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## ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2017

### FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

To be eligible for a Freshman Academic Scholarship Grant you must be a high school senior with an accumulated grade point average in high school of 2.8, or better.

Twenty-one Scholarship Grants will be awarded to freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States and three renewable grants to present recipients of the Victor Deptner Scholarship.

\$1,000	Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship
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\$1,000	Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Branch 10 – Columbus Scholarship
\$1,000	Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
\$1,000	Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
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\$ 750	Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship
\$ 750	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$ 400	Donzella Herman Scholarship

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 15th. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, an **official** ATS Scholarship Application Form will be mailed to you. **The completed official** ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th.

#### REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Br. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Request must be received by March 15th**

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:  
ATS Home Office  
5393 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

**Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2017**

*Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.*

#### UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering thirteen Academic Undergraduate Continuing Education Scholarship Grants to our members who are not current year high school graduates and are not entering college in their freshman year of study but are in an **undergraduate program**.

\$1,000	Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1,000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klammer
\$ 500	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 500	Farrell-Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award

Applicants must be ATS members in good standing, with continuous membership for a minimum period of two (2) years. They must have a grade point average of at least 2.8. They may be any age; however, they cannot be a current year high school graduate or entering their freshman year of college.

Applicants must be enrolled in an **undergraduate program** as a **full-time student** at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Requests for **official** ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 15, 2017.

Completed **official** ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th. Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee

#### REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



On Sunday, January 22, the TSBA enjoyed its season's fifth bowling session in New Castle. It was great to enjoy a day with our Saxon bowlers from Alliance, Cleveland East, Cleveland West, Lorain, Salem, New Castle and Youngstown. After bowling we enjoyed a delicious Schnitzel dinner at the New Castle Club. The next TSBA session will be hosted by the Alliance Bowlers on Sunday, February 12 which will be held at the Hunt Club Bowling Lanes in Salem, Ohio. Unfortunately, the Alliance bowling lanes closed their doors in 2016, however, Alliance worked with Salem so that they could still be a host city for the TSBA. Kudos to Alliance and Salem by helping each other out and keeping our fraternal events going.

Speaking of bowling, the "Bowl Where You Are Tournament" for our junior members is being held during the months of February and March. The Youth Activities Committee is glad to report that the following Branch cities will hold a bowling party in conjunction with this tournament: Cleveland East (Feb 26), Cleveland West (Mar 12), Chicago (Feb 19), Erie (Feb 18), Lorain (Feb 26), Salem with Alliance (Feb 26), and New Castle (Feb 25). I know that Columbus is also looking to plan a bowling party. So, parents, grandparents we need your help in getting your children to these parties. And for those junior members that cannot make the parties or do not live near their Branch city, you can bowl anytime during February and March at any local bowling lanes. Every participant will receive a free T-shirt and will earn scholarship award points that can benefit a member when they apply for an ATS Scholarship.

It is that time of year that we remind our members that it is not too late to make their 2016 contribution into their ATS IRAs. Deposits must be made by this year's tax filing deadline of April 18<sup>th</sup>. (The regular tax return filing deadline is April 15. However, due to April 15 being on a Saturday and the Washington D.C. Emancipation Day holiday will be observed on April 17, Tax Day is on Tuesday, April 18.)

If you do not have an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA and have earned income, I recommend that you start one now! An IRA is a powerful savings tool. Both the Traditional and Roth IRA allow you to enjoy tax advantages while saving for your future. A simple explanation of how they differ: Traditional IRA grows tax-deferred and the contributions may be tax deductible in the current year but are taxed when withdrawn in retirement. Its main advantage is that it can help reduce your tax bill. Roth IRA is different in that the account is funded with after-tax contributions but are not taxed when withdrawn in retirement. Its advantage is that it provides a hedge against future tax rates because it provides for tax exempt withdrawal and there are no minimum distribution requirements at age 70 1/2 which is required with a Traditional. Call your Local Branch Deputy or the ATS Home Office for more details. We encourage our young working members to start saving early. By setting up automatic contributions with ATS Autopay it will help you build your savings for retirement painlessly. You are never too young to start saving for retirement!

