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# Volksblatt

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## NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF ATS NATIONAL OFFICERS

The ATS Constitution was amended at the convention held in 2010 so that nomination for newly elected officers would have to be nominated by their Branch prior to the convention and the nomination form is to be submitted to the ATS Home Office 60 days prior to the date of the National Convention. Corporate governance for fraternal benefit societies has come under scrutiny by State Insurance Regulators. They closely review the education, qualifications, expertise and experience of each board member. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners have mandated that an annual corporate governance disclosure be made annually. It is important that we elect qualified individuals to serve on the ATS Board of Directors.

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

- 1) Be of Transylvanian Saxons or German birth of a descendant thereof
- 2) Be an American citizen
- 3) Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past three years.
- 4) Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit society system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance
- 5) Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous National Convention.

- 6) Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance.
- 7) Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office
- 8) Not be a current officer in another fraternal benefit society.
- 9) A candidate must be elected a delegate and attend the Convention.

The following offices will be up for election at the 2018 Convention: First Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer and three Trustees.

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

The list of names of nominees and their qualifications will be sent to the Local Branches for their review and printed in the Volksblatt prior to the convention session.

The 2018 Convention will be held in Youngstown, Ohio the weekend of June 2-3. Our hosts are Branches 22 and 30.

### BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE

By Helen Brooks

The March meeting of Saxon Lodge Branch 26 was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a very good turnout on a very sunny day.

President Randall Floyd called the meeting to order, and we said the pledge to the flag.

Brigitte Floyd read the minutes of the February meeting and they were accepted.

Roll call of officers: two absent – Pete Guip and Judy Andrews.

All reports were given and accepted.

I received a letter from a former Saxon member, Hulda Griffin. I shared her news with the group.

A moment of silence was held for Betty Mucha who had passed way.

The raffle was won by Willard Schuffert and the attendance prize by Ed Gottschling.

It was great to have Erika Sumichrast with us, visiting from Nevada, as well as several other members back after short illnesses.

Our meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed the homemade Kraut and sausage I made, along with chicken and some side dishes.

Of course, the dessert table was loaded! Very good!

Til we meet again.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



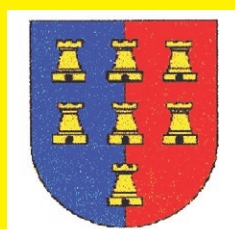
On Saturday, March 10, 2018 the ATS Board of Directors held a quarterly meeting. We reviewed our Annual Financial Statement that is filed with the State Insurance Departments and NAIC. Our Treasurer/Office Manager, Denise Crawford, does an excellent job assisting in preparing and reviewing the financial reports. A Management and Discussion report is filed each quarter with the State of Ohio. Our total assets at the end of December 31, 2017 was \$89,313,861, an increase of over \$2 million from yearend 2016. Net income for the year was \$663,423. Total Life Insurance in force was \$26.2 million and total annuity value was \$64.6 million an increase of \$2.0 million from last yearend. Our financial reports show growth and strength, however, once again our membership is in a decline. We are asking for all members' help in promoting membership in our organization. We are a "family" that cares about each other and enjoy the Gemütlichkeit when we get together for our various activities. Our fraternal business model is unique as it combines the "member owned" characteristic of a mutual insurance company with the "social mission" characteristic of an ethnic organization as well as charitable work to benefit those in need within our communities. Let's get working to bring in new ATS members!

The ATS Board of Directors are key contributors to the success of our company. They have the responsibility to ensure that the company is being properly managed by establishing strategic framework of corporate governance that has the approval of our State Insurance Department and the IRS. As we prepare for our upcoming Convention and the election of officers, it is very important that the Local Branches nominate qualified individuals that are willing to devote their time and expertise in overseeing the management of our fraternal. We are regulated just like the large insurance companies and need officers that are committed to work for the betterment of our company. I must acknowledge and commend our current national officers for their diligence in carrying out their duties. We are very fortunate that we have officers that work hard for the benefit of the whole organization. Every officer is important and every officer contributes! Kudos to my fellow Board members.

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Countdown to our  
North American Saxon Heimattag  
Cleveland, Ohio June 22 - 24, 2018

91 days left!  
See Page 7 for Reservation  
and Hotel Information



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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AMOUNT DONATED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

There will be a meeting of men and women fraternal members on April 8, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. after the Ladies Meeting. Our national president, Joan Miller-Malue will be our guest speaker. It is an open forum when anyone can ask questions of her.

