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## BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE

By Dolores Both

Hello! It's always uplifting to read that everyone is staying healthy and strong. The first order of business is our 2021 dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet, make your check out for \$7.00 payable to Branch 27 and mail it to either Marie Benedict or Gertrude Tizak. Their addresses are as follows: Marie Benedict, PO Box 25, Edinburg, PA 16116-0025 or Gertrude Tizak, 241 Cambridge Street Apt 401, New Castle, PA 16105. Marie and Gertrude will mail your membership cards to you. Please do not leave dues money at the club. It is difficult for our ladies to get out to pick up the checks. To be eligible for club drawings your dues must be paid for 2021.

Our March 4 meeting is cancelled. Because of our concern for everybody's health and safety we feel this is our wisest course of action.

This past year we've lost several of our dear members. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Georgette Presnar, Dorothy Henry, Maria Wuersch, Kathy Zehetner, Helen Bender and Dolores LeComte.

Stay safe and well.



SEE PAGE 3 FOR  
2021 ATS SAXON SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION  
AND APPLICATIONS

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
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### Address changes?

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

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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.

KEEP CALM  
AND  
WEAR A MASK!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford  
ATS Nat'l President



This new year seems to be moving right along! We're now in mid-February with the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day behind us. Depending on which Groundhog you prefer, we will either have six more weeks of winter (Punxsutawney Phil) or spring is right around the corner (Ohio's Buckeye Chuck). Being from Ohio and not at all biased, I like Buckeye Chuck's forecast better! At the Home Office, we're contemplating whether any ATS national events will go on this summer. It's still too soon to make a decision. The vaccine is rolling along, but so are those new variants of the virus. We'll know later this month if the border to Canada reopens or if the closure is extended even longer. Stay tuned for more information and keep those fingers crossed. We also had inquiries from members asking about the status of the Sachsentreffen to be held in Hermannstadt and the corresponding ATS Transylvania Tour. This event was postponed from August, 2021 until August, 2022. Stay tuned later in the year for more details.

Please keep those Saxon stories coming! We've had a few more phone calls asking if there is a deadline. We don't have a deadline set yet, so you still have time to work on them. We've had some very short stories come in and we've had some entire books come in. Make your story as long or as short as you want. We just want to be able to keep some of our Saxon history alive.

Did you know that Scotland has 421 words for snow? They have different word types or examples of snaw (snow). Some include sneesl (to start raining or snowing), feeble (to swirl), flinkdrikin (a light snow shower), spitters (small drops or flakes of wind-driven rain or snow), and unbrak (the beginning of a thaw). A lecturer in English and Scots language said that weather has been a vital part of the people's lives in Scotland for centuries. The number and variety of words in the language show how important it was for their ancestors to communicate about the weather, which could so easily affect their livelihoods. Another fact: Snowstorms are not blizzards. Besides the fact that "blizzard" just sounds more threatening than a "snowstorm", the real difference between the two is wind speed and visibility.

Some of our retired members in the northern part of the country turn into snowbirds and fly (or drive) south for the winter. We have our usual ones who call the Home Office to have their Volksblatt mailed to their winter address. They let us know in the spring when they're heading back up north and we change their address back. Apparently, the rest of us northerners like the snow. At least for the first few snowfalls. After that when the white stuff keeps dragging on, we start using a different four-letter word that also starts with S to describe the snow! Stay warm everyone!

Until next time....



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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Don’t Burn  
That Food!

It is frustrating when you burn food you are cooking, but often you can salvage your meal and still eat it. A recent study by the Food Standards Agency, however, offer caution if you are often eating overcooked food. As food cooks, it forms a compound called acrylamide. It is a natural by-product of the cooking process. This chemical substance is what causes food to brown as it cooks.

While some browning is usually desired, an excess of acrylamide can cause problems, especially when it is from starchy foods like potatoes and breads. Acrylamide has been found to increase the risk of cancer. It is best to cook starchy foods like toast, chips, fries, and potatoes to only a light golden color rather than a dark brown. This will limit the amount of acrylamide and help reduce your risk of cancer in the long-term.

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DEADLINE	ISSUE
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021	FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021
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Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

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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.

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\$1,000	Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
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\$ 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.

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Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

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Request must be received by March 15th

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Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2021

Please note:

Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

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The ATS is offering Fifteen 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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\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
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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, 2021.

