



CONVENTION PREPARATION NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS OF ATS OFFICERS

In preparation for the upcoming convention, nominations for newly elected officers have to be nominated by their Local Branch prior to the convention and the nomination forms are to be submitted to the ATS Home Office 60 days prior to the date of the National Convention. Nomination forms have been sent to each Local Branch. Corporate governance for fraternal benefit societies has come under scrutiny by State Insurance Regulators. They closely review the education, qualifications, expertise and experience of each board member. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners have mandated that an annual corporate governance disclosure be made annually. It is important that we elect qualified individuals to serve on the ATS Board of Directors.

The following offices will be up for election at the 2020 Convention: President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and two Trustees. To be eligible for the office of President, a member must be in good standing and have served as an Alliance National Officer for at least five years.

Nominee for election to a national office must meet the following:

- 1) Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past three years
- 2) Be an American citizen
- 3) Not be an immediate family member of current officer or nominee. (immediate family member shall be defined as a spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, step-parent or stepchild).

4) Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit society system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance

5) Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous National Convention.

6) Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance.

7) Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office.

8) Not be a current officer in another fraternal benefit society.

9) A candidate must be elected a delegate and attend the Convention.

After being elected the member must complete a Biographical Affidavit required by the Ohio Insurance Department which lists a person's educational background, employment record for past 20 years, types of licenses, any legal (criminal or civil) cases, adjudged a bankruptcy, etc.

Completed Nomination forms must be received at the ATS Home Office by March 30, 2020. The forms must be signed by the Nominee, the Branch President and Branch Secretary.

The list of names of nominees and their qualifications will be sent to the Local Branches for their review and printed in the Volksblatt prior to the convention session. The 2020 Convention will be held at the Cleveland East Marriott the weekend of May 30-31. Our convention host is ATS Branch 33.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President

On Sunday, February 9, the TSBA bowlers enjoyed another bowling session that was hosted by the New Castle bowlers at a bowling lane location in Heritage, Pa. We want to thank them for arranging for nice traveling weather, no snow or freezing rain! We enjoyed a delicious meal at the Sharon's Elks Lodge #103. Years ago we would bowl in this area when Farrell Branch 7 hosted bowling sessions. I remember my father would always have to stop at Daffin's Chocolate Shop. My niece, Jenny, remembered the chocolate confectionary so, of course, we had to make a visit to show my great-niece Katie the huge chocolate displays. It brought back fond memories. We thank New Castle for your fine hospitality. It was another great time being amongst members from the various cities. Next session will be held on Sunday, March 8th hosted by the Youngstown bowlers. This will be the last session of the bowling season except for the tournament that will be held the weekend of March 28 – 29 in Youngstown.

I have had the great honor to hold the office of National President for these past four years and a privilege of being with the ATS for a 49-year working career that I have loved from the start. Being employed by the ATS and being a life time member of the ATS, I have been touched by and blessed by so many members of our beloved fraternal society of which I am so grateful. It has been a great journey, but it is time for me to retire, so I will not be seeking re-election to the office of President at this year's convention. As we prepare for our upcoming Convention and the election of officers, it is very important that the Local Branches nominate qualified individuals that are willing to devote their time and expertise in overseeing the management of our fraternal. The ATS Board of Directors are key contributors to the success of our company. They have the responsibility to ensure that the company is being properly managed by establishing strategic framework of corporate governance that has the approval of our State Insurance Department and the IRS. We are regulated just like the large insurance companies and need officers that are committed to work for the betterment of our company. I must acknowledge and commend our current national officers for their diligence in carrying out their duties. We are very fortunate that we have officers that work hard for the benefit of the whole organization. Every officer is important and every officer contributes to betterment of our organization. Nominations for Officers must be made 60 days prior to the date of the convention. We have sent nomination forms to each Local Branch and asked for completed forms to be received at our ATS Home Office by March 30, 2020.