Other events:  
Officers Meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:00 p.m.  
Br. 22 Meeting, Sunday, April 8, 2018 2:00 p.m.  
Retirees Meeting, Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:30 a.m.  
Goulash Dinner, Saturday April 14, 2018 6:00 p.m.  
Mother Daughter Banquet, Sunday April 29, 2018 1:00 p.m.  
Officers Meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 2018 1:00 p.m.  
Br.22 Meeting, Sunday, May 6, 2018 N 2:00 p.m. (This meeting was moved because of Mothers' Day.)  
Birthdays : Lisa Marucci, Alexis Marucci and Heidi Weber. Anniversaries are Gloria Hahn and Maria Bachinger.  
A get well was sent to Darlene Nischwitz. Thinkings of You Valentines: Donna White, Tom, Dorothy Fizet, Rosemarie Yohman, Alice

Wilds, Frieda Lindert, Tillie Stefenick, Ida Zell, Darlene Nischwitz, Thelma Schuller, Marianne Sawicki, Bill and Marge Artz, Bonnie Baker, Betty Smith.

Sympathies to the families of Frieda Lindert and Frieda Wiling.

Thank yous were sent to Chrisy, Michael, Kathy and crew for Super Bowl .

Please pay this year's dues to: Betty Garhammer, \$24.00 at 969 Canfield Rd., Youngstown OH 44511 or phone 330-788-4274. There will be \$5.00 late fee starting in April.

We invite men and women to apply for the YSU Scholarship by Br. 22. Applicants must be in good standing with the ATS and in Br. 22 or Br. 30 This is for anyone who wants to further their education full time. Requests can be submitted to: 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.

The Goulash Dinner is April 8, 2018 starting at 5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour is from 6:00-6:30 p.m. with some free beer then. Tickets can be obtained in the office or from presidents. None sold at the door.

The Mother/Daughter banquet is on April 29, 2018 in the Ballroom. Doors opening at 12:30 p.m., Lunch at 1:00 p.m. Buffet for \$14.00, \$7.00 for children and children under 3 years old eat free. The entertainment will be the Fitch Concert Choir prior to their going on tour. Tickets from office or Gilmartin or Zamaray.

*Become concerned and involved  
about the future of your Branch.  
Do something about it and it will flourish!*

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### THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

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### DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018	FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018	FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018	FRIDAY, MAY 4, 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.

Although, it may seems biased on my part, I need to give praise to the members of Cleveland West for their continued hard work in promoting activities at the Sachsenheim. The last 30 days, the Sachsenheim had a Mardi Gras celebration, the Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner, a Sausage Sale and a Chili-Cookoff. There was a full house (even with tables of folks on the stage) for Branch 4’s 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner. Members made fresh Saxon sausage several days before the event for over 330 people to enjoy as they bid on over 100 items. So grateful for the dedication and hard work of those members who prepared over 2200 pounds of Saxon sausage for the sausage sale.. Very tiresome work but it is a tradition at the Club for over 30 years! The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group hosted its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili cookoff which had 19 folks competing for the best chili in town. This weekend the children of Cleveland East, Cleveland West and Lorain will enjoy Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and an Egg Hunt at the Sachsenheim. All these events are possible by the great efforts from volunteers that donate their time and energies to our fraternal society. I applaud you all!

I sadly report the death of Robert Schneider, a member of ATS Branch 33. Many of you know about the horrific car accident he and his brother, Bruce and niece, Katie were in heading to the Sachsentreffen this past summer. Robert was so excited for the opportunity to give an organ recital at the Stadtpfarrkirche in Hermannstadt. He wanted to perform in honor of his father, ATS Past President Edward R. Schneider. His fight to recover over these past seven months was very difficult and frustrating. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Robert Schneider’s family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: In the 12<sup>th</sup> century some Saxons settled in the town of Heltau. The town flourished particularly the guilds of blacksmiths and wool weavers. In fact, weaving remained the traditional occupation of the town until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when large textile factories were built. The town suffered several raids, starting with the 1241 raid of the Mongols and continuing with Ottoman attacks. The most significant architectural sight is the fortified church located in the center of town. Originally it was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and fortified during the 15<sup>th</sup> century after the 1493 Turkish invasion, to protect the Saxons against repeated Ottoman raids. The legend of the fortified church tells of a great treasure that was once hidden inside. After numerous Ottoman attacks in the 15th Century the village community built a secret chamber within the castle walls. Access was secured with a massive oak door, which could only be opened by pressing a hidden spring. From the outside, the entrance was camouflaged so well that only few insiders could find it. Not even the priests knew about it. Over the centuries, the knowledge of this hidden entrance got lost. At the beginning of the 20th Century it was rediscovered and can be visited today.

The meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life. It is a very important religious day for our Transylvanian Saxons as well as a day spent with family and friends. I wish everyone a wonderful Easter that will be filled with joy, laughter and of course, plenty of chocolate Easter Eggs and Jelly Beans!

Ich wünsche Ihnen und Ihrer Familie ein gesegnetes und fröhliches Ostern.

It is time to inform the Volksblatt’s readers that the Sachsenchor is alive and well.

Winter weather has had its play with the choir’s members: As mentioned in the December report, our Christmas Party had to be canceled on short notice. On January 15, 2018 the meeting and Memorial Service of Branches 1 & 4 again had to be called off due to winter weather. Thus, the choir had to wait till February 19, 2018 to participate in the Annual Memorial Service for the departed members of Branches 1 & 4.

Before I move on with activities, I must admit I had neglected to report the outcome of the choir’s elections from November 28, 2017.

President: Horst Hebrank; Vice President: Adolf Fischer; Secretary: Christa Herbert; Treasurer: Inge Schuster; Archivist: August Botsch; Trustees: Anni Alis-

cher; Maria Fischer; Marga Schetterer; Reporter: Edith Hebrank. Thanks to all of you who accepted these commitments.

In preparation for Branch 4’s Chinese Auction dinner on February 19, 2018, members of the choir volunteered to make sausage on February 17. It was a rather small order, so that we did not require outside help. The ladies, with help of some of the men, did then prepare the dinner on Sunday. Thanks for your dedication.

Making sausage seems to be an ongoing activity at Sachsenheim. However, it only happens twice a year. (Except an occasional small order.) Branch 1 has been holding its Wurstmart at the end of winter. Yet, since the core workers are the same, it appears to be a lot. On March 3, the Wurstmart’s customers came back and lay in their summer-supply. And again, as in December,

we were happily surprised: Enough help appeared, so that production continued without interruption and we all got home at a reasonable time.

Since the choir’s reason for existence is singing, we have that planned as well. This time, our director Andrea was under the weather, which necessitated postponing the first rehearsal after the winter break. Singers, if needed, we might have to have an extra practice. Our Fruehlingskonzert is set for April 28, 2018.

In order to be prepared for the entire year’s commitments, several members of the choir met on February 27 to select the necessary material. This year, Heimattag 2018 will happen in Cleveland in June. The choir was invited to participate with the church service as well as in the cultural program.

Easter Holidays with its spring break will be here soon. Everyone, have a Happy Easter and a memorable spring break.

*Im Fruehtau zu Berge  
wir zieh’n, fallera,  
Es gruenen die Waelder,  
die Hoeh’n, fallera,  
Wir wandern ohne Sorgen,  
singend in den Morgen,  
Noch ehe im Tale  
die Haehne kraeh’n.*



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.

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

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


BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE  
By Dolores Both

NATIONAL EVENTS

April 21, 22, 2018  
TSBA Tournament  
Host New Castle PA Bowlers  
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

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  
New Castle Stein Night Ratskeller – Sing Along with  
Ron Pivovar 7 P.M.  
March 31, 2018  
Salem Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.  
April 2, 2018  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
April 3, 2018  
Youngstown Br. 22 Officers meeting  
April 4, 2018  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  
April 5, 2018  
Salem DRIVE THRU DINNER 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Salem Bar Open 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
April 7, 2018  
Salem Sausage Sale (tentative)?? 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
April 8, 2018  
Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet 2:00 p.m.  
April 9, 2018  
Salem Br. 18 Trustee Audit 6:00 p.m.  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
April 12, 2018  
Salem Bar Open 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m  
New Castle Branch 25 Monthly Meeting 8:00 P.M.  
Youngstown Retirees meeting 11:30 a.m.  
April 13, 2018  
Salem Joint Social Dinner ??? 6:00 p.m.  
New Castle Fishmas Eve at The Picnic Grounds  
April 14, 2018  
Youngstown Goulash Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
New Castle Opening day of trout at The Picnic Grounds  
April 19, 2018  
Salem Bar Open 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
April 21, 2018  
Salem Clean-up Day (1) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
April 26, 2018  
Salem Bar Open 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
April 28, 2018  
Salem Clean-up Day (2) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
New Castle Clean-up day at The Picnic Grounds



**The Salem Saxon Club**  
Last Lenten Public Fish Fry this Friday, March 23 serving from 5-7 pm.  
Dinners include choice of baked or fried ocean cod, or breaded pork chops, escaloped 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.

