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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Social isolation is a difficult challenge. We keep our distance not only to help flatten the curve but also to show love and concern for the welfare of others. Our last monthly meeting was in January. We have missed our social contact with our members through Spring and Summer months. Now we are in our next season and still are cautious of what is the best for our members that attend our monthly meetings. President Weber, being in the medical field, wants to heed to caution so has cancelled the October Branch meeting.

Also, unfortunately the Junior Committee, adhering to guidelines from CDC, has decided not to hold the Annual Halloween Party. We certainly will miss seeing our ghosts, goblins and princesses. This has always been an enjoyable party for the children and adults.

When life returns to normal, we want to look back with no regrets knowing that we put forth our best efforts to provide a safe environment for our membership. Because of our times apart I often think of the song, "Wahre Freundschaft soll nicht wanken."

*Wahre Freundschaft soll nicht wanken,
wenn sie auch entfernt ist.*

*/: Lebet fort nur in Gedanken und doch der
Treue nie vergesst.:/*

*Keine Ader soll mit schlagen,
wenn ich nicht an dich gedacht.*

*/: Ich will Sorge für dich tragen, bis zur späten
Mitternacht.:/*

*Wenn der Mühlstein treibet Reben,
und daraus fließt edler Wein.*

*/: Wenn der Tod mir nimmt das Leben, hör ich
auf dir getreu zu sein.:/*

A translation of first stanza that reflects are feeling for our membership at this time: True friendship shall not waver, when it just is away. Still lives in thought and loyalty is not forgotten.

Although we are not meeting monthly, our business at the Sachsenheim is open, trying to survive during this difficult time. Our manager, Scott Lindell, and staff, have done an outstanding job with making people to wear masks entering

and leaving the facility as well as keeping the mandated distance. Out Taco Tuesdays have been doing well since we have the garden patio opened for the dining.

We will have our Annual Clambake on Friday, October 9th in the garden. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting the Sachsenheim, 216-651-0888. Clambake with half chicken is only \$20.95; Clambake with Strip Steak is \$24.95 and extra dozen of clams is \$6.50. Must contact the Sachsenheim by October 2nd to purchase your tickets.

Make sure you are registered to vote! Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE

By Helen Brooks

September 13, 2020 was our first meeting since the pandemic hit in March. In spite of it all, there was a very good turnout. It was good to be there and see all our friends.

President Randall Floyd greeted us and we started the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call of officers – only two were absent. Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There was a discussion about planned activities which have all been cancelled. Much discussion on our two important meetings – Memorial in November and Christmas Party.

A sick slip for Kathleen McCarty was read and approved

There was a moment of silence for long time member Sam Palyok.

Raffle was won by Jeff Szostek and membership by Kathleen McCarty.

Meeting was adjourned.

Stay safe and healthy.

Til we meet again.



**KEEP CALM
AND
WEAR A MASK!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling
Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I can't believe that it's October already! The stores are loaded with Halloween decorations and candy. I've even seen some Christmas decorations in the stores. Let's not make time fly too fast. On a good note in my opinion, is that a lot of stores are announcing that they will not be open on Thanksgiving Day for shopping. I agree with this as I was one who didn't go shopping on that day. It's a time for family and friends to get together. I'm glad those workers will be able to stay home with their family and friends. There's plenty of time to shop for Christmas gifts starting on Thanksgiving Friday.

I wanted to remind everyone to keep working on their Saxon Memoirs. We've had some nice stories come in already, but we're still looking for more. You have plenty of time to submit them. We'll collect them through the end of the year.

Next issue, we'll announce our winners of the essay contest. The Cultural Promotion Committee will have met and decided on the winning essays by then.

Did you know that there are 29 different types of 501 (c) organizations? The most common one that comes to mind is a 501 (c) 3 – Charitable, Religious, or Educational Organization. Contributions to these organizations are tax deductible to the donor. A Chamber of Commerce falls under 501 (c) 6 while certain Credit Unions are a 501 (c) 14 organization. The number 501 comes from the Internal Revenue Code. IRC section 501 deals with the exemption from federal income tax. Subpart C lists the types of organizations that are exempt, based on their purpose.