The origins of St. Valentine's Day lie in the ancient Roman fertility festival Lupercalia, which was celebrated on February 15. During the festival, young women would place their names in a large urn. Pope Gelasius I recast this pagan festival as a Christian feast day circa 496,

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**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
MAILED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

**Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:  
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# Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!

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



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

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

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK FUND

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT DONATED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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declaring February 14 to be St. Valentine’s Day. Today we celebrate Valentine’s Day as a special time to show our love to those who are important in our lives. I send special wishes to our ATS membership for a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The most direct policy affecting the Saxons and Swabians was the Communist government’s policy of the confiscation of land and property. The seizures of their properties and farms that their ancestors had spent centuries maintaining led to a mass exodus of the Saxons out of Romania. The Saxons were accused of being disproportionately wealthy land owners and aristocrats and therefore, were targeted for the confiscations and redistribution to the native majority Romanians. The Saxon family homes that were abandoned by the Soviet deportations or by the confiscations were given to poor Romanian farmers.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

## BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON

By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone is surviving winter in Ohio. We only have a couple of months until Spring, so stay warm and safe.

We will be having our next meeting on Sunday, March 12, at 1:00, where we will be socializing and having lunch. If you would like to attend please call Mary Rowinsky at 330-478-9333 The meetings are being held at Vino Fabbricanti, 4029 Hills & Dales Rd NW, Canton, 44708. See you there!!

## Story telling and age

A person’s ability to tell a short story, keeping all the facts in it and straight, can decline with age, according to a study in the Journal of Psycholinguistic Research.

In the study researchers compared two groups that were 40 years apart in age. The older group made more story and grammar errors.

Age-related changes in memory may impair the ability to reproduce the gist of a story.

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## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

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, FEBRUARY 15, 2017	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017	FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017	FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

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

Help stamp out and eradicate  
superfluous redundancy.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB  
PORK-KRAUT DINNER  
FEBRUARY 19, 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 Valentine's Day

Hey Kids – Color this Valentine's Day picture and receive a Valentines Day treat!



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Picture to: ATS Home Office 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129

## EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR By Edith Hebrank

At the moment, the members of the Sachsenchor are enjoying their winterbreak from weekly rehearsals. However, members, rehearsals will begin March 7th at 1:30 pm. Mark your calendars.

Before that, however, in November we held our semi-annual meeting with elections. The only change to report is the presidency. Horst Hebrank accepted that office with Adolf Fischer as Vice-president.

The new president will need much guidance from Mr. Fischer and all the members, since he is a rather "young" member of the choir thus, not yet familiar with traditional happenings and needs. All previous officers remained in their current positions. Thank you everybody for volunteering.

December 7th and 8th saw every body yet able help out at the Choir's annual Wurstmarkt. There had been many, many orders which added up to much, much work. Again, a heartfelt thank-you for pitching

in.

Saxons not only work; they also know how to celebrate and that we did on December 13th. The members held their annual Christmas Party with their well-known goulash and gemuetliches Weihnachtssingen.

I am sad to announce that one of our long-standing members, Maria Huppert, lost her husband Stefan in November. Maria, our sincere sympathy to you and your family upon your loss.

I would like to bring the Chinese Auction on February 19th to the readers' attention. Have you made your reservations as well as donation to Branch 4? Stay warm these days!

*Schneefloekchen,  
Weissroekchen,  
wann kommst du geschneit.  
.....German Folksong*

Every little child in Germany sings this song at this time of year.

## Beloved Legos now move

Big news for kids from this year's tech conference, CES, in Las Vegas.

The new Lego Boost kits bring creations to life with motors and sensors while teaching basic programming.

The Boost kits are designed for kids as young as 7.

There are five different versions available. One is Vernie, a robot with a bow tie and expressive eyebrows.

There is also a cat, a space rover, a factory and a guitar.

The kits have about 850 pieces and feature a new part called Move Hub. This is a computer, a wireless chip and a tilt sensor that you attach to your creation. And it can be anything you create with ordinary Legos.

Once they build their creations, kids go to their tablet app where they learn to assemble simple instructions to make their robotic toys move.

