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BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

Though attendance was lower than the previous month, our regular monthly meeting February 3rd at the American Slovak Club proceeded as usual. We did however begin the evening with a moment of silence for member Sister Donna Mize, who passed away on December 22, 2017. A memorial was announced in the Morning Journal on January 24, 2018 to be held at St. Mary Church on January 27, 2018. Sister Mize had been a member of Branch 11 since 1983. Our condolences to her family and friends. We also remembered through a moment of silence for the passing of ATS 3rd Vice President John Boehm, Jr. as reported in the January 26th issue of the Volksblatt.

Branch 5 junior members should have received their score sheets and invitation for they and their parents to attend a 'Bowl Where You Are' bowling party. Sunday February 25th at Slovak Lanes starting at 1:00 p.m. Both juniors and their parents can bowl their three games for the competition while enjoying pizza from a local pizzeria. As of this writing, the RSVP by 2/22/18 would be past. We look forward to seeing a large group and an enjoyable time by all who made RSVP plans to attend.

On March 3, 2018, Sister Erica Zgola, along with her daughters Chloe and Grace who are junior members of Branch 5, will be participating as a team in the American Lung Association's 'Air Climb' at the Terminal Tower in Cleveland. Team 'Scar' as they go by, were inspired by the battle and recovery of lung cancer survivor Garon Petty, the husband of Erica's mother, Sister Jeanne Petty. Good luck to them as they climb to the top!

Last August Sister Juliana Johnson traveled to Romania with fellow ATS members from Youngstown, Salem, Cleveland and Chicago to attend the Sachsentreffen 2017. At the May 5th 2018 regular scheduled meeting, she would like to present her trip visually through the pictures she took while chronicling her adventure. Her presentation would begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. with pizza being served from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and then our meeting beginning at 7:00

p.m. Plan on joining us that evening for both business and fun.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Saturday March 3rd, 2018 starting at 7:00 p.m. That evening we will be selecting delegates to attend the ATS Convention in Youngstown, Ohio June 2 - 3, 2018.

There are no members receiving sick benefits at this time but there are many who are celebrating Birthdays this month. Happy Birthday wishes to Sister Sharon Powell and Brothers Andy Schuffert, John Binder, Brian Long and Junior members Conner Hochevar, Jenna Peters, Michael Simon, and Piper Simon! Have a great day everyone.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Susi Mueller

By the time you are reading this article our February meeting will have taken place already.

Doris Gellner is taking now shots for her back neck pain. She has to wait about 6 days to find out if the pain will ease. Sophie Untch is still recovering from her knee surgery, because she still has a lot of pain.

I am sorry to report that Sara Rader passed away. She died peacefully during the night in her own bed Sunday morning the 4th of February. Our condolences go out to her husband George and the whole Family. Sara is the sister of Regina Kellner and also my first cousin, as our mothers were sisters. May she rest in peace.

Our next meeting is going to take place March the 19th at the Hickory House in Gahanna, at 1:00 p.m. with lunch at 12:00 Noon. Hopefully I am going to see all of you then.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



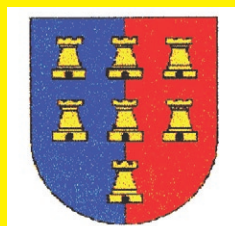
I recently received a letter from our longtime friend, Dr. Fritz Frank, a former Chairman of the Landsmannschaft of Austria who had brought greetings and good wishes for the New Year to his Saxon friends in the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. Dr. Frank is now 95 years old and still very interested in the activities of the Transylvanian Saxons throughout the world. He is thankful that he receives the Saxon News Volksblatt that keeps him informed with our activities here in the United States. He fondly remembers the days of working with the Saxon leaders in forming the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons and now admires the wonderful development of the former initiatives and the cultural performances of the Saxon communities worldwide. He prays that the Good Lord continues in blessing the Transylvanian Saxons. We at the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons have always valued his friendship and leadership. For those who personally have met Dr. Frank know of his sincere love for his Saxon heritage and the common bond we share bringing us together as a family. I am truly happy to have him as a longtime friend and admire him as a great Saxon leader!

