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The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to thank the following children for coloring and submitting the Halloween picture found in recent issues of the Volksblatt. They all did a wonderful job of coloring!

Ella Izenour	Colby Cunningham
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Attention TSBA Bowlers

Next Session: Sunday, November 24, 2019
Time: 11:00 AM

Bowling Fee: \$9.00 Luncheon: \$10.00

Bowling Location: Rollhouse Entertainment
12859 Brookpark Rd Cleveland OH 44130

Luncheon Location: Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Ave Cleveland OH 44102

For meal cancellations or additions, please contact
CJ Schmitz (440) 779-1940 by Tuesday November 19th.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



Celebrating our heritage helps us remember who we are and where our families had emigrated from, bringing a rich culture that needs to be shared by our families and friends. The ATS Board of Directors wish to congratulate and commend the Youngstown Saxon Culture Group for hosting the 50th Anniversary of the Youngstown's Trachtenball. They had displayed a program full of ethnic pride that brought enjoyment to a full house. The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group can be very proud of their past accomplishments in promoting our Saxon/German heritage. We thank them for their dedication to maintain an annual cultural event for five decades and best wishes for their continued success in providing music and dance for future generations.

We wish to congratulate the Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland on their 70th Anniversary celebration that took place in Munich on October 26, 2019. Their foundation was based on the same structure as our organization to form a community that would support specific economic and social needs of our Transylvanian Saxons in a new homeland. Today the organization has 19,574 member families that are organized into eight provincial groups and 98 district groups. There are more than 50 choirs and singing circles, 25 brass bands, 22 cultural and theater groups.

We want to congratulate the newly elected Chairman of the Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland, Rainer Lehn, as well as elected Vice Presidents Doris Hutter, Dr. Andreas Roth and Michael Konnerth. We have made friendships with Rainer Lehn and Doris Hutter at our North American Saxon Heimattags and look forward to future visits. We wish them success in the efforts to strength and support the Transylvanian Saxons efforts in Europe. We, also, want to commend outgoing Chairperson, Dr. Herta Daniel, for her dedication and leadership in promoting the Transylvanian Saxon community and her long friendship with our Saxons in North America.

It is election time in our Local Branches and a call for individuals to devote some time to serve their fraternal as an officer of their society. Our Local Branches need the support of their membership to help achieve the growth of the society as well as assist in promoting activities that their members would enjoy. Many say they do not have the time to serve as an officer, but please observe your members who are always volunteering, they do not necessarily have the time, they truly have the heart! If your Branch is looking for candidates for offices, please consider donating your time and talents to help energize your Local Branch with continued activities and growth.

Thanksgiving is almost here and it is that time of year we acknowledge the importance of gratitude.

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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One of the most famous Aesop’s tales of gratitude is the Lion and Androcles. Androcles, a slave who was wandering in a forest, came upon an injured lion, which had a huge thorn stuck inside its paw. Androcles helped the lion by removing the thorn and gave the lion a new lease of life. Later, Androcles was captured, and thrown in a dungeon with a hungry lion. The lion rushed towards its victim, but it soon realized that Androcles was the same man who saved its life in the forest. The lion did not attack the slave. Instead, it licked his face like a pet dog and showered the slave with love. I think it is important to teach our very young children the significance of showing gratitude at Thanksgiving time so it is ingrained early in their life that they grow up to be humble and appreciative individual. This Thanksgiving I hope your day will be spent with your family sharing precious memories and giving thanks for the good



Reichesdorf

things in your life and for the blessing of family and friends. Have a blessed and memorable Thanksgiving! Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The Evangelical church in Reichesdorf was originally the residence of a monastic order. During the Protestant Reformation, the monks were banished by the Saxon villagers and the church became the property of the community. Reichesdorf became a prosperous village located about four miles south of Birthälm. But before Reichesdorf was founded,

the area was rough and swampy. Only wild animals lived among the reed, the willow trees and thistles. As a memory of those times, the coat of arms of the village was created showing a heron stepping through a lake guided by a star under a red sky. In the church a mythical bird finds a reputed place on the crown of the chancel. It is a fact the water birds often appear on European coats of arms and that the pelican became a symbol of the Passion of Jesus and of the Eucharist since the 12th century.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