The ATS is a 501 (c) 8 organization – Fraternal Beneficiary Societies, Orders, or Associations. These types of organizations are required to operate under the lodge system and provide for the payment of benefits to its members or their dependents. That's exactly who and what we are. We have our various Branches or Lodges that are spread across 5 states. And we provide lots of benefits to our members. We offer life insurance and annuities to our members for the financial security of their dependents and loved ones. We also offer other fraternal benefits such as the Orphan Benefits program, scholarships, local branch activities, cultural activities, and youth activities. Most local branches or lodges offer additional benefits to their members.

The ATS welcomes new members to join and share in our cultural and social events as well as benefit from our insurance and annuity plans. Please invite your relatives and friends to join our Fraternal Family so they can benefit from belonging to an organization that cares about its members.

Until next time....

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Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

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or honor of someone

BRANCH 8,
ALLIANCE
By Lesley Reed

Branch 8 held its first meeting since February on September 16th. We had twelve members present with three excused. Our next meeting will be October 21st at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Alliance. Four scholarship awards were given this evening to Emily Brennan, Courtney Crawford, Sydni Hertel, and Zane Zeedrich. We received one piece of communication from the Alliance YWCA thanking us for the donation we sent stemming from the amount of strikes scored by our bowlers during the last open bowling tournament. A motion was

made and carried to make another donation to them this month. A reminder was given that next month we will hold our election of officers for 2021.

We were happy to learn that our president, Helen Aeling, is doing well and recovering from her knee replacement surgery. She was missed this night but our vice president, Alice Freeders, did a fine job filling in for her. We were delighted to celebrate with our Alliance Saxon lodge members Mary Craven and John Zerbey as this was our first meeting since their marriage took place in May. An impromptu shower was held for them, along with some delicious refreshments. We wish them lifelong happiness!



Alliance newlyweds: Mary Craven and John Zerbey. Both are bowlers with the TSBA.

COVID-19 vaccine
could save many
lives, despite rampant
myths

Most people know by now that Bill Gates is not going to give you money or a free computer if you respond to a Facebook post.

He’s also not going to give you a secret microchip in a COVID-19 vaccine. This is one of the many myths madly circulating about a COVID-19 vaccine that have prompted about a quarter of Americans to say that they would decline a vaccine when it becomes available.

The Gates myth started in March 2020, when a widely shared article announced, incorrectly, “Bill Gates will use microchip implants to fight coronavirus.” Gates actually said in an interview that digital certificates could be used to show who has recovered, who has been tested and who received the vaccine. According to the BBC, one study, funded by The Gates Foundation, suggested that a special invisible tattoo mark could be used to show who has been vaccinated. Like a small pox vaccination scar, it would not be tracked and personal information would not be entered into a database.

Even so, the Microsoft billionaire does not control public health policy in the U.S.

Another myth in high circulation is that a DNA-based vaccine will genetically modify humans.

According to Mark Lynas, a visiting fellow at Cornell University’s Alliance for Science group, no vaccine can genetically modify human DNA.

In an interview with Reuters, Lynas said that the DNA in DNA vaccines does not integrate into the cell nucleus, so there is no genetic modification. When cells divide, they will only include your natural DNA. But DNA-based vaccines are promising for COVID-19 because DNA sequences could match the required bits of genetic code in the virus.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

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Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

Well I'm happy to report that our virtual Zoom Branch 33 meeting on September 9 went very well! We had 16 participants. And it was so much fun to see members again! I strongly encourage everyone to try the Zoom. It's very easy and Maria Phillips will be sending you the link with the password to the meeting. What I did not realize until I attended, that you do have to download the Zoom app either on your computer or phone device first. So, we will be doing our next meeting October 14 Wednesday at 7:30 also on Zoom; really hoping to have more participants. And thank you to Maria Phillips because she really is our Zoom queen!! What I'm going to do here is report everything that we talked about in our meeting.