The kits will sell for about \$160 later this year.

Ohne Fleiß, kein Preis

Have an accomplishment of your Junior member that you would like to share with your fraternal family? Email photos and/or info to: Saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

**ATS JUNIORS' CORNER**



My grandson, Drew Brown (Br. 5) with his dad (Eric), brother (Aidan) and aunt Dana had a fun time at "Painting with a Twist" in Louisville, Kentucky. Drew surprised me at Christmas and gave me this painting that he had painted. I was very surprised and very happy. Thank you Drew!

Love, Granny (Janie Mowery) Branch 5, Lorain



**ATTENTION:  
ATS JUNIOR MEMBERS,  
AGES 6 - 17  
LOCAL BRANCHES  
"BOWL WHERE YOU ARE"  
PARTIES**

### Chicago - Branch 9

Sunday, February 19 at Brunswick Zone, Niles, IL.  
12:30 - 3:30 pm. Junior members Free, Adults \$20  
For reservations call DeDe Thut at (847) 414-2660

### Cleveland East - Branch 33

Sunday, February 26 at Wickliffe Lanes  
3:00 pm.- 5:00 pm  
To make reservations call Ema Litschel at  
(440) 358-1184 by February 20

### Cleveland West - Branches 1 & 4

Sunday, March 12 at Freeway Lanes of Parma  
12:30-3:30 pm  
To make reservations call Patty Cunningham at  
(216) 398-7520 by March 5

### Erie - Branch 2

Saturday, February 18 at Rolling Meadows Bowling Lanes  
Starts at 11:00 am  
Tom Manning will be contacting Members with further details

### Lorain - Branch 5

Sunday, February 26 at Rebman's Recreation  
Starting at 1:00 pm  
To make reservations call Monica Gilles at  
(440) 309-7894 by February 20

### Salem/Alliance - Branches 19 , 3 & 8

Sunday, February 26 at Hunt Club Lanes  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
To make reservations call Barbara Spack at  
(330) 501-1491 by February 15

### New Castle - Branches 25 & 27

Saturday, February 25 at Colonial Lanes  
Bowling begins at 1:00 pm Family Bowling \$10 / pp  
To make reservations call Jake Spor at  
(724) 657-3773 by February 22

**INVITE**

your relatives and friends to  
join the crowd at ATS.

Tell them about our fraternal society!



# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## NATIONAL EVENTS

February - March 2017  
Bowl Where You Are Tournament  
May 20, 2017

Branch Presidents' Meeting  
Host Cleveland West Br.1  
June 23 - 24, 2017  
North American Saxon Heimattag  
Kitchener ONT Canada

July 16, 2017  
Saxon Summer Camp  
Camp Frederick

July 29, 2017  
ATS Family Day  
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

August 3 - 16, 2017  
Federation Saxon Jugendlager  
Transylvania/Romania

## LOCAL EVENTS

February 10, 2017  
Salem Joint Social 6.00 p.m.

February 11, 2017  
Cleveland West Br. 1 Sausage Sale

February 12, 2017  
Cleveland West Sachsenheim Winter Schnitzel Fest  
Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet 2:30 p.m.

February 13, 2017  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

February 14, 2017  
Youngstown Valentines Dinner - Ballroom

February 16, 2017  
Salem NO BAR

February 17, 2017  
New Castle Night at the Races at the Club

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

February 19, 2017  
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner  
Youngstown Pork and Kraut Dinner

February 23, 2017  
Salem NO BAR

February 25, 2017  
New Castle Chili Cook Off in the Ratskeller

February 28, 2017  
Cleveland West Sachsenheim Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Buffet

March 1, 2017  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  
Youngstown Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner - Lounge  
Open to public

March 2, 2017  
Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.  
Salem Bar Open 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

March 3, 2017  
Salem Fish Fry (1) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

March 4, 2017  
Youngstown Culture Group Sausage Sale - Pavilion

March 5, 2017  
New Castle Sauerkraut Dinner

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

March 8, 2017  
Youngstown Fish Dinner - Lounge - open to public

March 9, 2017  
Salem Bar Open 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.  
Youngstown Retirees meet - Ballroom  
New Castle Senior Lodge Branch 25 Monthly  
Meeting 8:00 P.M.

