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The Youth Activities Committee of the ATS would like to thank the following children who colored the Valentine picture that was in the Volksblatt. Each picture was wonderful. All participants received a sweet treat!

Griffin Bogue	Alexandria, OH
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Ella Leone	Hubbard, OH
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Julia Schmidts	Inverness, IL
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Keep reading the paper for future activities!

BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE

By Shari Edwards

We held our January/February 2017 meeting on January 18th. Our attendance for this meeting was 15, with 1 excused and we had one visitor.

We started our meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Matt Zeedrich.

Hostesses for this month were Sue Hertel, Penny Zeedrich and Lesley Reed.

The dinner after our meeting was pizza. It was very good as always.

Hostesses for our next meeting, which will be held on March 15, 2017 are Jan Ossler, Shari Edwards and Mary Craven.

Our 2015 audit report is done. Everything is as it should be. 2016 is being worked on.

Flowers for St. Paul's will be handled by Barbara Esterly. They will be delivered for the church service on April 9, 2017. The flowers will be delivered to home bound Saxons after church.

A reminder was made that the "Bowl Where You Are" is held from February 1 - March 31.

Jan Ossler expressed how much the Alliance YWCA appreciates all that our club does for them.

Alice Freeders made a motion that we donate \$100 to the YWCA for their general expense. They are much higher in the winter months. She also made a motion to donate \$50 toward a basket for there fund raiser "Mardi Gras" The motion was seconded by Barbara Esterly and the motion carried.

Our treasurers report was read and a motion was made by Lesley Reed and a second was made by Savannah McKelley to accept it as read. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be March 15th at 6:30 pm

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

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Check it out!
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



Fraternal benefit societies such as the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons are membership organizations that unite individuals with a common bond, provide them the ability to secure their families' financial security through a variety of life insurance and savings products, and form one of the nation's most effective volunteer networks, delivering billions of dollars toward community services. Fraternalism exemplify the "take care of your own" spirit that helped build America. As an ethnic fraternal that was founded by Transylvanian Saxon immigrants we are open to embrace all individuals of any ethnic origin that are of good character to share a common value system and support our Transylvanian Saxon heritage.

We need to strive for steady growth in a competitive insurance market to insure our member benefits and programs. Our sales team is vital to the growth of our fraternal benefit society. Our sales force which we refer to as ATS Deputies, work to increase our society's financial strength and depend on their local membership to assist them in introducing them to potential new members. I am happy to welcome a new ATS Deputy to our Team, Trudy Schaefer, a member of Branch 4 Cleveland-West. We congratulate Trudy for recently finishing the Ohio insurance licensing courses and obtaining her Ohio Insurance License to sell ATS Life and Annuity products. We are still looking to increase our sales team. Individuals must have a valid Life Insurance License or be willing to obtain a license which the ATS will reimburse them for the cost of them getting their license. We will provide training and support throughout their work. If you are interested, please call the ATS Home Office. Let's us all make an effort to lend a hand to support the work of all our ATS Deputies by introducing them to potential new members.

This is a reminder to our ATS Local Branches that each year every Branch must file a 990-tax return for Tax-Exempt Organizations by May 15th. The majority of our Branches are able to file a 990-N whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less. It is a very short form that is filed electronically. There is no paper form except the receipt of the submission which you need to keep a copy for your Branch records and also need to send a copy to the ATS Home Office. If the Branch's gross receipts are less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year you would be required to file a Form 990-EZ. Any Branch with receipts equal to or above \$200,000 or assets equal to or above \$500,000 must file a 990-full return. The ATS Home Office must receive a copy of your 990-form

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!

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



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

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

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK FUND

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

AMOUNT DONATED \$ _____

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

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your 990-form submission or copy of your return that we keep on file for verification when we have an examination by the Ohio Insurance Department and also for our annual submission to the IRS that we and our local Branches are in compliance with the applicable laws. If any Branch has a problem with the submission of their 990-N, please call the ATS Home Office and Monica Gilles will assist you with your filing.