It will soon be the start of Lenten season with Ash Wednesday being on February 26 and for

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2020 ATS SAXON
SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION
AND APPLICATIONS



TSBA Bowling
Next Session
Youngstown
March 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.
Amron Lanes
492 W. Main Street
Canfield, Ohio 44406
(330) 533-3339
Dinner following
at Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
(330) 793-7973
Any meal cancellations -
Please call Tom Simon
no later than March 3, 2020
(330) 720-7988

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Orthodox Lent on Shrove Monday, March 2. Our religious faith has always been an integral part of the Saxon community and Lenten season is a time that we reflect and repent in preparation for Easter. Shrove Tuesday or also referred to as Fat Tuesday, is the Christian day of partying and indulgence before the austere season of Lent. Originating in the medieval era, most Christian European traditions had developed a version of fried dough for Shrove Tuesday. The rich treats presented a way to use up all of the butter, sugar and fat in the house prior to the self-denying diets of Lent. Our Saxon Krapfen is our cultural version of the fried dough. When I was child, it was customary for our family to have Krapfen on Shrove Tuesday. Truly a culinary delight!

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: Hermannstadt, founded in the 12th century by Saxon settlers is rated as one of the best cities in Transylvania. The city was neglected for much



Hermannstadt : Kleiner Ring vom Ratturm

of the 20th century but has seen a renaissance in recent decades, and was chosen European Capital of Culture in 2007. The current President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis, a Transylvanian Saxon, is credited with overseeing the city's revival during his time as mayor. Hermannstadt has just been voted among the best European destinations for 2020 in the European Best Destinations competition. Hermannstadt is presented as one of the most modern and dynamic cities in Europe with something to offer visitors that include culture, gastronomy, history and outdoor activities.

Through the centuries our Saxon craftsmen skills have created a beautiful city that captures our Saxon culture. Over the last nine centuries Hermannstadt was not only the largest and the wealthiest of the seven fortified cities established by the Saxons, but also the most important trading center with 19 guilds and considered the cultural capital of the region. Hermannstadt had established the first hospital (1292), pharmacy (1494), school and library. The main attraction of the city is represented by Old City with its beautiful preserved Squares and especially Huet Square that is dominated by the Evangelical Church which was built between 1320 and 1520 which makes it the oldest church in Hermannstadt. Plan to travel with other ATS members in 2021 when the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons will host another huge Sachsen Heimattreffen that will be held in Hermannstadt the weekend of August 6 -8th.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

How to find lost AirPods

If you already have the Apple Find My iPhone set up (and you should), the Find My AirPods feature is already set up. As long as you are in Bluetooth range, the missing buds will sound a chirping noise to help you locate them. Go to the Find My app on the phone and tap Devices. A list of your devices will open up. Tap on AirPods in the list. If your pods are connected, you can tap Play Sound and both should begin emitting the chirping noise for two minutes. If your pods are out of range, Find My will show you the last place you used your pods.

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.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory or honor of someone

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You may either

MAIL: PO BOX 45198
Westlake OH 44145

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE: FAX SERVICE IS
NO LONGER AVAILABLE

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 26, 2020 | FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2020 | FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2020 | FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 |

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.

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2020

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
- \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship
- \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
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- \$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
- \$1,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 5 – Lorain Scholarship
- \$1,000 Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
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- \$1,000 Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
- \$1000 John Boehm Memorial Scholarship
- \$ 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 16th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
 ATS Home Office
 5393 Pearl Road
 Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597
Request Forms must be received by March 16, 2020
 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
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
- \$1,000 Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
- \$1,100 Memory of Joanne "Honey" Wolff
- \$1,000 Memory of Elsie Weber
- \$1,000 Memory of John & Katrina Weber
- \$1,000 Memory of Michael & Margaret Schindler
- \$ 555 Memory of Marie Spaan
- \$ 500 ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
- \$ 500 Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
- \$ 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
- \$ 200 Memory of Michael Lander

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 16, 2020.

