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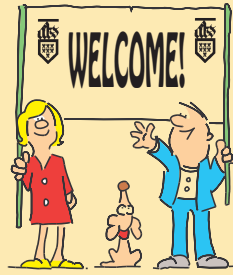
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Issue 1

NEW MEMBERSHIP ROLL CALL

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
welcomes the following new members
who joined our Fraternal Society
within the past few months.



Branch 1 - Cleveland

Liam X. Clay
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Branch 5 - Lorain

Mark A. Cox

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

Greetings from the Saxon Lodge
Branch 26!

We hope all had a very Merry Christmas and wish all a healthy New Year.

We had our Christmas Party on December 4th. Many attended and we had a great time. We thank the committee for setting up such a cheerful setting.

I was happy to be joined by my two sons, daughter, and my grandchildren, Spenser Brooks, Katie and their mother.

We enjoyed a great meal and lots of visiting with each other.

God bless all.

Til we meet again.

BRANCH 19, SALEM By Robert P. Vogt, Sr.

Happy New Year!

Hope all had a good and safe holidays. I'm sure we will be getting punished for the spoiling we have received with the mostly mild weather.

Holidays may also be a time for remembering our loved ones. Some of our members in which we have lost since June of 2016, Walter Weber, Walter Spack, Fred Kloos, Jr. and Jack Schuller. You and all of our passed members remain in our memories.

Election of officers was held at our December meeting. Nothing has changed. All officers remain the same. President: Henry Spack, 1st Vice President: George Spack, 2nd Vice President: Glenn Spack, Recording Secretary: Robert Vogt, Financial Secretary: Richard Vogt, Treasurer: Art Maroscher, Trustee: Richard Spack, Trustee: Rudy Maroscher and Sergeant-at-Arms: Francis Schleuter. Thanks to all of our officers for continuing on for the

upcoming year of 2017.

Br.19 meetings are first Monday of month, 7:30p.m.

Bis zum nächstenmal.



KEEP CALM
and
SAXON ON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



With the New Year upon us, we should think on how important motivation is in our lives as well as for the success of our ATS fraternal benefit society. Many of you may have read of the Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs that was developed by psychologist, Abraham Maslow. Understanding this hierarchy can be useful in our strategic planning for success programs at the national and local levels. The basic motivation is to feel better. Feeling better is why we work, build friendships, eat, sleep, get married, have children, strive to succeed, etc. Feeling better is the heart of motivation. When we feel that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves, it makes us feel better. When people join our organization, they should feel that they are a part of something great and we need to make our members feel like they are part of the team that need their participation and skills. Our job to our membership isn't done when we bring in a new member. It's not done until that new member is engaged in ATS activities and programs. This depends on all of us to be enthusiastic and be open to new ideas to attract the talents of our members. Very important that we motivate our young members to get involved by showing them that they are able to make a difference. Attracting new members and having our membership active locally and nationally is not someone else's job — it's my job, it's your job, it's every ATS member's job to help in the progress of our society.

Let's make 2017, our year of "Feeling Better!"

We want to congratulate our Local Branch Officers that were elected to serve their respective Branches in 2017. These folks are willing and able to fulfill their duties but want their membership to stand behind them to support them and assist them when needed in developing and executing their duties. If your Branch has a vacant Office to fill, why not consider volunteering for the position? Your new ideas and input can provide the energy for the growth and success of your Local Branch. I think it will make you "Feel Better!"

During the months of February and March, the ATS Youth Activities Committee, will sponsor the Annual Bowl Where You Are Tournament for ATS Junior Members, ages 6 – 17. This event gives a chance for Junior Members, no matter where they live, to participate in an ATS event which is an "ATS Scholarship qualifying activity." The ATS keeps track of our junior members' participation and when they apply for a scholarship award points are given to them for their various participation. During January, the Local Branch Youth Representatives will receive a list of their members who will receive an entry for the tournament. We want to provide them information so that they can plan for a bowling outing. If the Local Youth Representatives sends us their information on the party before January 25th, we include a special invitation in the mailing to their local members. This is not a time-consuming event for any Branch to arrange and is a great way to get your members together. Your Branch can also make it a Family Day event! In the past, we have had only a few Local Branches hold a party for their young members, let's try a little harder to get motivated so that we can have our members "Feeling Better!"

