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ATS President Joan Miller-Malue presented a plaque to Youngstown Presidents June Hoelzel and Ernie Roth in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Youngstown Saxon Clubhouse.

Youngstown Saxon Club 50th Anniversary



The 50th Anniversary dinner was held on September 30, 2017 in the Youngstown Saxon Club ballroom.

The ATS office presented us with a 50th anniversary plaque. We were grateful to accept this award in honor of our anniversary and we would like to thank everyone who attended and made this a special evening.

June Hoelzel

BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

It seems that many either forgot or just had alternate plans for the rescheduled September meeting to have been on September 9th. With there being so few in attendance the meeting was canceled. The next scheduled meeting which took place as usual on the first Saturday of the month, October 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the American Slovak Club, was better attended and the business of the last two months was conducted. After the meeting was called to order, a moment of silence was observed for Brother William "Bill" Kirschner, who passed away on Saturday September 23, 2017. A memorial gift was given in his name to the Saxon Relief Fund, our condolences to Bill's family for their loss.

Those who attended the Branch 5 picnic on August 20th seemed to all have a good time. There was a good variety of side dishes, desserts and plenty of Saxon sausage to even take home for leftovers! Thank you to everyone who helped make the picnic a fun and relaxing day.

There were a lot of members celebrating birthdays in September, Sister Donna Mize, and Brothers Carl Nau,

Ronald Schuster, John Weber, Harry Kallas, and Michael Johnson. Junior members Grace Zgola, Tyler Henderson, Ethan Gibbs, Alexis Cheers and Dalton Cantrell had birthdays also. Happy Birthday to you all!

If in the future any member has news they would like to share with the rest of the members of Branch 5 as well as members of the ATS as readers of the Volksblatt, contact me; Michael Johnson at 440-324-2534 or send me an e-mail at mikjo79@gmail.com to get your news into these articles.

The next local event for our members will be the Branch 5 Christmas dinner at the Jackalope Lakeside. The date is set for December 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The evening's entertainment will be by Harpist Karen Westgate. Make your reservation for this festive night out by calling Sister Jeanne Petty at 440-960-1696 by November 20, 2017.

Our November Branch 5 meeting on the first Saturday, November 14th, will be election of officers for 2018. Members will meet for dinner at The Blue Sky Restaurant, 917 N Leavitt Rd, Amherst at 5 PM and then proceed to the American Slovak Club at 7 PM for that evening's meeting. Please make it a point to be at this meeting that we may take care of this and other business before the end of the year, as there will be no meeting in December due to the Christmas dinner.

Eight of our members will be participating in this year's ATS Annual Open Bowling Tournament. Good luck to them as they represent Branch 5 in this year's contest.

Good news this month in that there is no report of anyone on the sick benefits list. Those celebrating Birthdays in October are Sisters Monica Gilles, Janie Mowery, Ruth Pasta, and Erica Zgola. Junior member Jenee Campana celebrates her Birthday too. Happy Birthday and may you all enjoy your special day!

Check out the many events happening in the past issue of your *Volksblatt* for this month, as well as the fraternal calendar to see where you can enjoy the fellowship of fellow Saxons throughout NE Ohio through the end of the year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



On September 30, 2017 ATS Branches 22 and 30 held a celebration for the 50th Anniversary of the Youngstown Saxon Clubhouse located on Meridian Road. On behalf of the ATS Board of Directors, I presented Presidents June Hoelzel and Ernie Roth with a commemorative plaque to recognize the dedication and commitment of the Youngtown membership in the building and maintaining of their beautiful facility to promote Saxon Gemütlichkeit. We commend the founders of the Saxon Club that set the foundation to continue the Saxon traditions and culture for future generations and applaud all who worked hard to build the clubhouse and to all who are dedicated in working hard to maintain the Youngstown Saxon Club. The Clubhouse was built with donation of time and talent. It was built with generous donations and sacrifices. It was built with ideas and shared visions. It was truly built with love for its Saxon Sisters and Brothers. We wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

The weekend of October 28 - 29 some of our ATS members will be traveling to Youngstown to participate in the 2017 ATS Open-Bowling Tournament. We want to remind all the bowlers that the ATS will donate \$1 for every "Strike" made during the tournament to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. We hope that our bowlers make an abundance of "Strikes." I am happy to report that we received monetary donations for the relief efforts from several members who were unable to participate in the tournament. It is wonderful to see the kindness and love that our members have in their hearts. "There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." Our thoughts and prayers are with those folks that have lost loved ones, houses and have their lives in turmoil resulting from the horrific hurricanes and now the devastating wildfires in California.