March 10, 2017  
Salem Fish Fry (2) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### Salem Saxon Club Breakfast Buffet



The Salem Saxon Club, will not be serving its Breakfast Buffets in March or April during the Lenten Fish Fry season. We will resume on May 20. .

The bar will not be open in February, but will reopen Thursday evenings beginning March 2 from 6 - 8 p.m

## BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

At our last monthly meeting, we agreed not to hold a meeting on Monday, February 20 since it was the day after our Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner and many of us would be tuckered out from working at the Sachsenheim that weekend. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

We hope you have made your reservations for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner that will be held on Sunday, February 19. Deadline for prepaid reservations was February 9<sup>th</sup>. We have some wonderful items to bid on and will also have a 50/50 drawing and sideboards. We are very grateful to our members and friends who have donated an item or monetary contribution and to those who attend this event and make it a successful fundraiser for the Sachsenheim. I hope to see you there!

The Annual Sachsenheim's Sausage Sale is on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Your orders have been made, but just a reminder, you are to pick-up sausage orders after 1:00 pm! Our folks work hard to prepare thousands of pounds of sausage that morning and need the time to prepare for the pick-ups. They thank you for your consideration.

Hopefully, you have made your reservations for Onkel Grumpy's Winter Schnitzelfest on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. It is the best Schnitzel in Town! Reservations were a must. Doors open at Noon and Dinners will be served between 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Culinary delights don't stop there. The Sachsenheim will host a Fat Tuesday Buffet on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The buffet is only \$10.95 and will be served from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Our manager, puts out the best Mardi Gras dishes that you can find in Cleveland. No reservations are needed for the buffet.

Then all of sudden we are in the month of March and another great event is held at the Sachsenheim. The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will host the 7th Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7 pm. I understand we have some new people entering the competition, it just keeps growing every year and we are so happy for the Dance Group that this has become a great fundraiser for them as well as providing a fun evening for our members and friends. They have added another feature this year, there will be a band called the "Dirty Franks" that will perform after the chili competition. If you want to enter a chili, please contact Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229. Cost is \$20 per entry which includes one admission ticket. Prizes will be awarded for the top two entries based on ballots cast by attendees. Tickets are \$12 in advance which you can get from

any Dance Group members and \$15 at the door. Children under 12 are half price. Also, they are selling 50/50 tickets prior to the event, so make sure you buy a few chances from your favorite Dance Group Member. Give your support to the Dance Group! They work hard to keep up our Saxon culture and we need to do our part to encourage them. We are so happy that they have a children's dance group that practices on Friday evening at 6:30 pm. The Adult and Children Groups welcome new members and look to share Gemütlichkeit with other members and friends. Call President Amanda Donnellan at (216)235-5240 if you are interested in joining the group.

Don't forget to try out Taco Tuesday, Wednesday Wing Night, Thursday Sliders and Dogs and Friday evening delicious specials and seafood dinners at the Sachsenheim.

## Pros and cons of mobile check deposits

As technology progresses, even old industries such as banking are beginning to offer new features that can utilize the convenience of smartphones. According to Bankrate.com, 63 percent of mobile bankers are likely using their phone to deposit checks.

They also point out that mobile deposits can help prevent some types of fraud, allow deposits after business hours, and allow customers unprecedented convenience.

Be sure to void the checks and mark them deposited.

It's not all great, however, as banks often place a cap on your deposits, place temporary holds on mobile-deposited funds, and have no safeguards against bounced checks.

### At The Cleveland Sachsenheim



## Grumpy's Amazing Fat Tuesday Buffet February 28, 2017

Serving 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Only \$10.95

No Reservations Required



### BE A PART OF THE ATS TEAM LOOKING FOR MEMBERS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN LIFE AND ANNUITY SALES

Looking for energetic members who are interested in selling ATS Life Insurance and Annuities on a part time basis. Individuals must have a valid Life Insurance License or must be willing to obtain a license. (The ATS will reimburse individuals for the cost of obtaining a license.) We will provide training and support throughout your work. You must be ambitious and a self-starter with integrity and strong work ethic. Earnings are commission based and are paid monthly. Contact us: office@atsaxons.com or call (440) 842-8442 for further information.



