auch das Vergnügen, zwei Tänze unserer Kindergruppe und dann unsere Transylvania Jugendtanzgruppe zu sehen, die wieder einmal hervorragend war. Viele von uns waren überrascht, als wir auf die Tanzfläche gezogen wurden, um mit unserer Tanzgruppe das Schwäbisch Schottisch zu tanzen. Ich möchte gar nicht wissen, vor wie langer Zeit ich diese Schritte getanzt habe! Aber es hat so viel Spass gemacht und so viele Erinnerungen aufgewärmt. Wir mussten Auf Wiedersehen sagen, als Katelyn Emrich ihr Amt als Miss Transylvania 2017 aufgab. Katelyn war eine wunderbare Miss Transylvania und führte die edle Tradition fort, unseren Klub bei verschiedenen Veranstaltungen im Ablauf des Jahres zu vertreten. Sie gab eine ergreifende Abschiedsrede, in der sie auf die Höhepunkte des Jahres zurück sah und all denen dankte, die ihre wunderbaren Erinnerungen des vergangenen Jahres schufen. Sie hat sich sogar in sächsisch ausgedrückt.

Danach hatten wir die aufregende Krönung unserer neuen Miss Transylvania 2018, Amanda Mooser. Amanda wurden ein Strauss roter Rosen, eine hölzerne Erinnerungsschachtel für die Schätze des kommenden Jahres und ein Scheck zur Beihilfe für die Ausgaben dieses Amtsjahres überreicht. Amanda ist ein sehr aktives Mitglied der Tanzgruppe und ist von ihr gewählt worden, unsere Mitglieder zu vertreten. Ich bin überzeugt, dass sie unseren Klub stolz vertreten wird. Ihre Eltern Cynthia and Jay Mooser haben die schönen Blauen und roten Nelken auf den Tischen gespendet, und noch dazu ihre Schärpe, wir danken ihnen für diese Spende. Wir müssen Margit Fritsch, Sylvia Hartig, Trudy Schneider, Claudia Griebenow, Katie Dienesch, Erika Schmidt, Hilda Janzen, Heidi Tavares und Anne Foster danken für die Vorbereitung und Ausgabe des schmackhaften Essens, das an dem Abend in der Küche angeboten wurde. Sie servierten Wurst auf Brötchen mit

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Unsere Mitgliederjahreshauptversammlung mit Wahl findet statt am Sonntag, dem 25. Mai um 14:00 Uhr. Ich werde in meinem nächsten Bericht darüber schreiben. Zeigt, dass euch die Zukunft unseres Klubs am Herzen liegt und kommt zur Sitzung. Unser Klubvorstand und viele Mitglieder setzen viele Stunden daran, das Lebensalter unseres Klubs zu verlängern und unsere Mitglieder anzuspornen, unser Kulturerbe zu unterstützen. Also gönnt euch die paar Stunden und kommt zur Sitzung.

Ostern kommt schnell näher, und das heißt, das am 31. März das alljährliche Spaghettiesen unserer Tanzgruppe stattfindet. Dieses Jahr ist das Motto "Es war einmal". Es ist immer eine unterhaltsame Veranstaltung für die gesamte Familie und es bringt Gelder ein für die Tanzgruppe, also kommt, bringt eure Kinder mit, tanzt und unterstützt einen guten

Zweck. Unsere Jugend bietet immer eine einzigartige Unterhaltung und für alle viele Spiele und Preise. Was für eine schöne Art, am Osterwochenende mit Familie und Freunden zu verbringen!

Am 14. April ist das Chorkonzert unseres Chores, Mittagessen um 12:15 Uhr und Konzert um 14:00 Uhr. Es ist immer ein Nachmittag mit wunderbaren Melodien, also tut euren Ohren etwas gutes an und genießt das schmackhafte Schnitzeessen. Bestellt eure Karten im Büro oder bei Gerhard Griebenow. Nur im Vorverkauf bis zum 9. April!