I have heard from Dan Forsberg that there were seven children at the first practice of the New Castle Kinder Chor. He is enthusiastic on implementing this program and looking forward to more children joining the group. Studies show that more than 10 million American children sing in choruses and the majority of parents believe multiple skills were increased after their child joined a chorus. Seventy-one percent said their child had become more self-confident, 70% that self-discipline had improved, and 69% that the child's memory skills had improved. Educators also observed that children who sang were better participants in group activities, had better emotional expression and exhibited better emotional management. Kudos to New Castle

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
5393 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129-1597



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.

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for giving their children the opportunity to be part of a group that will help them connect to their culture as well as give them a sense of belonging. Sounds like a great idea for other ATS Branches to emulate.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The Transylvanian Saxon Humanist and Theologian, Johannes Honterus (1498-1549) was born in Kronstadt. He graduated from University of Vienna and was known for implementing the Lutheran Reform to the Transylvanian Saxons. A statue of him stands outside the Black Church in Kronstadt. Between 1530 and 1532 he lived in Switzerland where he practiced wood engraving, and designed two star maps. In that time period he often

traveled to his native Transylvania, gathering information that was to help in his making of the first map of Siebenbürgen. The only known copy of the map is on display in the National Library of Hungary. He was certainly a Renaissance man who set up one of the first printing presses in Transylvania which had a decisive role in making the Evangelical Lutheran Church dominant among the Transylvanian Saxons and revitalized the school system by publishing and printing many text books. In 1546, he assisted in the introduction of the paper mill in Kronstadt. His life and works set foundations for our Saxon beliefs and structure of the Saxon communities in Transylvania.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

On October 1, 2017 we had our Saxon meeting of Branch 26. It was a beautiful fall day and a relief after the unseasonable hot spell. Yes, it is the fall season and I am raking leaves daily!

President Randall Floyd called the meeting to order and we stood and said the pledge to the flag. Roll call of officers, with several officers absent. The Minutes were read and accepted. It was mentioned at the meeting that the Silver Bell Club has invited our members for a bus trip on October 16.

All Committees and Officers gave reports and all were accepted. There are two members attending the Bowling Tournament. The Election Committee for November is Linda Smith and Willard Schuffert.

Our next meeting is November 5 and a memorial service with a dinner will be held, guests are welcome to attend.

Pete Guip won the raffle and Erika Sumichrast who was visiting from Nevada won the attendance prize. We were also pleased to have Karen Gazdich with us after a brief illness; we wish her well! We closed the meeting and enjoyed fellowship and pizza as well as pumpkin and apple pies.

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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

MAIL: PO BOX 45198,
Westlake, OH 44145
FAX: (440) 399-9339
E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB PORK-KRAUT DINNER OCTOBER 22, 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!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please mail to ATS Home Office; 5393 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129

Before 11/3/2017

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

The entertaining German bands have packed up and gone home, leaving us with wonderful memories of the beautiful dancers, the wonderful aroma of the bratwurst, schnitzel and sauerkraut from the kitchen, and the friendship shared by all at our 4th Annual Oktoberfest held at Cascade Park. Our members gingerly supported the fest by volunteering wherever they were needed. The Oktoberfest Committee did an outstanding job planning another great celebration. Special thanks to Jean Kaba who did a lot of hard work organizing and working with our ladies' branch to get all the food cooked and sold at the Oktoberfest. We sold out of almost everything. Also special thanks to Marie Benedict, Glorie Geisal, Helen Burick and all the potato peelers for cooking all the food. Everything was *lip-smacken'* good. The Oktoberfest Committee already has plans underway for a bigger and better Oktoberfest next year.

Now back to regular business. Branch 27 ladies met October 5 at 3:30 pm at the club for our regular meeting. Marie Benedict began our meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and acceptance of reports. Our sympathies go

out to the family and friends in the passing of Elmira Bower, our oldest member. Our best get-well wishes go out to Sara Augustine and Dee Temple who we understand are doing well. Welcome to Darla Fair our new member!