## CHURCHES



### St. Peter's 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. Roberta Davis-Newhouse  
Pastor

**9:00 Worship Service**



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

## Youngstown Saxon Club



In our Main  
Ballroom  
Sunday Evenings

**DOORS OPEN @ 5PM  
BINGO STARTS  
@ 6:45PM**

**\$10, \$15 & \$20  
Special Packages  
Tear Offs**

**Birthday Specials  
Pig Number**

**We're wheelchair  
accessible!**

**Food Available!  
Security  
Inside & Outside!**

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

Saxon News from the Northwest

I know the phone number for Jim Mauch as if it were my own, but I had it wrong in the January 27th issue. To contact the ATS Secretary for Branch 22 and 30 you can call Jim Mauch at cell 330-792-8484, Jim will take care of any questions or requests for ATS Insurance and Annuities. The number I gave you before is his home phone 330-881-9698

On Tuesday, February 14th is the day to bring you best friend to the Lounge and enjoy a special meal at the Saxon Club and show him or her a lovely night out.

Make it a habit to attend your Branch meetings. Both Branches 22 and 30 meet on Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 p.m..

We will be serving Fish Dinners during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday March 1, in the Upper and Lower Lounges at the regular evening time. The Fish Dinners are open to the public, tell your friends or bring them with you.

The Saxon Club Branch 30 Pork Roast Dinner is on Sunday, February 19th. The Ladies of Branch 22 do the cooking for the dinner and help in the Dining Room. Really you are missing out on a delicious meal, bring some family or friends and surprise them.

The following events are in the *Volksblatt* with an ad.

Youngstown Saxon Club, BINGO in the Ballroom every Sunday, doors open at 5:00 PM.

The Youngstown Saxon Club Culture Group - Spring Sausage Sale is Saturday, March

4th.

The one you don't want to miss is the 41st Annual President's Authentic Goulash Dinner, Saturday, March 18th in the Ballroom. You must have reservations, please read the ad in the *Volksblatt* (See Page 6).

For the 300 Club, a drawing will be held each month on a Wednesday night for 5 Paid up tickets, you can still get paid up for the February 22nd drawing. Contact your salesperson, send the ticket and a check to the Club or to Rick Lieb, 9345 Kildare Park Rd. Shreveport, LA 71118. You do not have to be a Club member to buy

a ticket, you can invite your friends.

Notices of those that have passed away from Branch 30; Lothar Link, 91; Steve Kirr, 74; Mike Steager, 74; and from Branch 22, Gertrude Prest, 88. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and may they rest in Peace.

Please read the President's article in the *Volksblatt* it is informative and usually has something special on the Saxon History.

The article in the January 27th issue by Stefanie Sately on her visit to Grossau and Hermannstadt (Sibiu), Romania. It was very interesting. My father was from Sibiu and that area of Romania. Read her article, you will enjoy the pictures and the print.

So Goes the News.

### CHIEF DANA BROWN RETIRES FROM THE U.S. NAVY WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



My daughter, Chief Dana A. Brown, retired from the U.S. Navy, November 4, 2016 after 22 years of service. Dana enlisted in the Navy In August of 1994. Completed Recruit Training at NRTC Great Lakes, Illinois. Dana was deployed in 2008 to UAE (Gulf of Oman in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Nobel Eagle). March of 2013 she was deployed to Afghanistan after she made Chief Petty Officer. Dana is very proud of her Naval career and as her mom, I couldn't be prouder.

Thank you Dana for your dedication, loyalty and service for our country. Dana is now living in Louisville, Kentucky and working for Numana Marketing. Dana and I are members of Branch 5 of Lorain.