Dr. Frank's message to me reiterates our pride that we have as members of our Fraternal Benefit Society that has been a part of the Saxon community for over 115 years. Belonging to our organization that is proud of its ethnicity and willing to work together to promote cultural activities while providing financial security to its members allows us to feel good about ourselves as we share our love for our fellow members and work together to strengthen our fraternal family. I encourage our members to make plans to participate more in their local meetings and activities as well as in the national ATS events. To share their talents which will make our society stronger and encourage their family and friends to become members. Volunteering your time can be very rewarding in knowing that you are helping to enrich your local Branch as well as your local community. Let's get closer and make new friends and strengthen the bond that holds us together. Let's appreciate what we have accomplished and look forward to new ideas and activities that we can enjoy with our family and friends. A quote from Mother Teresa,"

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
5393 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129-1597



Countdown to our
North American Saxon Heimattag
Cleveland OH
June 22 - 24, 2018
118 days to go!



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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I can do things you cannot do, You can do things I cannot do; Together we can do great things!

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: Rosenau fortress had its shares of sieges, heroic fights and medieval confrontations. The fortress is located on a rocky hill surrounded by forests that were once hard to cross. It was originally built on the ruins of an ancient site by the Teutonic Knights between 1211 – 1225. In 1335 it survived the Tartar invasion that destroyed the area of Kronstadt. The Transylvanian Saxons later enlarged and fortified the fortress. Due to the prolonged and often attacks, the Saxons built a small town inside the walls. In total 80 houses were discovered by archaeologists. The construction

was done in several stages, and over time defensive methods used were cannons and artillery weapons. In 1612 Gabriel Bathory (Hungarian, Prince of Transylvania from 1608-1613)conquered the fortress and was recovered by the Saxon community only after paying a consistent ransom. The small town was abandoned inside the fortress at the beginning of the 18th century when the southern Carpathian border was secured under the domination of the Habsburg Empire. Today, the fortress is one of the largest and most remarkable medieval monuments in Transylvania and is a wonderful historical attraction to visit when in the Kronstadt area.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.



Burg Rosenau
Luftbildaufnahme: Georg Gerster - Quelle: Siebenbürgen-Institut Archiv

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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 28, 2018	FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018	FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018	FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

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 – 2018

BRANCH 27,
NEW CASTLE
By Dolores Both

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
\$1000	Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
\$1000	Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman 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 30th. 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 30th.**

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-mail:

Br. No. Cert. No.

Requests 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 30, 2018
Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship
Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE
CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-mail:

Br. No. Cert. No.

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
\$1000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$ 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

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 30 2018.

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 30th. Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee.

**** Scholarship winners will be announced at the ATS Convention on June 2, 2018 and winners will be notified by mail. ****

ATTENTION: Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2018-19 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 2018-19 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application. **DEADLINE IS May 31, 2018.**

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum 2.0
- 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 or 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, 2018:

Mail to: Karyn Schmidt

4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

June 2- 3, 2018

ATS Convention Youngstown, Ohio
Host Branches 22 and 30

June 9, 2018

TSBA Convention, Cleveland Sachsenheim

June 22 -24, 2018

North American Heimattag, Cleveland Sachsenheim
Hosts Branches 1 and 4

July 6 -8, 2018

Revival of ATS Teen Weekend, Salem Saxon Club

July 15 – 20, 2018

Saxon Summer Camp at Camp Frederick

July 28, 2018

ATS Family Day at Waldameer Amusement Park
and Water World

October 20-21, 2018

ATS Open-Bowling Tournament, Merrillville, Indiana,
Host Branch 26

LOCAL EVENTS

February 23, 2018

SALEM FISH FRY (2) 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 1, 2018

Salem Bar Open 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 1, 2018

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

March 2, 2018

SALEM FISH FRY (3) 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 3, 2018

Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Sale/Wurstmarkt

March 4, 2018

Salem "Bowl Where U-Are" 1:00p.m.
Cleveland West Bowl Where You Are. Yorktown Lanes

March 5, 2018

Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

March 7, 2018

SALEM SAXON RETIREES 11:30 a.m.

March 8, 2018

Salem Bar open 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2018

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

March 9, 2018

SALEM FISH FRY (4) 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 10, 2018

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook Off

March 12, 2018

Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 15, 2018

Salem Bar Open 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

March 15, 2018

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

March 16, 2018

SALEM FISH FRY (5) 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

March 18, 2018

Youngstown Pork Kraut Dinner

March 22, 2018

Salem Bar Open 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

March 22, 2018

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

March 23, 2018

SALEM FISH FRY (6) 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2018

Cleveland West/East/Lorain Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 31, 2018

SALEM EASTER EGG HUNT 1:00 p.m.