Am 24. April ist unser Mitgliederabend. Ein Abend um euch, unsere Mitglieder zu feiern und etwas Vergnügen zu haben. Lasst uns eine tolle Nacht daraus machen und die Halle füllen. Das Motto für den Abend ist "Wir sind Familie". Verbringt den Abend, wieder anzuknüpfen mit Leuten, die ihr vielleicht seit einiger Zeit nicht gesehen habt, oder mit denen, mit denen ihr euch immer zusammensetzt. Ich bin mir sicher, dass für die Anwesenden etliche Überraschungen auf Lager liegen. Tanzt zu der Musik von "Wildbahn". Die Karten werden vom Klub subventioniert, also kostet es für Mitglieder nur \$ 25 für eine Mahlzeit mit zwei Fleischeinlagen und anderen Überraschungen. Eine Nacht, die man nicht verpassen sollte. Kontaktiert das Büro für Karten.

Es mag sein, dass ihr denkt, es sei noch lange hin, aber überlegt euch bitte, ob ihr mit uns zum Heimattag fahren wollt vom 22. bis 24. Juni in Cleveland in Ohio. Wir haben zwei Busse reserviert und würden sie liebend gerne mit kanadischen Sachsen füllen, die sich darauf freuen, das Wochenende mit unseren Landsleuten aus Cleveland und den USA zu feiern. Mehr Information wird noch herausgegeben, aber wenn ihr mitkommen wollt, dann sagt euch bitte bei Erika an, sodass ihr nicht einen Sitzplatz auf dem Bus verpasst.

Ich wünsche Euch Frohe Ostern!

Reinhard Schmidt, Praesident

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone was able to avoid the nasty cold and flu bugs going around this winter. I heard they were referring to one of the bugs going around as "The 100 day cold"! Take some comfort in the fact that spring should be just around the corner.

On February 17th Erika and I joined the Schwaben Club in celebrating their 87th Gründungsfest. It was a great evening with hors d'oeuvres served before dinner. Dinner was tasty with Schnitzel, roast beef, mashed potatoes, Schwaben beans and my favourite-cooked carrots. The hall was full, and the Schwaben Club gave out many milestone membership pins. We were entertained by the performances of their Kindergruppe Dance group, the Jugendgruppe Dance group, the Donau Schwaben Dancers and also the Schwaben Dancers. The Golden Keys provided the musical entertainment for the evening and as usual, played very well. Thank you to the Schwaben Club and President Monika Anstett for the wonderful evening.

We held our Trachtenball on March 3rd and had approximately 170 people there. The evening started with a Kinderaufmarsch led by Miss Transylvania 2017, Katelyn Emrich and Liam Schatz. What a wonderful sight to see so many young children, many in Tracht, marching around the dance floor. I can hardly wait until my own grandchildren can join in. The choir then sang both in German and English and harmonized beautifully.

It was great to have a large group of about 20 from Aylmer come to Kitchener to support this event. We all enjoyed performances by the Saxonia Kindergruppe as well as the Saxonia Dancers. They were both wonderful performances. We also had the pleasure of watching our own Kindergruppe perform two dances and the TCK Youth Dance group who were superb as always. Many of us were surprised when we were pulled onto the dance floor to participate with our dance group in dancing the Schwäbisch Schottisch. I hate to think of how many years it had been since I

danced those steps! It was so much fun and brought back many memories. We had to say goodbye to Katelyn Emrich as she stepped down from her role as Miss Transylvania 2017. Katelyn was a wonderful Miss Transylvania and carried on the fine tradition of representing our club many times throughout the year. She gave a touching speech expressing the highlights of her year and thanking all those that made the past year a wonderful memory for her. She even expressed herself in Saxon. We followed that up with the excitement of crowning our new Miss Transylvania 2018, Amanda Mooser. Amanda was presented with a bouquet of red roses, a wooden memory box to hold her treasures for the year and a cheque to help with her expenses for the year. Amanda is a very active member in the dance group and was chosen by them to represent our members. I'm confident she will represent our club proudly. Her parents, Jay and Cynthia Mooser provided the beautiful blue and red carnations that were on the tables that evening, as well as Amanda's sash and we thank them for the donation. We need to thank Margit Fritsch, Sylvia Hartig, Trudy Schneider, Claudia Griebenow, Katie Dienesch, Erika Schmidt, Hilda Janzen, Heidi Tavares and Anne Foster for arranging, making and serving the delicious food available from the kitchen that night. They served sausage on a bun with our delicious sauerkraut, TCK cabbage rolls, warm pretzels and a delicious apple cake served with whipped cream and a choice of vanilla, caramel or rum sauce. Thanks also to everyone who helped set up and clean up and to Judy Penteker for selling tombola tickets even though the ones that I picked didn't win! The donations will go towards offsetting the costs of the group coming from Romania in June. I was more than a little surprised