Janie Mowery, Lorain Branch 5



**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.**

**Mary G. Carrig**

Age 83

Died: December 23, 2016  
Branch 2, Erie PA

**Martin G. Gubesch Jr**

Age 63

Died: January 12, 2017  
Branch 14, Canton OH

**Frieda Kraus**

Age 93

Died: January 21, 2017  
Branch 9, Chicago IL

*What you lack in talent can  
be made up with desire, hus-  
tle, and giving 110% all the  
time.*

- Don Zimmer

*Fake It Until You Make It!  
Act As If You Had All The  
Confidence You Require Un-  
til It Becomes Your Reality.*

- Brian Tracy

*The future belongs to the  
competent. get good, get bet-  
ter, be the best.*

- Brian Tracy

*Every great story on the  
planet happened when some-  
one decided not to give up,  
but kept going no matter  
what.*

- Spryte Lorianio

### Rolling over an IRA

In an effort to simplify the process of rolling over an IRA account, the IRS has just made a change to the way it handles the 60-day deadline to avoid paying penalties on those funds. As of August 2016, those filing past 60 days will have the opportunity to apply for a waiver and be given the benefit of the doubt from the government while they wait for their answer. This means the funds can move safely into their new home without waiting in limbo for a decision.

### Buying Flowers

According to Aboutflower.com Valentine's Day accounts for 25 percent of the total dollars spent on flowers for the year in the U.S. But surprisingly, only 20 percent of mothers surveyed by Offers.com list flowers as one of their top gift picks.

If flowers are a must, purchasing a few days early through a local florist will often yield the best results and value.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

### VALENTINES DAY SPECIALS

#### APPETIZERS

~ **Bacon Wrapped Scallops**~ w/frangelico cream sauce --- \$11.95  
~ **Seared MAHI-MAHI Tuna**~ W/pickled ginger lemon zest, sweet soy ---- \$10.95  
~ **Angry Lobster Spring Rolls**~ with Siracha aioli ----- \$11.95

#### MAIN ENTREES

~ **Fillet Oscar Medallions**~  
Two filet medallions, topped w/crab, asparagus, hollandaise sauce ~~~~ \$18.95

#### ~Brandy Carmel Apple Chicken~

Two 4 oz. chicken breast, seared apples, candied pecans, light carmel apple brandy sauce ~~~ \$14.95

#### ~Cedar Plank Salmon

Candied pecans with Ohio maple syrup ----- \$15.95

#### ~ Surf and Turf ~

---- \$25.00

#### ~ Twin Lobster Tails~

---- \$25.00

#### ~Chicken Francaise~

---- \$15.95

#### ~Crab Stuffed Whitefish~

Lemon butter with sherry sauce----- \$14.95

**MAIN ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, & SALAD**

All above entrees can be made without sauces and spices...tell your server if you desire an entrée prepared differently!

**DESSERTS ~ ASK SERVER TO SEE DESSERT TRAY**



## Youngstown Saxon Club 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S AUTHENTIC GOULASH DINNER



**Saturday March 18, 2017**

Social 6:00-6:30  
Complimentary Beer & Soft Drinks  
Family style dinner 6:30  
Entertainment by  
The Saxon Culture Brass Band

Adults \$16 per person  
Children age 12 and under: \$7.50 per person

Reservations are a MUST!  
Due by Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017  
All reservations need to be paid in advance

Call the Saxon Club office at 330-792-7973  
or contact Ernie Roth, June Hoelzel,  
Jim Mauch or Walter Benesch for tickets  
The public is invited



Stephanie Obole

"I've got one arrow left,  
I'm going to close my eyes  
and shoot and see who it hits  
... Could be good for a few laughs."

## Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's

### Spring Sausage Sale

We are now taking orders  
for hot, mild, and  
garlic sausage.  
All flavors come in  
3lb and 5lb links  
or 5lb bulk packages  
(each with a little overage).  
The price is \$3.50 per pound

**Saturday,  
March 4, 2017**

Pickup is from  
9:00 to 2:00  
in the pavilion.

You can call in orders to  
Maria Bachinger 330-792-4005  
Walter Benesch 330-398-5449  
Andy Kuthy 330-770-0232  
email: akuthy@ymail.com

All are welcome  
to join us for  
German music,  
beer and  
sausage sandwiches  
the day of the pickup,  
March 4.