April 2, 2018

Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

The Youngstown Saxon Club restaurant will, for now, have limited menus on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays will remain as in the past. Thank you.

Birthdays are for Janet Sharp, Gloria Hahn, Diane Kerr and Shirley Hahn who also celebrates her anniversary.

Joan Miller-Malue will join us for a visit on April 8, 2018 for a combined meeting at 3:30 p.m. after the Br. 22 meeting. You are invited to attend.

The Goulash Dinner will be on April 8, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. The cocktail hour will be from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. with some free beer. Tickets can be obtained in the office or from past presidents as well as current officers.

Please pay this year's dues to: Betty Garhammer, \$24.00, at 969 Canfield Rd. Youngstown, OH 44511 or phone at 330-788-4274. A \$5.00 fee is charged for a new key card if late. This is such a good organization so be a part of it for this small maintenance fee.

Pork/Kraut Dinner on March 18, 2018; come and get some good food, thanks to Helen Fotiuk.

We invite men and women to apply for the Br. 22 Scholarship to YSU. The

applicants must be in good standing with Br. 22 or Br. 30 and the ATS. They can be applicants right out of high school or adults who would like to further their education, full time. Application requests can be obtained for: Julaine Gilmartin, 4173 Timberland Trail, Canfield OH 44406, Rosemary Zamaray, 2158 Cranbrook Dr. Youngstown OH 44511 or Bev Myers 6980 Kirk Rd. Canfield, OH 44406. The deadline is April 15, 2018.

Cards sent were to: Lisa

Marucci, sympathy to the family of Marie Bokesch, to Marge Whitacre and family, Patricia Boehm and family, Thelma Schuller and family and Sofia Froom and family. Flowers were sent to Darlene Nischwitz.

We grieve for the loss of Dr. John Boehm, Jr., our ATS vice president and past president of the Youngstown Saxon Club.

Activities:

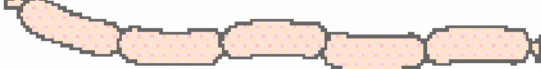
Officers Meeting, Tuesday, March 6 @ 1:00 p.m.

Br. 22 Meeting: Sunday, March 11 @ 2:00 p.m.

Retirees, Thursday, March 8 @ 11:30 a.m.

Pork/Kraut Dinner, Sunday, March 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

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 17, 2018

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

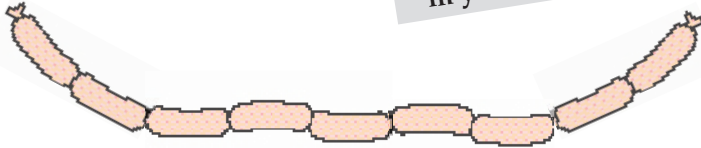
Orders will be
accepted until
March 14, 2108

You can also email

your order to

bman1017@gmail.com

Please mark this
in your calendar.



Next Session at Youngstown March 18, 2018

11:00 am.
Holiday Bowl
777 Youngstown-Poland Rd.
Struthers, Ohio 44571
(330) 755-1444

Dinner following
@ Youngstown
Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
(330) 793-7973

Any meal cancellations
please call Tom Simon
no later than
March 13, 2018
(330) 720-7988

CLEVELAND SACHSENHEIM'S WURSTMARKT/SAUSAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018
Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue



Pork Sausage with or without garlic
\$3.60 per pound

Sausage/Sauerkraut with Polenta Dinner
\$8.00 per meal (Please preorder meal)

Sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase

Orders are to be placed by calling:

Edith Hebrank 440-734-2584

Christa Herbert 440-888-6094

Email: Kranstuber@roadrunner.com

No phone orders after 9:00 p.m.
When leaving a message, include
your name and phone number to
receive your order confirmation.

If ordering by email you will
receive a return order confirmation.