Last November, the ATS Home Office sent out the Branch Officers Roster to each Branch which was to be completed and returned back to the Office to update our records as well as the information that is printed in the *Volksblatt*. Please, if your Branch has not returned this form, return it immediately so that we have the current information.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: Some Saxon historians say there are three important historic achievements of the Transylvanian Saxons to their homeland and Europe: 1) preservation of liberties of the farmers and citizens; 2) first in Europe to achieve and assert religious tolerance which made Transylvania the state with the greatest measure of religious freedom in Europe; 3) their part in the fight against the Turks and the maintenance of self-governance of the Principality of Transylvania under Ottoman sovereignty which eventually helped restore Southeastern Europe to the West.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

Our **WEBSITE**
is back up and running!
Check it out!
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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!

Since 1960 Schloss Horneck has housed the Siebenbürger Museum, the Siebenbürger Library and Archive, the Siebenbürger-Institut and is the base for many Saxon organizations. A seniors home is also located on the property. Last September the Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland purchased the property for one million Euro.



Donations were received from individuals and organizations to help fund the purchase of the property. The purchase of Schloss Horneck gives the Siebenbürger Saxons throughout the world a central location where Saxon artifacts, books and other historical documents can be collected and stored to preserve our ethnic history for many years.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons is asking for donations from all Saxons and Saxon organizations to help in funding of this historical facility. If you are interested in giving a donation to help fund this project please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129. Please make your check payable to the ATS.

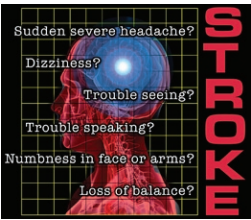
DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK FUND

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
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AMOUNT DONATED \$ _____

You can indicate if donation is in memory or honor of someone:

*Become concerned and involved
about the future of your Branch.*

Do something about it and it will flourish!



Alcohol influences stroke rate

A review of data from 27 studies, suggests that one or two drinks per day is linked with lower risk of stroke.

On the other hand, more than two drinks raised risk of stroke.

The study, by the Karolinska Institutet of Sweden, compared data about two-a-day drinkers to non-drinkers and occasional drinkers. Light drinkers had an 8 percent reduced risk of ischemic stroke, which is caused by a blockage of an artery supplying blood to the brains. It is the most common form of stroke.

Four-a-day drinkers had an 8 percent increase risk of ischemic stroke. With more than four drinks, the risk rose to 14 percent. Heavier drinking also increased the risk of hemorrhagic stroke, in which a blood vessel near the brain bursts, by a whopping 82 percent. Moderate drinking did not raise the rate of hemorrhagic stroke.

This research, published in BMC Medicine, did not study people directly but analyzed data about people from 27 other studies.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017	FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.



LOOKING FOR BIDS TO HOST THE 2017 ATS GOLF OUTING

If your Local Branch is
Interested please contact
the ATS Home Office at
office@atsaxons.com

Or Call Jacob Spor, the
Chairman of the Future Planning Committee
at 724-657-3773

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB PORK-KRAUT DINNER JANUARY 15, 2017

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$9.50

Children \$5.00

includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!

**New Castle Eintracht Männerchor Cultural Exchange
Concert Tour in Meggen Germany September 2016**

The New Castle Eintracht Männerchor made its second trip to Germany after twenty years! Flying out of Pittsburgh, the Eintracht headed for Frankfurt before boarding a bus bound for the town of Lennestadt and their home for five days.

For their first concert, the men sang for the twenty fifth anniversary concert of Platin Scala in Olpe. Platin Scala is known for their outstanding orchestra and opera performers. Many will know of the Platin Tenors from Andre Rieu's Orchestra seen on PBS specials. Platin Scala's founder Josef Hesse was responsible for initiating a cultural exchange with the Männerchor beginning with Platin Scala sending their rising star, fifteen year old violinist Elias David Moncado, to perform three concerts in the States in July. Elias enthralled audiences in Pittsburgh, Youngstown, and Sharon.

After the Olpe concert, the men performed at St. Bartholomäus Church in a program including the St. Bartholomäus Kirchenchor, violinist Elias David Moncado, and the opera stars of Platin Scala. The beautiful church was an acoustic delight for the men as they rendered favorite German folk repertoire as well the popular "Halleluia" of Leonard Cohen. The concert concluded with the combining of the choirs singing local favorite "Gluck Auf!". "Gluck Auf" or Luck Up, is the miner's march which was a most appropriate selection as Meggen has a rich history as a mining town and the locals knew this song all too well. The final concert was held in the Chambers of the Lennstadt City Council sponsored by the mayor's office. After performing, the Deputy Mayor presented the choir

with pins and a beautiful cast relief of their patron saint, St. Thomas Mohr. A luncheon reception followed for the men and their wives. The hospitality was truly warm and generous!