Winter Car
Emergency Kit

Snowy driving is just around the corner and can be hazardous. During the winter months, you should keep an emergency kit in your car at all times. It should contain the following:

- Jumper cables
- Tire chains
- Attention-getting devices, such as flares or brightly colored cloths
- Bag of sand, salt, or kitty litter (to improve traction)
- Traction mats or old carpet pieces
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and brush
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Transistor radio
- Extra batteries
- Paper towels
- A white cloth (the universal signal for help)
- A warm blanket or sleeping bag
- Non-perishable food and water
- Extra pair of gloves, socks, and a hat
- Cellular phone, power adapter, and an extra charged battery

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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ROLLS
SQUASH
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SWEET POTATOES
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G J X S G R A V Y I E Q I S T

History of Thanksgiving

The tradition of Thanksgiving started with the Pilgrims who settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts. They first held a celebration of their harvest in 1621. The feast was organized by Governor William Bradford who also invited the local Wampanoag Indians to join in the meal. The first time they called the feast "Thanksgiving" was in 1623, after rain had ended a long drought.

The first national Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed by President George Washington in 1789. However, it did not become a regular holiday in the United States until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln declared that the last Thursday in November should be celebrated as Thanksgiving. Since then it has been celebrated every year in the United States. The day was made an official federal holiday and moved to the fourth Thursday of November in 1941 by President Franklin Roosevelt. In Canada, they celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October.

Thanksgiving Day is a day set aside each year where people in the United States and Canada give thanks to God for all the blessings they received during the year by feasting and prayer. It is a special time for families to get together to enjoy each other's company,

Thanksgiving Dinner Festessen zum Erntedankfest

Turkey	Truthahn
Mashed Potatoes	Kartoffelpüree
Gravy	Bratensoße
Stuffing	Füllung
Yam	Jamswurzel
Corn	Mais
Cranberry Sauce	Cranberrysoße
Pumpkin Pie	Kürbiskuchen



What do you get if you cross a turkey with an octopus?
Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving!



What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
He got the stuffing knocked out of him!



What's blue and covered with feathers?
A turkey holding its breath!



Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?
Because he had drumsticks!

The ATS is Thankful for You!

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

November 24, 2019
TSBA Cleveland West, Rollhouse Entertainment
December 7, 2019
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Sausage Sale
December 8, 2019
TSBA New Castle, Pa. Colonial Lanes
December 14, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Christmas Party
Salem Joint Social Christmas Party
December 15, 2019
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party
December 24, 2019
New Castle Tom and Jerry Party 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
December 31, 2019
New Castle New Year's Eve Bash
January 19 2020
TSBA Cleveland East, Northwood Lanes
February 9, 2020
TSBA New Castle, Pa. Colonial Lanes
March 8, 2020
TSBA Youngstown, OH
March 28 -29, 2020
TSBA Tournament Youngstown, OH

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

Seldom do I write two articles in the same month, however because of a few typographical errors on my part which led to misinformation, a brief note is needed for correction. Reservations for the Branch 5 Christmas dinner at the Jackalope Lakeside, 301 Lakeside Ave., Lorain, Ohio 44052, December 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM, are to be made by calling Sister Sharon Powell at 440-282-2385. My apologies to those who have already tried to make reservations to Sister Jeanne Petty at a phone number I entered which was not her contact number. The second incorrect phone number was

that for Sister Barbara Gilles which corrected is 440-541-7224, to phone her with some Christmas carols or songs that she could pass along to our guest entertainer for the evening, Andrea Spitzer-Hutchinson. Deadline for reservations will be Friday November 29th, 2019.

We still have a meeting date this month on Monday, November 18th at 7PM at the Lorain Slovak Club. It is important that you as a member attend this meeting since it will be the last one for the year. We will be having election of officers for next year, as well as wrap up any unfinished business.

