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BRANCH 2, ERIE By Tom Manning

The ATS Branch 2, Erie, meeting was held on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at the Siebenbuerger Club. All Covid-19 restrictions were observed. It is with deep sadness that our Branch is in the process of dissolving. In December we mailed a letter to our dues-paying members asking for their support by attending our January meeting. None of these members came to the meeting. The ATS Home Office required that we have a written Motion of Resolution by obtaining written votes by the members. We sent out 70 ballot letters. The choices were for ATS Branch 2 to Dissolve, or for Branch 2 to Not Dissolve. If members said Not Dissolve, they were to agree to run for an ATS Branch 2 officer position and attend monthly meetings. We had 36 responses to dissolve and 4 responses to not dissolve. It is obvious that we cannot continue and final arrangements are in process.

In the past, Branch 2 Erie hosted many ATS events including Bowling Tournaments, Golf Outings, Conventions, a Heimattag, and various culture groups and have participated in many activities of other branches.

After dissolution is complete, all Branch 2 members, adult and juvenile, will become members of the Home Office Branch with all benefits remaining without change.

A final meeting will be held on Sunday, March 28th, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at the Siebenbuerger Club. We hope to see you there.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

This past month's meeting was canceled due to the weather. As soon as the forecast said that we were going to get quite a bit of snow that evening, a decision was made to not have it. However, our next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 15, 2021 beginning at 7 p.m. at the American Slovak Club. The requirements for wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing are still in place, so come prepared. If you are a dues paying member, please come prepared to pay your dues by either cash or check payable to: **ATS Branch 5, Lorain, OH.** If you are not going to be attending, you can submit your dues by mailing your check to: *Michael W. Johnson, 41868 Earlene Ct., Elyria, OH 44035.* If you do not know the amount you owe for dues you can call me at 440-324-2534 and leave your name and phone number and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

I've had no reports of any members being on the sick list at this time. Hopefully, our older members have been able to get their COVID-19 vaccine and our younger ones will soon be able to receive ours as we start coming into spring.

I want to wish a Happy Birthday to our members celebrating their birthdays this month of March; Sisters June Nau, Betty Ralph, Brother George Drop, and Junior members Rhys Berlin, Kaitlyn Weber, Kiya Wyndham, and Kaitlyn Smith. May your day be a special one!

Remember, this column is about Branch 5 and for its members. If there is something special happening in your life or you want to make an announcement to appear here, call, or send an email to myself, Michael Johnson 440-324-2534, mikjo79@gmail.com, so we can share and support one another in fraternal fellowship.

**KEEP CALM
AND
WEAR A MASK!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Please remember to support your local Branch or clubhouse if they are open for business. Some are open on a full-time basis while others are open a couple days a week. They need our continued support to survive this ongoing pandemic.

A reminder for our members who are high school seniors and college students: the deadline to request a scholarship application is March 15th. The completed applications must be received in the ATS Home Office by April 15th. We've had quite a few requests received so far as well as completed applications returned. We don't want any eligible members to miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Scholarships are just one of many benefits that the ATS offers its members.

Did you know that March is Women's History Month? It is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society and is observed annually in the month of March in the United States. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation and declared the week of March 8 as National Women's History week. Congress followed this up the next year by establishing a national celebration. In 1987, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. Years ago, when I was on the Board of Directors of the YWCA in Alliance, one of our projects was to donate books to the local school libraries during the month of March. The books were either written by influential women or about them.

Some well-known and not-so-well-known women in American history include: Susan B. Anthony (suffragist), Elizabeth Blackwell (first woman to graduate from medical school and become a doctor in the United States – 1849), Mary Walton (inventor who was awarded two patents for pollution-reducing devices – 1879 & 1881), Mary Anderson (inventor of the windshield wiper blade – 1903), Jeannette Rankin of Montana (first woman elected to Congress as a member of the House of Representatives – Nov, 1916), Amelia Earhart (first woman and second pilot ever to fly solo non-stop across the Atlantic – May, 1932), Frances Perkins (first woman Cabinet member in the U.S. and served as FDR's Secretary of Labor – 1933 to 1945), Virginia Apgar (American physician and inventor of the Apgar Score, assessing the health of newborns to combat infant mortality – 1952), Rosa Parks (launched civil rights movement – Dec, 1955), Sandra Day O'Connor (first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court – July, 1981), and Sally Ride (first American woman in space – June, 1983). And of course, the recent election of Kamala Harris as the Vice President of the United States. Remember, though, you don't need to be an important person in history. Just be important to your family and friends.