Our vice president Bette Schmidt was listening in on the meeting but gave the sunshine report to Ema. Ron Kiesling, our friend from the west side, is now in a nursing home; we are thinking of you Ron and sending prayers Florence Davidson is at

home, her daughter coming in to visit for Florence's 96th birthday on September 14! Happy birthday Florence!! Mike Thellmann had fallen and fractured his pelvis, he's at skilled nursing facility Montefiore. Wife Maria reports that he is still unable to have surgery to repair any fractures. And because of the Covid restrictions he has not been able to go to the facility to even visit; so hard and frustrating, especially when the loved one is unable to answer the phone on their own. Maria Phillips is doing very well at home recovering from knee surgery.

No new members this past couple of months but we do have some new babies. The Litschel's son Eric and wife had a baby girl, Alexandria. And the Bonnett's daughter Corrin and husband had a baby girl, Elise, in July. Kathy Brusk is a great-grandma for the fifth time.

Lorena Schmidt, Bette's granddaughter is getting married in Brooklyn New York... But unfortunately, no big ceremony allowed. And the Foisels also have a family member getting married but I can't remember which young lady so I will have to report on this further next month. Congratulations to all!

And of course, We wish Happy Birthday to all August & September members. (We mention names at every meeting.)

The officers did actually meet in June at Saint John's Church. At that meeting we made five charitable donations: the Saxon Relief Fund, Bethel Lutheran Church, the Saxon Orphan Fund, Saint John's Church, and Cleveland Food Bank. So, for correspondence this month, we did get thank you notes from those organizations. We did not make any charitable contributions for the month of September.

We do have eight Branch members requesting un-

dergraduate scholarships from Branch 33. Freshman scholarship recipients will be Mary O'Neill, Cassie Jordan, and Calice Koerner (lives in Florida). Continuing education scholarships go to Jack Krew, Mandy Jordan, Payton Schneider, Austin Schneider, and Madeline Nagy. Good luck with your educational endeavors; it's gonna be an extra challenge, for sure, with virtual studies/learning.

Treasurer Jeff Krestel gave report on our finances for June July and August 2020. Finances are in order. Financial secretary Mike Bretz reported that all members are up to date with dues through December 2020 and expresses his "sincerest thank you for keeping up-to-date on dues during these 'unprecedented times'"! Unfortunately, two members asked to be dropped from Branch 33 roster, we say goodbye to 100-year-old Emma Perz, and member Barbara Maurer. We hope you are well, we thank you for the time you did spend with us and please know that if you would like to re-join we will be here!

November is officers election month. Unfortunately, our president Ema Litschel and vice president Bette Schmidt have announced will not be seeking re-election, both are stepping down from their office. Branch 33 will be forming an election committee to talk to current branch 33 members and discuss nominations for those two offices needing filled, as well as other officers who will be going up for reelection. Please consider becoming an officer; Branch 33 has so many able-bodied long-term committed members who would make a great officer. And you don't have to start as president, consider helping as a secretary or a trustee. Seriously Think about it, members!

And because election of officers is such an important event we are hoping we can have a live meeting in November so stay tuned.

Well, all events and outings for 2020 have been canceled. We are not making sausage this year. We will not be having a Branch Christmas dinner this year. However we did make reservation for a spring membership banquet April 11 (Sunday) at Saint Noel's party Center in Willoughby Hills. We are ever optimistic that by spring we will be able to get together in person!

And again, important to remember our next meeting will be via Zoom, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 14.



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.

Merton J. Bartelmay, Jr.

Age 63

Died: July 5, 2020

Branch 30, Youngstown OH

A William Theis

Age 92

Died: August 14, 2020

Branch 30, Youngstown OH

George Poschner, Jr.

Age 81

Died: August 28, 2020

Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Helmut W. Handwerk

Age 87

Died: September 9, 2020

Branch 10, Columbus, OH

Sara Brantsch

Age 97

Died: September 22, 2020

Home Branch

BRANCH 32, ELLWOOD CITY By Docia Jacobs

Hello to All,

Branch 32 Saxon Ladies had a full meeting on Wednesday, September 16.