Transylvania Saxon Trivia: The role of Bishop Friedrich Müller after World War II proved to show that he was a pious, courageous and clever leader not only of the church as an institution but also as a representative of the Saxon people. In 1947, all the Saxons were about to be deported to the eastern districts of Romania or possibly beyond, but Bishop Müller, almost the only Saxon to know of this plan, opposed it by a dramatic appearance in Bucharest, where he offered himself and others for execution instead of implementing this devastating action. He maintained the old-school view that it was the church’s task to be responsible for the community as a whole, even to the extent of interfering in political initiatives. At that time the church was limited by the Department of Cults, which was established by the communist state. Liturgy and worship was to be maintained only within the walls of the church. Nevertheless, Bishop Müller along with his colleagues managed to organize social help for families of those that were deported to Russian labor camps. He also received permission to teach the catechism on Saturdays and Sundays. The bishop remained the true spokesperson for the people.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB PORK–KRAUT DINNER MARCH 26, 2017

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$9.50

Children \$5.00

includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!

Q: How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

A: He’s Dublin over with laughter!

Q: What would you get if you crossed Quasimodo with an Irish football player?

A: The Halfback of Notre Dame!

Q: What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick’s Day?

A: St. O’Claus!

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

MAIL: PO BOX 45198,
Westlake, OH 44145
FAX: (440) 399-9339
E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017	FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017	FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017	FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

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

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2017

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

To be eligible for a Freshman Academic Scholarship Grant you must be a high school senior with an accumulated grade point average in high school of 2.8, or better. Twenty-one Scholarship Grants will be awarded to freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States and three renewable grants to present recipients of the Victor Deptner Scholarship.

\$1,000	Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship
\$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, 2017
Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

Do you know?

...It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.

...If you are addicted to brake fluid, you can stop whenever you want.

...Exaggerations went up by a million percent last year.

... What to call a magic dog? A Labracadabrador.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-Mail:

Br. No. Cert.No.

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
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Behind on student loans

According to Marketwatch, about 40 million Americans currently have student loan debt of some kind. Coupled with a complex job market, one in four students are either delinquent or in default on their loans.

Personal Finance publication Kiplinger says that the most important thing to do is to contact the loan servicer immediately. After 90 days federal loans are reported to the credit bureaus, and after 270 days the loan typically goes into default which will cause the borrower to lose federal loan benefits like repayment plans and loan forgiveness. Contacting the loan company before or during a missed payment will allow the borrower to adjust their terms or apply for deferment or forbearance.

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

ATS JUNIORS' CORNER



BRANCH 5 LORAIN BOWL WHERE YOU ARE

Participants were Logan Ralph, Kyle Smith, Mackenzie Smith, and Grace Zgola.



BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
SATURDAY, April 8, 2017
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 "JimBadaBim the Magic Man" will entertain us with some magic. After the entertainment is over you will be invited to participate 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: April 1, 2017



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.

ASK ...
ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW
A CERTIFICATE OF
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATS
CAN HELP YOU TO SAVE!

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

February - March 2017

Bowl Where You Are Tournament

May 20, 2017

Branch Presidents' Meeting

Host Cleveland West Br.1

June 23 - 24, 2017

North American Saxon Heimattag

Kitchener ONT Canada

July 16, 2017

Saxon Summer Camp

Camp Frederick

July 29, 2017

ATS Family Day

Waldameer Park, Erie PA

August 3 - 16, 2017

Federation Saxon Jugendlager

Transylvania/Romania

LOCAL EVENTS

March 10, 2017

Salem Fish Fry (2) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March 11, 2017

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-Off

New Castle "9-pin" No-Tap Tournament at Colonial

Lanes 1:30 p.m.

Youngstown Culture Group Sausage Sale-Lunch

March 12, 2017

Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet 2:00 p.m.