Day trips took us out to see local sights such as Höhe Brücke, a lookout tower to survey the vast and beautiful landscape. One day was spent in Cologne touring the Dom and sampling Kölsch beer and dining on local delicacies like Schwein-haxe , blood sausages, Schnitzel and Bratwurst. The Dom is definitely a must see, must do experience. The enormity and history of the great cathedral's architecture is astounding. The quaintness and vibrancy of the local shops and businesses drew us in to enjoy shopping for souvenirs and taking in the culture.

The group will tell anyone that the highpoint of the tour was the friendships and relationships they developed with the host families in Meggen. Staying in the homes of the locals gave everyone a firsthand look at life in Germany. The warmth of their hospitality was just incredible. The Kirchenchor hosted the Eintracht at a beautiful dinner in their church social hall as well as inviting the men and their wives to sit in on one of their 80 voice choir's rehearsal. We really enjoyed the Gemütlichkeit that followed as we shared drinks and favorite songs. Leaving was most difficult, having made so many new friends, but plans were laid to keep in touch and hopefully to see one another again in person. Aufwiedersehen!

Leaving Lennestadt, the Eintracht headed for the Rhine River at Koblenz where we boarded a boat bound upriver to Rüdesheim. Castle after castle drew



The New Castle Eintracht Männerchor, along with a number of their wives, enjoyed a most wonderful and memorable visit to Germany this past September. The Choir, shown here in front of St. Bartholomäus Church in Meggen, Germany, was hosted by the Church's 80 voice Kirchenchor. Meggen, part of Lennestadt, is in the Westfalen region southeast of Cologne and north of Frankfurt. The Männerchor's President is Mr. Daniel Reiber. The Choir is under the direction of Danual Forsberg.



The Eintracht Männerchor performs in the beautiful St. Bartholomäus Church in Meggen Germany. The architecture and windows were absolutely beautiful but it was the acoustics that energized and inspired the Männerchor in their performance.



**Jugendlager 2017 in Transylvania
August 3 – 16, 2017**



Highlights include:

- * Sachsentreffen celebration in Hermannstadt
- * Sightseeing in beautiful southern Transylvania
- * Experience authentic rural life in Saxon Villages and meet Saxon villagers
- * Breadmaking, cooking traditional foods, making traditional crafts
- * Visit citadels and fortified churches
- * Walks in highlands and Carpathian Mountains
- * Swimming in a saltwater lake

The Youth Activities Committee of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for 5 young ATS members in good standing ages 16 - 20 to participate in the 24th International Jugendlager. The trip will be hosted by the Landsmannschaft of Transylvania. Participants must have a valid passport and medical insurance. Participants should be interested in sharing their family's Saxon traditions and be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the ATS. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Saxon heritage and make friends that will last a lifetime.

If interested, please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or office@atsaxons.com for an application form.
Deadline for applications is January 15, 2017

one's attention to the steep hills as the guide described the history behind each. The beautiful vineyards and fairytale towns beckoned us to come, but the boat plied on to our famed destination of Rüdesheim where the men found their way to der Drosselgass to sing one of our favorite songs "Rüdesheimer Wein"! The narrow streets with their many shops and restaurants overwhelmed the senses as we made every attempt to take it all in. Limited by our bus driver's time allotment, we had to depart all too soon.

Heidelberg was our next stop. The historic city did not disappoint. The Castle was at the top of everyone's to do list. We got there with the help of two wonderful guides who showed us the sights of the city before climbing the hill to tour the amazing castle with its humongous wine keg. Again the beauty, history and quaintness of the city left us all wanting to delve deeper and tarry longer.

On to München, where in a couple of days we managed to scratch the surface, taking in this fair Oktoberfest city. Yes, we were there just in time to enjoy Oktoberfest. Crowds of people in their finest Lederhosen and Dirndls filled the streets and beerhalls. Oompa bands

**Wanted:
Group Leader
Jugendlager 2017
Transylvania
August 3 – 16, 2017**

The Youth Activities Committee of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for candidates to be the group leader for the U.S. participants on the 24th International Jugendlager. The trip will be hosted by the Landsmannschaft of Transylvania.