FIRM DEADLINE FOR SAUSAGE ORDERS: February 25, 2018

Orders can be picked up at the Sachsenheim
AFTER 1:00 p.m (not before) on Saturday, March 3, 2018



The Salem Saxon Club

will host its six annual Lenten Public Fish Fries beginning on Friday, February 16 thru March 23 serving from 5-7 pm.

Dinners include choice of baked or fried ocean cod, or breaded pork chops, escalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce or

coleslaw, homemade cake, coffee/tea, iced tea or punch. The cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Carry outs available by calling (330) 222-1770 after 4:30 pm. Cash bar open to the public.

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



SALEM SAXON CLUB

BAR IS OPEN

EVERY THURSDAY.

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

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

March will bring several activities at the Sachsenheim and for our junior members. First, the Sachsenheim's Sausage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Deadline for sausage is February 25th. Orders are being taken by Edith Hebrank (440)734-2584; Christa Herbert (440)888-6094 or email Kranstuber@roadrunner.com. (No phone orders after 9:00 pm. If you are leaving a message include your name and phone number). You may also preorder a sausage/sauerkraut, polenta dinner for \$8. Sausage sandwiches will be available the day of the Sale. Orders are to be picked up on Saturday, March 3rd after 1:00 pm. This is the last sausage sale for the season, so make sure you stock up!

The following day on Sunday, March 4 the Junior Committee will host a bowling party for our junior members that is in conjunction with the ATS "Bowl Where You Are" Tournament. The event will be held at Yorktown Lanes located at 6218 Pearl Road, Parma Hts., Ohio starting at 3:00 pm. Patty Cunningham was taking reservations. She asked that those participating arrive at the bowling lanes at 2:30 pm to select your shoes and bowling ball. There will be pizza, pop and chips. The ATS will send each participant a fee Bowl Where You Are t-shirt.

The next weekend the

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will hold its Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 10. Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children under the age of 12 are half price. Contact a member of the Dance Group for your advance tickets. Admission includes three chili samples and dessert. Additional samples are \$1. If you are interested in entering your Chili, please contact Stephanie Miller-Hanek at 440-647-3229 or email her at samiller55@sbcglobal.net. Cost is \$20 per entry which includes one admission ticket. Prizes will be awarded for the top entries. Judging is done by the attendees and is based on their cast ballots. Purchase your tickets today and test out the various chili's while enjoying music by the Dirty

Franks. Let's get out there and support the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group!

The Junior Committee will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am. Invitations have been sent out to the Junior members of Cleveland East, Cleveland West and Lorain. Following breakfast, there will be entertainment by Rick Everhart Magic and Balloons followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling Patty Cunningham at 216-398-7520 or email her at prscunn@yahoo.com. Deadline for reservations is March 14, 2018. ATS Junior members are Free, Adults \$4 and Non-member children \$10. All attending the party are asked to bring a canned or nonperishable item or two to be donated to the local food bank.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 pm.

What is a financial caregiver?

As people age, it is not uncommon for them to need extra medical supervision as well as help with day-to-day tasks around the house to keep their standard of living.

One area of care that doesn't always get the most attention is finances. According to USA Today, about 92 percent of caregivers are having to take on the responsibility of managing bank accounts, insurance claims, taxes, and investments. Also, these same caregivers are spending \$190 billion out of their own pockets each year to help provide financial stability for their loved ones in cases where their needs exceed their means.

As family members approach the time when they will need extra support, it will be beneficial to start planning early for issues that will likely come up. Long-term care insurance, for instance, is usually only an option when a person is still healthy, and it can provide more opportunities for care once things become more difficult.

Likewise, many continuing care retirement communities offer ways to ensure proper care over many years, but they often require the person to move in before significant issues develop.

In both of these cases, a lack of planning can lead to more substantial costs and an inability for the care recipient to live where they want to.

As mentioned, financial caregivers often end up entirely managing the finances of their loved one, and this will usually require navigating insurance products that they might not be familiar with personally. Finding resources on how things work at an individual's state and local level can be challenging. It is helpful to be able to reach out to people who are in a similar situation to find a support system for information sharing. While not all financial advisors are equipped to deal with these kinds of cases, it is possible to find a willing and knowledgeable agent to help at least keep the financial boat afloat for as long as necessary.

At the other end of the spectrum, individuals who are wondering whether or not they might need help in the future should be acting sooner rather than later. U.S. News recommends considering the legal process necessary to create powers of attorney for financial and medical decisions that make sense for everyone involved. In these cases, trust is the most important thing to consider as



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.