March 13, 2017

Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

March 15, 2017

Youngstown Fish Dinner / Lounge

Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.

March 16, 2017

Salem Bar open 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

March 17, 2017

Salem Fish Fry (3) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cleveland Sachsenheim Corned Beef and Fish Dinners

Youngstown St. Patrick's Day Special / Lounge

March 18, 2017

Youngstown Presidents' Goulash Dinner 6:30 p.m.

March 22, 2017

Youngstown Fish Dinner / Lounge

March 23, 2017

Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.

Salem Bar Open 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

March 24, 2017

Salem Fish Fry (4) 5:00- 7:00 p.m.

March 26, 2017

Youngstown Pork and Kraut Dinner 11:30 am to 2:30 p.m.

March 29, 2017

Youngstown Fish Dinner / Lounge

March 30, 2017

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

March 30

Salem Bar Open 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

March 31, 2017

Salem Fish Fry (5) 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Cleveland Br. 1 250 Club Dinner

April 1, 2017

New Castle Brewfest in the Saengerhalle

April 3, 2017

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

April 5, 2017

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

April 6, 2017

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



St. Patrick's Day: From local to global in 400 years

Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and that means everyone -- worldwide.

Somehow a local celebration of a revered holy man became a global celebration.

St. Patrick himself is a sympathetic figure. Most of what is known about the 5th century missionary and bishop comes from The Confessio -- written by the man himself. In it, Patrick, who is thought to have been born in Roman Britain, tells of being kidnapped at 14 by Irish raiders who enslaved him. Patrick wrote that, after six years as a slave, the voice of God guided him to a ship waiting to take him home. In Britain, he studied to become a priest before returning to Ireland. There he worked miracles and converted thousands to Christianity, famously using a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.

Patrick is said to have died in 461 on the 17th of March, a day that became a Christian feast day in the early 17th century.

It started as a public holiday in a few places - the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, a British colony called Montserrat and two Canadian provinces, Labrador and Newfoundland.

What started small is now a global celebration. In the 21st century, there are celebrations as far afield as New Zealand, Argentina, and Tokyo as well as closer to home in places like New Orleans in the US state of Louisiana and in the Canadian city of Montreal.

Experts say that while this has been partly influenced by the migration of the Irish around the world, the diaspora effect does not provide a full explanation. The festival also exists in places where there aren't many ethnic Irish people and is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival.

Although criticized in many places for being commercial and promoting stereotypes of Irish culture, St. Patrick's Day festivals around the world have very little in common apart from the thematic color green.

According to Patrick Griffin, a history professor at Notre Dame, there is nothing really Irish about the celebrations now with each location lending its own history to the event to create something unique. In Tokyo, for instance, where

Youngstown Saxon Club

41st ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S AUTHENTIC GOULASH DINNER



Saturday March 18, 2017

Social 6:00-6:30

Complimentary Beer & Soft Drinks

Family style dinner 6:30

Entertainment by

The Saxon Culture Brass Band

Adults \$16 per person

Children age 12 and under: \$7.50 per person

Reservations are a MUST!

Due by Monday, March 13th 2017

All reservations need to be paid in advance

Call the Saxon Club office at 330-792-7973

or contact Ernie Roth, June Hoelzel,

Jim Mauch or Walter Benesch for tickets

The public is invited



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Dränk uch äß, asen Herrgot net vergäß

the festival began in 1992 and is largely organized by people who aren't Irish, festivities focus on cultural exchange and unity and are managed by a non-profit called Irish Network Japan.

In Montreal, St. Patrick

Day parades began when Irish soldiers in the British army observed the day while there on conquest. Its perpetuation has mainly been due to shared faith in Catholicism, say experts, rather than any desire to maintain a sense of Irish identity.



The Salem Saxon Club

is hosting its annual Lenten public fish fries on Fridays thru April 7, 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

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Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
Rev. Roberta Davis-Newhouse
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service



SALEM SAXON CLUB

BAR IS OPEN

EVERY THURSDAY.