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: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Br. No. _____ Cert.No. _____
Request must be received by March 16th

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

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.. Scholarship winners will be announced at the ATS National Convention on May 30, 2020 and winners will be notified by mail. ..

**WE HAVE A RICH AND COLORFUL HISTORY AND HERITAGE!
 DO YOUR PART TO KEEP IT ALIVE!
 BECOME A PROUD AND ACTIVE MEMBER!**



ATTENTION: Members Cleveland East Branch 33

2020-2021 Application for Scholarship/Reimbursement College Expenses

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2020.

Here are the eligibility requirements, i.e. the RULES.

1. At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
3. Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum 2.0
4. Upperclassman: College accumulative GPA minimum 2.5

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Application Request for Branch 33 College Scholarship/Reimbursement

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____
 College/University: _____
 Year: circle one
 Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
 Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name: _____

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2020:
 Mail to: Karyn Schmidt
 4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

INVITE your relatives and friends to join the crowd at ATS. Tell them about our fraternal society!

The Salem Saxon Club FISH FRYS
 (Carry outs available)

Every Friday beginning February 28 thru April 3
 Serving from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m
 Adults \$10.00
 Children \$5.00

Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Breaded Pork Chops
 Escalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Homemade Cake

Cash bar open

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

February - March, 2020
 Bowl Where You Are Tournament
 February 22, 2020
 Overnight Stay at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
 March 28 - 29, 2020
 TSBA Tournament Youngstown, OH
 May 30 - 31, 2020
 ATS Convention
 Host Cleveland East Br. 33
 Marriott East, Beachwood OH
 June 21-26, 2020
 Saxon Summer Camp
 Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio
 July 10 - 12, 2020
 North American Saxon Heimattag
 Salem Ohio
 July 25, 2020
 ATS Family Day
 Waldameer Park Erie, PA
 October 10 - 11, 2020
 ATS Open Bowling Tournament
 Host Youngstown Saxon Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

February 23, 2020
 Youngstown Pork Kraut Dinner 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 February 27, 2020
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.
 February 28, 2020
 Salem Fish Fry (1) 4:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
 March 1, 2020
 Salem "Bowl Where You Are!" 1:00 p.m.
 March 5, 2020
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.
 March 6, 2020
 Salem Fish Fry (2) 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 March 7, 2020
 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook Off
 March 8, 2020
 TSBA Youngstown, OH
 March 12, 2020
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.
 March 13, 2020
 Salem Fish Fry (3) 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 March 14, 2020
 Cleveland East Bowling Party Wickliffe Lanes
 March 15, 2020
 Chicago Br. 9 Bowl Where You Are
 Youngstown Br. 30 Bowl Where You Are
 March 19, 2020
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.
 March 20, 2020
 Salem Fish Fry (4) 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 March 22, 2020
 Youngstown Pork Kraut Dinner 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 March 26, 2020
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.
 March 27, 2020
 Salem Fish Fry (5) 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 March 28, 2020
 Youngstown Presidents Goulash Dinner 6:00 p.m.
 April 2, 2020
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
 April 3, 2020
 Salem Fish Fry (6) 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming Events:
 Officers Meeting
 March 5, 7:00 p.m.
 Branch Meeting
 March 8, 2:00 p.m.
 Work Party
 March 14
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Culture Group Sausage Sale
 March 21, Pavillion
 Pork/Kraut Dinner
 March 22
 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Retirees Meeting
 March 11, 11:00 a.m.
 Bowl Where You Are
 March 15
 Camelot Lanes 1:30 p.m.
 Goulash Diner
 March 28, 6:00 p.m.
 Free beer prior to dinner

We invite our young people to Bowl Where You Are at Camelot Lanes March 15, 1:30 p.m. Free pizza and pop! Phone Kiki for reservations via the Saxon Club Office.