We will take your  
phone orders through  
Tuesday, February 28 and  
email orders through  
Wednesday, March 1

Please mark this  
in your calendar.

## To my Valentine



Romance aside, Valentine's Day can be a frantic event, but lucrative for greeting card makers, florists, and restaurateurs. In 2017 your chances of being taken out to dinner are not very good since Feb. 14 falls on a Tuesday.

How long has all of this been going on? Historians trace the roots of Valentine's Day back to the fertility festival of Lupercalia in Roman times. With spring in the offing, both birds and humans were beginning to be more affectionate, and celebrating Lupercalia was encouraged to make all unions fruitful.

The love notes started a few hundred years later, prompted by the good St. Valentine, and in centuries to follow, the custom spread throughout Europe and was carried to North America. Greeting card makers couldn't be happier. After Christmas, people buy more Valentines than any other type of greeting card. Some 8.4 billion affectionate and funny cards are expected to be sold for Valentine's Day 2017

Flowers have long been a symbol of love and caring. They were especially handy a century ago when many lovers were illiterate and could not write a love note or read one.

For most florists, Valentine's Day is the busiest and most hectic day of the year. Many sell thousands of roses, the most preferred Valentine flower. And air freight companies go into high gear as well. Many flowers are grown in South America.

According to the numbers from 2016:

\$1.7 billion: Amount that will be spent on candy, according to Financial Times.

\$1.9 billion: Amount that will be spent on flowers.

\$19.7 billion: Total amount that will be spent on Valentine's Day gifts.

\$681 million: Total that consumers will spend on their pets.

Happy Valentine's Day. But remember as you open the card or smell the roses, the process has not been as simple as it would appear.

## Join us for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's 7th Annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue Cleveland, OH



**Saturday ,  
March 11, 2017  
Doors open  
at 7 p.m.**

**Tickets \$12 in advance  
from any Dance Group member  
or \$15 at the door.  
Children under 12 half price.**

**Includes admission, three chili samples,  
accompaniments and desserts  
Additional chili samples \$1 each  
A cash bar will be available**

**Contact Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229  
with any questions or if you would like to enter  
a chili for judging in the contest. Cost is \$20 per entry  
(includes admission ticket for entrant)  
and prizes will be awarded for the top two entries  
based on ballots cast by attendees.**

**BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST  
By Arline Krestel-Suts**

"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a president and senators and congressman and government officials, but the voters of this country." (Franklin D Roosevelt)

I am happy to report that Branch 33's election of officers and their "inauguration" for 2017 went without dissension or the controversy that has permeated the US elections this year. All incumbents were reelected, and we look forward to serving and fulfilling our duties as promised. We all appreciate your vote of confidence and your support.

First, we would like to send greetings to all of our members who have been ill or unable to attend meetings. We miss seeing the Davidsons, Dorothy and Jean Schneider, the Schwenzers, Elva Keefer, Peg Maurer, and we have not seen Joan Blaha or Ron K for quite a while and hope all is well with you. Also hope that Elizabeth and Tammy and Adam are well. So many members have not been able to get to meetings or outings and we just want to reach out and let you know that we are thinking of you.

Our Annual Sausage Sale was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came to work and thank you to everyone who bought. Our January meeting started with a Sausage and Sauerkraut supper so we got to sample the outcome of our labor. Thank you to Ingeborg Krestel and Ema Litschel for spending the day making the Sausage and Sauerkraut, two friends Hum for the bread, and thank you Trustees for serving

and clean up.

A note to our junior members: the ATS annual "Bowl Where You Are" Contest is going on. You should have received a flyer in the mail with the details. Good exercise and more fun than Wii bowling! And, Branch 33 is planning an outing, we are having a bowling party. We thought this would be a good time to invite any juniors who would like to do the Bowl Where You Are activity to join us on February 26 from 3 PM to 5 PM at Wickliffe Lanes. We do need to have reserved lanes and Ema Litschel is the person to call. You can purchase food and drinks at the bowling alley or bring your own. The branch is sponsoring this event (code-words for "no cost to you!"). The Litschels' phone number (440) 358-1184. Hey it's after the Super Bowl and before baseball starts so there's nothing to do on Sundays after church, no reason for you not to come, so please join us! No experience needed!!