It was so nice to see everyone again after our winter break. We met March 1 at 3:30 at the club. President Marie Benedict called our meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Alligence. All officers were present except our treasurer, Helen Burick, who was home with the flu. Helen, we all hope you're feeling much better by now. Reports were approved as read except the treasurer's report which was suspended.

Our sympathies go out to Dolly Paal and Elisabeth Paal and family and friends in the passing of former President of Branch 25 Hans Paal, and to the families and friends of Bill Francis and Werner Bloos.

Schnitzel dinners will begin April 13. The dinners are by reservation only, so sign up early. The next dinner will be May 13.

Social Committee: A list of tentative activities was passed out to members for their consideration. Any input or ideas are very welcome. On March 26 we will be going to school! That is, cooking school at First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall. The Mary Mac Bakehouse will create something delicious for us to taste. 100% of all donations will go to Royal Family Kids to benefit the abused, neglected and abandoned children of Lawrence County who attend camp.

Good and Welfare: Branch 25 President John McCormick spoke to our group thanking us for all our help last year. He brought everyone up to date on the ambitious plans for the Oktoberfest. The fest is expanding to two days this year, September 22 and 23, and will be held at Cascade Park. There will be two bands playing all day, a Christmas market and a lot more vendors. We are excited the Oktoberfest is growing more and more popular.

Future projects are: change the apartment area into an outdoor patio, build a new pavilion at the picnic grounds where the unused basketball court is located, rehab the old shelter and clean the picnic grounds. We have people interested in renting the facilities at the grounds and we want to take advantage of the extra income. The dance hall upstairs has been resurfaced and the Kinderchor is going great. Looking far into the future, a merger of both branches will be of great benefit to our club. Our main goal is to keep

our identity and promote our German culture. Thank you John for bringing our group up to date.

Doug Shaffer, Branch 25 financial secretary, explained the rules for the drawings. Only those members who have paid their dues for 2018 are eligible to participate. If you haven't paid your 2018 dues, do so immediately. Thanks, Doug.

Judith Nicholson was accepted as a new member. Welcome Judith. Thank you cards were received from the Jefferies families and Bloos family.

Glorie Geisel reported on her research into buying new roasters and inserts. This item was tabled at this time. Glorie requested volunteers to help clean up the back storage room after Easter. Glorie cleaned all the cupboards in the kitchen but needs help with the back room. Jean Kaba will buy new pot holders and oven mittens for the kitchen.

Jane Fishowitz won the door prize. See you at our next meeting April 5 at 3:30 at the club.

Nothing is impossible to the person that doesn't have to do it.

Gift ideas for frugal people\*

Finding the right gift for a loved one can be a difficult task, but The Simple Dollar recommends sticking to local, handmade, practical, and durable gifts if that person is incredibly frugal. These gift ideas work best because frugal people tend to buy items that fit this description anyway and they will often appreciate receiving something that won't merely sit unused and be a waste of money.

Many gifts can be considered both practical and durable at the same time, and although it might seem like a dull idea on the surface, many clothing items will be a perfect match for a frugal recipient. Socks, made with genuine wool, for instance, are an item that most people wouldn't necessarily see the value in paying a premium for over cheaper varieties. This type of product, along with brands such as LL Bean and Land's End, are known for their durability and carry

a lifetime guarantee which ensures long-term value. Wet shaving kits, car emergency kits, and even a solar-charging external battery can all be good options.

Frugal people often make a lot of their decisions based on value, and the realm of homemade items is usually very popular due to the lower expense of doing it yourself. They will often appreciate homemade gifts from others for that very reason. With these gifts, it is not only the object that is given, but also the time and effort put into the process of making it! Food items such as garden-fresh pickles, home-brewed beer, jellies, cookies, or even the dry ingredients for a unique soup are all items that can be easily consumed and can't be bought in a store.

If food isn't something easy for the gift giver to do, there are lots of other items that require more thoughtfulness and preparation than

money. Many families have members that knit or sew, and handmade scarves are a great gift around the holidays, especially for youngsters. Craft items like personalized cards, stationery, framed pictures, and other decorations are ways to get the entire family involved with gift giving as well as showing young children that not every gift needs to come from a big store.