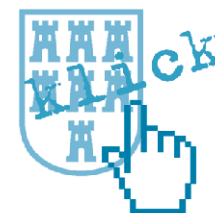
It was great to be together, since we haven't been together since the pandemic restricted us.

We were unable to have our Easter/Spring Children's party.

However, we are planning a Halloween event. The children will have our Trunk or Treat, outside. We will follow the social distancing with masks and all other guidelines for those involved. The children will receive a pumpkin to take home to decorate. All activity will be outside.

We look forward to being able to continue our business meetings and events soon.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!



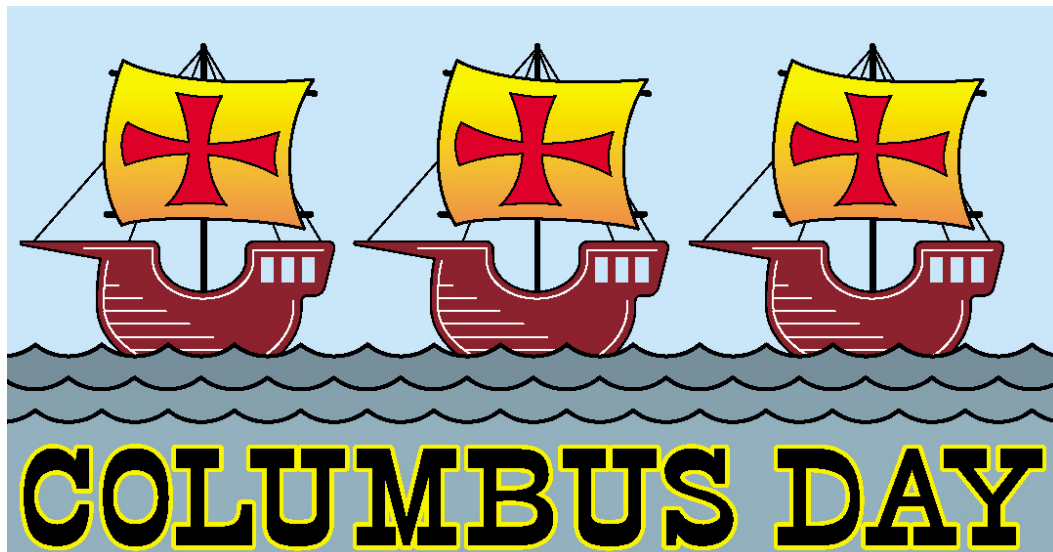
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Youngstown Branch 30 Scholarship Award



Ivan Bosnjak, Boardman, Ohio was the recipient of the 2020 Saxon Club Youngstown Branch #30 Scholarship. Ivan is a sophomore attending Youngstown State University. He is a dual major studying Information Technology with an emphasis

on E-Commerce and Business Administration with an emphasis on Marketing with a Minor in Economics. Ivan is a member of the Youngstown State Honors College. He enjoys, participating in the Investors Club within the Business school. In his free time, he likes to DJ and listens to music. Ivan enjoys watching the San Francisco 49ers play football. He is a business partner of Sadie's Tasty Treats, which is locally owned. This business venture has afforded him the opportunity to utilize his business, marketing, and finance skills. Ivan would love to start his own business someday.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

March 7, 2021
TSBA Spring Tournamant
Host Youngstown Bowlers
July 9-11, 2021
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host: Salem Saxon Club

LOCAL EVENTS

November 8, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Veterans Day Dinner
November 21, 2020
Cleveland Br 1 Sausage Sale
December 12, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children’s Christmas Party

Candy sales expected to remain steady during COVID-19 Halloween

Americans haven’t been shy about stocking their quarantine pantries with candy -- sales were up 6.3 percent during the 17-week period ending at the end of June.
But what will happen with the huge eight-week selling season for Halloween?
The Hershey Company expects a reasonably good season, though they have prepared for a dip.
The Halloween season accounts for 10 percent of the candy business, with Americans purchasing about 600 million pounds for the spooky days. About 90 million pounds of that is chocolate.