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

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Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2021

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•• Scholarship winners will be notified by mail. ••

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DO YOUR PART TO KEEP IT ALIVE!

BECOME A PROUD AND ACTIVE MEMBER!



Common Sushi Myths Debunked

Sushi is loved by millions, but it is still often misunderstood. Several common myths surrounding this fish dish have persisted, even as its popularity grows. Here are some of the myths debunked—which should let you enjoy your sushi without any worry.

1. Don’t eat sushi on a Monday.

Conventional wisdom for several years now has been that it is best to avoid eating fish in a restaurant on a Monday. This stemmed from the idea that a restaurant did not get fresh fish deliveries over the weekend, so the fish on a Monday was leftover from days before. But two things are wrong with this assumption. First, food transportation is faster than ever and seafood is often shipped overnight, even on weekends. Second, sushi chefs know that fish that has aged a day is often the best tasting for sushi. Now, if the restaurant you are visiting offers outrageous deals only on Mondays, you might want to tread lightly. But consider giving it a shot—you may be pleasantly surprised.

2. You should add lots of soy sauce and wasabi to your sushi for the best taste.

Sushi chefs often cringe if they see patrons soaking their sushi in soy sauce and slathering on the wasabi. Sushi chefs know the right combinations for the best flavor. So a quick dip into soy sauce and a small dab of wasabi is just right.

3. You should not eat sushi with your hands.

There is debate over this point, but the fact is, eating with your hands is just fine. A great sushi chef will press his sushi together in a certain way that may be loose enough to fall apart when you are using chopsticks. That is, unless you are very skilled with your chopsticks—then this is not a problem. Some sushi chefs will pack the sushi tighter to help those with less skills, but it is thought that the mouth texture you have when eating this suffers. If you’ve found a great sushi bar, but struggle with keeping the sushi together, just pick the pieces up.

4. Cooked sushi like the California roll is not real sushi.

Cooked sushi is real sushi. The word sushi just refers to the short-grain rice that has been seasoned with vinegar. In Japan, anything made with that rice is considered sushi, no matter the shape, size, or other ingredients. Sashimi, sushi’s cousin, is always raw and does not include the rice in its composition.

5. You shouldn’t buy sushi at a supermarket.

Day by day, sushi available in America’s supermarkets is improving. Food transportation continues to get more efficient, and as grocery store owners track trends, they can see that sushi is growing in popularity. To keep up with the demand, many supermarkets are hiring dedicated sushi chefs. They are often able to prepare the sushi onsite, making it as fresh as you can get in a restaurant.

INVITE

your relatives and friends to join the crowd at ATS.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

July 9-11, 2021  
North American Saxon Heimattag  
Host: Salem Saxon Club

ATS Masks for Sale



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

Masks are \$5.00 each. Send checks payable to  
ATS Home Office  
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It's never too early to start  
saving for your retirement years



YOUR STORY

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for members to share their family's personal story of life in Transylvania and their journey to America.

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

Individuals submitting their stories can also include photos.

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

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

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BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND  
By Robert Hanek

With the arrival of Lent, Sachsenheim's Fish fries on Friday will once again be available for either eating in or take-out. Grumpy always has something on the menu for everyone. The Sachsenheim is now open Tuesday through Sunday till 11 p.m. As the quarantine restrictions are lifted, we hope to see everyone again soon.

Almost all the cultural clubs and rental halls have shut down in the greater Cleveland area. I am proud to say our manager Scott and the staff has managed to keep our Club open for business. Great job!

On behalf of Branch 1, I would also like to thank our Saxon Dance Group, the Sachsenchor and of course Branch 4, for their generous and continued support. It has been great to see how our membership has pulled

together just as the club was originally created to do.

Due to Covid-19, Branch 1 will not resume regular meetings until a safer (and warmer!) time. The election of officers and collection of membership dues will be extended to such a time.

Our deepest condolences go out to our members and friends who we have lost and family and loved ones this past year. With a vaccine and common sense, 2021 looks much brighter for everyone.

We are currently trying to organize and to set a date for our spring sausage sale. If you wish to volunteer please give me a call at (440)-356-5582 or send an email to rhanek8@yahoo.com. I will have more details in the next issue.

Stay healthy and stay warm! In a few months this will all just be pebbles in our pockets.



Don't wait until the last day  
to calculate your tax bill.