Not everyone is willing or able to make a lovely homemade gift or knows enough about a person to find a practical item that they will use every day. In these instances, it is usually a safe bet to find a locally produced consumable item that the recipient can't get where they live. Coffee from a local roaster, craft beer from a brewery in town, and local honey are great examples, but this category could include almost anything!

\* AKA Saxons!

## CHURCHES



### St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

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Warren, Michigan 48093  
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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  
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR TIMES.

## BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

Our meeting on March 3rd began on a quiet, somber note as we observed a moment of silence and remembrance of the passing of our friend and brother Andrew H. Schuffert. A member since 1939, Andy served as treasurer, trustee, and financial and dues secretary among other duties through out his years in the Lorain Saxon Branch 5 Mens lodge. Even as of a few months ago he had stayed active in coming to meetings, dinners, and picnics with the assistance of his daughters sister Sharon Powell and sister Carolyn Mroski. Our condolences to the rest of his family and may God bless you all through this time.

No one is reported as being on or collecting sick benefits at this time. A note to our ladies of Branch 5. Since the merger a little more than a year ago, current women members have been given an additional amount over the maximum lifetime limit assessed to them when they were under Branch 11 ladies lodge. Remember, no sick benefit claim is retroactive but must be reported to the Vice President Jane Mowery (440) 246-3004 as soon as a member is ill and under a doctors care to begin receiving weekly benefits. Refer to your new Branch 5 constitution for the

details.

We only had a couple of junior members respond to the invitation to the party held at the Slovak Club Bowling Lanes a few Sunday's ago for the Bowl Where You Are event sponsored by the ATS. Grace Zgola and Logan Ralph enjoyed themselves bowling and eating pizza. Thank you President Monica Gilles for arranging and making that event possible. We hope that those young people not able to attend would still take time to participate in this event and get their score sheets into the home office before its deadline at the end of the month. Parents need to take the upper hand on this fun opportunity with their son or daughter and also to take the time to explain what our

### Very Punny

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

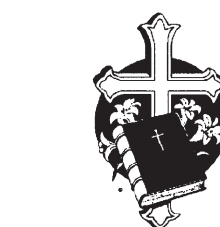
Saxon fraternal club is all about.

Congratulations to team 'Scar' with members sister Erica Zgola and daughters junior members Grace Zgola and Chloe Zgola. The team raised \$900 for the American Lung Association as they climbed their way to the top of the Cleveland Terminal Tower in the organizations fund raiser 'Air Climb' held this past month.

Our general meeting will be held next month on April 7, 2018 at the Slovak Club at 7 PM will be preceded by a dinner at 5 PM at Lenoci's Spaghetti House 5520 Oberlin ave. Lorain. Reserve your seat by April 12 if you plan on attending by calling sister Jane Mowery (440) 246-3004 so we can get a proper number of seats. Part of that evenings meeting will be choosing delegates to attend the ATS Convention in Youngstown, Ohio on June 2-3, 2018.

Many Birthdays being celebrated this month. Happy Birthday to sisters June Nau, Betty Ralph, and brother George Drop. Happy Birthday also to junior members Kaitlyn Weber, Kiya Windham, Kaitlyn Smith, Braedon Gilles, and Andrew Brown. May you all enjoy your special day!

Take time to read your Volksblatt and have a



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.

### George W. Schuster

Age 95

Died: September 17, 2017  
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

### Emma L. Blackstone (Moore)

Age 98

Died: October 18, 2017  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

### Kimberly T. Griffin

Age 37

Died: December 29, 2017  
Branch 26, Merrillville IN

### Frank Pitelka

Age 89

Died: February 28, 2018  
Branch 45, Ellwood City PA

### Marjorie L. Schieb

Age 98

Died: March 3, 2018  
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

### Eloise J. Markel

Age 68

Died: March 4, 2018  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

### Robert G. Schneider

Age 65

Died: March 6, 2018  
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

## Cleveland West

### Sausage Sale

was a Success.

Over 2,200 pounds  
were made that day.

Thanks to all the  
dedicated volunteers.



Three Botsch generations:  
L-R: Horst Botsch, Tomas Botsch  
and Maria Botsch



## 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



106th ATS Convention  
June 2nd and 3rd, 2018  
Youngstown OH  
Hosted by Branches 22 and 30



	Ticket Price	Number of Tickets	Total
<b>Saturday, June 2nd 2018</b>			
Lunch: 12:00 PM			
Pasta with Meatballs, Cold Cuts, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad Coffee or Tea Dessert	Adults \$11	x _____	\$ _____
Cocktails @ 6:00 Dinner: 6:30 PM			
Roast Beef, Chicken Francaise Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Tossed Salad, Vegetable and Dessert	Adults \$19	x _____	\$ _____

The evening event is open to non-delegates that wish to join in the celebration.  
Please add the reservations to the list above.