We invite you to our annual Goulash Dinner, March 28, 2020, 6:00 p.m. It's a family style dinner, complimentary beer from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$16.00 per person; children under twelve, \$7.50. Entertainment will be by the Culture Brass Band. Make your reservations now with any president, past or present, or through the Saxon Club Office.

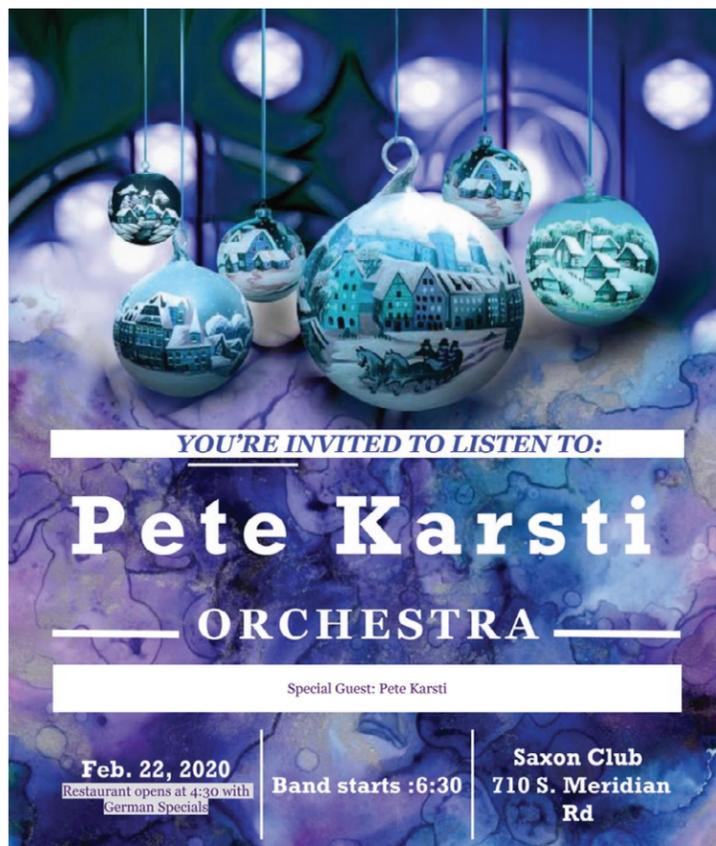
Our new members are: Lewis John Joseph, Sara Knob and Nancy Stark. Welcome to each of you.

Scholarships are made possible to YSU through Branch 30. These are not only for high school graduates but other young people who would like to attend the university full-time. ATS scholarships are available for other schools, as well. Contact, please, Julaine Gilmartin, 330-799-5171, Timberlaine Trail, Canfield OH 44406. There are scholarships also available through the Better Business Bureau of which the Saxon Club is a member.

We are working on a much needed refurbishing of the Pavillion. Volunteer to work or make financial contributions, which are very much appreciated.

Branch 30 dues, for both men and women, are \$35.00 per person and for young adults, ages 18-25, they are \$17.50. You get a lot for your money plus a respect for your heritage. Dues can come to the Saxon Club office or to Don Hoelzel, 695 W. Western Reserve Rd Youngstown OH 44509.

Auf wiedersehen!



YOU'RE INVITED TO LISTEN TO:

Pete Karsti

ORCHESTRA

Special Guest: Pete Karsti

Feb. 22, 2020
 Restaurant opens at 4:30 with German Specials

Band starts :6:30

Saxon Club
 710 S. Meridian Rd

Youngstown Saxon Club 44th ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S GOULASH DINNER TO HONOR OUR MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Saturday, March 28th, 2020

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30
 Adults \$16 per person, Children 6 to 12 \$7.50, Under 6 Free
 Please join us for an evening of delicious homemade Goulash

Entertainment by the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band

For Reservations call
 Saxon Club Office at 330-792-7973

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 21, 2020

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
 Robert Bachinger 330-792-5177

Orders will be
 accepted until
 March 17, 2020

You can also email
 your order to
 bman1017@gmail.com

Please mark this
 in your calendar.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB PORK-KRAUT DINNER FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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!