Until next time....



**SEE PAGE 3 FOR
2021 ATS SAXON SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION
AND APPLICATIONS**

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 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

How to say no

An old adage says that the most successful people aren’t those who say yes most often, but those who say no.

It makes sense: “No” is a means of prioritizing one’s time (or even money), deciding where it’s best spent and with whom. Yet “no” can be really difficult in a culture that seems to value those who add to their plates instead of lighten them.

And while some people will advise you that “No is a complete sentence” -- meaning, we don’t always need a grand excuse, explanation, or disclaimers -- it’s still a good idea to be polite. So how can we get in the habit of politely declining requests that come our way?

Here are some tips:

- Keep it clear and concise. You want to avoid being hounded, and the people asking likely want to avoid being the hounder.

- Avoid the silent treatment. Have you ever wished someone would have just said no rather than avoiding you? Yeah, that stinks. Don’t be that person.
- Offer an alternative. In business, this can mean a referral elsewhere. At work, it can be a suggestion for how to get something done another way. In your personal life, perhaps another day or location is better.

- Set ground rules for yourself in advance. It’s easier to say no when you’ve established boundaries for yourself and don’t have to take each decision on a case-by-case basis. For example, you might decide that you always work out first thing in the morning -- so your calendar is already blocked off and you’ve mentally committed yourself to something.

- Say thank you. This isn’t a must, but it’s often appreciated. A thank you for the offer, the opportunity, for thinking of you, etc. -- followed by a polite decline.

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You may either

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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, MARCH 10, 2021	FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021	FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021	FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?
Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

Spring forward!
Daylight-Saving Time begins March 14



The Salem Saxon Club
FISH FRYS

Carry outs only
No Pre-orders

Friday, March 12
Friday, March 19

Serving from
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m
Until sold out

Adults \$12.00
Children \$7.00



Fried Fish or Baked Fish
Escalloped Potatoes,
Green Beans, Coleslaw,

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
\$ 750	Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship
\$ 750	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$ 400	Donzella Herman Scholarship

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

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

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-Mail:

Br. No. Cert. No.

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office
5393 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597
Request Forms must be received by
March 15, 2021
Please note:
Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms
will be accepted for consideration.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

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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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1,000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$1,000	Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
\$1,100	Memory of Elmer P. Schneider
\$ 750	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
\$ 500	Farrell-Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award

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

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

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

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 15th

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

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2021
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

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



BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Greetings, dear readers! It's been a great winter... for skiing and sled riding. But March is just around the corner and the time change will be coming up and hopefully that little Pennsylvanian varmint/groundhog who saw his shadow... well maybe he's wrong and spring will come quicker. We sure hope that any of our Saxon brothers and sisters living in Texas are recovering! The lack of heat, gas, water, sunshine and necessities - we do feel your pain, send our prayers and hope your lives normalize soon.

Branch 33 continues to conduct meetings the second Wednesday of the month, virtually via computer on Zoom. We do thank Vice President Maria Phillips, our Zoom leader, for her invites and access. Please join us! Next meeting is March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Send an email to her at mariaphillips22@gmail.com and she will get you set up for Zoom.

There are so many people we saw regularly at meetings that we sent readings out to, Florence Davidson, Clara and Don Weber, Joann J and Don Weber, Joan Blaha and Ron K. K we hear Ron is in a nursing home and our thoughts and prayers are with him. The Mahtars, we hope you are well. Peg Maurer, we hope you had a great birthday. Elva Keefer and Evelyn Keefer, we think of you often. We have not seen the Foisels or Prankas at the meetings and hope everybody is well, and Debbie Lang, we are wondering if you made it to Florida this year. Hey, Martha Bretz, Mike is at every meeting, why don't you sit behind him sometime we would love to see you. Frida Halemba and Inge Mahn, hello to you too. All the Schneiders, hope all is good. Pam Schneider had surgery, and we hope you are recovering well. And so many more on our list, local and farther, please know we think of you!