Candy makers aren’t that worried about Halloween, since they believe families will find ways to celebrate even if quarantine orders are in place. After all, kids can always wear, you know, masks. In addition, there is no evidence that the novel coronavirus survives on packaging.
At Hershey, the company has decided to make fewer Halloween-specific packages, but continue making packages of bite-sized treats.
According to Hershey, about 55 percent of their Halloween sales are for the home or office candy bowls.

ATS Masks for Sale



The ATS has face masks for sale.
ATS Secretary, Monica Gilles, modeled the mask while working at the ATS Office.

Masks are \$5.00 each. Send checks payable to
ATS Home Office
5393 Pearl Road
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The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for members to share their family’s personal story of life in Transylvania and their journey to America.

The ATS is hoping to gather enough stories that we can publish a book that will be valuable to future generations on learning from personal memoirs on how our Saxons lived in Transylvania and their travels from their homeland.

Individuals submitting their stories can also include photos.

Submit your story to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Include your full name, phone number, email and local Branch No.

We hope that we can collect enough stories within the year that we can publish a book of Transylvanian Saxon Memoirs.



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Juvenile Members are encouraged to color
and mail to the ATS Home Office for a special treat.

Please mail to the
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MEETINGS

We were fortunate regarding the meeting this month. We want to thank Olga Hesch for coming up with the idea and for accommodating members on her patio. The weather was good and members gathered, social distancing, at Olga's house. We want to thank Olga for her hospitality.

We will keep members advised of future opportunities for meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

We want to thank the members that are calling and checking on how members are doing and keeping them in the loop as to other members.

SPECIAL MENTION

If you know of someone that would welcome a card of encouragement or is ill please let me know by emailing me or calling me. Don Blum donalddblum@prodigy.net or (614) 580-8616.

BIRTHDAY

Susi Mueller will be celebrating a birthday on October 5th. Please join us in wishing her a very happy birthday, wonderful celebration and hope for many more.

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to congratulate Rena and Mike Lassel on their first grandchild, Craig John Lassel. That means that Mary Lassel has added another grandchild to her family. Our Blessings for a long, healthy and prosperous life for Craig John Lassel. God Bless.

MEMBERS

Please keep Mary Lassel in your prayers. Mary has not been feeling up to par lately and could use your prayers and encouragement.

Your prayers have helped Hedy Fleischer in her recovery from her car accident. Thanks for your prayers.

Please keep Dorothea Hesch in your prayers. Dorothea faces challenges and can use your prayers.

HISTORY OF TRANSYLVANIA-HOLY LEAGUE

What is the Holy League and what significance does it have for Transylvania? **PART 3 IN A SERIES.**

Danube River.

Despite the stunning victory over the Ottoman army at Calugareni, Michael the Brave realizes he is woefully undermanned and short on military supplies. He has retreated to the Carpathian Mountains in an effort to consider his next military strategy. Michael the Brave is waiting to receive much needed reinforcements from Sigismund of Transylvania.

In this series, we find that Michael the Brave was unable to combat the advance of the Ottoman General, Sinan Pasha. The two capitals of Wallachia falls just three days after the battle. Wallachia that had achieved so much military success appears destined to become an Ottoman province. Through centuries of political domination by the Ottoman Empire, Wallachia has maintained its political existence through careful relations with Constantinople. They had previously avoided confrontation with the Sultan. They did this by paying tribute and bribing important individuals. Wallachia had little resources to offer the Ottoman Empire. Wallachia did offer resistance to relinquishing their towns and lands, but had little alternative. The Ottoman Empire found it more sensible to keep them as a Tax Farm, than continuing to attack and do battle with people of Wallachia. The Ottoman Empire could use the taxes to fund expansion of its empire and military. The Pro-Ottoman policy was a legitimate way to maintain their existence. Before Michael the Brave, Wallachia was basically a peaceful people. Over the centuries of domination the people of Wallachia became unhappy with the subservient position with the Ottoman Empire. Thus, the Holy League offered a way out of the domination. As we saw, Michael the Brave had done substantial damage to the rule of the Ottoman Empire. He had destroyed lines of supply along the Danube, up to Hungary. This was a problem for the Ottoman rule. The defeat at Calugareni did not deter

occupation are not going well. A problem arises when his raiding parties of the Akinjis are attacking and ravaging towns all over the area. They begin to run into fierce resistance from the local occupants and cause widespread instability. The Wallachian rebels defeat and massacre many of the raiding parties. One of the most significant defeats is Bussel where 5,000 raiders are defeated and massacred.