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. Paul Stork
Pastor**
10:00 Worship Service

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

Transylvanian Folklore

I was reading 'Transylvania' by Bronwen Riley and came across an interesting story. The story was about an area in Transylvania. It supposedly happened in one of the highest mountain ranges, at a place called Hen Mountain. The story takes place on the summit of Hen Mountain. Hen Mountain was adorned with a glittering palace where a good fairy lived. The fairy had a hen that laid three golden eggs every day. When the fairy was in a good mood, each young married couple in the area would receive a golden egg as a gift.

One day, three local boys from a village at the foot of the mountain decided to steal the hen because they were very poor. With great cunning, they dressed up as poor local women and succeeded in breaking into the palace and stealing the hen and a basket of golden eggs. On their way down the mountain, they got lost in surrounding forest and the hen began to cry out. The guards were alerted and sounded a tulnic, or alpine horn in alarm. Troops of riders went after the thieves but could not find them. The basket with the golden eggs turned over and

the eggs rolled from the tip of the mountain into the Aries Valley. From that day on, the banks of the River Aries were sprinkled with gold. The hen was trapped in a cave in the nearby mountains, and the gold is now hidden in the cave's innermost depths. The good fairy, angry that the local people robbed her, ordered the palace to be demolished and left for another mountain.

As the legend suggests, nothing but traces of the gold can now be found in the Aries Valley, and until the 1970's particles of gold were caught in the River Aries and its tributaries by nailing sheep fleeces to boards and laying them in water during the spring thaw. It has been suggested that it was this method of finding gold that gave rise to the legend of the Golden Fleece. While this differs from the story of Jason and the Golden Fleece story in Greek Mythology, it brings a Transylvanian twist to the story of the Golden Fleece.

**Facebook Page
Alliance of Transylvanian
Saxons, Columbus Branch
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We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. You are

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

The meeting was held on February 3, and President Thut brought the meeting to order and all the reports were read and accepted.

Sister Schmidt reported that a few members were recovering from illness and surgery. We wish Sisters Rosemary Laubenheimer, Anna Mueller, Elfi Sander-son and Hilde Schoonmaker a speedy recovery.

President Thut announced that we have some new babies that have arrived. Sister Sara Hartig is now a great great grandmother, Brother Ricky Hartig is a great grandpa and Mandy Hartig is a grandmother to baby Joey.

Sister Hilde Schoonmaker is a grandmother to Maren Francis Johnson. God bless all the people involved for these brand new babies.

Upcoming Events:

**March 15 from 1 – 4 pm
"Bowl Where You Are"**
– information has been mailed. This is not only for children only it is also for

adults. Location: Arlington Lanes. The cost is \$20.00 for guests. Please contact Liz at 847-685-9821 if you are interested to join us!

March 20, 2020 - Come join us as we give back! Feed my Starving Children 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg. Call Rose at 847-685-9821 to RSVP.

May 9 -Siebenbürgen Sachsen Stiftungsfest - Info to follow

June 14- Picnic-Lynn Woods - Morton Grove, IL

As members are getting older or passing away our Saxon Trachts and shirts are left behind for younger generations. However, these generations may not want to keep these items. Many members do not have Trachts and have asked us if they could borrow one for an event. Our answer is we don't have any! As you know a Tracht is unavailable to buy. So, we have come up with an idea at Branch 9 to correct this issue. Rose Hauer and Dede Thut are reaching out and asking any



members, past members, and children of members that have a Saxon Tracht or shirt hanging in their closet they do not want to please contact Rose at 773-758-9461. We would like to preserve these costumes and have them available for others to wear to our events.

The German Day Association has come up with a new website <http://germanday.com> to announce all upcoming events in the Chicagoland area. Please refer to this website to obtain information about events coming up in the future that you may be interested in attending.