## CHURCHES



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**10:00 Bilingual Service**

**Nursery**

**Coffee following service**

**Senior Circle**

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**Church Choir**

**Bell Choir**

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1000 Ford Road  
Highland Hts., Ohio  
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**Rev. Barbara Holzhauser  
Pastor**

**10:00 Worship Service**

## Good investment: dental care

If you visit your dentist on a regular basis, you are doing yourself a favor in four ways. First, you are saving your teeth so you can chew properly, which is an important factor in nutrition.

Second, when you visit your dentist, he or she can check your gums. Periodontal disease can result in lost teeth and is a significant factor in heart disease. Periodontal bacteria can lead to blood clots, increasing the risk for heart attack and stroke.

People with diabetes should be particularly watchful for periodontal disease. They are more prone to infection, and periodontal disease makes it more difficult to stabilize blood glucose levels. Third, properly caring for your teeth results in big financial savings in the future. Root canals, bridge-work, dental implants, and dentures can cost thousands of dollars.

Fourth, by properly caring for your teeth, you will ultimately save yourself a lot of pain and inconvenience.

## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

### RELIGIOUS HISTORY TRANSYLVANIA

#### So Why Are So Many Transylvanian Saxons Lutheran-Part 2?

We will focus on the times when Saxons entered into the picture when King Geza II of Hungary invited Germans to come, settle in and defend a relatively sparsely populated Transylvania. The land given to these settlers was primarily considered a wasteland that had been a highly wooded area inhabited mostly by bears, wolves and lynx. The settlers were granted special privileges of governance of the lands in freedom of choice of government, form of rule and religion. Additionally, the settlers would basically be left alone to rule themselves. This seemed like an unusual and generous provision to be granted. The autonomy was not without ulterior motives. In return, the settlers would provide a tax base to Hungary and more importantly, a military strategic buffer for Hungary against neighboring countries and empires to have direct access to Hungary. The settlers would defend this territory from these warring intruders.

There were many different groups that helped to determine or could have determined the religious beliefs of the people of Transylvania. We have the Ottoman Empire (Islam), Holy Roman Catholic Empire, Martin Luther, the Calvinist-Unitarian Movement and influence of Germany.

#### The second group we will look at are the Roman Catholics

Previously we learned there was an easy opportunity to expand the Islamic religion into to Eastern Europe but expansion through the military machine and it continuing conquests were the highest priority. This explains while the Ottoman Empire had the opportunity, the majority of Saxons are Lutheran and not Muslim.

That brings us to the question of why the Roman Catholics did not continue to be the majority religion in Transylvania.

Transylvania and other neighboring areas had been Roman Catholic for more than five hundred years, even though the Roman Church and the Inquisitions never exercised complete control of the areas in the provinces and Hungary. It

should be noted that King Geza of Hungary, who had invited Germans to come to Transylvania, was Roman Catholic. His interest was not in requiring the Roman Catholic religion, but instead the settlers would provide a tax base to Hungary and more importantly, a buffer if you will, a military strategic buffer for Hungary against neighboring countries and empires to have direct access to Hungary. In return, they were granted unusual freedoms and privileges of governance of the lands in freedom of choice of government, form of rule and religion. Additionally, the settlers would basically be left alone to rule themselves. King Geza II's area of rule was more to the eastern part of Transylvania.

Another factor in controlling the western parts of Transylvania and the Danube basin, was the Habsburg Empire. They brought a second series of settlers from the Black Forest area. They had similar motives in that they wanted the settlers to secure vulnerable areas from attack, increase agriculture productivity and provide an offset to the powerful nobles of Hungary. Since both of these groups were Roman Catholic, religion was not an issue, as much as providing a buffer against the Ottomans and each other.

Moving forward several hundred years brings us to the continued battle for control of Transylvania between the Habsburgs and Hungary. Political battles had progressed, betrayals by the Roman Catholic Church against Hungary and the Reformation had a tremendous influence on Transylvania.