Michael the Brave has retreated to the Carpathian mountains. He knows that he needs a second victory to slow the advancement of the Ottoman dominance and to possibly use a bargaining power for a political compromise. Unfortunately, in the weeks following the battle at Calugareni Michael the Brave many of the Wallachian peasants leave his army. They have abandoned him to go back to defend their villages. This weakens his ranks. In addition, the loss of the two capital cities has convinced the nobility that he has lost the war. Many of the nobles east of the Ault River see no reason to follow Michael anymore, and they too, withdraw their troops. However, he still finds significant support from the nobility in Altania, his power base. Though Michael is extremely wealthy, his funds have been significantly been depleted by having to pay for his mercenaries. Some of the mercenaries leave to find employment in other areas. Still, a number of them stay, as it is difficult to find employment elsewhere. Michael finds his army is down to 8,000 men.

The Transylvanian replacements can't come soon enough. Sigismund decides to get married. Sigismund will not send troops until after his wedding is over. It looks as though Sigismund wants to send a message to Michael, so that Michael knows who is in charge. After the wedding, the Transylvanian army finally arrives. In addition, the highly competent military leader from Moldavia arrives with his contingent of soldiers. Their combined army numbers around 32,000 men and 100 cannons. Michael is charged to develop a plan to attack Sinan before he can amass his army. At this time, Sinan has about 40,000 troops at his command, while the remainder of his troops are dispersed around Wallachia. Armies of the three Holy League commanders advance on Targoviste. The Ottoman army, with the assistance of 40 cannons offers stiff resistance. Over the next two days, the town is engulfed in flames as a result of intense artillery battle. The Ottoman garrison finally retreats. The Ottoman army is retreating and fearful that the large stockpile of gunpowder could explode, but most are eventually killed or taken prisoner in the burning city. The Holy League armies capture all 40 cannons, weapons and supplies. The escaping Ottoman soldiers retreat and report back to Bucuresti. On report of the advancing army, Sinan decides to retreat back across the Danube and regroup. Not wanting to leave anything for the advancing armies, Sinan decides to burn Bucur-

esti and any wooden fortifications. Sinan organizes his hasty retreat by placing him and his important and high-ranking officers in the front of the retreat. The middle of the army includes his more valuable troops and the trailing army is the Akinjis, the raiding soldiers and scout divisions. Plundering efforts and the thousands of slaves they had captured over the past few weeks slow the Akinjis down. In order to encounter the retreating Ottoman army, only a small contingent of Moldavian soldiers are sent to enter the town of Bucuresti and the remainder three Holy League commanders proceed to attack the retreating Ottoman army. They continue to march on the road to Calugareni and Giurgiu.

The two armies sight each other. The Ottoman army is retreating on the pontoon bridge of the Danube. The three Romanian commanders are just north of Giurgiu. Seeing the Ottoman army is only concerned with the retreat, Michael sees the opportunity and takes the initiative to lead the charge on the Ottoman army. Michael doesn't want the enemy to be able to form a battle line. The Ottoman army attempts to form barricades to slow the advancing armies. Michael's contingent goes around and over the obstacles in order to engage the Ottoman army. Sinan's troops on the bridge have no way to turn around and counter attack the advancing armies. Their only choice is to continue their retreat across the pontoon bridge. Michael has attacked the center and right flank of Ottoman army. The Transylvanian contingent arrives and begins attacking the Ottoman left flank. The Transylvanian contingent attacks with a barrage of artillery and decimating the left flank. In the center, Michael is locked in a bitter battle with the Akinji cavalry. Nevertheless, the Wallachian army push the Ottoman armies back to the river. The Transylvanian army places cannons along the river and begin firing at the bridge and retreating army. The bridge catches on fire and collapses. Many soldiers are and horses are trapped in the collapsing bridge and drown. Many of the Ottoman army jump in the river to escape. The Akinji soldiers continue to fight, unaware the bridge has collapsed. They are outnumbered and many perish in the battle. In the hours of battle the Ottomans lost 3,000 men and several thousand more are wounded and captured. Also, 6,000 slaves are freed. Much of the camels, supplies, weapons and artillery are left behind.