Congratulations Staff Sergeant Michael Ferguson!



Congratulations and blessings go out to Michael Ferguson, son of Debbie and David Ferguson, a young member of Br. 37, who was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Air Force. He is currently stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah, but will be relocating to Takoma, Washington to start his new position in January 2020.

Michael was active in the Detroit Saxon Youth Dance Group when he was younger, and he also had the title of prince for one year. For many years Michael enjoyed taking part in the Saxon Teen Weekend, along with his brothers, and they have many fond memories, which will last a life time, meeting other young Saxon members.

Please keep him and all our Service members in your prayers.

Sausage Sale Cleveland East Branch 33

Saturday, December 7, 2019
We make Home-made Saxon Sausage
Available in Casing or Loose
With Garlic or without
Call Fred Krestel to order
(440)639-1775 (by Dec.2)
Available for Pick-up 1pm to 5pm
St John's Lutheran Church
1000 Ford Rd. Highland Hts. OH

BRANCH 2, ERIE By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Sunday, October 20th at 2:30 p.m..

Actually, it was not our regular meeting, as it was our Dinner/Business Meeting. We enjoyed a Beef Tips and Noodles Dinner and Cake for Dessert. The Auditors checked the books and reported that all was in order.

Loretta Marshall reported that Mary Nemenz now resides at St. Mary's West. A lot of us are not far behind you, Mary in giving up the big house we were so happy to buy. But, now, it is too big for us to take care of. Come next Spring, I know Dick and I will be looking for a smaller place. They call it "downsizing," I call it "leaving a thousand memories behind." Then again, we will remember all the good times and the bad ones will be left behind.

We received Thank You letters from the Emmaus Soup Kitchen and the Vets for our Christmas donations.

President Tom Manning will be having his right knee operated on. He already had the left one done, so now he will have a matching pair.

Our Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 15th at 2:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring a dozen or so of cookies. Our Branch will

provide little sub sandwiches. Some members will bring gifts to raffle. There will be no charge for the raffle tickets. Please call Val Pinczewski at 898-0494 to make your reservation for the Christmas Party. Lee Wolfe said she will bring her homemade fudge. It's not the Marshmallow kind, it's the old fashioned kind (the kind we tried to make as kids and ended up eating it with a spoon.)

President Manning requested if we pay our annual dues of \$6.00 to make out the check to ATS Erie Branch 2.

At our Christmas Party we will take up a voluntary collection to donate to a local charity of the members' choice.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17th at 2:30 p.m. We hold our meetings at the Siebenbuerger Club.

Happy Birthday to John Paul Manning, George Wood, Lance Goellner, Karen Olson, Polly Kupniewski, Katie Euston, Charlene Manning, Edward Nicklas, Timothy Barthelmes, Hilda Borgia, Jessica Reed, Michael Barthelmes, and Edward Goellner, Sr.

Happy Anniversary to Larry and Sue Kulik.

See you at the November meeting.



Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor's Wurstmarkt / Sausage Sale Saturday, December 7, 2019

Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue

FIRM DEADLINE for Sausage Orders:
Friday, November 29, 2019

Orders will be sold only in 3 lb. or 5 lb. packages.

- Pork Sausage with, or without, garlic - \$3.70 per pound.
- Sausage/Sauerkraut with Polenta Dinner - \$8.00 per meal. (Please preorder meal.)
- Sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase.

Orders will be taken by:

Edith Hebrank 440-734-2584,
Christa Herbert 440-888-6094, or
Email: Kranstuber@roadrunner.com
(Customers ordering by email will receive a return order confirmation.)

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When leaving a message, include
a telephone number to receive a

Doors will not open until 1 pm for order pickup on Saturday December 7, 2019.

ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW A CERTIFICATE OF
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"Something wrong? You haven't taken a photo of your meal."



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10:00 Bilingual Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle
Sunday School
Church Choir
Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church
1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
**Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor**
10:00 Worship Service



SCHEDULE for cooking Thanksgiving Dinner

If you want to do it right and avoid undue stress, you're going to need some sort of schedule for Thanksgiving dinner. This is old hat to some, and slightly terrifying to others. No need to panic, however -- no Trello boards necessary (unless you like them), just a bit of thought.