Stop down at the club Wednesday night for game night. We've got various games to play at each table and hot dogs and beer to keep you well nourished as you try your skills. Friday night the pool tournament begins. November 10 we will have a schnitzel dinner. Call the club for reservations.

It was so nice to have Amy Hartfelder-Johnson at our meeting. Amy brought old records and memorabilia from many years past for our ladies to enjoy. It was fun seeing entries in the books made in German so long ago.

Congratulations to Josephine White our Door Prize winner. Judy Both submitted a reported on members' address changes. Marie Benedict sold a couple annuities during our Oktoberfest. Helen Burick reported our raffle baskets netted a \$100 profit at the Oktoberfest.

See you at our next meeting at the club on November 2 at our new time at 3:30 pm.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Brianna Mueller

We can't believe it's October already, as this year is speeding past, we want to wish everyone a Happy Halloween, even though it's a little early.

We would like to send our condolences to the Fleischer family, regarding the loss of John Fleischer, who passed on August 12th, 2017.

We would also like to wish Sophie Untch a speedy recovery from her knee surgery that took place on September 18th. Additionally, we hope for Doris Gellner to see improvement with her pinched nerve.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 16th, at the Gahanna Hickory House. The luncheon starts at noon, and we hope to see you all there.



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Salem Saxon Club



**Thursday, November 9, 2017
4 - 6 p.m.
Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese,
Vegetable, Roll, Cake - \$9.00**

BAKED FISH - ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY!

Orders call: (330) 692-2009

Taking Orders at Club October 5, 12:00-4:00 p.m. (330) 222-1770

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 28 - 29, 2017
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Hosts: Youngstown Saxon Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

October 21, 2017
Salem BREAKFAST BUFFET 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

October 22, 2017
Youngstown Pork Dinner 11:30-2:30 p.m.

October 26, 2017
Salem Bar Open 7 - 9 p.m.

October 27, 2017
Cleveland West Brs, 1 & 4 Children's Halloween Party

October 28, 2017
New Castle - Kids Halloween Party at the Club 3 p.m.

October 28, 2017
SALEM SAUSAGE SALE - cancelled

November 1, 2017
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

November 2, 2017
Salem Bar Open 7 - 9 p.m.

November 5, 2017
New Castle Fall Sauerkraut Dinner

November 6, 2017
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

November 9, 2017
New Castle Branch 25 Monthly Meeting 8:00 P.M.
Salem Bar Open 7 - 9 p.m.

November 10, 2017
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:00 p.m.

November 11, 2017
Youngstown Br. 22 Craft Show

November 12, 2017
Cleveland Brs. 1 and 4 Veterans Day Dinner
Youngstown Branches 22 & 30 Meetings 2 p.m.

November 13, 2017
Salem Br. 18 Meeting (elections) 7:00 p.m.

November 16, 2017
Salem Bar Open 7 - 9 p.m.

November 18, 2017
Salem BREAKFAST BUFFET 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

November 19, 2017
Cleveland Sachsenheim Fall Schnitzel Fest
Youngstown Pork Dinner 11:30-2:30 p.m.

November 22, 2017
New Castle Thanksgiving Eve - Club Open

November 23, 2017
New Castle Club Closed for Thanksgiving
SALEM BAR CLOSED-THANKSGIVING

November 24, 2017
Salem Decorate for Christmas 7:00 p.m.
(Free drinks to all who help)

November 30, 2017
Salem Bar Open 7 - 9 p.m.
Salem 2018 CALENDAR MEETING 7:00 p.m.

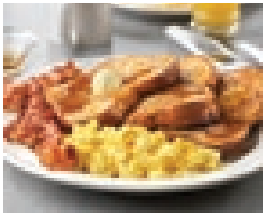
December 2, 2017
New Castle Ugly Christmas Sweater Party 7:00 PM

December 4, 2017
Salem Br. 19 Meeting (elections) 7:30 p.m.

December 6, 2017
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

December 7, 2017
Cleveland West E.S. Sachsenchor Sausage Sale
Salem Bar open 7 - 9 p.m.

Salem Saxon Club Breakfast Buffet



The Salem Saxon Club, will be serving its next monthly Breakfast Buffet on Saturday, November 18th serving from 7.00 a.m - 10 a.m.