Ursula P. Cifani

Age 62

Died: October 13, 2017
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

Florence M. Simunic

Age 81

Died: October 27, 2017
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Luise Dorr

Age 93

Died: January 3, 2018
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

Helen M. Baer

Age 99

Died: January 11, 2018
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

Werner M. Bloos

Age 59

Died: January 16, 2018
Branch 25, New Castle PA

Edward R. Ridel

Age 86

Died: January 18, 2018
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Judith E. Hart

Age 73

Died: January 27, 2018
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

Michael J. Kautz

Age 93

Died: February 1, 2018
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

Betty A. Mucha

Age 82

Died: February 2, 2018
Branch 26, Merrillville IN

Peggy L. Israel

Age 80

Died: February 10, 2018
Branch 18, Salem OH

Youngstown Saxon Club

42nd ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S AUTHENTIC GOULASH DINNER



Saturday, April 14, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$16 per person

Kids \$7.50 per person

Includes Coffee and Strudel
and some FREE refreshments

There will be Music, Awards, and Raffles!

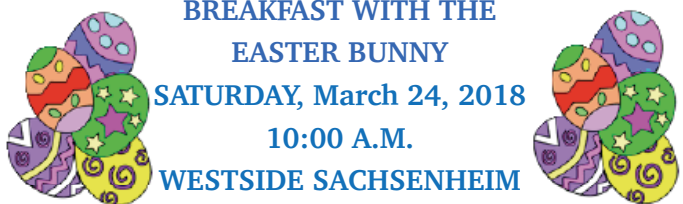
Reservations are required

by Monday, April 9, 2018

Call the Saxon Club office at 330-792-7973



giving another person complete control over one's financial life could open the door for mishandling or outright abuse. In some cases, a trusted financial advisor can be employed to help watch over the big picture to ensure that family members are not acting selfishly.



**BREAKFAST WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY
SATURDAY, March 24, 2018
10:00 A.M.
WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM
7001 DENISON AVENUE**

All ATS Junior Members
of Branches 1, 4, 5 and 33
are invited to attend
"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" at no charge.

Breakfast will be served starting at 10:00 a.m.
Following breakfast, we will be entertained by
Rick Everhart Magic and Balloons. After the
entertainment is over you will be invited to partic-
ipate in an Easter Egg Hunt. And, all Children
will have the opportunity to make a craft.

Make your reservations by calling or e-mailing:
Patty Cunningham – (216) 398-7520
(If you reach the answering machine,
leave your name and
telephone number – Patty will return your call)
E-Mail: prscunn@yahoo.com

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: March 14, 2018



ATS Junior Members	FREE
Adults	\$ 4.00
Non-Member Children	\$10.00

All attending the party are asked to bring
a canned or non-perishable item to be
donated to a local food bank.

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
PORK-KRAUT DINNER
MARCH 18, 2018**

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!

Join us for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's

**8th Annual
Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**

**Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, OH**

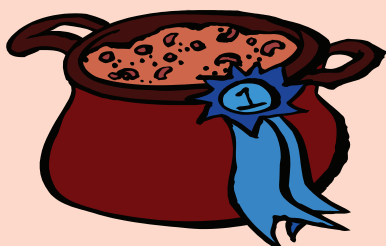
Saturday March 10, 2018

Doors open at 7pm

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

Stay after the cook-off and enjoy
music by the Dirty Franks



Contact Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229
or email her at samiller55@sbcglobal.net
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 entries
based on ballots cast by attendees.

**Transfer balances
with caution**

Know all the details of
the offer if you plan to
use a splashy credit card
balance transfer offer.

Here are three points
to look at:

Deferred interest: With
this plan, if you haven't
paid off the balance by
the time the introduc-
tory offer expires, you'll
be charged retroactive
interest for the entire
amount.

New purchase rates:
Never make a new pur-
chase on a balance trans-
fer card. According to
Forbes, new purchases
can and will be charged
a fat interest rate.

Missed payment pen-
alties: Always set up au-
tomatic minimum pay-
ments. If you miss one
payment on your trans-
ferred balance, you will
lose your low-interest
deal.