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

Youngstown Saxon Club



In our Main
Ballroom
Sunday Evenings

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

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

**Birthday Specials
Pig Number**

**We're wheelchair
accessible!**

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

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

Charles Schultz wrote, "all you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. " And so with that thought in mind, I want to thank Maria Thellmann for bringing chocolate heart lollipops to our February meeting. We started the Wednesday evening with a soup and chili cook off. Margie Ziegler took third place with her Chili, Mike Bretz in second with his Chicken Paprikash Soup, and Arline Suts in first place with Chipotle Pork Chili. I believe there were seven entries in all, and it was so much fun tasting everything. And thank you to Holly Prankas who, I think everyone agrees, should get a special award for the wonderful cornbread she makes. Thank you to the bakers as well. There certainly was plenty to eat.

I am sorry to report that our longtime member Elizabeth Adam passed away; she had been in hospice but not very long. A quiet and caring woman, and I think we would all agree, a tremendously patient and dedicated mother. All Branch 33 members send condolences to her family.

Florence and Myron Davidson have not been able to make it to the meetings but Florence did send a lovely note. (Florence, we miss seeing you and 'Chick' just as much.) And we were thrilled to hear that Florence was honored by the community for spearheading the building of an addition to the Orange Village Community Center. Clara Weber got new 'electrical hardware', and we hope it paces her into better health. Of course, greetings to all of our members who have not been able to make it to events and meetings; we hope you're all feeling better with the warmer weather this past week. A little sunshine can lift everyone's spirits.

Branch 33 wants to remind all of our junior members who are coming up on their 16th birthday, or are between the ages of 16 and 18, that you are not "automatically" an adult member. You do need to sign up to get your full adult membership benefits. So please don't let your Branch 33 membership lapse. You or a parent or even a grandparent can call Ema Litschel or Cindy Schneider or any of the officers, and we will get you inducted as a full Branch 33 member. Stay proud of your Saxon-German heritage!

A reminder to those who are going to be starting college or are in the midst of your undergraduate studies: The Branch 33 membership scholarship application will be posted in the *Volksblatt* from March to May. The application needs to be sent to Karyn Schmidt.

As for outings that are coming up: the first will be the Membership Banquet on Sunday, April 23 at Saint Noel's Banquet Center in Willoughby Hills, 1 pm to 5 pm. This event is free to all members. Please come and join us to celebrate YOU, and being a member of the ATS Cleveland East branch.

Branch 33 is again hosting an evening at the Lake County Captain's baseball game. Barb Hum is organizing the outing and the tentative date is July 8, a Saturday evening game with fireworks. I'll give you more details in the next article.

We have set the date of Sunday, August 20th, for our annual summer picnic at Penitentiary Glen.

Branch 33's next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8. The evening will start at 7 PM with Margie Ziegler and Reflexology. So please come and learn a new way to relax!

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

We had another successful Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner this year! We had 323 people enjoy a delicious homemade sausage dinner prepared by our wonderful Saxon cooks. We had over 100 wonderful items to raffle off plus side boards and a 50/50 raffle. We are so thankful for their support that day and are so very grateful to our members and friends who donated an item or monetary gift. We also want to thank our Auction Committee and everyone who helped set-up and tear-down, the cooks, those that sold tickets, raffle tickets, side boards, servers, our announcer. It was a fun afternoon that helped support the maintenance of our Sachsenheim. We can be proud in Cleveland that we have dedicated members and friends that care about our fraternal home!