Candidates must have a valid passport and medical insurance, be interested in sharing their family's Saxon traditions, be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the ATS, and have knowledge of foreign travel. German language skills are a plus. Preferred age is between 25 and 35.

Please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or office@atsaxons.com if interested in being our Jugendlager Group Leader.



The Mayor of Lennestadt hosted the Männerchor and their wives in the city's Council Chamber. There the men performed for the Deputy Mayor who presided over the event. Pins and gifts were exchanged followed by a luncheon.

kept up the merriment of the happy celebration of sights, sounds, food, and beer. Once experienced, one will never forget Oktoberfest Munich-style! With so many historic buildings, churches, breweries, restaurants and shops it was a total delight to the senses. If you got tired, the streets were lined with outdoor shady bistros and beer gardens in which to rest. Such a delight.

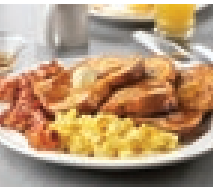
Ten days goes by oh so quickly. Years of planning and fundraising leading up to this tour were all worth it. Thanks must

be given to all those who helped us reach this goal. The ATS and many other sponsors were grand benefactors to this cause. Individuals helped us, whether through concert attendance, the Singer's Picnic, dinners, purchases of a CD, or a raffle ticket or donations. Many helped and all have our sincere and heartfelt thanks. It was an inspiring trip which gives The Eintracht Männerchor new energy and purpose behind every song we sing in remembering and honoring our rich German heritage.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- February - March 2017
Bowl Where You Are Tournament
May 20, 2017
Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host Cleveland West Br.1
June 23 - 24, 2017
North American Saxon Heimattag
Kitchener ONT Canada
July 16, 2017
Saxon Summer Camp
Camp Frederick
July 29, 2017
ATS Family Day
Waldameer Park, Erie PA
August 3 - 16, 2017
Federation Saxon Jugendlager
Transylvania/Romania
- LOCAL EVENTS**
- January 13, 2017
Salem Joint Social 6:00 p.m.
January 15, 2017
Youngstown Pork and Kraut Dinner
January 19, 2017
Salem NO BAR
January 21, 2017
Salem **BREAKFAST** 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
January 26, 2017
Salem NO BAR
February 1, 2017
Salem **NO Retirees**
February 2, 2017
Salem NO BAR
February 6, 2017
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m
February 9, 2017
Salem NO BAR
February 10, 2017
Salem Joint Social 6.00 p.m.
February 11,2017
Cleveland West Br. 1 Sausage Sale
February 12, 2017
Cleveland West Sachsenheim Winter Schnitzel Fest
February 13, 2017
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
February 16, 2017
Salem NO BAR
February 18, 2017
Salem **BREAKFAST** 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
February 19, 2017
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner
Youngstown Pork and Kraut Dinner
February 23, 2017
Salem NO BAR
February 28, 2017
Cleveland West Sachsenheim Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Buffet
March 1, 2017
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
March 2, 2017
Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.
Salem Bar Open **6 p.m - 8 p.m.**
March 3, 2017
Salem Fish Fry (1) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
March 6, 2017
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
March 9, 2017
Salem Bar Open **6 p.m. - 8p.m.**
Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.
March 10, 2017
Salem Fish Fry (2) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 11,2017
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-Off
March 13, 2017
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.



Salem Saxon Club Breakfast Buffet is back!

The Salem Saxon Club, will be back serving its Breakfast Buffet on January 21st and February 18th, We look forward to your continued support!



Martin Luther King, Jr., birth anniversary January 16

Leaving the ivory tower behind

On January 16 we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was a man of God, teacher, leader and world changer.

Dr. King’s best remembered words come from his dream speeches. He used the words “I have a dream” many times, but King wasn’t a mere dreamer. He didn’t live in an ivory tower separate from the world and its realities. He was a man who wanted change on the ground where he stood, change for his people, and all people.

To this end he often spoke about virtue:

“We must use time creatively ... and forever realize that the time is always ripe for doing right.”

He honored labor:

“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry.”

He promoted the change of heart and mind:

“He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps perpetrate it.”

Dr. King didn’t mince words:

“Nothing pains some people more than having to think.”

He advocated for an informed electorate:

“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance.”

