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BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald C. Blum

There is a correction to our Christmas Party. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 22nd. The luncheon will be held at Hickory House in Gahanna at 12 O'clock. Please make sure you notice the change from the original day that stated Sunday, **It Is Saturday**. Guests are very welcome. At our meeting it was determined if your guest is driving a member to the Christmas Party there will be no charge for that guest. All other non-member guests will pay \$30.00 for the luncheon. Please pay for guests at the day of the party. Donald Blum will be collecting the guest money. Thanks.

We got an initial count for the party at the Meeting on November 19th. Not all members were present. We want to make sure that we provide an accurate count to Hickory House on the number of people attending. If you were not at the meeting please contact Donald Blum if you are attending and how many people will be attending with you. (Cell phone 614-580-8616 or Home phone 614-837-1915). donaldblum@prodigy.net). If my wife has me doing chores and I do not answer, you can leave a message or leave your number and I will call you back. We look forward to a good turnout and celebration.

There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 21, 2019, at Noon at the Hickory House in Gahanna. Merry Christmas!

**Give Your Children A Gift
That Will Last A Lifetime**

Why not give a gift that will grow in value and last a lifetime? Consider purchasing life insurance or an annuity from the ATS. Contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home office for detailed information on our insurance plans and annuity plans.

Update Your Personal Records And Family Protection

Address changes? Have you notified the ATS Home Office of your new address? Have your adult children changed their addresses?

Beneficiary changes? Was there a marriage, divorce, death, etc., in your family which would require you to make a change of beneficiary on your Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts? Take care of it right away! Senior citizens tend to neglect this, so remind them!

Did the stork visit you recently? Did a new son or daughter arrive recently? Congratulations! Don't forget to make him/her an ATS member by purchasing a Life Insurance or Annuity plan so the he/she can benefit from our fraternal programs.

Do you need more life insurance? Do you have enough life insurance protection for yourself and your family? Chances are you should have better coverage! Call you Local ATS Deputy.

How about an ATS Annuity or IRA Plan?

Are you saving for your retirement needs? ATS Annuity Plans offer you a safe way to increase and protect your savings while providing tax sheltered growth. Call you Local ATS Deputy and strengthen your financial future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



The ATS Board of Directors has been busy the past few weeks having their committee meetings in preparation for our next Board meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Third Vice-President, Monica Weber reviewed and updated our Risk Assessment and Management document which is filed with the Ohio Insurance Department. The strategic risk management is the process of identifying, quantifying and mitigating any risk that affects or is inherent to our company's business strategy, strategic objectives and strategic execution. The Board regularly updates and reviews the assessments based on new developments or actions that the ATS has taken.

Following that meeting, a Cultural Promotion Committee meeting was held also chaired by Monica Weber. The Committee reviewed the past year activities and discussed ideas to promote cultural activities in each Local Branch. The committee plans to have face to face meetings with Local Branch officers and interested members to discuss ideas to promote cultural events or the possibility of forming a cultural group.

The Investment and Insurance Sales Committee, co-chaired by Treasurer Denise Crawford and First Vice-President Robert Cunningham, had their quarterly conference call with our Investment Counselor, John McPike to review our recent transactions and the next few months investment strategy. Emphasis was placed on the effect of 2017 Tax Reform Act on our Risk-Based Capital ratio and how we will alleviate any negative effect to this ratio. We also discussed the economic and investment forecast for the end of this year and first part of 2019.

The IT Committee, chaired by Robert Cunningham, met with CRU Solutions, our IT business and security consultants that service our computer systems, to secure our business data. He reviewed our operating system where security patches are constantly being installed as needed. Our system is backed-up hourly and replications are documented and time stamped. He recommended a new security measure to protect our data from the Dark Web. Our overall health of the ATS computer network is good and everything has been operating as it should.

I am so grateful to work with my fellow officers that are dedicated to secure the future of our fraternal organization.

As Christmas is approaching, we have a gift suggestion for your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to purchase life insurance. It may seem a little different in the gift department, but it is as gift that can last a lifetime. Permanent life insurance provides death benefit protections, creates a living legacy that will accumulate cash value and can help your child get a head start on their financial future. Most gifts lose value or are

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TSBA Bowlers

Next session is in
Cleveland West
on December 2.