The next meeting will be held on March 2, at the DANK Haus.



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.

Paula M. Bolois
Age 70
Died: August 23, 2019
Branch 27, New Castle PA

Carolyn L. Schneider
Age 77
Died: November 5, 2019
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Janet L. Kekel
Age 79
Died: December 21, 2019
Branch 18, Salem OH

Margaret M. Kelly
Age 94
Died: January 9, 2020
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Erick L. Theiss
Age 77
Died: January 17, 2020
Branch 19, Salem OH

Bruce H. Schmick
Age 70
Died: January 25, 2020
Branch 26, Merrillville IN

Virginia M. Bagnoni
Age 94
Died: January 30, 2020
Branch 2, Erie PA

Richard C. Brown
Age 80
Died: February 2, 2020
Branch 2, Erie PA

Donald D. Bochert
Age 84
Died: February 9, 2020
Branch 7, Farrell PA

INTERNATIONAL POLAR BEAR DAY, FEB 27



THE POLAR BEAR IS THE ONLY BEAR CLASSIFIED AS A MARINE MAMMAL BY MOST COUNTRIES WITHIN ITS RANGE. MALES CAN REACH 10 FEET TALL AND WEIGH 1,300 POUNDS. OF THE 19 RECOGNIZED POLAR BEAR SUBPOPULATIONS, ONE IS IN DECLINE, TWO ARE INCREASING, SEVEN ARE STABLE, AND NINE HAVE INSUFFICIENT DATA, AS OF 2017, ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA.

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 (donaclblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

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

Humor

An older man in a nursing home tells a story of his girlfriend.

He says she dumped him.

His story goes, 'my girlfriend dumped me, so I stole her wheelchair.'

Guess who came crawling back.



Clean up worn, but expensive sneakers

You can give those expensive, brand name sneakers, a newer look with a hair dryer.

For clouded bubbles on the side of the shoe, simply aim the hair dryer at the air bubble, and the bubble window will clear right up, according to You Tube's Sneaker Style.

On the rubber soles of the shoe, where wrinkles begin to appear from wear, do the same thing: Use a hair dryer in brief spurts to smooth out wrinkles. Be careful not to



use the hair dryer too long. It can melt glued parts. So switch back and forth along the sneaker, using the dryer to iron out the wrinkles. Never aim the dryer at one spot for more than a minute.

BRANCH 2, ERIE
By Tom Manning

Our first meeting for the year 2020 was held on Sunday, January 26th. It had been scheduled for Sunday, January 19th but was delayed due to a snow storm. Our meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken with all officers present except for Lee Wolfe and Ray Borgia who were excused due to illness. We send them get well wishes. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes and then seconded. A moment of silence was held in memory of Virginia Hess, Charles Piano, and Albert Schnell who have passed away. Also, we welcomed two new members, Winston A. Randolph and Loretta A. Sutton. We welcome them to our Branch.

Both Treasurer and Financial reports were given and voted upon. Both reports were passed and accepted. Under new business we held election of officers. They are as follows: President - Tom Manning, Acting Recording Secretary - Liz Manning,

Treasurer - Val Pinczewski, Financial Secretary - Liz Manning, ATS Secretary - Liz Manning, Auditors - Charlene Manning and Karen Olsen. Jerry Olsen swore in the officers.

Your local Branch 2 dues of \$6.00 for this year are now due. They are to be mailed to Liz Manning at 3909 Schaper Ave., #203, Erie, PA 16508. Please make check payable to ATS - Branch 2. Do not make the checks payable to Liz Manning.

We have noticed a severe lack of member participation in our branch activities to the point of becoming critically low. We urge our members to join us at our meetings because without your support we cannot continue to keep Branch 2 in existence. We have no meeting in February. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 15th at 2:30 p.m. at the Club. Remember that a Branch is only as strong as the support of its members. Please support us by coming to this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

**You know
you've grown
up when:**

Driving a car doesn't always sound like fun.