**NOW
HIGHER
INTEREST**

2.40%

**ANNUAL INTEREST YIELD
effective October 1, 2017**

**On Current Annuity and IRAS
Issued 10/1/2012 and After**



MARCH 4, 2018

1:00 PM

**Salem Saxon Club Branches 18
and 19**

**FAMILY
BOWLING PARTY**

A family bowling party will be held at the Hunt Club Lanes in
Salem on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1:00pm. All members of
Branches 18 and 19 and guests are invited to bowl. The club will
provide free shoe rental and 3 games of bowling to all branch 18
and 19 members. Non-member guests are welcome to bowl at
their own expense. Juvenile ATS members ages 6 to 17 may
participate in the Bowl-Where-You-Are tournament. Don't forget
to bring your official ATS tournament score sheet. Please RSVP by
calling 330-501-1491 before February 28, 2018.

HUNT CLUB LANES

188 Railroad Street Salem OH 44460

Free Bowling

Free Shoes

Pizza

Soft Drinks

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**Free for all Adult
and Juvenile
Branch 18 and 19
Members**

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**Non-Member guests
are welcome to join.
Bowling and shoes
will be at guest
expense.**

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**Juvenile members
age 6 – 17 bring
your ATS Bowl-
Where-You-Are
scoresheet**

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**RSVP by
February 28, 2018**

**Barbara Spack
330-501-1491**

The Foundation, a Solid Basis for our “Castle of Books”

The storage of precious items always entails a certain cost and effort, especially when the items may be damaged by environmental influences and also by users. This certainly applies to our “national library’s” holdings. For the above reasons it is absolutely vital that a qualified professional staff is hired. Moreover administrative, rent and ancillary expenses need to be covered. So far the Transylvanian Library Foundation is not yet in the position to completely meet these costs. Large gaps remain in the budget for staff, rent and ancillary expenses.

Besides the roughly one thousand donors who participate in building the Foundation’s assets with both smaller and larger, one-off as well as multiple sums, the subfoundations have also been contributing a roughly equal share. At present the following twelve subfoundations help to support us: Dr. Ortrud and Dipl.-Ing. Gerhardt Graeser; Dr. Roswitha and Martin Guist; Elfriede and Balduin Herter; Ute Sieglinde Hien; Gerlinde and Harro Hubbes, Dagmar Heuchert; Dipl.-Ing. Alfred Kasper, Sächsisch Reen, and wife Marga, Freiberg/Sachsen; Meta and Ingo Phleps; Heide Roth; Studium Transylvanicum; Hildegard and Günter Volkmer; Hedwig Waadt, nee König; Johanna and Dr. Arnold Weingärtner.

The founders of these subfoundations wanted to use their good names and their donations (minimum of 10,000 Euros) to promote both the Foundation’s success and the creation of further subfoundations, because they are convinced that the artefacts stored in Gundelsheim that bear witness to our history and culture are of vital importance.

Some of these subfoundations were created on the basis of a donation, a legacy or a testament. In this context it is important for potential testators to formulate their dispositions precisely, particularly when there are multiple heirs or beneficiaries. The testator’s last will must be explicitly evident in order to prevent subsequent disputes and to clearly identify the beneficiaries. Of the three possibilities mentioned

above, a donation is the most advantageous to the Foundation. On the one hand, donations do not involve trips to the authorities with the associated expenses and on the other hand the capital can more rapidly be put to use for the Foundation. The donor benefits from the fact that the donation, spread out over several years, is deductible from income tax and also from the knowledge that his or her good deed is accomplished more swiftly.

The Foundation is an institution that in principle should exist in perpetuity. It will only be able to achieve this, however, if its assets are large enough to fulfil the Foundation’s mission permanently. At present this is not yet possible. Therefore it would be most desirable for the completion of asset development if more individuals would decide to consider donating to the Foundation and/or arrange to create a subfoundation. Such a good deed would also preserve your memory in honor over the long term. With a sufficiently large capital, the Foundation would in the future be in a position to support not only the Transylvania Institute but also other projects of our community. Foundations have a future.

Should anyone think about giving consideration to the Foundation in their last will and testament, one option would be to transfer the available portion of their savings to the Foundation in advance or to place it at the Foundation’s disposal in the form of an interest-free loan. Such loans are also suitable for persons who are able to forego the interest income of their savings in favor of the foundation (help with a money-back guarantee). The loan is a safe investment. The Foundation is prohibited by law from touching its assets. Discretion is assured and the names of the contractual parties and sums involved are not published.