<b>Sunday June 3rd 2018</b>			
Lunch: 12:00 PM			
Pork and Kraut, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Applesauce and Dessert	Adults \$12	x _____	\$ _____
<b>Grand Total (Please enclose check or money order)</b>			\$ _____

\*\*\*Continental Breakfast will available both mornings\*\*\*

Reservation made by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to:      **Youngstown Saxons Branch 22**

**Send Reservations and Payment to: Helen Fotiuk**  
**3849 Frederick St.**  
**Youngstown, OH 44515**  
**Phone (330) 792-0034**

**Please include the reservation slip with your payment.**  
**Deadline for Reservations will be May 21st 2018**

Hotel and Lodging information

Reserve your room under the “SAXON” block for discounted rates at all hotels below

Fairfield Inn and Suites	Standard room with 2 Double beds	\$99.00 +tax
801 N. Canfield Nile Road	Standard room with 1 King bed	\$99.00 +tax
(330) 505-2173		

**All rooms are non-smoking      Breakfast is available until 10:00 AM**

Country Inn and Suites	Standard room with 2 double rooms	\$89.00 +tax
5570 Interstate Blvd.	Standard Room with 1 King bed	\$89.00 +tax
Youngstown, Ohio 44515		
(330)-544-0300		

**All rooms are non-smoking      Breakfast is available until 10:00 AM**

**Deadline to reserve your room with the block name of “SAXON” will be May 10th, 2018**

There are several more hotels in this same area that may be available  
However, they not part of the “SAXON” block

Holiday Inn Express	Hampton Inn Youngstown
5555 Cerni Pl.	830 Canfield Niles Rd.
Youngstown Ohio 44515	Youngstown, Ohio 44515
(330) 505-5700	(330) 544-0660
Candlewood Inn and Suites	Sleep Inn
5557 Cerni Pl.	5555 Interstate Blvd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44515	Youngstown, Ohio 44515
(330) 349-9900	(330) 544-5555



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Maifest



You are cordially invited to come and share  
the evening with us on:

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Schwaben Center

301 N. Weiland, Buffalo Grove IL

Doors open at 6:30PM – Dinner at 7:00

Tickets \$35 ---- Cash Bar

Folk Dance Performances by:

Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe & Donau Dancers

Music by “HIRSCH”

For reservations please call  
Rose at 847-685-9821 by April 27, 2018.  
Sent payment to: Rose Hauer  
216 E. Sibley  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

BRANCH 10,  
COLUMBUS  
By Brianna Mueller

Hello Branch 10,  
Hope all is well. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 16th, 2018 at the Hickory House in Gahanna. Lunch will be held at noon, with the meeting following at 1pm. We hope to see you there.

In other news, we send our prayers to Doris Gellner, who spent a week in the hospital. She is at home now, and doing as well as can be expected. Prayers are appreciated.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter!

Money Tip

You can save big bucks on eating out if you take advantage of some pricing differences. Most restaurants charge a lower price for lunch entrees than for dinner portions. You can save up to half of the tab while still getting a hearty amount of food. You can also try stopping in to a café, pizzeria, wine bar, or coffee shop for a bit to eat instead of going to a restaurant. You will find that their prices are more reasonable.

Det Bodzimmer - frähr uch het

Uch wonn em frähr mih schwießt  
wä het  
besangders äffem Dorf de Let,  
kânt Duschen, außerm Reen,  
em net.  
Furt Weesche wor uch wennich  
Zet,  
wel fräh des Mårjest hått em Mäh,  
bäs em gefittert Schwenj uch Käh.  
Em schluddert sich norr äm  
Gesicht,  
dått åldemol dât word norr ficht;  
äm dât wor Weeschen damols net  
esi bekânt bäm Vuulk wä het.  
En Weeschässel, schär enj aus  
Bleech  
(wä wonn ech het se vur mer  
seech),  
wor dât, aus wât em wosch sich  
frähr;  
und Sief hålt em uch zemlich färr  
uch sonst hygieneshet Gestink.  
Det Wässer, aus dem Krach mät  
Hink,  
dât wor det Wichtichst da bäm  
Weeschen  
(uch åldemol en Brånd ze  
leeschen).