A few weeks ahead of time, choose your recipes, keeping oven temps and cooking times in mind. Consider a fresh turkey, which can help free up fridge space. Buy your non-perishable goods (sugar, flour, frozen cranberries, etc).

Good news: A LOT of items can be made ahead of time. This includes soups, cranberry sauce, and pies, though The Food Network cautions against making apple or pecan pies more than one day ahead of time because the crusts won't stay flaky. Casseroles can be as-

Cleveland Sachsenheim Halloween Party

Children and Adults from Cleveland East, Cleveland West and Lorain enjoyed themselves at the Halloween Party. There were so many great costumes, the judges had a hard time choosing the best costumes in each age groups. The following are photos of the winners:



AGES 3 AND UNDER: Dominic Pruchinsky, Harper Radeff, Josie Sizemore



AGES 4 – 6: Max Radeff, Jacob Reese, Lilly Vidal



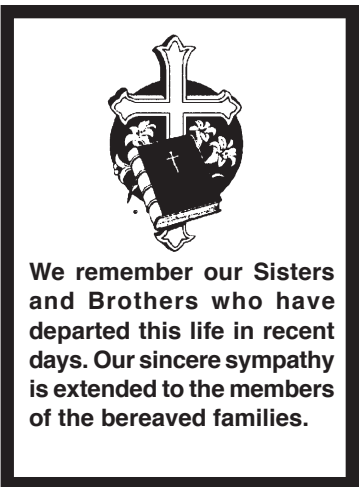
AGES 7 – 9: Adrianna Vidal, Liam Clay, Quinn Pechatsko



AGES 10 & UP: Dean Kloos, Katelynn Pechatsko, George Reese



**ADULT WINNERS:
Karen Pearson, Doug Harry, Joe Kaschalk**



Casen B. Sancraint
Age 10
Died: July 12, 2019
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Arthur L. Schuster
Age 74
Died: October 20, 2019
Branch 19, Salem, OH

Jean M. Hausmann
Age 93
Died: October 26, 2019
Branch 2, Erie, PA

Helga H. Dronzek
Age 89
Died: November 4, 2019
Home Branch

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?
--Erma Bombeck

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.
-- Irv Kupcinet



sembled.

The day before, consider what can be cooked before the turkey and after the turkey. You'll have about an hour to work with after the turkey comes out of the oven to rest.

Some day-of suggestions from Food Network:

- First: prepare stuffing and/or dressing as well as vegetables (clean, peel, and chop).
- Just before the turkey's done: start cooking fresh vegetables, and prep anything else that needs to go into the oven, like stuffing, rolls, etc.
- While the turkey is resting under its foil tent: bake stuffing, if needed; warm mashed potatoes -- yes, they can be made a day or two ahead of time! -- rolls, soups, and casseroles; cook frozen vegetables; make gravy; put it all on the table!

Merry Christmas!

**ATS Junior Members
Branches 1, 4, 5, 33**

**You are invited to a
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Saturday, December 14, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

**Make your reservations early by calling:
Patty Cunningham – (216) 398-7520
Email: prscunn@yahoo.com
(If reaching the answering machine, please leave
a message and your telephone number)**

Deadline for Reservations is December 6th

ATS Junior Members:	Free
Non-Member Children:	\$15.00
Adults:	\$ 5.00

**Asking all to bring a can or box
of non-perishable food item(s)**

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BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum



CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER?

No, its time to start thinking about our Christmas Party/Luncheon. We want to invite everyone to a Fun Event of food, celebration, wine and Saxon gathering.

When: Sunday,

December 22, 2019

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Where:

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place

Gahanna, Ohio 43230

COST: Guests/Non-members \$ 30.00

Who should I contact about attending this event. **SARA ALZNER-BROWN** will be taking reservations. You can contact Sara by calling her at **614-829-2380**. We welcome everyone to our Fun Christmas Luncheon. Come help us celebrate!

MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of Maria Campanio. Maria was the sister of Saxon Club member Sophie Untch and was an ATS member. Maria was living in Girard, Ohio, just outside of Youngstown. Maria had been ill for the past year and had been in a nursing home trying to recuperate. Maria's pain and suffering are over. She is now in the Lord's house where pain and suffering no longer exist. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Sophia and her family in the loss of Maria. God Bless and rest in the comforting arms of God.

BIRTHDAY

Our birthday for November is Saxon Club member Marlene Mueller. Marlene's birthday is November 8th. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and many more to come.

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place

Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Monday, November 18th

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month. Perhaps you have not been to a Saxon Club event in quite a while. Maybe you used to attend activities, or perhaps you attended activities with your parents and even grand parents. Recently, while not under the most pleasant cir-

cumstances, we have talked with many of you at funerals for loved ones and friends, about memories of a special Saxon Club event(s). Come share those memories at our next Luncheon. We hope to renew those memories with you and possibly create new memories through becoming involved with the Saxon Club.

Remember to bring a canned good item or other food item that will not need to be preserved to our next meeting.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10

We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

Why did Romania enter World War I

By the outbreak of war in Europe in 1914, Romania had long been at odds with Austria-Hungary over the issue of territory—specifically Transylvania, which was ethnically Romanian but then part of Hungary. Seeing Russia's success against Austria on the battlefields of the Eastern Front during the summer of 1916, Romania hoped to make an advantageous entry into the war in order to realize long-held dreams of territorial expansion and national unity. On August 18, 1916, the Romanian government signed a secret treaty with the Allies; by its terms, in the event of an Allied victory Romania would acquire Transylvania, up to the River Theiss, the province of Bukovina to the River Pruth,

and the entire Banat region, all territory under Austro-Hungarian control. On August 27, Romania fulfilled its treaty obligation by declaring war against Austria-Hungary. On August 27, 1916, after Romania declares war on Austria-Hungary, formally entering World War I, Romanian troops cross the border of the Austro-Hungarian Empire into the much-contested province of Transylvania.

As Romanian troops opened a new front of the war in Transylvania, British forces pressured Germany on the Somme River, and Austria faltered against Russia in the east, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany briefly panicked, telling close confidantes that "The war is lost." He regained perspective quickly, however, and moved to strengthen Germany's defensive position, replacing Erich von Falkenhayn with Paul von Hindenburg as chief of the German General Staff on August 28. Within two weeks, at a conference that included Turkish and Bulgarian leaders, Wilhelm sanctioned the creation of a Supreme War Command, effectively giving Hindenburg command of all the armies of the Central Powers in World War I.

The demoted Falkenhayn, meanwhile, took control of Germany's operations against Romania; in this he was joined by another prominent German general, August von Mackensen. By December 1916, Falkenhayn and Mackensen had led their troops to a decisive victory against Romania, overrunning much of the country and occupying the capital city, Bucharest, on December 9, 1916. Though Russian troops entered Romania early the following year, the Russian army was on the verge of collapse; with the Russian Revolution that year, the rise to power of the Bolsheviks, and Russia's subsequent exit from the war in early 1918, Romania was forced to surrender to the Central Powers at Bucharest that May, having suffered some 335,000 casualties during the course of the war, not

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

We want to thank everyone who helped out with the Halloween Party. It was a great time and there were fantastic costumes in all the age groups. We congratulate the winners. It was awesome that we had a few more adults dressed up this year. It was a fun evening for our ATS families.

Thank goodness for the Eintracht-Saxonia Sack-senchor's Sausage Sale is nearly here to stock up for the upcoming holidays. The sale will be held on Saturday, December 7th. You may pre-order a sausage/sauerkraut with polenta meal for \$8 and sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase. You must place your orders by Friday, November 29th. Orders are taken by calling Edith Hebrank at 440-734-2584; Christa Herbert at 440-888-6094 or Email Kranstuber@roadrunner.com. Please no phone calls after 9:00 pm and please leave a phone number to receive a confirmation

including civilian deaths.