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and impressed to see the Concordia Enzian Schuhplattler Dance Group attend our Trachtenball in full performance costume. They were not simply out somewhere performing and stopped in for a visit. They gave up their evening, got fully dressed in their performance costume and came to our Trachtenball in support of our club and this event. They also joined in with the 80 TCK members that were in Tracht for the Trachten Einmarsch. It was a wonderful sight to see. This was a wonderful show of support of one German Club supporting another and is exactly what we are all working so very hard to instill in our members. The Concordia Dance Group also seemed to have a large number of the winning tombola tickets, so I guess they'll be back next year! Thank you to the Hofbrau Band for making sure we had music to march to, dance to and sing to. We are very lucky to have all these cultural groups who continue to entertain and amaze us.

The date for the annual membership meeting of the Transylvania Club with elections is Sunday, March 25th at 2:00pm. I will report on that meeting in my next article. Show you care about the future of your club and attend the meeting. The board of directors along with many members spend many hours trying to further our clubs life span and encourage members to support their heritage, so take a few hours to come out and support us.

Easter is fast approaching and that means that on March 31st the annual Spaghetti Dinner hosted by our dance group will take place. This year's theme is "Once upon a time". It is always a fun event for the whole family and is a fundraiser for the dance group so please come out, bring the children, dance and support a great cause as well. Our youth always have unique

entertainment and lots of games and prizes for all. What a wonderful way to spend time with family and friends on the Easter weekend.

April 14th is the Transylvania Club Choir concert, with lunch starting at noon and the concert starting at 2:00pm. It's always an afternoon of wonderful voices raised in harmony so treat your ears to this special event and also enjoy the delicious food. Order your tickets from the office or from Gerhard Griebenow. Preorder only by April 9.

April 28th is our Mitgliederabend. A night to celebrate you, our members, and have some fun. Let's make it a great night and fill the hall. The inspiration for the evening is "We Are Family". Spend the evening getting reacquainted with people that you may not have seen for a while or those you party with all the time. I am sure we will have some surprises for those that attend. Dance to the music of Wildbahn. Tickets will be subsidized by the club, so the price is only \$25 for members for a delicious two meat dinner and other surprises. A night not to be missed. Contact the office for tickets.

You may think that there is still a lot of time but please think about if you want to join us for Heimattag in Cleveland Ohio on June 22 – 24th. We have reserved 2 buses and would love to be able to fill them with Canadian Saxons ready to celebrate the weekend with our fellow Saxons from Cleveland and the USA. More information will follow but if you plan to come along please let Erika Schmidt know so you don't lose out on getting a seat on the bus.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Reinhard Schmidt, President



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KINDERGRUPPE

CHILDREN'S GROUP

Dear Club Members,

A number of kids from the Kindergruppe performed at Trachtenball on Saturday, March 3rd. They were wonderful, performing two dances and also participating in the Miss Transylvania / Kinder Einmarsch. We would like to thank all the kids for their great performance and proudly representing our Club and Saxon heritage.

Kindergruppe will be starting back up again for our spring session on Tuesday, March 20th and it will run weekly until Tuesday, May 1st at the Alpine Club from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Our Mother's Day performance will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, May 6th (the week before Mother's Day). We are hoping to see lots of 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 or 519-662-4364.