Congratulations to our scholarship awardees this year who include Elizabeth Krestel, Austin Bonnett, and Jessica and Sara Keefer, and Lauren Ziegler. Hope your school year is going well.

Our next meeting will be February 8. As per our schedule of events we will start the evening with the Soup and Chili Cook Off at 7 PM. Holly Prankas will be making her most wonderful cornbread to munch on alongside the soup and chili. We ask members to bring a pot of your favorite soup or chili to share. And may the best recipe win! Have a good month, stay safe and enjoy the reprieve from the snow.





## Choruses

### CLEVELAND, SECTION 1

#### EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR

Rehearsal:  
Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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No Olmsted OH 44070  
(440) 734-2584

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440-888-6094

### NEW CASTLE, SECTION 6

#### EINTRACHT MÄNNERCHOR

Rehearsal:  
Every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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crslg@comcast.net

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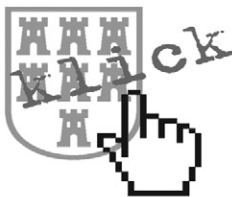
Gerald Holzhauser  
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### ERIE SIEBENBUERGER SINGERS

Meet Monday at  
Siebenbuerger Club

#### PRESIDENT

Tim Clint  
5805 West Road  
McKean, PA 16426  
(814)572-6639  
Email: tjbcclint@verizon.net



Ich bin ein  
SiebenbuergerR.de



## Cultural Groups

### CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP

Rehearsal: Fridays  
6:30 p.m Children  
7:30 pm Adults

Westside Sachsenheim

#### PRESIDENT

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### YOUNGSTOWN

#### SAXON CULTURE GROUP

Meets: 2nd Sunday of Month  
Youngstown Saxon Club

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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 AND VIDEOS



The Saxon Cook Book - Third Edition  
Over 400 Saxon/American Recipes \$12.00 per copy (postpaid)

Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy by Barbara Ohler Weber  
A true story of the author's experiences during World War II  
and her immigration to America in the 1950's.  
\$14.00 per copy (postpaid)

Flucht aus Siebenbürgen by Monika Görig/Maria Schneider  
Memoirs of Maria Schneider written in German describing her  
family's hardships when they had to flee from their home in  
1944 and start a new life in Austria.  
\$20 per copy (postpaid)

Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries, author Rev. John Foisel  
A paperback which provides a romantic account of the customs  
and phases of intellectual development of the Transylvanian  
people. Not intended to be a history of Transylvania, rather a  
story of our people based upon seventeen centuries of history.  
\$15 per copy (postpaid)

DVD - "Leaving Transylvania" producer/director Dieter Auner  
A documentary on an elderly Saxon couple from Arbegen that  
had chosen to stay in Transylvania during the massive exodus of  
Saxons in the 1990's and now after a decade of loneliness and  
disorientation is faced with abandoning their home and emigrat-  
ing to Germany to be with family.  
\$20 per copy (postpaid)

Why Can't Somebody Just Die Around Here?, author Gerhard  
Maroscher. Tells the story of how his family was impacted by  
World War II. His mother feed Transylvania with two young  
sons and father reluctantly served in three Axis armies and  
was a prisoner of war by the Russians. Family immigrated to  
the USA to live the American dream.  
\$24.95 per copy (postpaid)Note:

All books have English Text.

Proceeds from book sales go to the Saxon Orphan Fund Program.

#### Order From:

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons  
5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129  
Make Checks/Money Orders payable to  
ATS ORPHAN FUND  
ATS Member, please indicate Branch number.

## SAXON SENIORS

### YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

Meets 2nd Thursday

#### PRESIDENT

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Tank1043@yahoo.com

#### SECRETARY

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### SALEM SAXON RETIREES

Meets 1st Wednesday  
of each month

#### PRESIDENT

Lois Whitacre  
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(330) 862-2607

#### SECRETARY

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