Your friends have kids.

Your kids have kids.

Your parents' jokes are now funny.

Naps are good.

Hitting girls is no longer considered flirting.

You wear shirts a second time because no one will wash them for you.

You WANT clothes for Christmas.

You remember seeing Star Wars when it first came out.

You don't want a Camaro because of the insurance premiums.

You look at a video and wonder who the guy with the bald spot is. Then you realize it's a shot of you in the surveillance camera monitor.

Persian or Oriental Rugs:

The difference and history

The first known mention of Persian carpets comes from around 400 BC when Greek author Xenophon writes that the carpets were so precious that they were an acceptable gift for diplomacy. Luxury, prestige, a sign of wealth.

And so they have remained 2,000 years later. Authentic Rugs from Persia (modern Iran) are still expensive, despite many modern competitors creating similar items. After all, the rug secrets of knotting, colors, and materials have long since been revealed.

The hallmarks of a true Persian rug: Natural dyes; hand-knotted with the Persian Knot; made of wool and/or silk fibers; ending with structural fringe, not sewn or glued, according to Rug Knots.

Today, most major museums have a Persian carpet dating from at least the 16th century. These extraordinary carpets can be worth millions, according to the New York Times. In fact, in 2013, Sotheby's sold a 17th century, 9-by-6.5 foot car-



pet made in Southeast Iran for \$33 million, the highest known price.

Trade sanctions have made it illegal for US dealers to sell Persian carpets made after 1987, when the sanctions began. Today if someone advertises such rug, it has been illegally brought into the U.S. or the seller is telling a fib.

But not to worry. If you can't afford millions, there are plenty of options available.

Essentially any authentic Persian-style carpet made outside Iran is called an Oriental Rug. So long as it matches the hallmarks of the Persian style, it can be considered genuine. But the

price has many fewer zeroes. An authentic Oriental area rug can run about \$4,000 to \$6,000. Small rugs are much more affordable, in the \$500 range, and are often used as wall hangings.

Some Oriental rugs are manufactured in the Persian style using Bamboo silk, considered a little more eco-friendly since it doesn't kill silk worms.

**4 tips to maintaining
your rugs**

Items as precious as Oriental and Persian rugs require some special considerations. Here are just four, according to Rug Knots.

1. Avoid traffic damage by moving the furniture around periodically. This will encourage different step patterns.

2. Avoid locations with direct sunlight, which will encourage fading over time.

3. Don't brush tangled fringes. In fact the fringes will fall back into place, if you flip the rug over.

4. Vacuum once a week. Do not use aromas or powdered rug fragrances. Vacuum with the grain.

**Join us for the
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's
10th Annual
Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, OH



Saturday March 7, 2020

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
with chili tasting beginning at 6:30 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

Take a chance on various raffle items and stay after
the cook-off to enjoy live music by The Dirty Franks

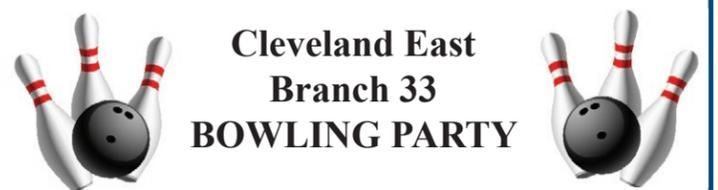
If you would like to enter a chili for judging in the contest,
please email us at csdg7001@yahoo.com for details.

Cost is \$20 per entry

(includes admission ticket for entrant)
and prizes will be awarded for the top entries
based on ballots cast by attendees.



"I think my fat has GPS. Every time I lose some, it always finds its way back home."



**Cleveland East
Branch 33
BOWLING PARTY**

To make it easier for our junior members to participate in the ATS "Bowl where you Are" event, Branch 33 is hosting a bowling party.

**Saturday, March 14, 2020
2:30 to 5:30 pm**

**WICKLIFFE LANES
30315 Euclid Avenue Wickliffe Ohio, 44024**

Pizza, snacks and beverages will be served.