Sincerely,

*Krista, Heidi, Lorianne and Rick
Kindergruppe Instructors*

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NEUE MITGLIEDER - NEW MEMBERS

A warm Transylvanian welcome goes out to new members:

**Loretta (Lori) Thodt South
and Robert South
Anthony Mooser**



KEGELGRUPPE

Bowling is going very well and we have not had anyone quit so far. This Friday everyone is bringing some finger food to the game. I'm sure we all need it.

We are basically halfway through the schedule and all are enjoying the evening out. Most Fridays the bowling alley is quite busy with other leagues playing as well.

David Green, Bowling Group President



KARTENSPIEL-GRUPPE

Es wird bekannt gegeben, dass die Kartenspiel Gruppe sich wieder jeden Mittwoch, von 12.30 Uhr bis 17.00 Uhr im Schwaben Klub trifft. Jeder der gerne mitmachen möchte ist herzlich willkommen.

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KULTURGRUPPE

CULTURAL GROUP REPORTS

Dear Members and Friends,

Trachtenball 2018 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 dancers and Kindergruppe join us along with some members from Aylmer.

The crowning of our new Miss Transylvania 2018, Amanda Mooser 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, Amanda, the outgoing Miss Transylvania, Katelyn Emrich, and their families. Congratulations Amanda, I know you have been waiting for this moment a long time and will do your best to represent our club and heritage as Miss Transylvania. 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 Katelyn, Miss Transylvania 2017 for her enthusiasm, dedication to her Saxon culture and a job well done in the past year during Oktoberfest, Heimattag, and all club functions.

Katelyn, your wonderful smile, love of your heritage 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 an excerpt of Katelyn'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.

"I can't believe one year ago I was standing here being crowned as Miss. I have had the greatest honour to represent the club as Miss Transylvania 2017. I first want to thank Reinhard and Erika Schmidt. You both have been such a tremendous support to me this year, and I would have been lost without you. Erika, thank you for your guidance and for being the greatest "Miss Mom". Your support doesn't go unnoticed and you were always a call or text away from one of my last-minute questions of "What do I wear to this event?!" Reiny, thank you for being a mentor and one of the most encouraging people I know. You both have become such great friends to me and I will cherish this year that I got to spend with both of you. Thank you to the committee as well, for your ongoing support and trust in me. I hope I have made you proud as a representative of our club and culture. I truly wouldn't be where I am today without my family. I mentioned in my speech last year that no matter what, my family has always supported my decisions and believed in me. This year proved that what I said then, couldn't be truer now. With every choice I have made, they have been my backbone. So thank you to my amazing parents, my brothers, my grandparents, my Omi, and all of my aunts, uncles, and cousins who have been my biggest support system. To the dance group, you are the best! The past 7 years have been such a fun ride and the memories I've made with all of you will stick with me forever. You are my best friends and some of the greatest people in my life. I love you guys! As I look back on my time as Miss, there have been so many memorable moments, and too many to share now. The biggest highlights for me was when The Transylvania Club

hosted Heimattag in Kitchener this year. I was also lucky enough to have some amazing friends from Nurnberg visit Canada during that time, so spending that weekend here with everyone was definitely a weekend to remember. Another HUGE highlight was obviously Oktoberfest. The late nights, the music, the beer, the food, the old and the new friends, the singing, and the Dirndls and Lederhosen all equalled up to the best week of the year by far. Lastly, attending each club's special events gave me the opportunity to meet and network with so many new and friendly people. I have made friendships this year that will last a lifetime, and the German heritage we share will connect us for life. I am so happy that I was able to share this experience with Becca, Emily, Jessica and Andy, the other Club Misses. I am also grateful I got to share my experience with Mikaila, and watch her succeed in her role as Miss Oktoberfest. This year showed me the impact of my Saxon culture. I will continue to keep our heritage alive through food, dance, and endless stories of our ancestors. As long as I am able, I will keep wearing my Tracht with pride and share the love that it represents."

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

Also mark April 14th on your calendar for the choir's annual concert. This year it is promising to be a sold-out event again at the Alpine Club and will be an unforgettable musical experience along with a delicious Schnitzel lunch made by the choir members and the home baked goodies.