Michael got his victory. The battle of Giurgiu ends the Ottoman ambition to transform Wallachia into an Ottoman province. Moreover the battle impacts the reputation of the Akinji cavalry as a military institution. Their reputation to attack and weaken enemy villages and military outlets is substantially reduced. After the battle of Giurgiu caused almost a total decline in this type of warfare.

While much of the battle had concluded it was not over. After hours



In the last issue, the Holy League of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia had successfully battled Sinan and the Ottoman army at the battle of Calugareni. They had driven the Ottoman army back across the

the Ottoman Empire. Because Wallachia had previously been forced to destroy fortifications, the Ottoman army found it easy to come in and take over much of Wallachia.

Sinan preparations for permanent

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Your Horoscope

October

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: You feel stressed this month, as many do. Take time away from controversy. You'll feel more at peace.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: Singles may feel they've been alone too long. By mid-month, stars are right for activity. Reach out.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: You're rolling during the first two weeks, but that changes. Take roadblocks in stride. You'll hit your speed again soon.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: Take someone up on a raincheck that might offer a surprise bit of fun. Be open to serenity.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Good news in the air, but you may not see it at first! Don't listen to gloomy people.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: News comes at you fast. Listen to a lover or spouse at mid-month. Something good lightens your mood.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: The Harvest Moon on the first of the month brings romance. Your social calendar is full in the first half of the month, but get enough rest.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: With two full moons in October, the Hunter's Moon on the 31st brings double strength. Now is the time to start that project.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: The stars are aligned perfectly for accomplishment and resolution. By the first quarter moon on Oct. 23, you may break a bad habit.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: Calibrate your filter this month. Some things you shouldn't say out loud. Have patience.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: Some Aquarians tire of strife, but don't let down your guard. You'll need to protect your territory.



Raking leaves: Not a chore, it's exercise!

Variety is not only the spice of life, it's close to inspirational when it comes to regular exercise. So here it is, the exercise you can get during only a week or two of the year: Raking leaves.

Raking on a beautiful fall day gives you a chance to work out in nature's health club. No fancy gear needed. No trip to the court or the health club, just put on an old shirt and jeans.

According to Fitness, The Dynamic Gardening Way (Bonds of Nature Publishing) and author Jeffrey Rustuccio, just 30 minutes of rigorous raking burns up about 200 calories.

Here's how to do it:

- Before starting, loosen up your arms, legs and back with some stretching exercises so you won't get sore muscles.
 - Keep knees slightly bent and use your arms and legs, not your back, for movement.
 - Rake with a sweeping motion, breathing in as you extend the rake and out as you sweep it back toward yourself.
 - Work in repetitious movements. Numbers don't matter, but pattern does.
- When you get tired, quit and save the rest for tomorrow.

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of battle the bridge was cleared and the Ottoman troops retreated to the castle of Giurgiu. Twelve cannons were brought to the shore to provide additional artillery attack on the Ottomans. The Ottoman navy ships tried to intervene to save the trapped Ottoman army and bombardment but the Transylvanian and Wallachian artillery barrage kept them from completing their rescue. Three ships were ultimately sunk. The Ottoman garrison made a brave resistance for hours but eventually the castle was taken.

After the battle, Sinan, the Ottoman General began planning a counter offensive. He intended to invade Wallachia and massacre the people as retribution for his defeats. Even though he was a highly decorated and accomplishment military leader, his recent defeats and retreat from Wallachia were regarded as shameful. Sinan was ultimately displaced.

So things are really looking up for the Holy League of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia. In our next part of this series we will see whether the success of the recent military victories were a complete change towards remaining independent from the Ottoman Empire.