I sure hope as many of you as possible have gotten your vaccine. I strongly encourage everyone to get that shot. We certainly would like to get back to our "normal" lives and the sooner we reach immunity the sooner it will happen. And with that thought for the future, we are planning to have our annual picnic in August, Sunday the 8th at Penitentiary Glen, our usual

pavilion site. We may be limited in attendance though, so I will keep you posted as to when reservations will be due. Not sure about the Lake County Captains ball game yet. And in perusing my Volksblatt I noticed the only national event listed so far is Heimattag, hosted by Salem Saxon Club, July 9-11. Let's hope!

Branch 33 scholarships, available to Branch 33 members only, Application requests for college undergraduates need to be requested from Karyn Schmidt by May. Now hear this - if you are a junior member turning 16 to 18, you need to apply for adult Branch 33 membership, in order to be eligible for scholarships. Please contact Karyn for the details at mbks26@gmail.com

Officers gave their 2020 annual reports. Branch 33 Adult membership is at 175. 138 dues paying and 37 exempt. We did pick up three new juveniles in 2020 for a total of 42. We are always looking for new members!!

Br. 33 did have officer elections in November and we do have several new officers. As a reminder President is Margie Ziegler, Vice President Maria Phillips, Treasurer Jeff Krestel, Secretary Arline Suts (me!), Financial Secretary (collects the dues) is Mike Bretz, ATS Secretary Karyn Schmidt, Membership Committee Chair Cindy Schneider, Trustees Barb Hum and Austin Bonnett, and new Trustees Wayne Suts and Nick Ziegler. The Branch presented a gift to outgoing President Ema Litschel and Vice President Bette Schmidt for over 20 years of service and dedication in their respective offices. Each received a silver locket on a silver chain; The locket has the ATS emblem on one side and their initials on the other. They leave office but continue as active members, and we wanted to honor and especially thank both.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that at the end of every meeting we do read off all of the members who have birthdays in that month. For the month of February we especially want to send out Happy Birthday wishes to Elizabeth Friedsman, 95, and George Schuster, 99 years old.

To Branch 33 and all ATS members, I send good wishes for health and happy times! Tschuss!!

INVITE

your relatives and friends
to join the crowd at ATS.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

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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Cleveland, OH 44129



RELIGIOUS HISTORY
TRANSYLVANIA
So Why Are So Many
Transylvanian Saxons
Lutheran-Part 3?

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 next area of interest in the Lutheran religion and the Calvin/Unitarian movements and doctrines.

Transylvania and other neighboring areas had been Roman Catholic for more than five hundred years.

The Reformation was in full motion. Martin Luther challenged the centuries old Catholic Church. Why was the Reformation so popular? Martin Luther recognized that many people disliked the widespread corruption within the church and were eager for reform.

Martin Luther's criticisms struck a nerve and poor German peasants took up arms against their wealthy landowners. Known as the Peasant War, this revolt was unorganized and lacked strong leadership. The government armies quickly crushed the uprising. Martin Luther did not support the uprising as he said they were

doing this only for economic gain. As a result, Luther lost the support of some of the social reformers.

Regardless, Luther's ideas became popular with the German princes. Luther did not believe that the church should own property. Also, he thought that rulers should appoint clergy members. Luther favored a more powerful role for rulers and weaker church authority. Many German princes who wanted freedom from the Pope's authority favored Protestantism. There was a war between Catholic and Protestant princes. In 1555, a compromise called the Peace of Augsburg was reached. The compromise would let Protestant princes to decide which religion would be allowed in their governing area. This would open the door for the Reformation, which would eventually spread across many areas including Transylvania.

In addition, to Luther's criticism of the corruption of the Catholic Church he promoted several premises in essays. In Paul's letter to the Romans, Luther said 'The path to God is through faith alone, forgiveness was not something the church could grant, nor was it something individuals could achieve on their own.' Instead, it was given by God to each person who accepted God. This theory became known as "justification by faith", meaning that a person could be made good by their faith and acceptance of God.

So that was that, and Lutherans would now replace the Catholic Church in many places and especially Transylvania, or would they?

Reformation opened the door for many ideas and religious beliefs.

Some of the other ideas, religions or beliefs that followed, as parts of the reformation were Unitarianism and Calvinism.