Easter Saturday is the annual "Spaghetti Night" put on by our youth as a fundraiser to help them throughout the year with their many expenses to travel to events, get new outfits and support their endeavours. It is an event for young and old with activities for everyone along with a very delicious meal and lots of fun. This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time"!!! A night of fairy tales! Promises to

be an interesting evening. I hope to see many of there to support our youth.

Please come out and celebrate your mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other family members at our Mother's Day program on May 6th. We will have many of our groups entertaining us, some surprises as always, flowers for the moms and delicious dessert and coffee during intermission. Take a few hours out of the afternoon to enjoy the company and share time with friends and your moms.

Heimattag is in Cleveland this year from June 22nd - 24th. We would love to fill two buses with members and friends who want to 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.

Erika Schmidt

Kulturgruppe Leiterin /

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In diesem Jahr ist Kanada und USA an der Reihe des Föderation Kulturaustausches, die Tanzgruppe aus Siebenbürgen zu empfangen. The group of twelve participants will arrive in Toronto on Thursday June 21st. On Friday they will travel to Cleveland, Ohio to participate in the Heimattag festivities on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. After the Heimattag the group will travel to various Saxon Clubs in the USA and return to Aylmer on Friday June 29th for a few days and then come to Kitchener-Waterloo before they return home on Friday July 6th. More information as to their performance dates at the Aylmer Saxonia Hall and at the Transylvania Club will be in the May 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 findet zu Pfingsten vom 19. bis 21. Mai in Dinkelsbühl statt. Die Einladung von Verbandspräsident Dr. Bernd Fabritius und Bundesvorsitzende Frau Herta Daniel geht an alle Landsleute in Kanada an diesem Feste teilzunehmen.

Heimattag in Cleveland, Ohio

June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th 2018

This year our annual USA/Canada Heimattag is taking place in Cleveland, Ohio. The Heimattag starts on Friday evening with a Kameradschaftsabend theme "Beads & Bling it's a Mardi Gras Thing" at the Sachsenheim in Cleveland. The Saturday evening banquet as well as the Sunday Church Service, Kundgebung, lunch and cultural performances will all take place at the Sachsenheim. Erika Schmidt is working to secure a block of motel rooms as well as bus transportation for us to attend. Our TCK Youth Group as well as the Kulturaustausch group coming from Siebenbürgen 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

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FRIDAY EVENING

7:00 pm - **“Beads & Bling it’s a Mardi Gras Thing”**

Mardi Gras Buffet 7:30 – 8:30 pm	Adults	\$10.00 x	_____ = \$	
Casual evening, fun, music, more	Free for Children ages 12 & Under		_____ =	

SATURDAY EVENING

Doors Open 5:00 pm - Official Opening 6:00 pm

Pork Schnitzel Dinner	Adults	\$25.00 x	_____ = \$	
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Vegetarian - Eggplant Schnitzel	Adults	\$25.00 x	_____ = \$	
	Free for Children ages 12 & Under		_____ =	

SUNDAY

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Beef Rouladen Dinner	Adults	\$18.00 x	_____ = \$	
	Free for Children ages 12 & Under		_____ =	
Vegetarian - Zucchini Rollups	Adults	\$18.00 x	_____ = \$	
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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JUNE 4, 2018
Saturday and Sunday Meals are by Prepaid Reservations Only



MISS TRANSYLVANIA'S SPEECH

Liebe Mitglieder und liebe Gäste.

Es ist absolut unglaublich, hier und heute Abend vor euch allen zu stehen als eure Miss Transylvania 2018. Ohne eure bedingungslose Liebe und Unterstützung würde ich heute Abend nicht hier sein! It is absolutely surreal to be standing in front of you all tonight as your Miss Transylvania 2018. I would not be here if it weren't for all of your unconditional love and support. It's difficult to know where to begin, because how could words possibly describe the culture, memories, and friendships which comprise this incredible community. The culture and connection which we share as Transylvania Saxons, is something which cannot be articulated in words, but rather as the feeling of "Heimat" and being a part of something bigger than ourselves. It is pride, passion, and laughter, and that is the greatest gift on earth.