Adults/children \$7.00/under 5 yrs. Free. Menu includes bacon, sausage gravy and biscuits, fried potatoes, sausage, scrambled eggs, Belgian waffles, pancakes, tropical fruit, various baked goods, juice, coffee and tea.

THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST BUFFET IN DECEMBER

THE YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CULTURE GROUP

48TH ANNUAL TRACHTENBALL DINNER



Saturday, November 4th, 2017
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

The Youngstown Saxon Club
710 South Meridian Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

For Dinner Reservations Please Contact:
Robert Bachinger at (330) 792-5177
rcbl017@zoominternet.net
Mike Bachinger at (330) 788-7535
\$18 Adult - \$12 Children (12 and under)
Tickets will be held at the door

The evening will feature a Schnitzel Dinner and performances by the Deutscher Musik Verein (DMV), The Alpenschuplattler Dance Group from Pittsburgh and The Youngstown Saxon Band. Please reserve early to attend one of the Valley's great European Cultural events!



"I'm on a fixed income, so these free offers are most welcome."

Stained coffee mugs

If your ceramic mugs have stubborn tea and coffee stains, try a baking soda paste.

Mix a little water into several teaspoons of baking soda; just enough to make the mixture pasty. Now rub the paste over the offending coffee stains with a soft cloth or sponge. Clean off with a wet sponge and dry.

The mixture also has other uses: Scuff marks on the floor, chrome on golf clubs or stainless steel in the kitchen, according to hunker.com



Elintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor's

Wurstmarkt / Sausage Sale
Thursday, December 7, 2017

- Pork Sausage with, or without, garlic - \$3.60 per pound
- Sausage/Sauerkraut with Polenta Dinner - \$8.00 per meal (Please preorder meal.)
- Sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase.

FIRM DEADLINE for Sausage Orders: Thursday, November 30, 2017

Orders will be taken by:

- Edith Hebrank 440-734-2534,
Christa Herbert 440-333-6094, or
Email: Kranstuber@roadrunner.com
- Customers ordering by email will receive a return order confirmation.

No phone orders after 9:00 p.m.
When leaving a message, please speak clearly and include a telephone number to receive a return order confirmation.

Pick up orders AFTER 1:00 pm - NOT BEFORE -
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Westside Sachsenheim
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10:00 Worship Service


**SALEM SAXON CLUB
BAR IS OPEN
EVERY THURSDAY.
PLEASE CHECK
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR TIMES.**

Laws to live by
“Conway’s Law”
In any organization there is one person who knows what is going on. That person must be fired.
“Heller’s Law”
The first myth of management is that it exists.
“Osborne’s Law”
Variables won’t; constants aren’t.
“Main’s Law”
For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.
“Weinberg’s Second Law”
If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would have destroyed civilization.



BRANCH 22 SAXON CLUB
**Cordially Invites You to Participate in our
7th ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW**

WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 2017

WHERE: Youngstown Saxon Club
7100 S. Meridian Rd., Youngstown, OH 44509

TIME: 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

RENTAL FEE: \$25 (Non Refundable) per (1) 8 Foot Table and (1) Chair

DEADLINE: Non refundable fee with completed application .. has to be postmarked **NO LATER** than **NOVEMBER 6, 2017.**
After that, the fee will be \$35.00

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
Betty at 330-788-4274 or FAX at 330-788-4274**

BRANCH 22 ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW

APPLICATION

Checks payable to:
The Youngstown Saxon Club Branch 22.

Send Check or Money Order,
please do not send Cash.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
PHONE:		
EMAIL:		
Your Art/Craft (please be specific)		
Number of Spaces/Tables needed (\$25 each)		
Total Amount Enclosed \$		
Do you need Electricity:	Yes	No
Any other Special Needs:		
I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules set forth by the Saxon Club Craft Show Committee		
Signature		Date
Detach Application and mail to: The Saxon Club Craft Show c/o Betty Garhammer 969 Canfield Rd., Youngstown, OH 44511		

**It matters not
where you were born, or where you live,
but what's in your HEART.
Be Proud to be
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**BRANCH 22
CRAFT SHOW
EXHIBITOR RULES**