Um Owend, wonn’t doauß gat  
hieß,  
wosch em äm Brännentrooch de  
Schwieß  
sich ow, und gralt net, sälwst  
wo’ grod  
em aus dem Brånne schapt en Krod  
und dâ dro plotschelt uch äm  
Trooch;  
em wor mäd vun des Dåges  
Plooch.

De Bodwänn, fälls em ien besäß,  
word norr u Feiertajen nåss,  
wel fur worm Wässer brocht em  
Feier,  
und Huulz derfur wor zemlich  
deier.

Vun em WC wässt em uch näst,  
em vricht et hånjden da, bäm Mäst;  
miest heng äm Schämpes fur derno  
der “Neue Weg” odder “Drum  
nou”.  
Und sätzen, saß em do net lång:  
Um Owend wor et ennem bång,  
äm Wånjter, wonn der Crivåt bless,  
wor ‘t Sätzen do e klenner Stress,  
wel jeder wässt, die drånjt durcht  
Fel,  
und Hånjdern, dâ gefrure schnell.

Het set dât åwwer åndersch aus:  
E Bod äs än em jeden Haus  
mät flessend Wässer, worem, kålt,  
und siël det Haus se’ meer wä ålt.

Stått Schässel äs en Muschel, wo  
net glech vun Ufång se’ schin zwo,  
dått Mån uch Fraa, meer uch ze  
glech,  
hu’ separate Weeschberech,

und Späjjel se’ belicht, zem  
Linken,  
wât wichtich äs zemol bäm  
Schminken.  
  
Tja, Schminken, dât äs hålt dâ  
Säch,  
bä diër de Männer son norr: “Åch!”  
Wât angderm Späjjel stohn u  
Fleeschker,  
uch Sålwen, Pänsel,  
Puderteeschker,  
Pinzetten, Extra-Späjjel, dâ  
de Fålden ziejen, dått em sä  
zaklånjtert schnell mät er  
Schmirasch,  
dått glat wid uch en ålt Visage.

Und norr en poor vun åll dië’ villen  
wäll ich ech hä nooch schnell  
åfziëhlen:  
En wevel Læppestäft, Lipliner  
mät Extragräff vun em Designer,  
Mascara, uch Kajal gånz Black  
und nooch derza en Beauty Bag.

Sälwst Männer, dâ benätzen het  
uch Cremen, Fleeschker; wât  
bedett,  
dått de Kosmetik sä hot broocht  
dor, dor em näckest hat gedoocht:  
  
No dem Rasiere schmier’ se sich  
nooch „After Shave“ än det  
Gesicht,  
sälwst wonn et brät, måcht em  
dât naa,  
wel beßer recht em uch der Fraa  
(wobä, da ‘t ierscht Mol em  
dât hirt,  
det “After” - schin e bätzke stirt).

Munch enne git et, hießt et, die  
äs iwwer Spray uch Deos frih:  
E weescht sich kom, ow’t kålt,  
ow’t hieß,  
und angderm Årm dakt za de  
Schwieß  
mät “Tabac” odder mät “For Men”  
und schwupps, recht hie no  
Gentleman.

En Bodwänn uch en Duschkabin  
äs Standard het, wel dât äs “in”;  
wonn net grod extra, ucht WC  
gehirt änt Bod samt em Bidet,  
wel het “Rundum-Hygiene” hießt,  
dått uch der Auspuff fånjkelt miest.

Wonn em sich dett na hä beset,  
kån em sich vurställ’n, wevel Zet  
der Månjsch äm Bod låt odder  
stiht.  
Wât kertscher hie zer Årbet giht,  
fur wât gestreikt, gekämpft hie hot,  
dâ Zet verbrånjt hie mih äm Bod;  
dervur en Wuulk dro no sich zecht,  
dâ anjem no Patschulli recht!

Vun Hans Otto Tittes  
(Gefunden bei Andreas Zikeli)

2018 SAXON HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM



June 22 – 24, 2018  
Cleveland Sachsenheim – 7001 Denison Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Hosts: Branch 1 and 4



	Ticket Price	Number Tickets	Total
FRIDAY EVENING			
7:00 pm – “Beads & Bling it’s a Mardi Gras Thing”	Adults \$10	x _____	\$ _____
Mardi Gras Buffet	Free for Children		
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
Casual evening, fun, music, more			
SATURDAY EVENING			
Doors Open 5:00 pm			
Official Opening 6:00 pm			
Pork Schnitzel dinner	Adults \$25	x _____	\$ _____
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
Vegetarian – Eggplant Schnitzel	Adults \$25	x _____	\$ _____
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
SUNDAY			
9:00 am – 1:00 pm			
Beef Rouladen Dinner	Adults \$18	x _____	\$ _____
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
Vegetarian – Zucchini Rollups	Adults \$18	x _____	\$ _____
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
GRAND TOTAL			
(Please enclose check or money order in USA currency)			\$ _____

Reservations made by (Tickets will be held at the door in your name):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ALL FESTIVITIES AND CHURCH SERVICE  
WILL BE HELD AT THE SACHSENHEIM.