Finally, Dr. King’s most famous words that challenged America:

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”

Money Tip

It pays to be aware of marketing tricks in the grocery store. Products displayed at eye level generally are the most expensive. This is because manufacturers will pay a hefty premium to get their products in those prime spots. You will find the real bargains up high or on the bottom shelves. This is where the less expensive brand names are, along with the store brands, which are most often just as good.

CLEVELAND SACHSENHEIM'S WURSTMARKT/SAUSAGE SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017
Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue



Pork Sausage with or without garlic
\$3.75 per pound

Sausage/Sauerkraut with Polenta Dinner
\$8.00 per meal (must preorder meal)
Sausage Sandwiches will be available for purchase

Orders are to be placed by calling:
Maria Fischer (216)741-1398
(Do not call after 9:30 pm)

DEADLINE FOR SAUSAGE ORDERS: February 4, 2017

Orders can be picked up at the Sachsenheim
After 1:00 pm (not before) on Saturday, February 11, 2017

ONKEL GRUMPY'S WINTER SCHNITZEL FEST

SACHSENHEIM
7001 Denison Ave

Sunday, February 12, 2017
Serving from 1:00—4:00 pm
Doors open at Noon



Wiener Schnitzel	\$14.95
Pork Schnitzel	\$ 9.95
Chicken Schnitzel	\$ 9.95

Includes the choice of two sides:
German potato salad, mashed potatoes,
Potato pancakes, mixed vegetables, sauerkraut, red cabbage., cabbage & noodles, plus more!

Make Reservation at the Bar
or Call the Sachsenheim
at (216)651-0888

Deadline for Reservations February 4th



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Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
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**Rev. Roberta Davis-Newhouse
Pastor**

9:00 Worship Service



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FOR TIMES.**

Youngstown Saxon Club



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YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Youngstown Retirees brief meeting held on Thursday, December 8th at 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

When I say brief, yes indeed it was. 1. Pray, 2. Pledge, and 3. Pass the goodies. Pray to God in thanksgiving for life, love, and the gift of freedom we experience living in the United States. Pledge never to forget what the flag stands for when so many have died to keep it waving.

We can enjoy the many goodies at the buffet table.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports of activities and monies on hand. Both reports were accepted as read.

The members here remember those who were unable to attend: Martha Konrad, Gert Prest and Hildegard Dunker-

ley.

There are three December birthdays: Tillie Stefanick, Dom Sugar, and our guest Ernie Roth. Happy Birthday to you and many more to come.

One more item. Ernie Roth, the president of the Saxon Club is here to install the officers of the Retirees for 2017. The slate remains the same. Is it because we have done such a wonderful job, or maybe because no one else volunteered?

Before we go home there are many gifts to be given to lucky ticket holders. Winners are: Margarete, Tillie, Carolyn, two Margies, Julia, Kay, Susan, Cindy, Eileen, Jim, and Garland. If I forgot someone, I am sorry.

The End.

Merry Christmas everyone.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

Saxon News from the Cold Northwest

What a difference a day makes. Our weather is now what yours was last week, but only for a short time. For those attending, New Year's Eve was great. Good music, good food, dancing and not too crowded, may everyone have had a good time and a Happy New Year to all.

Some warm Prayers and wishes to Rich Maurer (his daughter took time off and is here from California to give him some good cheer and to assist). Prayers and best wishes to John Boehm, is in need of care also. I am sure a call or card would help with the cheering up. Prayers and best wishes also to Tom Hahn. He is getting anxious, but he can't do anything yet. You'll be back soon Tom.

Right soon, don't miss it - the Pork and Kraut dinner this weekend, Sunday, January 15, 2017. That is a new date to learn 2017. Everything is the same, time 11:30 AM till 2:30 p.m., always on Sunday, the price \$9.50 for adults, Children 12 and under \$5.00. Dinner includes that favorite Saxon (German) Roast Pork Tenderloin, Sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, applesauce, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee, and tea. Other beverages, namely beer and pop are available on the bar area of the Ballroom. When

you come in January mark your calendar for February 19th and March 26th. You'll enjoy every time you come, don't forget to tell your friends and family. Open to the public.

Check the Bulletin Board at the Club for the following activities; Sunday, February 5th is the Super Bowl Party in the Lounge, come on down and have a good time, being from Washington State maybe the Seahawks just might be there, can't help but try. The guys always have a good spread and a good beer.