I would be glad to answer any questions you have about these topics in either a personal conversation, by telephone (06071/36114) or by email (hatto.scheiner@t-online.de).

Hatto Scheiner, March 2017

Dauerhafte Sicherung angestrebt:
Bericht der Stiftung Siebenbürgische Bibliothek

Die Jahresrechnung der Stiftung Siebenbürgische Bibliothek für 2017 offenbart zwei ganz unterschiedliche Aspekte. Einerseits ist der Buchwert des Stiftungskapitals um rund 72 000 Euro gewachsen, andererseits musste die Förderung des Siebenbürgen-Instituts mit Bibliothek und Archiv drastisch gekürzt werden.

Das Wachstum setzt sich aus direkten Zuwendungen von rund 65 000 Euro, rund 4000 Euro aus Erträgen der zinslosen Darlehen und rund 3000 Euro steuerfreier Dividenden zusammen. Die Hälfte der direkten Zuwendungen stammt von neun Personen bzw. Institutionen. Die andere Hälfte stammt von rund 250 Personen, von denen einige mehrere Male spendeten. Allen Darlehensgebern und Spendern dankt der Vorstand von ganzem Herzen für ihre Hilfe bei der Bewahrung der Zeugnisse unserer Kultur.

Um einer Abwärtsspirale bei den Erträgen und damit einer Entlastung von Personal zu entgehen (siehe dazu auch den Beitrag in Folge 19 vom 5. Dezember 2017, Seite 6), wurden 30 Prozent der Nettoerträge reinvestiert. Das allein wird jedoch nicht ausreichen, wenn demnächst die Zinsen nicht deutlich steigen. Anzeichen dafür gibt es leider keine.

Eine Reduzierung des Personals im Institut und in der Bibliothek wäre gleichbedeutend mit einer kompletten Schließung dieser für unser Selbstverständnis so wichtigen Einrichtung. Der ständige Zustrom von Büchern, Publikationen und Archivbeständen und die damit verbundenen Arbeiten, wie Durchsicht, Auslese, Katalogisierung, Digitalisierung, Datensicherung, Ausleihe, Heimversand, Korrespondenz, Buchhaltung, Projektdefinition und -überwachung, Beantragung von Mitteln, Instandhaltung der Gerätschaften, Verwaltung etc., werden nicht weniger, sondern mehr. Da helfen irgendwann auch Routine und freiwillige Mehrarbeit nicht mehr für eine verantwortungsvolle Arbeit. Hinzu kommt jetzt noch die Arbeit mit der Übersiedlung großer Bestände und der Arbeitsplätze in andere Räume des Schlosses.

Der Stiftungsvorstand appelliert deswegen an alle am Bestand der siebenbürgischen Identität interessierten Personen und bittet um ihre Hilfe. Drei Möglichkeiten sind aus unserer Sicht die aussichtsreichsten:

• Ausweitung des Personenkreises der Spender, weil auch viele kleine Spenden eine große Hilfe darstellen und alle Beteiligten das gute Gefühl spüren können, an einer wichtigen Aktion teilgenommen zu haben.



• Zur-Verfügung-Stellen von mehr zinslosen Darlehen, deren Erträge dem Stiftungsvermögen zufließen, den Darlehensgeber jedoch nicht direkt belasten. Die Namen der Darlehensgeber werden nicht bekannt gegeben. Das Darlehen kann jederzeit mit einer vereinbarten angemessenen Frist gekündigt werden. Die Sicherheit ist gewährleistet, weil das Vermögen der Stiftung nicht verbraucht werden darf.

• Schenkungen, Vermächtnisse oder Erbschaften. Diese führen die Stiftung am schnellsten zum angestrebten Ziel, den Bestand und die Funktion von Institut und Bibliothek auf Dauer absichern zu können. Schenkungen können über zehn Jahre von der Steuer abgesetzt werden. Auf Wunsch können diese Möglichkeiten anonym bleiben. Es können jedoch auch namensgebundene unselbstständige Unterstiftungen eingerichtet werden, die dem Namen des Erblassers/Schenkenden auf Dauer ein ehrendes Andenken bewahren.