Now it is time to get out to support the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group at their Annual

Chili Cook-off this Saturday, March 11th. Doors open at 7 pm. It is a fun evening sampling the various chili's and getting to see who the winners are for the best chili's. This year they have added music by the "Dirty Franks" that will entertain the crowd after the awarding of prizes. They are having a 50/50 which you can purchase tickets from any Dance member. The winner need not be present. So, if you cannot make this event at least show your support by purchasing a 50/50. This group is dedicated to fostering our Transylvanian Saxon heritage and is working to bring the young children together to form a new group for the young ones. Advance tickets were \$12 and at the door they are \$15 which entitles you to three chili samplings. Additional samples can be purchased for \$1 each. It is a great event, make sure you are there!

The next day, Sunday, March

Losing your spouse to exercise

It may feel as though your spouse is having an affair, and he or she is. Kind of.

But it is an affair with the gym not Jim. This is the kind of affair that, in our health conscious world, is hard to criticize.

According to the Washington Post, fanatical obsessions with fitness nonetheless usually leave one spouse complaining about eating alone, cold sheets and no fun.

What to do? The obvious answer would seem to be in the old adage 'if you can't beat them, join them.'

Exercising with your spouse can give you a common interest as a couple and give you time to and topics to talk about. It could be a win win.

Not everyone thinks so.

According to Jenna Bergen Southerland, writing in Prevention magazine, exercising is a lovely personal space that often isn't fun to share with your spouse. Then there is the competition angle, when he tries to run faster than her or the opposite.

But one of the most important points is that couples might like to exercise differently. Men might prefer weightlifting to aerobic dance. Women might prefer yoga to pushups.

If you are competing with your spouse's Gym, try using the time to make your own space in the exercise world. You will still share an interest and you will get to do something you like.



**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.**

Alice B. Seiverth

Age 95

Died: January 3, 2017
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

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Age 85

Died: February 8, 2017
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Age 76

Died: February 20, 2017
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

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Age 88

Died: February 22, 2017
Branch 2, Erie PA

Edward J. Theis

Age 91

Died: February 22, 2017
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

12, our junior members will enjoy a Bowling Party at the Freeway Lanes in Parma at noon. Patty Cunningham has made all arrangements. Everyone will enjoy pizza and pop, have a chance to win some gift cards and enjoy three games of bowling. They will be competing with other ATS members in the national Bowl Where You Are Tournament for a bowling award in the various age groups. The ATS will mail a free t-shirt to each participant. Participation in this national event will earn scholarship award points that will benefit a member when they apply for an ATS scholarship. So if you have not made arrangements to be part of this Sunday's bowling party, you still can bowl 3 games during the month of March and submit the official signed scoresheet to the ATS Home Office.

We want to congratulate our member, Trudy Schaef, on finishing her insurance course and obtaining her insurance license to be an ATS Deputy. We know Trudy is very energetic and personable that she can be

a number one sales person for our Alliance. We need to get behind her efforts and recommend family and friends that would be potential members of our fraternal. Good luck, Trudy!

The Junior Committee will be hosting Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am. After breakfast we will be entertained by JimBadaBim the Magic Man followed by an Egg Hunt. The party is free for Junior members of ATS Branches Cleveland East, Cleveland West and Lorain. Adults admission is \$4 and non-member children \$10. We ask that everyone bring an item or two of non-perishable food items for our Local Food Bank. To make reservations please call Patty Cunningham at 216-398-7520 or email her at prscunn@yahoo.com. Deadline for reservations is April 1st.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Collection of local dues will be taken at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