Sunday, February 12th, 2:00 p.m. Branch 22 and Branch 30 will meet. Start attending now and get to know the branches and the officers. There are positions open if you would like to offer your services. Tuesday, February 14 Valentine Dinner in the Lounge, bring your favorite cutie and enjoy a night out.

Dorothy and I decided to stay at home for New Year's Day. After Church I called Judy and asked if this was Meals on Wheels; she laughed and asked why. I told her that after she and Bruce were finished eating maybe hey would bring some Roast Pork, Sauerkraut, and mashed potatoes to our place. It was really good. Judy and Bruce do much for us.

More information and the Fraternal calendar in two weeks.

So goes the news.



BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Our first monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th at 7:00 pm. We will hold our Annual Memorial Service prior to the start of the meeting. The Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor will perform several songs in honor of our departed.

Remember to call your sausage order in for the Sachsenheim's sale that will be held on Saturday, February 11th. To place your orders please call Maria Fischer at (216) 741-1398 (please do not call after 9:30 pm). You may order sausage with or without garlic at \$3.75/pound. While you are picking up your sausage, you might want to enjoy a sausage/sauerkraut dinner with polenta for only \$8. You must preorder the meal. There will also be sausage sandwiches available for purchase that day. Deadline for orders is February 4th. Orders are to be picked up after 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 11th. (Please, remember not before 1 pm to give our members a chance to make and package the sausage orders.) This is the last sale of the season, so make sure you stock up your freezer.

The Sachsenheim will host Onkel Grumpy's Winter Schnitzel Fest on Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 - 4:00 pm. You have your choice of wiener schnitzel at \$14.95; pork schnitzel or chicken schnitzel at \$9.95 with choice of two sides (plus you can purchase extra sides). It will be served buffet-style. Choice of sides include German potato salad, potato pancakes, spätzle, sauerkraut, red cabbage, cabbage and noodles, mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy and more. Call the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888 to make your reservations. Deadline for reservations is February 4th.

We ask for your support in attending Branch 4's Annual Fundraiser, the Chinese Auction and Sausage Dinner on Sunday, February 19th at 1:00 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under. We only take prepaid reservations. Please send your reservations to: Donna Jankow, 7663 Ragall Parkway, Middleburg Hts. OH 44130 by February 9th. We will have assigned seating; so please indicate to whom you wish to be seated with. This event helps us defray expenses at the Sachsenheim, so please give us your support. Members or friends making a new item donation may bring it to the Branch Meeting on January 16 or drop it off at the Sachsenheim. It is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Please invite your friends to join us for a delicious meal and have fun taking chances on winning some lovely items.



We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

Rose U. Simion

Age 87

Died: August 26, 2016
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Joann C. Kay

Age 85

Died: December 15, 2016
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Car Sick! Tips to help kids travel

Nothing makes a family car trip more miserable than a kid with motion sickness. You feel sorry for the child, sorry for yourself, and sorry you ever tried the trip in the first place.

Still, trips are a part of life and you can make it easier.

According to planning-withkids.com, be sure before you start out that you are prepared, but haven't primed the pump, so to speak. Don't remind kids of their motion sickness or, focus on old stories. Emphasize what fun the trip will be and remind them that you are well prepared if they do get sick.

Nonetheless, prepare.

1 Keep a sick kit on board with a dry towel, wet towel, wipes, container and plastic bags.

2 Prepare some ginger drinks before the trip. Ginger helps prevent and treat nausea.

3 Prior to the trip, practice deep breathing. Inhale slowly through the nose for four seconds. Exhales slowly for the count of four.

Plan the drive:

1 Take a straight route, no matter what. Turns are the enemy.

2 Put towels or blankets over the windows if it is possible that sunlight will come in during the trip.

3 Make sure the car is cool and well ventilated.

4 Prepare some podcasts or audible entertainment. No screens or books.

Finally, remind the kids if they feel bad they should let someone know. There is plenty of time to stop.

PotPourri

January Sudoku

How to solve sudoku puzzles

To solve a sudoku, you only need logic and patience.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one instance of the numbers 1-9.

Each number can only occur once in a 3x3 region. Similarly, each number can only appear

1	6	3	7	8	4	9	5	2
9	8	7	5	3	2	6	1	4
4	5	2	6	9	1	8	3	7
6	3	8	2	5	7	4	9	1
5	7	9	4	1	8	2	6	3
2	1	4	9	6	3	7	8	5
8	2	5	3	4	6	1	7	9
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once in a column or row in the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is easy.