1. Set-up Saturday morning, November 11 from 8-9 a.m. or Friday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Unloading of your vehicles can be done at the front of the building or the ballroom doors.
3. Please be respectful of your neighbors. Each space is approximately 6'x8' and all tables are to be covered.
4. ABSOLUTELY NO NAILS will be allowed for wall displays.
5. No LIT CANDLES allowed in any display.
6. Food & Drinks will be available at the Kitchen Counter and the Annex Bar.
7. Limited electrical outlets are available. Please specify on your application.
8. Please also list on the application if you have any special needs such as: wall, end, corner, etc.
9. Spaces are assigned in the order that paid applications are received.
10. If you need to have a confirmation, please enclose a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Otherwise, your canceled check will be your receipt.
11. No tear-downs before 2 p.m.
12. We can only provide (1) chair per space but additional chairs will be available if needed.
13. We will do our best to accommodate your needs on a first come, first serve basis. Please get your application in early if you have special needs.
14. We would appreciate a donation of one item for the Chinese Auction.

THANK YOU and HOPE
TO SEE YOU HERE!



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.

Michael J. Hermes
Age 88
Died: September 30, 2017
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

John J. Kukol
Age 94
Died: October 4, 2017
Branch 7, Farrell PA

Margaret E. Carr
Age 75
Died: October 8, 2017
Branch 2, Erie PA

If you greatly desire something, have the guts to stake everything on obtaining it.

– Brendan Francis

Desire is the starting point of all achievement, not a hope, not a wish, but a keen pulsating desire which transcends everything.

– Napoleon Hill

The significance of a man is not in what he attains, but rather what he longs to attain.

– Khalil Gibran

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN
By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming Events:
Pork/Kraut Dinner Sunday, October 22 1- 1:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Children's Halloween Party, Friday, October 27 - 6-8 p.m.
Trachtenball Saturday, November 4 at 6 p.m.
Officers Meeting Thursday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m.
Retirees Meeting Thursday, November 9 at 11:30 a.m.
Craft Show Saturday, November 11 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.
Branch 22 Meeting Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

Our seventh annual Fall Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in our Saxon Club Ballroom. Those wishing to purchase a table contact Betty Garhammer at 330-788-4274 or email at bettygarhammer@aol.com for an information packet. Food and drinks will be available. Rental fee for an 8 foot table is \$25 with deadline for entry November 6, 2017.

Get your dues in for the next year now, as no dues will be accepted at the December meeting. Contact Betty Garhammer, also at 330-788-4274 or mail them to her at 969 Canfield Road, Youngstown, OH 44511.

We encourage young women, when they turn sixteen, to join Branch 22 when they go for higher education as they can apply for tuition help from Branch 22. It is a wise investment in the future!

Chair covers will be available for special events in the Ballroom; contact the office for details regarding rental fee.

We welcome Karen Welty as a new member!

Birthdays are Rose Dundon and Becky Hahn.

A get well card was sent to Renate Appuliese and sympathies were sent to Rosemarie Kascher and the Napolitano Family on the passing of Leonard Thomae. Thank yous to the Nomination Committee!

PotPourri

Drei neue Sachsenhäuser im ASTRA Museum im Jungen Wald

Watch out for Belles and superheroes Oct. 31

As you might imagine, superheroes and other movie characters take the spotlight for 2017, especially for kids.

Topping the list for girls, there is Belle from Beauty and the Beast. You knew that. And for boys, that means the beast. Naturally.

Belle should be followed closely by Wonder Woman impersonators, or so the seers in retail predict.

For adults, Game of Thrones themes abound. For women, Daenerys, mother of dragons, is a natural and easy costume that mainly requires a white wig and blue dress, even a daring one, if so inclined. For the guys, Jon Snow's leather duds or black cape with ever-present sword make a manly presence.

According to the National

Retail Federation, the last decade of children's costumes has been ruled by a throng of princesses spurred on by Disney movie re-releases and kept afloat by the 2013 hit Frozen. It was hard to keep track of how many Annas and Elsas were running around trick-or-treating that year. In 2016 the top spot for kids was occupied by superheroes and other action stars from Batman, Deadpool and Spiderman.

As for adults, superheroes ranked high last year. But witches, vampires and classic slasher movie villains were also plentiful and are expected to do well in 2017.

Video game characters rank high for adults while kids seem to like characters from fantasy movies.