Calvinism was a religious movement that began with John Calvin. Calvin's movement was a religious movement that followed the teachings of the Bible but also followed the idea of Predestination. In his belief, he did not believe that all people were created equal. He believed that some are preordained to eternal life and others are destined to eternal damnation. In other

words whatever happens to you in life does not affect which way you go because you are already predestined for eternal life or eternal damnation. Calvinism is a religious movement that follows Calvin and his teachings as much as God.

Unitarianism has a dramatically different theory about religion. Unitarianism is a theological movement based on the belief that the God in Christianity is one entity, as opposed to the Trinity of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They believed that Jesus was inspired by God in his moral teachings, and an example of the better life all could lead, but he was not a deity or God incarnate. Another area where Unitarianism differed was the infallibility of the teachings of the Bible. They believed they could achieve forgiveness through the way they lived versus as a gift that was bestowed by God only. Additionally, area that created a stir was that they believed a denial that prayer should be addressed to Christ.

For years there would be differences in theology, practices and beliefs between the religious groups. Some of the differences to be noted were the beliefs by Luther that the Lord's Supper was to be taken literally that you were receiving the body and blood of Christ versus or just spiritually as a symbol as Calvin would teach. The teaching of Calvinism spread into to Hungary and threatened to spread to Transylvania.

There were many religious leaders on all sides that promoted their beliefs and would try to sway the masses to follow their theology, doctrines and teachings. There would be requests to have synods where the differing opinions could be presented in debates, in order to sway individuals to follow each other's religious position.

The division and bickering between the religious factions caused a serious crisis. In 1568, John Sigismund, Unitarian King of Transylvania, granted religious freedom to Catholics, Lutherans, the Reformed Church (Calvinism) and Unitarians. In 1571, the Transylvanian Diet gave constitutional recognition to all four religions. Sigismund's successor, Stephen Bathory, forbid further changes in doctrine from beliefs held during Sigismund's reign.

Martin Luther and Lutheranism would prevail with Transylvanian Saxons after all the bickering and fight-

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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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German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**
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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. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor**
10:00 Worship Service

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ing amongst the various religions coming out of the Reformation. The fact that by 1540 the majority of the Transylvanians embraced the Lutheran faith, and in 1544 the Saxons openly declared their adherence to the Augsburg Confession aided Lutheranism in becoming the dominant religion of the Transylvanian Saxons.

The other religions would still exist but the Saxons overwhelmingly adopted Lutheranism.

HUMOR

The wisdom of a bus driver.

Two women in a bus began fighting bitterly over the last seat available on the bus.

The bus driver had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene. Shrewdly, the bus driver announces, "We are going to settle this, we are going to let the ugly one of you to take the seat."

Both women stood for the rest of the trip.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Facebook page continues to draw interest from Saxons in many places. We are now at 112 Facebook members and growing weekly. Many of the new Facebook members are sharing interesting stories of their

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

We request that all members while in the Saxon Club, keep on their masks when not actually drinking or eating their meals. Also, please have your temperature checked at the bar when you come in. We want to keep or club open as well as keep all of you, while there, in good health.

The Youngstown Saxon Club is open three days a week: Sundays from 9.30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays, from 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Our next officers meeting will be March 7 and the general meeting will be March 14, 2021.

Members are reminded that dues of \$35.00 are to be paid by the end of the month of February, for both men and women. Please help keep your heritage going by showing your support. Send to :The Youngstown Saxon Club, 710 S. Meridian Rd, Youngstown, OH 44509, Attn. Val Thomas. Thankyou.

Scholarships to YSU are possible through Br. 30 for

men or women of any age for full time attendance. To recall, a boy or girl can become a member of Br. 30 at the age of sixteen years for \$5.00 a year and be eligible for scholarship application by eighteen years of age. You need to be a member for two years in order to apply, and have had 3.0 average grade. Contact, please, Julaine Gilmartin, 330-799-5171, 4173 Timberlaine Trl, Canfield OH 44406.

We welcome Theresa Koneval to our membership with joy as she carries on the tradition of her family. Welcome!