I would like to start of by thanking everyone here tonight because without all of you, none of this would be possible. All of your hard work and friendship is what has kept this club alive and thriving over the past 50 years. I feel truly honoured and blessed to be able to be a part of such a fantastic community and to be representing this club. I would like to thank our past Miss, Katelyn Emrich for encouraging and supporting me, you have done an awesome job this year at representing the club and making new friends everywhere you go, with your words of kindness and passion for our culture. I hope that this year I will live up to the legacy that has been created for me by so many inspiring misses over the years. I would also like to thank my friends and family for all of your guidance, and Erika Schmidt for everything you have done for me, without Erika I would not have a Tracht to wear tonight and it is because of her that I've had many opportunities to help out in the club. I would also

like to thank our dance group President, Justin Schatz, for being my escort tonight.

So by now you might be wondering who I am and a little bit out me! My name is Amanda Mooser and I am currently in my second year of my Bachelor of Science in Nursing and I've been absolutely loving every minute, it has shown me that there is so much that you can learn by sitting back and listening to others and their stories.

I also work at a retirement home called Winston Park, which the Hofbrau Band and the dance group have actually performed at before.

My parents are Cynthia and Jason Mooser, my grandparents are Betty Anna and Andrew Mooser. My grandfather Andrew Mooser was born in Nord Siebenburgen in a town called Birk. He moved there with his mother, Maria who remarried and became Maria Penteker, but my grandfather kept the last name Mooser. I am so tremendously proud to be a Mooser and have this last name that reflects so much of my heritage, and reminds me of the sacrifices my family had to make to come to Canada. My grandfather was the manager of the old club for a few years, and my dad and his brothers grew up in the club and they came to love so many people who I see here tonight.

I have loved coming to the club since I started Kindergruppe with my sister Suzanne, and I enjoyed it so much that I joined the Kinder Tanzgruppe and stuck around to help lead the Kindergruppe for a few years. With a significant amount of encouragement, I started attending ballroom practices after Kindergruppe and even though I was shy, the sense of family that was present in this group made me enthusiastic every week to come back for more. Once I graduated ballroom I was eager to take the next step in joining the Jugend Tanz-

gruppe. Today I can definitely say that this group and the experiences that it has offered me, have shaped me as an individual, and taught me some pretty important life lessons, such as how to polish off a few "Schnitzel on a bun's" in one sitting after performing together as a team at Oktoberfest. I have also learned that family does not necessarily need to be related. A family is a group of people who share goals and values and who love and support each other. These core values and place of support make a strong foundation on which we can build our lives. This club and the people I have met because of it, have become my family and is one of my greatest blessings in life.

So far this club has presented me with so many great opportunities to meet new people all around the world. In 2015 I traveled to Ohio with the Jugendlager, and in 2016 I was incredibly honoured to get to travel through Austria and Germany with the dance group and the Hofbrau Band. On both occasions I got to meet so many wonderful people

who I still hold dear to me today. It is a truly special thing to feel connected so closely to people across the ocean, as we are connected by our roots, allowing for a bond that cannot be broken no matter how far apart we may be.

This year I am so delighted to get to represent this beautiful culture here in Kitchener that is so rich in Transylvanian heritage. It means the world to me to be able to make wonderful new memories with all of you in the year to come.

We have an amazing year ahead of us to look forward to and I am so excited to get to spend it not only spending time with all of you, but using this opportunity to make new friendships within this club and the other clubs in the region.

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Thank you, I hope everyone has an amazing time tonight.

Amanda Mooser



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TODESFAELLE - DEATHS

Maria Hesch

wurde am am 3. Februar 1926 geboren und verstarb am 3. Maerz, 2018.
 Gebuertig war die Verstorbene aus Birk, Siebenbuergen.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We wish to extend best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday
 in the month of March.

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

Gisela Knobloch	Michael Boehm	John Emrich	Jan Baier
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