Hermannstadt – Anlässlich der Europäischen Tage des Denkmals (European Heritage Days) wurden am 23. September im Freilichtmuseum ASTRA im Rahmen des Projekts „Verschiedene Traditionen, gemeinsame Werte“ drei sächsische Häuser aus Siebenbürgen eingeweiht: ein Bauernhaus aus Hahnbach, ein Strohflechter-Haus aus Michelsberg und ein Weinbauernhaus aus Kleinschelken.

Zu diesem Anlass wurden sächsische und rumänische Spezialitäten verkostet und lokales Handwerk vorgestellt, darunter auch das Korbflechten. Am Programm mit traditioneller Musik und Volkstänzen war die deutsche Minderheit durch die Tanzgruppe des Brukenthal-Lyzeums und die Neppendorfer Bläserkapelle vertreten.

Sogar die Nachfahren der Besitzer des Winzerhauses aus Kleinschelken – die Familie von Georg Draser, mütterlicherseits über Katharina Weiss mit diesen verwandt – waren zugegen, wie Christa Richter in der Hermannstädter Zeitung berichtet. Dank einer großzügigen Schenkung, so Richter, sollen im Haus auch Fotografien und Handarbeiten der Winzerfamilie ausgestellt sein. Des Weiteren wurden Filme zum Thema Multikulturalität im europäischen Kontext gezeigt und die dokumentarische Fotoausstellung „Luxemburg 2007“ im Zeichen des zehnjährigen Jubiläums von Luxemburg und Hermannstadt als europäische Kulturhauptstädte eröffnet.

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North American treat mystifies Europeans



October through December are prime months for pumpkin pies -- a uniquely North American treat that mainly puzzles Europeans.

In fact, expats routinely complain that finding cans of pumpkin in October and November is nearly impossible on the continent. According to The Guardian, Brits never really understood a vegetable-based pudding and pumpkin has never caught on. In fact, in Europe, most expats end up substituting butternut squash or sweet potatoes for pumpkin.

Nonetheless, North Americans love their pumpkins and it does more than satisfy the taste buds. It wins big time for its nutritional values. A slice of pumpkin pie has up to three times the recommended daily value of beta-carotene plus the phytonutrients lutein and zeaxanthin.

The carotenoids in pumpkin neutralize harmful free radical molecules, while lutein and zeaxanthin are potent free radical scavengers, according to Rutgers University in Brunswick, N.J. A diet that includes these antioxidants can help prevent many of the diseases associated with aging, including heart disease and cancer.

Lutein and zeaxanthin are

naturally found in the lenses of the eyes. Studies suggest that eating foods high in these compounds help block formation of cataracts and decrease the risk of macular degeneration.

Canned pumpkin has virtually the same nutritional value as fresh, and it's far less work to prepare.

You can make a nutritious pumpkin pie from a can of pumpkin pie mix or two pies from a 16-ounce can of pumpkin (just add your own eggs, sugar, and spices. The recipe is on the can.)

Some tips about pie made from canned pumpkin: If you find your pie cracks in the center or doesn't hold together well enough, your eggs are probably too small. Use three eggs instead of two.

To reduce the fat content of your pie, (pumpkin itself has no fat) use fat-free canned milk.

If you will use whipped cream as a topping, select fat-free whipped cream at the supermarket for a flavor that's still very good.

For more intense flavor from pumpkin pie mix, add a bit of extra spice and a tablespoon of brown sugar.

For more daring pie, put in three tablespoons of rum.



Be a good neighbor on Halloween

Many people enjoy handing out candy to their little visitors on Halloween. To make sure your visiting trick-or-treaters stay safe in your yard:

- Clear away lawn equipment and any clutter from the yard, walkways, and steps so kids don't trip over them.
 - If you have lighted jack-o'-lanterns, position them far enough away from where kids will stand so their costumes won't catch on fire. Better yet, use glow sticks instead of candles.
 - Make sure paper or fabric decorations can't blow into the flame of a jack-o'-lantern.
 - Keep all of your outside lights on during the evening.
 - If you are driving during trick-or-treat time, watch for kids.
- Before sending your chil-

dren on their rounds, make sure they eat so they won't be tempted to dig into their goodie bags before you can examine them.

Check to make sure no parts of their costumes drag on the ground. Kids could step on them, trip, and fall.

If they are wearing masks, be sure they have a good field of vision. Face paint is better.

Tell them to walk, not run, stay on sidewalks, and cross streets only at intersections, not between parked cars.