PotPourri

Your Horoscope

March 2017

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: This is your month to celebrate. Permission is granted by the stars since you have been so hard-working lately. You will be a bit fussy over details for a time yet.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: Bulls of the Zodiac find themselves on the move the first half of the month, calming down by the end of of the month. There is room for romance. Mind and heart unite at the full moon.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: Your mental energy is focused now. Avoid quarrels. If there have been any, now is the time to apologize. Making up can be great fun.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: The second week of March opens with an idea. Follow it through. It should work out quite well, but don't expect help from others.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Wow, do you have energy this month! Lions, you might need to roar at the beginning of the month, as the old cliché says about March. Complete any unfinished project early in the month.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: A good month for you. If you need extra help or advice, it will be there for you. Be sure to ask because you will be busy. Take time to play.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: Things will be a little tense at mid-month, afterward there will be time to relax a little. Use this time to be more assertive. It isn't often the stars give you that kind of go ahead.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: You are not feeling especially perky. It's wise not to work too hard or push yourself too much. Your body might need extra care. Look at the glass as half full, not half empty.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: What you set your mind to do will be accomplished. You are strong and determined this month, especially the last two weeks. If you are too stubborn, expect to be challenged.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: Your normal cautious attitude is thrown to the wind. You are ready to try something new and will surprise people with your adventurous idea.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: Opportunities await you. Don't overlook anything since even small gestures can grow into something much bigger. After the 20th, things change course. Don't pressure yourself.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/20: You are feeling better about things this month. Money is a concern, but takes the back seat to other issues. Reading is your best escape.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

Saxon News from the North West

What is going on at the Youngstown Saxon Club:

The Annual Presidents' German Goulash Dinner, Saturday March 18, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Wednesday Fish Fry in the Lounge open to the Public.

Pork and Kraut Dinner, Sunday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo every Sunday in the Ballroom 6:45 p.m., open to the Public.

300 Club monthly drawing March 22, and the third Wednesday of each Month until August for paid up ticket holders,

Bar Bingo every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, Saxon Drawing every Wednesday at 8:00 PM in the Bar and Lounge, Queen of Hearts drawing on Thursday 8:35 PM in the Bar and Lounge.

Friday night Fish Fry and other favorites. Read the *Volksblatt* and Saxon News for information

Those who are to graduate this year please don't delay, get your application in for Branch 22 Scholarships. Contact Julaine Gilmartin, Rosemary Zarny or Bev Meyers for information and applications. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2017

Tickets are still available for the 300 Club. Call or contact your ticket salesperson or contact Rick Lieb, 3929 Ayershire Dr, Youngstown OH or call 330-518-7593.

We are delighted to have the Kuzmans Bar and Dance Club at the Saxon Club in the Ballroom on Friday night. This is a well known group who are known for their loyal dancers and patrons. The Ballroom is open to the public during their

evening entertainment.

Check out:

The Bulletin Board and the Saxon News for information on dances in the Lower Lounge on Friday or Saturday nights about 5:00 p.m., consider an entree special offered by the Chef and your waitress. Patronize the sponsors advertising in the Saxon News; it will mean a lot.

Your contributions to the Memorial and Celebration committee are greatly appreciated and are used for good upkeep and restoration; you can send these contributions to the Saxon Club. Mike Teutsch Sr. has been a good servant and uses the funds for much needed restoration. Tom Hahn, Chairman of the Restoration Committee, is looking into a short order food refrigerator and checking into better lighting in the Lower Lounge, which could be LED lights, more light and less electricity, start-up is a higher expense, there could be some chance of help with the cost from the Utility company.??

The dues for Branch 30 are \$50.00 per year, please be paid by April 1, 2017. After that date it will be \$ 5.00 to restart your card.

FYI, Paul Schobel, age 76, born in Chicago IL, son of John and Sara Schobel, passed away on February 19, 2017. Paul's mother Sara and her sister in law Mary Roth were faithful cooks in the early days of the Saxon Club on Meridian Road.

Everyone is Irish on March 17th and so is the Saxon Club. Come down and enjoy a good Irish meal and a brew to top it off.

So Goes the News

Eine neue Marienburg

Nach dem Beispiel der Burgen von Rosenau und Rebs ist nun auch in Marienburg die alte Burg wiederaufgebaut worden. Es ist eine Rekonstruktion und keine Restaurierung oder Renovierung. Das ist ein gewaltiger Unterschied, denn über Sinn und Folgen der Rekonstruktionen wird in der Denkmalpflege kontrovers diskutiert. So war es unumgänglich, dass die „wiedhergestellte“ Marienburg, wie auch die Burgen von Rosenau und Rebs, schnell ins Visier der Kritiker gerieten.