We will be bowling at
Yorktown Lanes
6218 Pearl Rd
Parma Heights, OH.
Please send any
meal cancellations
to CJ Schmitz
(440)799-1940.
Dinner will follow at
Cleveland West
Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Ave
Cleveland, OH.

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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 44192. Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

Santa is Watching

A mother was exasperated with her two daughters fighting all the time. Knowing that Christmas was around the corner, she devised a plan to get her youngest to behave.

One day after another quarrel, the mother picked up the phone and dialed quickly. She began talking to “Santa,” who was actually the child’s uncle. She explained the situation and then handed the phone to the little girl. Her uncle, pretending to be Santa, told her that only children who were good would get presents. He said that children who fought with their sisters would get nothing under the tree.

The little girl grew wide-eyed and nodded. She slowly hung up the phone. “Well,” asked her mother, “what did Santa say to you dear?”

The small girl said almost in a whisper, “Santa said he wasn’t bringing my sister any toys this year!”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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disposed of over time. An ATS Life Insurance Certificate is a gift that provides lifetime of protection regardless of their future health, it builds cash value and provides dividends. Besides the financial protection, their ATS membership provides them fraternal benefits such as coverage by the Orphan Fund Program, available scholarship awards, coloring contests, Saxon summer camp, Teen Weekend, possible participation in Saxon Jugendlagers, other national and local branch activities. They will become part owner of our non-profit fraternal society. The back page of this issue describes our One-Payment Plan, but we have other plans for you to consider as well as starting an ATS Annuity savings plan which provides you a great venue to make additional deposits for birthdays, graduations, confirmation and future Christmas gifts. Call your local ATS Deputy or the Home Office to make your Christmas Gift purchase!

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: In the medieval times, magnificence was importance to our Saxon people in showing the richness of their city or village. There

was competition of “which Saxon church had the highest tower.” So is a tale that takes us to Hermannstadt and Bistritz, two lovely cities with very proud citizens. In Hermannstadt, when the citadel’s church was erected, the locals thought about building a marvelous tower, the highest in Transylvania, the only problem being that Bistritz already had the highest church tower. So, the tale goes, two locals from Hermannstadt were sent to measure it with a rope, in the middle of the night. Once the work was done, they started back home and, in the evening, they stopped at an inn. After having too many glasses of wine, they talked of their mission of getting the measurements of Bistritz church tower which was overheard by some Saxons from Bistritz. So, while sleeping, the locals from Bistritz cut two meters from the rope. When building the tower in Hermannstadt which they wanted to be slightly higher than the tower of Bistritz, they found out that their strategy did not work as they intended and Bistritz church tower remained the tallest in Transylvania at that time!

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

*Become concerned and involved
about the future of your Branch.
Do something about it and it will flourish!*

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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, DECEMBER 5, 2018	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019	FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 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.

BRANCH 2, ERIE

By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Sunday, November 18th, at 2:30 p.m. Before the meeting we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. We held a moment of silence for deceased member Ray Peterson. I should like to correct a deceased member's name mentioned in the last issue of the Volksblatt. The name should have been Dr. Margaret Lasher. I apologize to her family. Included in our prayers is member and Auditor Evelyn Holdsworth who is recuperating at Manchester Commons. Evelyn, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We remind you again that it is that time to pay the Erie Branch 2 dues of \$6.00 for 2019. Please make your check out to ATS Erie Branch 2 Dues and mail it to Liz Manning, 3909 Schaper Ave. Apt. #203, Erie, PA 16508.

Sunday, December 16th at 2:30 p.m. - Business/Memorial/Christmas Party. If you have not paid your ATS Branch 2 Dues Liz Manning will be at the meeting to collect them. Plans for the January Dinner/Business Meeting will be made. We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of Branch 2, but especially to those elderly members who are now unable to attend our meetings.

Sunday, January 20th at 2:30 p.m. - Dinner/Business Meeting. We will be electing and installing the ATS Branch 2 officers for 2019.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2019. This is a special notice to any member of the Siebenbuerger Club. You do not have to be an ATS member in order to purchase an ATS Annuity or an ATS Life Insurance Policy. The ATS offers a number of Life Insurance Plans and our Annuity rate of interest is currently 2.75% with a guarantee of no lower than 1.5%. For more information contact Tom Manning at 814-864-6072.

NOTE: At our December Business/Dinner meeting, dinner will be paid by Branch 2. Reservations must be made with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494. Your 2019 ATS Dues must be made to at-

tend.