In the years 1517 to 1521, the Reformation began a transformation in Europe and specifically in Transylvania. The Saxons had always kept up cultural relations with the homeland of their families, and in 1520 Martin Luther's books were brought to Transylvania by merchants of Hermannstadt (Szeben), who traded in Germany and found them at the Leipzig fair. They were widely and eagerly read. At the same time two monks, who had heard Luther at Wittenberg came and spread his doctrine, making many important individuals converts. King Louis II completely opposed such efforts and would forbid the sale, purchase, reading, and decreed the

expulsion of Lutherans from Hermannstadt (Szeben) and the burning of Lutheran books there. Many books were destroyed but the conversion had progressed so far the decrees had little affect on the spread of the doctrine. Additionally, King Louis II was preoccupied with battles with the Turks. King Louis II would be defeated at the Battle of Mohacs and died in battle to the Ottomans. Efforts to suppress the spread of the Lutheran religion died with King Louis II at the Battle of Mohacs.

After King Louis's death the two rival Kings, Ferdinand and John Zapolya, were both Catholics and very unfriendly to the Reformation. They both issued severe legal decrees against it. King John even had two Lutherans put to death. The Reformation movement had proceeded so fast and far that it could not be stopped. The clergy at Hermannstadt left the Church and many of the laity followed. The whole city was swept clean of the Roman Catholic Church in 1529. Other German towns speedily followed and the Augsburg Confession (Confession of the faith of the Lutheran Church) was adopted by the Saxon Synod in 1544. The Hungarian nobles and the Szeklers also accepted the new teaching, and so many of the Catholic higher social class and officials went into exile in Hungary. The Roman Catholic Church hardly had any important followers left.

So that explains why the Roman Catholic Church dominance for hundreds of years was transformed to the Lutheran Religion in Transylvania. Just like the Ottomans, that were only interested in political and military power, the Roman Catholic Church, Roman Catholic Kings and Nobles, became victims of their thirst for political and military domination.

The next area of interest in the Lutheran religion and the Calvin/Unitarian movements and doctrines. We will discuss this in **PART 3 of, Why are so Many of the Transylvanian Saxons are Lutherans?**

#### FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Facebook page continues to draw interest from Saxons in many places. We are now at 110 Facebook members and growing weekly. Many of the new Facebook members are sharing interesting stories of their Saxon family background. This is just another way on

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**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.**

### Shirley A. Lyon

Age 90

Died: December 1, 2020  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Barbara J. Adair

Age 74

Died: January 27, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Matt Gogesch

Age 93

Died: January 27, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Dolores J. LeComte

Age 85

Died: January 28, 2021  
Branch 27, New Castle, PA

### Herbert D. Clingerman

Age 88

Died: January 30, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

*Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.*

— H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

*Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.*

— Mother Teresa

*Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.*

— Lao Tzu

*The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.*

— Victor Hugo

*When you trip over love, it is easy to get up. But when you fall in love, it is impossible to stand again.*

— Albert Einstein

*The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.*

— Helen Keller

*People must learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love.*

— Nelson Mandela





The fortified church is located on the main street of the village. In the village center a church existed around 1420, which was secured with a ring wall, a gate tower, and three defence towers in the course of the 15th century. Beside the gate tower, the north-eastern tower has also been preserved until today. At the end of the 15th century the church was enlarged with a bell tower, which shows a seven-fold staggered funnel-shaped portal. Shortly afterwards the church was fortified. Above the hall of the church and above the bell tower a defence level rests on buttresses. In the 18th and 19th century it was gradually removed, but the bell tower was rebuilt in 1973. The existing pew in the chancel dated 1533, is one of the most valuable of its kind in Transylvania.

Place and surroundings

Regardless of the moment in which the fortress is looked at, in the fresh morning light, under the bright sunlight in the middle of the day or in the soft fog of dusk, its walls seem to have been made of history and legends. Built on the location of an old basilica, the church impresses due to its dimensions and rich ornamentation. Both west and south portals adorned with high quality stone carvings are counted among the best-made stone art works in Transylvania. Fragments of the once lush mural paintings inside the church, a representation of the Apocalypse, were revealed on



the northern wall. An organ built in 1804 by Samuel Metz rests on its wooden gallery. Impressive are the eroded drolleries on the chancel, strange masks that have been interpreted both as saints and as demons.



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“Working late, my foot! You’re huffing and puffing and have bacon on your breath.”

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keeping the Saxon history alive and relevant today.

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 (donaldblum@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 and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group and invite others to join.

SPECIAL MENTION

Jill Blum is recovering from her shoulder replacement last week.

Vaccinations are occurring. By the printing of this newsletter, we hope many of you will have had your first vaccination, possibly your second, and we all will be on the road back to the new normal in this world. We all look forward to when we are vaccinated and return to Saxon Club meetings and get together again.