Die Stiftung ist dabei, auch andere Quellen zu erschließen. So kann z. B. jeder, der bei Amazon über die Internetplattform „AmazonSmile“ etwas bestellt und vorher „Stiftung Siebenbürgische Bibliothek“ anklickt, ohne dabei Preisnachteile zu haben der Stiftung helfen, weil Amazon einen kleinen Prozentsatz der Einkaufssumme an die Stiftung überweist. Ähnliche Möglichkeiten werden untersucht.

Fragen zu den angesprochenen Themen beantworten wir Ihnen gerne mündlich oder schriftlich: Hatto Scheiner, Telefon: (0 60 71) 3 61 14, E-Mail hatto.scheiner[at]t-online.de; Wilhelm-Georg Hietsch, Telefon: (0 22 62) 72 77 91, E-Mail anwalthietsch[at]web.de; Nils H. Măzgăreanu, Telefon: (0 91 34) 90 94 84, E-Mail: nmazgareanu[at]web.de. Unser Konto: IBAN: DE75 3846 2135 0211 0290 13; BIC: GENODE33HAN.

Hatto Scheiner
SBZ Online
13. Februar 2018

English language website can be found at: http://www.stiftung-siebenbuergische-bibliothek.de/en/organe_en.html

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Ich trät af en Tra-dem, ich spännen län-ke
Fa-dem, ich spänn e schin wän Hör-kegd: si-we Jör am
des Zekt: Dreh dich her - um, herum, dreh dich her - um!

Siebenbürgisches Volkslied
Satz von Anneliese Barthmes



It is that time of year that we remind our members that it is not too late to make their 2017 contribution into their ATS IRA. Deposits must be made by this year’s tax filing deadline of April 17th. If you do not have an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA and have earned income, we recommend that you start one now! Both the Traditional and Roth IRA allow you to enjoy tax advantages while saving for your future. ATS has no administrative charges or service fees. All funds deposited are credited to your account to earn interest for you. (There are small surrender charges in the first five years.)

Traditional vs. Roth

With a Traditional IRA, you contribute pre-tax money, reducing your taxable income for the year, and thereby reducing your taxes, too. (Taxable income of \$60,000 and a \$5,000 contribution? Presto -- \$55,000 in taxable income for the year.) The money grows in your account and is taxed at your ordinary income tax rate when you withdraw it in retirement.

With a ROTH IRA, all withdrawals are tax free assuming you are over 59 1/2 years old and your IRA has been open for at least five years. Contributions must be made with earned money. There's no minimum age for opening a Roth, but whoever funds one, whether child or adult, must do so with earned income. For kids, allowance or birthday money doesn't qualify, but cash earned through babysitting or odd jobs can. For adults, qualified earnings include wages, commissions, and even alimony payments, but not inheritances, pension or disability income, or Social Security benefits.

Both Traditional and ROTH IRAS allow owners to begin taking penalty-free “qualified” distributions at age 59 1/2. However, ROTH IRAS require that the first contribution be at least five years before qualified distributions begins.

IRA contribution limits

The IRA contribution limits are the same for both the 2017 and 2018 tax years: \$5,500 -- plus an extra \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution for those age 50 or older.

Eligibility limits

	2017	2018
Deductible IRA income limit, active participant in workplace retirement plan, single	\$62,000 – \$72,000	\$63,000 – \$73,000
Deductible IRA income limit, active participant in workplace retirement plan, married filing jointly	\$99,000 – \$119,000	\$101,000 – \$121,000
Deductible IRA income limit, spouse is active participant in workplace retirement plan	\$186,000 – \$196,000	\$189,000 – \$199,000
Roth IRA income limit, single	\$118,000 – \$133,000	\$120,000 – \$135,000
Roth IRA income limit, married filing jointly	\$186,000 – \$196,000	\$189,000 – \$199,000

If you're thinking that it's February 2018 and it is too late to make a contribution to your IRA for 2017, you're in luck: The deadline for IRA contributions is actually the same as your tax-filing deadline, April 17. Thus, if you didn't make a contribution in 2017, you can make two in 2018, as long as you specify that one is for 2017 and you make it by April 17.

You Are Never Too Young to Start Saving for Retirement!