HUMOR

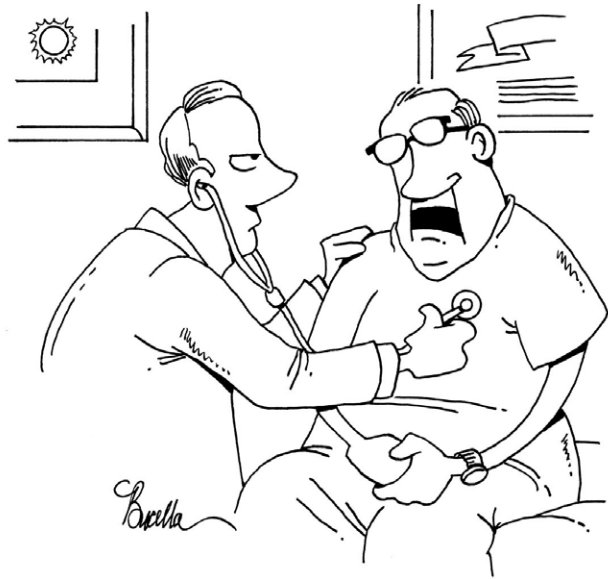
When David faced Goliath he didn't think his stone was too small...He believed Goliath was too big to miss! Sometimes its how you look at things that matter!

CONCLUSION

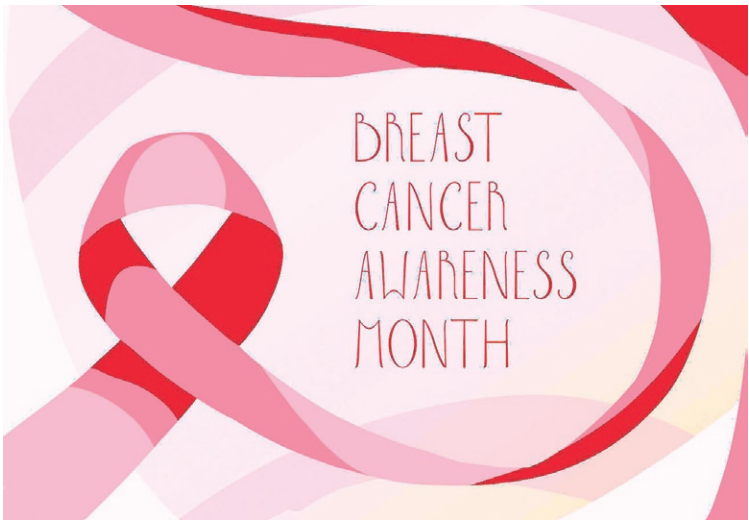
In our church service, they talked about one of the past members. They were talking about things that changed our lives and how we cope with them. This courageous young man passed away in 2015, at the age of 14. He had battled cancer for many years, but was an extremely positive and active through his courageous, daily battle. He was interviewed and asked how he maintained his positivity under the circumstances. While only 14, he had years of wisdom and simply stated that, "Everyday is a gift." In these trying times, remember that God has given us a daily gift of life. What you decide to do with that gift will be the attitude you apply to all the challenges and blessing you receive. God Bless.

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

Volkmar	1. Oktober
Otto	2. Oktober
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Ingrid	4. Oktober
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Friederike	6. Oktober
Siegrun	7. Oktober
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Brigitte	8. Oktober
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Ada	10. Oktober
Burkhard	11. Oktober
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Eduard	13. Oktober
Engelhard, Monika	14. Oktober
Therese	15. Oktober
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Lukas	18. Oktober
Ferdinand	19. Oktober
Wendelin	20. Oktober
Ursula	21. Oktober
Cordula	22. Oktober
Severin	23. Oktober
Salome	24. Oktober
Erika	25. Oktober
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Sabine	27. Oktober
Simon, Simeon	28. Oktober
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Hartmann	30. Oktober
Wolfgang	31. Oktober



"I'm not having palpitations right now, but I think we can recreate them by you telling me my copay."



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