„Totsaniert“, „schrecklich“, „grauenhaft“, „Kitsch à la Disneyland“, „Kullissenarchitektur“ – das sind Begriffe, die in diesem Zusammenhang fielen und die, bis zu einem Punkt, auch gerechtfertigt erscheinen. Dass solche kostspielige Arbeiten zu oft auch mit Korruption in Verbindung gebracht werden (egal in welcher Phase: Genehmigung, Entwurf, Ausschreibung, Durchführung, Abnahme der Bauarbeiten), macht eine sachliche Diskussion nicht leichter. Wenn es dabei an Fachkräften mangelt und Inkompetenz hineinpfuscht, dann wäre es besser, zunächst eine einfache Notsicherung der historischen Denkmäler vorzunehmen und größere und komplexere Eingriffe jenen zu überlassen, die sich wirklich auskennen und die das dafür ausgegebene Geld auch tatsächlich verdienen.

Im Falle der drei Burgen im Kreis Kronstadt muss hinzugefügt werden, dass zwei von ihnen (die Repser Burg und die Marienburg) in der Tat Ruinen waren, wo selbst deren Besichtigung nur „auf eigene Gefahr“ erfolgen konnte,



Blick von Westen auf die neue Marienburg. Foto: Ralf Sudrigian

wann immer hätte es, durch herabstürzende Steine oder fehlende Sicherung, zu einem Unfall kommen können. Keine der drei Burgen ist im Besitz der evangelischen Kirchengemeinden. Sie gehören den Kommunen, die sich von ihrer touristischen Nutzung einen zusätzlichen Bekanntheitsgrad der Ortschaft und damit verbundene Einkommen erhoffen. Zumindest im Falle von Rosenau scheint die Rechnung aufgegangen zu sein. Wenn solche Rekonstruktionen auch tatsächlich unter Einhaltung der Denkmalschutzgesetze fachgerecht vorgenommen werden (wie es immer wieder betont

wird), wenn moderne Mittel und Lösungen nur dann angewandt werden, wenn sie unumgänglich sind und wenn solche Eingriffe deutlich gekennzeichnet werden, dann sollte man nicht vorschnell alles pauschal schlecht reden. Denn es gibt keine „neue Ruinen“ und keine „Gebraucht-Burg“. Es gibt aber zum Beispiel Kirchenburgen, die verlassen sind und die verfallen. Es gibt Türme, die plötzlich zusammenstürzen. Zerstörungen sind Teil der Geschichte, sollten aber nicht schicksals ergeben hingenommen werden. Allerdings: wenn eine Rekonstruktion als Restau-



Die Ruinen der Marienburg vor der Rekonstruktion. Foto: Bürgermeisteramt Marienburg

rierung dargestellt (und auch bezahlt) wird, ist das nicht in Ordnung. In Marienburg sollen die vom Kreisrat getragenen Bauarbeiten, die noch nicht wie vorgesehen im September abgeschlossen werden konnten, rund 12 Millionen Lei (ohne MwSt) gekostet haben, das sind umgerechnet 2,6 Millionen Euro. Ursprünglich sollten

es 15 Millionen Lei sein. Drei Millionen Lei konnten gespart werden. Hoffentlich nicht durch einen Kompromiss betreffend Qualität und Originaltreue. Die Marienburg steht nun da und wartet auf Touristen. Zu ihren Füßen, in Richtung Alt, steht ein modernes Klärwerk. Das passt gar nicht zur historischen Landschaft, zu Mittelalter und deutschen Rittern. Die Ruinen der alten Burg sind nun von einer Burg-Replik ersetzt worden, die den Anspruch hat, möglichst originalgetreu auszusehen (so wie im 17. Jahrhundert, laut Angaben der Baufachleute).

Ralf Sudrigian

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