Millions of Americans trace roots through Ellis Island

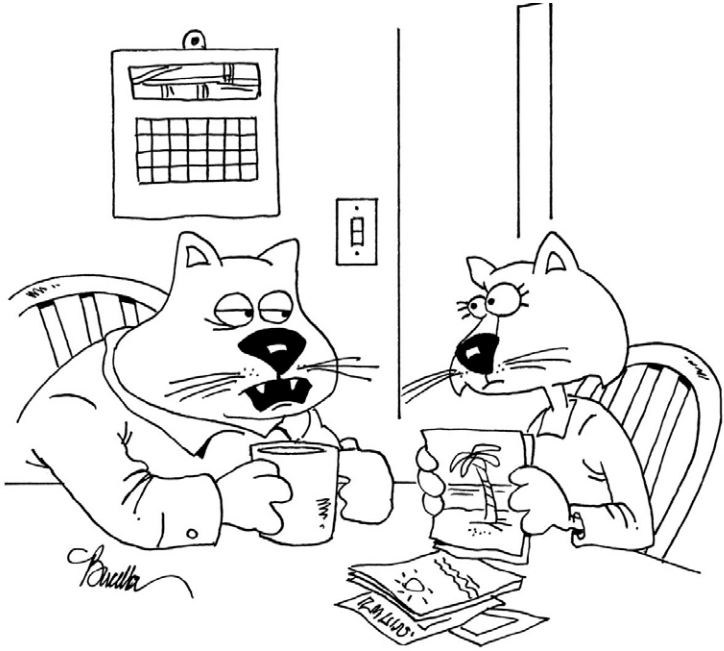
Can you trace one of your ancestors through Ellis Island? If so, you’re one of 100 million Americans (about 30 percent of our current population) who will be able to find their ancestors at libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger.

Ellis Island opened 125 years ago in 1892 and during its service period (ending in 1954), it processed 12 million European third-class and steerage immigrants. In one April day alone, the island processed 11,747 immigrants.

Among the descendants of immigrants who passed through Ellis Island: Irving Berlin, Bob Hope, Yogi Berra, Cicely Tyson, M. Pei, Madeleine Albright, Tommy Lasorda, Lee Iacocca, Joe Namath, the Forbes Family, Mary Higgins Clark and Colin Powell.

Between 1892 and 1954, Congress passed a series of laws to control the number or type of acceptable entrants, specifying health, skills, and ties to others in the United States..

If you know or suspect that your ancestors traveled through Ellis Island, you can check it out free online. Go to libertyellisfoundation.org and do a free passenger search.



“We can’t afford a vacation. If you want to feel the sand between your toes, you’re going to have to walk around in the litter box.”

ATS BRANCH 4 - 2017 FUNDRAISER

CHINESE AUCTION/SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, February 19, 2017



Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio



SAUSAGE DINNER STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.

SERVING UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

ADMISSION BY PREPAID RESERVATIONS ONLY!

\$10.00 - Adults Children 10 & Under - \$5.00

Auction Tickets \$7.00 (Sold at the Door)

Prepaid Reservations Only

Sausage Dinner/Chinese Auction

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Adult Dinners @ \$10 each.....\$

Children Dinners @ \$5 each.....\$

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$

Make Check or Money Order payable to ATS Branch 4

Mail Check and Reservation Form to: Donna Jankow

7663 Ragall Parkway

Middleburg Hts. OH 44130

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Meal tickets held at the Door

We will have assigned seating...Please indicate if you wish to

Sit with specific individuals _____

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Gossip: Golden or deadly?

Though many of us enjoy it, gossip is a slippery subject with a sullied reputation.

The word originated with the Old English “Godsibb”, meaning “a person related to one in God.” By the 1800s, gossip denoted a man who drank with friends and shared fellowship, or a woman who was a family friend and helped during childbirth.

Today, the dictionary says gossip is “chatty talk, the reporting of sensational or intimate information.” It is said to ruin reputations, poison relationship, and halt careers.

But social scientists say gossip can serve as a unifying force that communicates a group’s moral code.

Dr. Ralph Rosnow, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Temple University, says gossip lets you know what the limits on personal behavior are. When you move to a house and a neighbor tells you the previous resident never disposed of garbage properly, it tells you something.