We wish our December babies a very Happy Birthday some of whom are: Tom Manning, Jr., Richard Wolfe, Judy Wagner, Sean Reed, Bill Barthelmes, Annalise Iavarone, Loretta Marshall, and Ed Goellner.

A Happy Anniversary to our December couples: Donald and Linda Whitehill, 67 years; Charles and Judith Piano, 57 years; John and Mary Whitehouse, 34 years; and Gerald and Linda Detzel.

We wish all of our December celebrants a wonderful day.

Forgot to mention that at our December meeting we will take up a voluntary collection of at least \$3.00 or more if you want. This will be our Christmas donation to a charity of the members' choice.

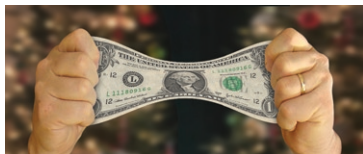
At our December meeting we will be given a little bite to eat and a free drink ticket. If a member wants to, they can bring some Christmas goodies, like cookies, or whatever that would be nice. Please this is not mandatory, it's up to the member.

I am having my left eye worked on as the Doctor said there was a spot of macular which is being worked on. The problem is between the drops and injections I get the little bunches of floaters (I know most of you know what I am talking about). I forget what they are and thinking they are little bugs that I try to catch. So, if you see me flaying my arms at nothing, that's the reason.

Hope to see a lot of you at our little Christmas doings at the December 16th meeting. Don't forget to call Val and let her know that you are coming.

Going to have Thanksgiving at my house this year and my sons have already chastized me not to have so many dishes. And, on the other hand, my Polish Mother is saying "Leona, is that ALL you are having?" I will listen to my boys, it will be less work. (Sorry, Mom).

Wishing that you had a lovely Thanksgiving and that you will have the best Christmas ever.



Money saving tips during holiday shopping

Avoid impulsive shopping during the holidays by making your plan and sticking to it.

One method to avoid the madness, according to Real Simple, is to work out a complete gift plan, then set aside one day for shopping.

Before the big day, shop sales for specific items and download any necessary retailer coupons and price scanning comparison tools onto a smartphone for real-time help.

On the big day, get up early, eat a healthy breakfast, dress for business,

Leave the credit cards at home and plan on using cash only.

By some estimates, spending cash only will save you up to 23 percent on your shopping trip.

While at the store, shop solo, avoiding salespeople, unless you really need help.

Buy cheaper items first. If you buy the big ticket items first, tossing around \$20 or \$50 here and there seems easy. So start small.

Break up the day with a coffee or soft drink to stay in a good mood and make better choices.

Get in and out of stores more quickly by checking out in less crowded areas of major department stores and steering clear of sales pitches.

During lunch and dinner breaks, cash in credit card rewards on discounted gift cards and exclusive special offers to round out the list.

An extra sneaky tip is to load up an online cart but cancel it right before finalizing. Often, they will send an email offer with a discount code but if not, there is no harm in asking the live chat representative.

I'm an optimist, but I don't think it helps.

It matters not where you were born, or where you live, but what's in your HEART. Be Proud to be Transylvanian Saxon!

Salem Saxon Club

Joint Social/Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15, 2018

for members' Children, Grand Children and Great Grand Children.

Bring your table settings and a covered dish. Meat provided. Eat at 6:00 p.m.

Please call or text Terri Spack at (330) 831 4119, with number and ages of children so we know how many stockings for Santa to give out! There will also be a magician and crafts for the children!



Youngstown Branches 22 and 30

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 8, 2018
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SANTA ARRIVES AT 12:00 P.M

HOT DOGS PIZZA COTTON CANDY CRAFTS
****FOOD FREE FOR CHILDREN ****

Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd
Youngstown OH

Children's Christmas Party
Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Saturday, December 15, 2018
2:00 pm

Santa is planning a visit to the Sachsenheim and we invite our Junior Members of ATS Branches 1, 4, 5, and 33 to join him for an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

In order to make sure Santa has a gift for each child, reservations must be made by December 5th. Please call Patty Cunningham at 216-398-7520 or email her at prscunn@yahoo.com. We need name and age of child.

We invite our Junior Members to entertain us by reciting a poem, singing a song or playing a musical instrument. Please let Patty know when making reservations.