HUMOR

People say that drinking milk makes you stronger. Drink 5 glasses of milk and try to move a wall.

Can’t!

Now drink 5 glasses of wine. The wall moves all by itself.

If you are just thinking about Valentine’s Day when you read this, you are already in trouble. Hope everyone had a good celebration.





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miller-malue@cox.net  
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LOCAL DUES to  
Donna Jankow Address as above

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Mtg. 3rd Monday of month 7:00 p.m.  
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Farrell, PA Br. 7  
Mtg. 3rd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.  
Farrell Lions Den  
810 Lions Club Lane Farrell PA  
(724) 981-7130  
PRES. Karen Zaborowski  
1714 Shady Dr Farrell PA 16121  
(724) 346-0373  
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409 Patt Dr. Farrell PA 16121  
(724) 981-7130  
ATS SEC'Y. Bonnie Gregorich  
55 Oak Tree Ct  
West Middlesex PA 16159  
(724) 528-0309  
SICK NOTICES to Karen Zaborowski  
LOCAL DUES to Kathy Schuller  
PO Box 834 Andover OH 44003  
(440) 293-6973

Alliance, OH Br. 8  
Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
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ATS SEC'Y. Denise Crawford  
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(330) 823-0681  
LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed  
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Mtg. 1st Mon. 8:00 p.m.  
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Pickerington OH 43147-1459  
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ATS SEC'Y. P. Michael Roth  
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(614) 216-0008  
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Canal Winchester OH 43110  
(614) 837-1915  
donalddbлум@prodigy.net

Canton, OH Br. 14  
Mtg. 2nd Sunday  
Location varies  
PRES. Thomas J. Rowinsky  
1656 Dunkeith Dr NW, Canton, 44708  
(330) 478-9333  
ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling  
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Minerva OH 44657  
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Canton, OH Br. 17  
Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies  
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LOCAL DUES to: Rosanne Miller  
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Salem, OH Br. 18  
Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
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Salem, OH Br. 19  
Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.  
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(330) 332-1442  
SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr.  
973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460  
(330) 881-3346 mvcobra27@gmail.com  
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1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460  
(330) 222-1770

New Castle, PA Br. 25  
Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m.  
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New Castle PA 16101  
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(724) 944-6199

Merrillville, IN Br. 26  
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New Castle, PA Br. 27  
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Ellwood City, PA Br. 32  
Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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Cleveland, OH Br. 33  
Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:30 p.m.  
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Detroit, MI Br. 37  
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Ellwood City, PA Br. 45  
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# It's that time of year again!

The ATS wants to remind our members that it is not too late to make a contribution to either your Roth IRA or your Traditional IRA for the 2020 tax year. You have until the tax filing deadline of April 15th to make a contribution for last year. If you do not have an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA and you have earned income (generally wages or self-employed income), we recommend that you start one now.

An ATS Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) is a smart way to save, combining two incredibly powerful forces: compounded interest and tax savings. Both the Traditional and Roth versions allow you to enjoy tax advantages while saving for your future.

With an ATS Traditional IRA, investment earnings are tax-deferred, so you pay tax only when you withdraw funds after retirement. Contributions to the Traditional IRA may be deductible on your income tax return. (Please consult your tax advisor.)

With an ATS Roth IRA, all withdrawals are tax free, including the earnings, for withdrawals after five years and attaining age 59 1/2. Contributions are not deductible on your tax return, but the tax free withdrawals in the future will usually make up for that. (Please consult your tax advisor.)

The ATS has no administrative charges on your accounts. No annual fee, no statement fee, no service fee. (There could be small surrender charges in the first five years of the account being opened.) Contact your local deputy or the ATS Home Office if you are interested in opening a tax-advantaged IRA.

For those of you with existing ATS Traditional or Roth IRA's, you can always contribute as little or as much as allowed (see contribution limits below) into your IRA account for each tax year. Even a contribution of a few hundred dollars a year will make a difference in your retirement years.

For those who have an IRA account elsewhere, check out your earnings rate and your fees that you pay for that account. You may want to consider transferring your IRA to the ATS.

## Annual Contribution Limit for Traditional and Roth IRAs:

Year:	Under Age 50	Age 50 and Over
2020	\$6,000	\$7,000
2021	\$6,000	\$7,000

Current Annual  
Interest Yield  
3.0%



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