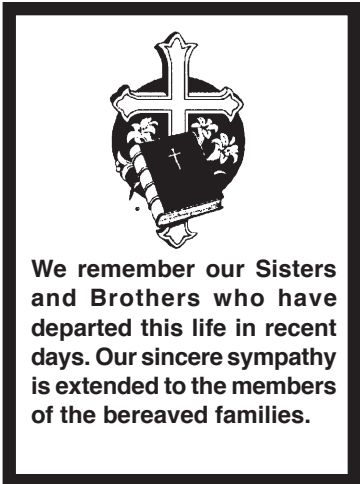
We ask for someone to consider continuing the man-

agement of The Flea Market on Tuesdays, an Eberth tradition that helps maintain our frontal property; Please contact the office if you could help with this. Also, Saturday mornings, our trustees and others contribute their help in the general maintenance of the Saxon Club. If you can spend even a few hours sometime, it will be very much appreciated. OR help, with the closing procedures of the Pavillion or lower lounge. The more we can do ourselves, the less we need pay for outside help.

We thank June Hoelzel for joining the Memorial/Celebration Fund committee, assisting Rosemary 7amary in this vital area.

Keep tuned for the next Pork/Kraut Dinner!

During the February 14, 2021 meeting of Br. 30, a Memorial Service was held for the twenty-one members lost during this past year to the Youngstown Branch. With respect, we send sympathies to their families and friends.



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.

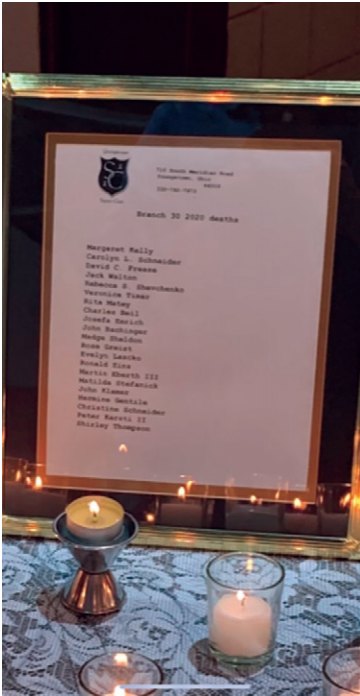
Shirley A. Sheridan
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Branch 5, Lorain, OH

Thomas G. Hathhorn
Age 81
Died: February 1, 2021
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Edna I. Beeman
Age 93
Died: February 13, 2021
Branch 5, Lorain, OH

Sarah L. Kelly
Age 81
Died: February 17, 2021
Branch 27, New Castle, PA

Sara K. Downie
Age 94
Died: February 18, 2021
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH



"We have it easy? Your generation didn't have to worry about having to document every minute of your life."

Baaßen / Bazna



Above the previous Romanesque construction, a Gothic hall church with polygonal chancel was erected in the first half of the 15th century. No tower was added to the church, but the hall was heightened by half its size and covered with a lierne vault. Above the chancel that boasts its groin vault, three massive defence levels and a timber frame parapet walk were built. In the 15th and 16th century the church was protected by a wall and several defensive towers, of which only the southern tower, serving both as a gate and a bell tower still exists. Later the town hall was even located here. The defensive systems of the chancel were dismantled in the 19th century and replaced by a high-hipped roof. On the western facade the probably Romanesque painted portal was exposed. The organ, the pulpit and the altar were set up in the second half of the 18th century and the pews and the tabernacle are Gothic. The sedilia with round arches originate from the Romanesque construction phase.

Place and surroundings

“The miracle of the fiery water”, “The field of salt” or the “Strange crater” are just a few of the places worth seeing in Bazna. It is said that, long ago, a group of shepherds who were resting near a lake close to the village decided to withstand the freezing cold of the night by making a fire. But as the first spark of the shy fire shed its light on the tired faces of the men, the looks changed into perplexity and terror: a spark touched the water surface, and instead of drowning and dying it increased and spread out and, within a few seconds, the red water of the lake was caught up in waves of fire. This happening caused so much rumour that even the count Valentin Frank von Frankenstein presents it in his lyrical writings. Years later, the phenomenon could, of course, be scientifically explained: salty water contains inflammable gasses, which have made Bazna famous in our times. The bathing places with their physiotherapeutic springs, the natural environment, the fortified church, the park – all of them offer both peace and adventure, relaxation and activity, to suit the taste of each visitor.



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Fasting isn’t right for everyone

Fasting has a life-style focus, rather than a dietary focus. If you don’t like breakfast and you don’t feel hungry in the morning, you shouldn’t force yourself to eat breakfast just because it is supposed to be healthy, according to Healthline.