ATS Junior Members: can or box of non-perishable food for the Community Corners Food Bank.
"For it is in giving that we receive." —St. Francis of Assisi

Adults \$5.00 Non-member Children \$15.00
Plus can or box of non-perishable food
Deadline for Reservations: December 5th

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 4, 2019
Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host New Castle

June 23-28, 2019
Saxon Summer Camp

July 12-14, 2019
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host Aylmer German-Canadian Club, Aylmer ONT

July 19, 2019
Teen Weekend

July 27, 2019
Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA

October 19-20, 2019
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Hos Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

December 1, 2018
New Castle Ugly Christmas Sweater Party – 7:00 PM
Lorain Br 5 Christmas Dinner, Wood & Wine Restaurant
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale

December 7, 2018
New Castle Christmas with the Eintracht – Kinderchor
and Maennerchor Christmas Concert

December 8, 2018
New Castle Children's Christmas Party – 6:00 PM

December 9, 2018
Cleveland East Christmas Banquet, Pine Ridge CC

December 11, 2018
New Castle Singers' Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

December 15, 2018
Salem Joint Social 6:00 p.m. Christmas Party
Cleveland Children's Christmas Party
Sachsenheim 2:00 p.m.

December 16, 2018
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party

December 24, 2018
New Castle Tom and Jerry Party

December 31, 2018
New Castle New Year's Eve Bash

February 17, 2019
Cleveland West Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner

Tax moves to make before year-end

As April's tax deadline looms, there are some things you can do before Dec. 31 to cut your tax bill.

First, use any extra money to make a final contribution to an IRA or 401k. This makes a tidy deduction in taxable income. In 2018, those limits are \$5,500 and \$18,500, respectively.

Don't forget that unused money in a flexible medical spending account will be lost at the end of the year so use the balance to stock up on eligible household items like bandages, vitamins, and sunscreens.

Homeowners that plan to itemize their deductions should think about squeezing in an extra mortgage payment at the end of the year, something that adds to a deduction and pays your house off sooner.

One significant change in the 2018 tax code caps the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) at \$10,000 for any combination of proper-

ty, income, or sales-related taxes. For those with expensive homes in high property-tax states, this can be a hit. For

example, New York's average deduction last year was \$21,000. The deduction cap won't affect the average homeowner outside coastal and metro areas.

According to Quicken, the end of the year is also an excellent time to make energy-efficient improvements such as insulations, roofs, or doors that can qualify for up to \$500 through the Residential Energy Tax Credit.

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Calorie information in restaurants helps curb eating

A new study carried out by the National Bureau of Economic Research has shown that diners tend to order food with about 3 percent fewer calories when the nutritional information is listed on their menus.

According to Healthline, a recent law passed by the Food and Drug Administration means that restaurants and grocery stores that have at least 20 locations will be required to list this calorie information for standard menu items. This is part of a strategy to help reduce the obesity epidemic in America which now affects almost 70 percent of adults.

In the Bureau study, participants overwhelmingly commented that they valued having the information listed on the menu. For example, a regular fried chicken sandwich from Chick-Fil-A has 440 calories while the grilled version has only 310. A consumer interested in reducing calories can save 30 percent just by switching one menu item.

Restaurants in the study saw no difference in their revenue, profits, or labor expenditures when they included the calorie counts on the menus.

The study also found that even the chefs themselves were surprised by the number of calories in their food.

Many people can gain a small advantage in their taxes by selling investments that lost money during the year and using the losses to offset capital gains on a dollar-per-dollar basis, up to \$3,000, on the ones that did well. Extra losses can also be carried over to future tax years, meaning one particularly lousy year can spread out over time.

Additionally, donating cash to charity is deductible, but it is important to remember that unwanted items can be given and written off at current fair market value as well.

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

At our last meeting we held election of officers. The following members were elected to serve in 2019: President Monica Weber, Vice President Stephanie Miller, Secretary Joan Miller-Malue, Treasurer/Financial Secretary Donna Jankow, Sgt-at-Arms Maria Fischer, Archivist Edith Hebrank, Trustees: Maria Tellman, Christine Roppelt and Diane Hum. We thank our outgoing officers: Trustee Maria Botsch and Erika Botsch for the dedicated service for so many years. Please support these officers and volunteer a bit of your time to help out at our events.

The Junior Committee and Santa is preparing for the Children's Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 15th 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 5th. 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 the Com-

munity Corners food bank. Admission for adults is \$5 and non-member children are \$15. Remember reservations are to be made by December 5th, not after!