Gossip shepherds the herd, says Rosnow. It is especially effective in managing the morality of small groups, especially in a workplace. If you want to know who will help you, or when it’s acceptable to slack off, pay attention to the grapevine.

People who gossip the most usually rank highest on the anxiety scale, says Rosnow. They disclose more but are often on the receiving end of gossip as well.

When Rosnow asked test subjects who they liked, people being talked about were not the most popular because they didn’t conform. Those gossiping weren’t popular because of their presumed untrustworthiness. Highest rated were those who could keep a bal-



ance between their roles as gossiper and gossipee.

Rumors

Rumors may not involve people but are always speculative. They come in two types:

Wish Rumors that we hope are true, and Dread Rumors that we pray are false.

The Foundation for the Study of Rumors based in Paris concluded that rumors are based on society’s fears. The rumor about worms in fast food burgers reflected rising concerns about junk food and health. Rumors, it seems, are echoes of ourselves, revealing the desires and obsessions of society.

There is also such a thing as a positive rumor, also known as “creating a buzz.” When Chrysler loaned 6,000 business leaders a new car for week-end use, 98 percent of the leaders said they would recommend the cars to their friends.

The dark side of gossip

While gossip will never go away, all who participate should remember that there is a point where exchange of information ceases to be helpful and becomes harmful.

Those who cross the line are seen as untrustworthy and unworthy of true friendship.

In company settings, the truths become known, and those who spread false information are shunned.



Choruses

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children,
grandchildren,
nieces and nephews
members of the ATS?
Let them benefit from
our fraternal program
and be a part of our
history!



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Note: All books have English Text. Proceeds from book sales go to the Saxon Orphan Fund Program.

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5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129
Make Checks/Money Orders payable to
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Certificate No. _____ SS# _____

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Name _____

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All information in the form to the right and below must be correctly typed, or legibly written.

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☐ VOLKSBLATT ONLY

Date: _____ Signature of Person Making Change _____



You Are Never Too Young to Start Aiming for your Retirement Goals

The second you earn income, you should put something aside for retirement. Unfortunately, many of today's young folks pass on the opportunity to save for retirement early. They do not take advantage of the benefit of interest compounding, tax-deferred or tax-free savings plans that can help them maximize their financial strength during retirement.

The ATS offers retirement savings plans that can help you put enough money away for your retirement. An ATS Annuity is a very good way to accumulate or hold money for and during retirement. Interest on savings in savings accounts, dividends on stocks and rental income from real estate is immediately taxed in the year earned. In contrast, interest credited on an ATS Annuity is not taxed until funds are withdrawn. Because taxes are deferred until money is withdrawn, interest is earned on money that would otherwise be paid to the IRS. The result is greater financial growth.

An ATS Annuity provides you with flexibility at your retirement to choose when you begin withdrawals as well as the choice of how:

- As a Lump Sum
- As an Income for a Specific Number of Years
- As an Income for as Long as you Live
- As an Income for as Long as you or your spouse Lives

Minimum Deposit to start an ATS Annuity is \$300 for Adults and \$150 for Children under the Age of 16.

You can sign up for Autopay Electronic Funds Transfer, instructing the ATS to automatically deduct your designated amount from your bank account into your annuity account monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Another way to save for retirement is with an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA. Both types of IRAs provide a good choice for retirement savings. Roth IRA and Traditional IRA differ significantly in the way they are taxed. A Traditional IRA is tax-deferred until withdrawal but grows tax free until retirement. A Roth IRA is a retirement plan which allows contributions to be taxed up front and then withdrawals are made tax free as long as the person has had the Roth IRA for over five years and is at least 59 1/2 years old. Contributions to a Traditional IRA can be deductible but contributions to a Roth IRA are non-deductible. A Roth IRA, unlike a Traditional IRA has no 70 1/2 age rule. A person can make contributions to a Roth at any age as long as a person has taxable compensation. Contributions into a Traditional IRA can only be made before the age of 70 1/2. The Traditional IRA requirement that a minimum withdrawal must be made starting at age 70 1/2 does not apply to a Roth IRA.

The Traditional IRA may be better for those who expect their tax rate to be lower when withdrawals are taken while those who choose a Roth IRA might expect their tax rates during retirement to remain the same or higher as their current tax rate.

People are living a lot longer now and you need to plan early to have a secure financial retirement. Contact your Local ATS Deputy today for further information on the ATS Annuity Program.

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