But some people should not try fasting, especially without consulting a doctor. They include:

- Pregnant and breast-feeding women.
- Diabetics and people with blood sugar regulation.
- People who are underweight.
- People with a history of eating disorders.
- People with low blood pressure.
- Any person with a serious or chronic illness should consult a doctor.
- Women with fertility problems.

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

Nora	1. März
Edda, Stefanie	2. März
Kunigunde	3. März
Adrian, Hella	4. März
Friedrich	5. März
Gottfried	6. März
Renate	7. März
Thomas	7. März.
Manfred	8. März
Franziska	9. März
Alexander, Margot	10. März
Erwin	11. März
Gregor	12. März
Ernst	13. März
Mathilde, Mechthilde	14. März
Christoph	15. März
Henriette	16. März
Gertrude	17. März
Eduard	18. März
Josef, Josefine	19. März
Gutbert, Melitta	20. März
Benedikt	21. März
Herlinde	22. März
Eberhard	23. März.
Gabriel, Herwart	24. März
Klaus, Maria	25. März
Emanuel	26. März
Hubert	27. März
Ruprecht, Rupert	27. März
Dietrich	28. März
Guntram	28. März
Edith	29. März
Guido, Roswitha	30. März
Traugott	31. März

Genealogy: How to solve that family puzzle

If you dig into your family history, you’ll find surprises and some disappointments, but you’ll have the satisfying feeling of knowing the people and places that make up your family history.

On the disappointing side, that family story about Grandma being Cherokee? It’s almost certainly not true in any way, unless you are a tribal member now. But the surprises could be many. You may be a bricklayer and find out your great-great grandfather was also a bricklayer in 1850.

Genealogy is a great puzzle, but it is not as difficult as it may seem.

Most people can easily trace their ancestors to 1870 in census records, all available online. The 1890 census was mostly destroyed by fire, so that might be a hindrance, but many other records exist.

If you get earlier than 1850, the census just lists by name the head of household (usually male but not always) and no other members of the family.

When you hit snags, think broadly about where your family could be. Males in 1860 usually had something to do with the Civil War.



A good genealogy program will let you easily add footnotes about where you found your information -- this will be crucial as your tree expands. Online sites are also helpful including ancestry.com and familyhistory.com

Search war records. Communities from the 1790s and earlier are almost certainly clustered on the East Coast to Virginia and to Georgia and other states in the South.

Some family lines are easier to trace than others. If your people were known to be Quakers, you will be lucky indeed, since the Quaker records list whole families for decades, and even include stories. The same is true of Mormons. Another example are the German families who traveled to the U.S. from Hungary around the 1900s. These records are very detailed and widely available. If you know your ancestors were here during the American Revolution, don’t miss the records of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Editors note:

Der Verein für Genealogie der Siebenbürger Sachsen e.V. has been compiling a genealogical data base for Transylvanian Saxons.

Records are currently available for the following towns with more to come: Abtsdorf bei Marktschelken, BIRTHÄLM, Bulkesch, Dunesdorf, Felsendorf, Hahn-bach, Haschagen, Kreisch, Michelsdorf an der Kokel, Mühlbach, Nimesch, Rauthal, Schirkanyen, Seiden, Taterloch, Urwegen, Waldhütten, Zendersch und Zuckmantel.

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Over the years, a woman's role in the family and in the business world has changed dramatically. With this change has come the need for life insurance. Whether she is the primary breadwinner of her family as an executive, a single parent working nine to five, a stay-at-home mom, or a combination of these, women need life insurance now more than ever.

In today's world, many women are making more money than their spouse or they are working as a single parent and head of her household. Even a stay-at-home mom has a dollar value attached to her work in the home and would be costly to replace all of her duties. This creates a financial responsibility to her family and a need for protection from the loss of her income should the worst happen.

In addition to replacing the income of the insured, life insurance proceeds can be used for final expenses. The average cost of a funeral now ranges from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Other expenses that can be paid with life insurance proceeds are medical bills incurred during sickness or loans and credit card debt.

According to LIMRA (a research and development organization that offers insurance analysis) roughly 44% of women do not have life insurance coverage.

On average, life insurance can cost less for a woman than a man. Women tend to have a longer life expectancy than men. This, in turn, is less of a risk for the insurance carrier. The cost of life insurance will depend on age, health, and amount being purchased.

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