We are happy to hear that Katie Gross is at home after her surgery. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Also, we ask that you keep our Brother Martin Schuller in your prayers as he waits to have surgery in a few weeks.

At this time of year, I do not like to have to report a death. Our dear Sister Sophie Bachner, passed away on November 19, 2018 at the age of 92. Sophie has been a member of Branch 4 for over 63 years. We extend our sincerest sympathy to her family. Her funeral was held at Sunset Chapel on Saturday, November 24th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

We want to thank our members who made donations to the Community Corners Christmas Gift Program. We thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. It is so important that we be grateful for what we have and that we can find happiness in helping those less fortunate than us. This Christmas we will help to put smiles on some 50 children.

At our last meeting, we agreed not to hold our December meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 21, 2019 when we will hold the installation of officers and our annual memorial service.

Some people have been asking when our Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner will be held. We will have our big fundraiser on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Save the date!

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Officers Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.

Br. 22 Meeting: Sunday, December 9, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

On December 9, 2018, Br. 22 will have a sit-down-dinner right after the meeting for our Annual Christmas Dinner, at 3:30 p.m.

Dues will be accepted in December, but not recorded because of the dinner thereafter. Your book will be mailed to you in January. There will be a \$5.00 fine to members whose dues are not paid by April 1st. Bring a self addressed stamped envelope for mailing,

please. Contact Betty Garhammer at 330-788-4274, 969 Canfield Rd, Youngstown OH 44511. E-mail at bettygarhammer@aol.com, \$ 24.00.

Various departments in the Youngstown Saxon Club are being audited; good audits are currently shown.

Get wells were sent to Christine Schneider and Betty Garhammer; thinking of you were sent to Darlene Nischwitz and Doreen Deutschlander.

Birthdays are: Mary Ann Dahman, Julaine Gilmartin, Samantha Pyatt, and Liz Pyatt.

Anniversary congratulations to Lynn McLellan.

We welcome Patricia Sveth as a new member.

CHURCHES



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German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**

11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

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



SALEM SAXON CLUB

BAR IS OPEN

EVERY THURSDAY.

**PLEASE CHECK
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR TIMES.**

Multitasking

A woman was driving erratically down the highway when she was spotted by a police officer. He put on his lights and siren and pulled behind her, but she continued to drive down the road, weaving from lane to lane.

The officer then pulled up beside her and could see that she was knitting as she was driving. Realizing that he had to get her attention, he lowered his window and used his loudspeaker to yell at her, "Pull over!"

She looked up from her knitting at the officer, rolled down her window, and yelled back, "No, it's a scarf!"

**Cranberry orange baked
french toast casserole**



Cranberries and oranges have long been a part of many family Christmas traditions and they are still a fun way to inject a little history into the celebration.

According to The Kitchen, for instance, oranges have been used as special treats for centuries. Great-grandparents today might be able to tell stories of the Great Depression and the incredible gift of sweet oranges on Christmas Day.

According to Colonial Williamsburg, meanwhile, cranberries were often used during the holidays because their bright red color was

the perfect addition to decorations. It was common to see them strung alongside popcorn on Christmas trees. Slow to spoil, cranberries keep well throughout the winter season and will likely be available for many holiday treats.

Here is a recipe, courtesy of the Taste and Tell blog, that incorporates both oranges and cranberries into a delicious breakfast casserole that is perfect to make ahead. Pop it in the oven on Christmas morning to avoid the hassle of extra prep on a day already full of festivities and activity.

Ingredients

1/4 cup butter, melted
1 cup light brown sugar
1 cup fresh cranberries, divided
1 (1 lb) loaf white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 cups milk
6 eggs, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon orange zest
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon orange extract
powdered sugar, for serving

Directions

1. Pour the melted butter evenly into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the top. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of the cranberries over the top of the brown sugar. Add the cubed bread to the baking dish. Sprinkle the remaining cranberries over the top.

2. In a large bowl, combine the milk, eggs, orange zest, vanilla extract, cinnamon, and orange extract (if using), and beat lightly to combine. Pour the mixture evenly over the top of the bread in the baking dish. Press the bread down into the liquid mixture if needed to make sure all of the bread is soaked. Cover the dish with foil and refrigerate overnight, at least 8 hours.

3. Bring the dish out of the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Bake the casserole, still covered, for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking until the top is browned and a tester inserted in the center comes out clean, another 15-20 minutes.