The event is free for members.

Please come and join us.

Senior members are invited also.

Remember to bring the "Bowl where you Are" form (should have been mailed to your house, but if you didn't get one we will try to have extras).

Call Ema Litschel to reserve your lane.

(440) 358-1184

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Tiger Track Overnight at
Cleveland Metropark Zoo
February 22, 2020

Bowl Where You Are Tournament
Ages 6 -17
February and March

Saxon Summer Camp
June 21-26 2020

Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio
New Adventure Grades 1 - 2 (completed)
Discoverers Grades 3 - 4 (completed)
Journeys Grades 5 - 6 (completed)
Ultimate Challenge Grades 7- 9 (completed)

Saxon Heimattag
Salem Saxon Club
July 10—12, 2020

ATS Family Day
July 25, 2020
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

*Plus Coloring Contests during the Year
and
Coloring Projects in the Volksblatt*

German Winter Vocabulary

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Der Winter | the winter |
| Der Schnee | the snow |
| Die Kälte | the cold |
| Das Eis | the ice |
| Skifahren | skiing |
| Der Schlitten | the sled |
| Schlittenfahren | sledding |
| Der Schneemann | the snowman |
| Schlittschuhlaufen | ice-skating |
| Schneeballschlacht | snowball fight |
| Schneeflocke | snowflake |
| Rutschig | slippery |
| Schneesturm | blizzard |



MAKE SNOWMEN FOAM CUPS

YOU WILL NEED:

- Foam cups
- Felt
- Medium pom poms
- Pipe cleaners
- White craft glue
- Scissors
- Black marker

Cut a 1-inch wide strip of felt using the full length of the felt sheet. Fringe the ends with scissors by cutting 4 or 5 slits at each end.

Cut triangles from orange felt (or paper) and glue to the face area.

For the earmuffs, cut a pipe cleaner in half. Bend it around the top of the snowman and trim the ends so that they hang over by about 1/2 -inch.

Trim one side of a pom pom to make it a little flatter.

Glue to the pipe cleaner on the side of the snowman's head. Repeat for the other side.

Use a black marker to add eyes. You can add eyebrows if you like as well. It adds to their cute expressions!

FIND THE DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO PICTURES






PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

**Have you planned ahead to provide for extra retirement income?
Are your present savings earning a competitive rate of return for you?
Take action now to provide for financial security in your retirement years.**

ATS Annuity Plans offer you a safe way to increase and protect your hard-earned savings for your retirement while providing tax-sheltered growth. In an ATS Annuity your savings will grow and compound much faster than in currently taxable bank accounts, CD's or money market funds. **The ATS Annuity is truly a fine savings plan for your retirement.**

IF YOU ARE STILL WORKING-

Begin placing savings (perhaps switching current CD's, money market or bank accounts) into an ATS Annuity Plan where your savings will grow faster and your interest earnings are tax-deferred.

IF YOU WILL BE RETIRING SOON-

Act now to have your lump-sum pension distribution rolled over to an ATS Annuity for continuing tax-sheltered growth until you are ready make withdrawal decisions for retirement income.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY RETIRED-

Consider transferring some of your savings into an ATS Annuity and upon your request, you can begin receiving regular planned income payments for as long as you live. An ATS Annuity can take away the anxiety that you may live longer than your money.

Compare the features and benefits of various financial tools

| | ATS Annuity | Mutual Fund | Corporate Bond | Bank CD | Treasury Bill | Stock | Money Market |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------|---------------|-------|--------------|
| Tax-Deferred Growth | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Guaranteed Growth | YES | NO | NO | YES | YES | NO | NO |
| Competitive Growth | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Lifetime Income Options | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Guaranteed Survivor Benefits | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Probate Avoidance | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |




**ATS ANNUITY DEPOSITS
CURRENT APY 3.00%**