Advise kids to approach only those houses with outside lights burning. Never go inside a house. They should wait at the door for their treat.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Older kids should travel with a group of friends.

Über den Sternen einer wacht,
Der alles anders lenkt
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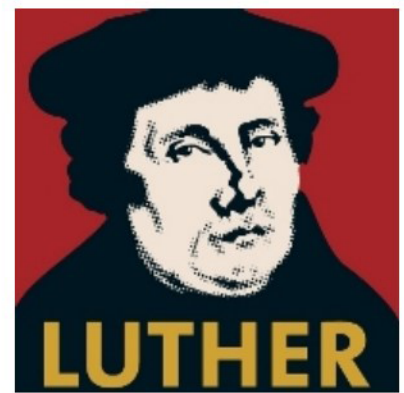
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500TH ANNIVERSARY



It is 500 years since Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses. On October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany, Martin Luther posted his thoughts about some theological topics and the practices of the Church which would later become the foundation of the Protestant Reformation. Luther's teaching, and that of the Reformation, is often summarized in three "solas." Sola gratia, sola fide and sola scriptura — by grace alone, by faith alone and by Scripture alone. This is really the focus of the Reformation. By grace alone means that God gives His love freely. People can't earn God's love. People can't earn forgiveness. God's love is not gained by human efforts, but given freely by God's grace. By faith alone means that those who believe in Jesus as God's Savior for all of mankind receive forgiveness and eternal life. Faith is something God gives to people through His Holy Spirit, working in the Word of God and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. People do nothing to earn God's love, but receive it by grace through faith. By Scripture alone means that God has revealed His truth through the Holy Bible

The writings of Martin Luther arrived in Transylvania very early, via merchants and students. In 1543, a Transylvanian Saxon, Johannes Honterus, a humanist from Kronstadt, came to be the reformer in Transylvania. He supported the spread of the Reformation doctrine throughout Transylvania by his printing of the "Reformation Booklet" (Reformationsbuchlein). Under the influence of Johannes Honterus, the great majority of Transylvanian Saxons embraced the new creed of the Protestant Reformation and almost all became Lutheran Protestants. In 1547 he published a "Book of Religious Rules for all Germans in Transylvania" binding all Transylvanian settlements to the Lutheran doctrine. Rev. John Foisel described this book in "Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries": "It was the ideal of Honterus to regenerate and reorganize his whole nation and to bring everything under the influence of the Church, as it had been in the time of the early Christians. He wished to unite all Saxons in Transylvania into one communion, the members of which should be led in their actions only by the commandments and the Spirit of God. Being a born organizer, like Calvin, he compiled a comprehensive set of regulations and rules for the new National Church, a kind of constitution, in which all conceivable questions pertaining to organization and practice were treated and regulated. This book written in Latin and German, was based on the Augsburg Confession and contained detailed rules for the government of the congregation, the election and duties of the clergy, the operating schools; the orders for marriage, baptism, communion, care of the sick and the poor—everything according to the dictates of the Bible and in the spirit of the Reformation."

The Lutheran Church was officially recognized in the country in 1550. The first two bishops of the of the new church were Lutheran clergymen from Hermannstadt: Paul Wiener elected in 1553, who had died a year later by the plague and Matthias Hebler. Their successor Bishop Lukas Ungleich was a clergyman from Birthälm where the seat of the Saxon Bishop remained for 300 years. Under Bishop Ungleich, in 1572, the Lutheran Synod accepted the Augsburg Confession.

The Reformation had a significant impact on the life of the Transylvanian Saxons in the 16th century. The school system changed to include all children. They would learn to read, write and study religion. The language of German (Saxon) was taught. Because the population became more literate, new traditions formed in the villages and cities. Luther's Christmas pageant would be performed by the children on Christmas morning. The Reformation encouraged growth in other areas as well. To the Saxons, the art of writing and date keeping was even more important than to some of the other cultures in the area.

According to Reinhart Guib, current Bishop of the Evangelical Church C.A. in Romania, Reform was the most important moment in the history of Transylvanian Saxons - a community that has lived in Transylvania for centuries, before leaving en masse after the fall of communism. He stated: "To Reform we owe our identify, that is our mother tongue, education and learning, the rich tradition of church music, deaconry, parishioners' contribution to decision making, the faith in God, the blessing, the availability to engage in talk about life and faith with those of other faiths or opinions."