4. Let the casserole sit for 10 minutes before serving. Serve topped with powdered sugar.

SALEM RETIREES

By Norma C. Myers

It was a beautiful fall day for all of us happy retirees to meet at the club and enjoy a delicious ham dinner along with a yummy dessert. Our meeting was opened by President Lois Whitacre with Tony Rothbrust giving the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. President Whitacre welcomed everyone including two guests. Our secretary, Dianne Kuttler brought us up on minute from last month. Our financial report was given by Katie Lederle, and all was approved.

Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. One new guest had a birthday and we sang to her. Tony Rothbrust and wife, Bunny

celebrated their 29th anniversary and we sang to them, also.

Dora Lee Sandoe (vice president) handled our 50-50 drawing, and it was won by Mary Ann Roth! (again?) We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Then, we played Bingo the rest of the time and had such fun!

We have had two snow days so far, and remember our next meeting is December 5th, so bring your friends and let's have a "good" holiday meeting and luncheon, because if you don't come, Santa may not visit you on "December 25th" ! (and that would be soooooo sad!)

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Ro Dundon

Our meeting was held in the Ballroom Annex at 11:30 a.m. on November 8, 2018. Oh my gosh, it's almost Thanksgiving. And I have so much to be grateful for. One thing is the right to vote and vote I did. So anything that wasn't to my likings I have the right to complain, because I took the time.

It seemed that lunch was to be late so we kibitzed while we waited. Here is a very interesting fact Roger shared with us, something we may be glad to know either now or in the future. Persons afflicted with Dementia or Alzheimers cannot draw the face (dial & hands) of a clock. Roger said it is a proven fact.

President Marge Teutsch opened the meeting (after the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and singing of God Bless America) with some humor which we appreciated. Finding we have no birthdays or anniversaries in November we continued our social hour until lunch was served. The menu was Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and salad. While Marge

T. and I scooped the ice cream and topped it with chocolate syrup, Kay and Dom handled the 50/50 drawing. Winners were (not me) Eileen, Kay, Roger and Lisa.

We again talked of changing our location. Next month we will vote on it. We will have our Christmas Meeting and Luncheon on December 13th at 11:30 in the annex. We decided we would not have appetizers this year. It has been a tradition for the officers to supply them. But there have always been so many and we ate so many there was no room left for the lunch.

The officers are in charge of the arrangements. Anyone who signed to attend but find they are unable or decide to come but hadn't signed up call Marge Teutsch at 330-799-7794.

By the way, as many times (lots and lots) as I have said and wished to live in the Virgin Islands, I am so thankful I live in OHIO.

A very happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Till we meet again it's as usual.

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Your Horoscope

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: The first quarter moon on the 15th leaves you thinking about home. Dignity is critical for you this month in public places.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: News this month might rattle you at first, but stars say you can use some information to your advantage. You have the necessary skills.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: The topic on your mind is investment. In money, think protection. In love, think energy. In time, think the future.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: As the last quarter moon of the year peeks out on the 30th, you review your fortunes. Have you been lucky in the past year, or strategic?

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Put your mind to work on a problem that has dogged you this year. Visualize the problem and the solution and get to work.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: Thoughtful is one thing for holiday gifts, but obsession is another. Give something beautiful and relax.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: You may be considering a personal sacrifice for another. This could end up immensely kind or destructive. Clearly assess the situation first.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: The New Moon on the 7th finds you dwelling on a relationship or problem. Stay optimistic. Everything resolves by the end of the month.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: You might find yourself over-committed or burdened by mid-month. Sort out racing thoughts by turning to silence.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: Holidays take a happy turn this year with unexpected guests or gifts. A surprise is in the works.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: If the holidays leave you brooding instead of celebrating, take time to reflect on your own power to make the life you want.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/2: Holiday spirit overtakes you this year, whether it be Hanukkah on the 2nd or Christmas on the 25th. Simple cheerfulness goes a long way with loved ones.

Mid-winter horns herald Christmas

On a chilly December morning, you might hear them: the mid-winter horns blowing lonely notes over the woods and countrysides of the Netherlands. It's a tradition buried deep in folk history and one that survives still along the eastern Dutch and German borders.

The mid-winter horns are a tradition passed from father to son -- and by no means an easy one. The horns are made from curved elder branches, cut lengthwise and hollowed out. They are then reattached to form a meter-long wooden horn -- difficult to sound and harder still to make any kind of music.