According to the Peace of Bucharest, Romania lost land along its coast to Bulgaria, as well as control of the mouth of the Danube River, which the Central Powers commandeered. The Treaty of Versailles in 1919 reversed these losses, however; it also gave Romania control of the long-desired province of Transylvania.

HUMOR

An 80-year-old lady was arrested for shoplifting.

Judge: "What did you steal?"

She replied, "A can of peaches."

The judge then asked her, how many peaches were in the can?

She said, "6."

Judge: I'll give you 6 days in jail.

Before the judge could pronounce the punishment, the husband spoke up and said, "She also stole a can of peas!"

of your order. All orders are to be picked up after 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 7th. The doors will not be open before 1:00 pm. They always welcome volunteers to help, please if you have some time, lend a hand.

The Junior Committee is now preparing for the Children's Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 pm. We encourage our junior members to participate in the program that day by singing a song, playing an instrument or reciting a poem. Santa will be dropping by to give each child a gift, so we ask that you make your reservations as soon as possible to help the elves prepare for Santa's visit. Please call Patty Cunningham at (216) 398-7520 or email her at prscunn@yahoo.com before December 6th. When making your reservations, we need the name and age of each child and if the child wishes to perform. If you get the answering machine, please leave your phone number along with your message. ATS Junior Members of Branch 1, 4, 5 and 33 are free but we ask that everyone brings an item or two of non-perishable food for a donation to our local food bank. Admission for adults is \$5 and non-member children are \$15. Remember reservations are to be made by December 6th!

Once again Branch 4 is supporting Community Corners Christmas Gift Program which helps needy families provide some Christmas joy to their children. We are asking members to donate new toys for children ages 8 & up. Try to get toys that do not need batteries and no gun related toys. Suggestions for teen girls are nail polish kits, make-up kits or jewelry. We are not collecting clothing items or scarfs or gloves for this project. The gifts are to be unwrapped. If you did not bring your gifts to the November meeting, or drop them off at the Sachsenheim. Your generous donation is to help needy families have a Merry Christmas. Remember the quote from the Book of Acts: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Our November meeting will be held on Monday the 18th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

The membership of Cleveland West wishes all our ATS families and friends a Blessed Thanksgiving!





Choruses

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7:30 pm Adults

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



BOOKS

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Make Checks/Money Orders payable to
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SAXON SENIORS

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

Meets 2nd Thursday 11:30 a.m.
Youngstown Saxon Club
(March - December)

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Meets 1st Wednesday
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City/State/Zip _____

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☐ VOLKSBLATT ONLY

Date: _____ Signature of Person Making Change _____

As a Member of the ATS
You Need Not Choose



Being an ATS member takes the guessing out of whether it is better to buy from a commercial company or a fraternal society. Membership in our Fraternal Society entitles you to an exclusive and valuable combination of financial values, social activities and fraternal fellowship.

*LIFE
INSURANCE
PROGRAM*

ATS Life Insurance plans provide you and your family guaranteed protection at low premium rates. ATS annuity savings plans provide you with a safe way to save for retirement. Our plans can fit the individual needs of everyone in your family.

*RETIREMENT
SAVINGS
PROGRAM*

The ATS “plus factors” provide you and your family a lifetime of caring concern through our non-contractual fraternal benefits like scholarships, newborn and orphan benefits, the Volksblatt, fraternal fellowship, etc.

*ORPHAN/
CHILD
BENEFIT
PROGRAM*

Since 1902, our fraternal society has fostered the traditions of our forefathers through its programs and activities. The fraternal fellowship and cultural promotion provide many varied activities such as the Erie, Cleveland and New Castle singing societies, the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and the Youngstown Saxon Culture Group’s Brass Band, traveling bowling association, international youth exchange programs, summer camp for children, family camping events and other youth and family activities.

*FRATERNAL
BENEFITS*

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 you relatives and friends to join our Fraternal Family so they can benefit from belonging to an organization that cares about its members.

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NEWS
VOLKSBLATT*

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SHIP
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