Although some experienced horn blowers can blow a melody of about eight notes from the horns, music really isn't the point.



Actually, the point is kind of buried in folk traditions. Some say the ancients thought time stopped in the winter and the horns brought promise that the sun would come again. At other times, the horns have been used for communication. In times of war, farmers might sound the horn to alert others to enemy advance. Smugglers even used horns to alert compatriots of the police.

But, today, the horns herald the coming of Christmas, from Advent to Dec. 26.

Family

The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself.

-Gilbert K. Chesterton

Family is not an important thing. It's everything.

-Michael J. Fox

The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works, is the family.

-Lee Iacocca

To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.

-Barbara Bush

She discovered with great delight that one does not love one's children just because they are one's children but because of the friendship formed while raising them.

-Gabriel Garcia Marquez

In every conceivable manner, family is our link to the past, bridge to our future.

-Alex Haley

The family is the nucleus of civilization.

-Will Durant

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

Oskar	1. Dezember
Aurelia	2. Dezember
Barbara	4. Dezember
Arnold	5. Dezember
Nikolaus	6. Dezember
Eugenie	7. Dezember
Lothar	7. Dezember,
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Asta	8. Dezember
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Joachim	9. Dezember
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Waldemar	11. Dezember
Ode	12. Dezember
Otilie	12. Dezember
Lucie	13. Dezember
Adelheid	16. Dezember
Liebhard	18. Dezember
Achim	18. Dezember
Abraham	19. Dezember
Irm(en)traud	20. Dezember
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Beate	22. Dezember
Dagobert	23. Dezember
Adam	24. Dezember
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Stefan	26. Dezember
Ingo	27. Dezember
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Eitel	28. Dezember
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Jonathan	29. Dezember
David	30. Dezember
Gottlob	31. Dezember
Silvester	31. Dezember

Heimattag 2019 im Zeichen des 70-jährigen Verbandsbestehens

Der kommende Heimattag der Siebenbürger Sachsen findet – im 70. Jahr des Bestehens unseres Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland – vom 7. bis 10. Juni 2019 in Dinkelsbühl statt. Mit der Aufgabenstellung, diesem besonderen Jubiläum in der Programmgestaltung auch gebührend Rechnung zu tragen, befasste sich der Heimattagausschuss unter der Leitung des Organisationsreferenten Horst Wellmann am 2. November in der Bundesgeschäftsstelle in München.

Mitaustrichter des Heimattages 2019 wird die Landesgruppe Baden-Württemberg sein, die in dieser ersten Vorbereitungssitzung ebenso vertreten war wie der Bundesvorstand in Person der Bundesvorsitzenden Herta Daniel, Bundeskulturreferat, Siebenbürgisch-Sächsische Jugend in Deutschland (SJD), Verband der Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Heimatortsgemeinschaften (HOG), Carl-Wolff-Gesellschaft und die Gemeinschaft Evangelischer Siebenbürger Sachsen und Banater Schwaben im Diakonischen Werk der EKD e.V. (Hilfskomitee). Eingedenk der Mitaustrichterrolle der Landesgruppe Baden-Württemberg ist bereits eine Einladung an Ministerpräsident

Winfried Kretschmann ergangen zur Teilnahme als Ehrengast des nächstjährigen Pfingsttreffens. Die Landesgruppe Baden-Württemberg wird den Heimattag durch ihre mitwirkenden Kulturgruppen und in Eigenregie gestaltete Programmpunkte wie die Brauchtumsveranstaltung (zum Thema „Pfingstbräuche in Siebenbürgen“) markant bereichern.

Ein weiterer wichtiger Fokus wird auf Schloss Horneck in Gundelsheim, respektive dem in Um- und Aufbau befindlichen Kultur- und Begegnungszentrum liegen. Neben der Landesgruppe wird traditionell auch die SJD organisatorisch bzw. programmbezogen prägende Akzente setzen, wie im Laufe der fast vierstündigen Sitzung zu erfahren war. Das Programmangebot in der Sparte Kunst und Kultur birgt Jahr für Jahr vielfältige Höhepunkte. 2019, so viel sei schon heute verraten, wird der international renommierte siebenbürgische Trompe-l'oeil-Maler Michael Lassel im Kunstgewölbe ausstellen. Die nächste Sitzung des Heimattagausschusses findet am 1. März 2019 in München statt.

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