Make checks payable to ATS and send along with Reservation Form to:  
Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons  
5393 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1547  
Telephone: 440-842-8442 Fax: 440-842-5442 Email: office@atsaxons.com

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JUNE 4, 2018

Heimattag Hotels

<b>Cleveland Airport Marriott</b> 4277 West 150th Street Cleveland, OH 44135 216-252-5333  \$79/night +tax 2 Queens or 1 King “Heimattag” Block Held until 6/1/2018  Amenities: Full service hotel, pool, Restaurant, airport shuttle, free parking for our group  Distance from Sachsenheim: 5.1 miles	<b>Four Points – Cleveland Airport</b> 4181 West 150th Street Cleveland, OH 44135 216-252-7700  \$85/night +tax 2 Queens “Heimattag” Block Held until 5/23/2018  Amenities: Full service hotel, pool, Restaurant, free parking for our group, Free WiFi  Distance from Sachsenheim: 5.2 miles
<b>Best Western</b> 16501 Snow Road Brookpark, OH 44142 216-267-9364  \$85/night +tax 2 Queens non-smoking “Heimattag” Block Held until 6/1/2018  Amenities: Continental Breakfast, free Parking, airport shuttle, free WiFi, Pool Distance from Sachsenheim: 8.5 miles	

# 2018 - PROPOSED ATS CONSTITUTION CHANGES

The following changes to the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons Constitution and By-Laws are presented by the ATS Board of Directors for Convention consideration and approval. The following changes are being presented to update and modernize our Constitution, our business policies and procedures, and comply with new corporate governance requirements and regulators recommendations. The proposed changes have been reviewed by the Ohio Insurance Department.

Constitution Committee  
Chairman – Hanz Hermann

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Proposed addition:

(New) SECTION 2. The Alliance is a non-profit fraternal benefit society, organized without capital stock and carried on solely for the mutual benefit of its members and the beneficiaries having a lodge system, ritualistic form of work and representative form of government.

(Old SECTION 2 becomes SECTION 3)

Currently reads:

SECTION 2. The Alliance shall be organized and maintained without profit for the mutual benefit and protection of its members and their beneficiaries. It shall provide for payment of death benefits and may issue to its members term, life, endowment, and annuity certificates and combinations thereof, and other certificates which may, from time to time, inure to the well-being of its members, and may provide for the payment of such other benefits as are permitted under the Ohio Insurance Code.

Proposed change:

SECTION 3. The Alliance shall provide for payment of death benefits and may issue to its members’ term, life, endowment, and annuity certificates and combinations thereof, and other certificates which may, from time to time, inure to the well-being of its members, and may provide for the payment of such other benefits as are permitted under the Ohio Insurance Code.

## ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS

Currently reads:

SECTION 5. The English or German language may be used in all meetings of the Alliance.

- a. Upon demand, important resolutions or motions shall be made in writing and given to the Secretary for reference and preservation.
- b. All official business, annual reports, etc., shall be written in the English language.

Proposed change:

SECTION 5. The English language will be used in all meetings and all official written documents of the Alliance.

## ARTICLE VI – DELEGATES

Currently reads:

SECTION 4. Any Alliance member in good standing, regardless of ancestry or affinity, may be elected or serve as a Delegate.

Proposed change:

SECTION 4. Any Alliance member in good standing may be elected or serve as a Delegate.

## ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Currently reads:

SECTION 5. A Branch nominating committee must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the National Convention. The nomination must include a short description of the candidate’s background and qualifications, and written permission from the candidate to let his or her name stand for election. The candidate must be elected as a delegate and must attend the Convention. When the nomination date has passed, the Board of Directors will provide the Alliance Branches with the list of nominees and their qualifications. Incumbent Officers of the Alliance are eligible for re-election and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a “consent to be nominated.”

A nominee for election to Office must meet the following:

- a. Be of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof
- b. Be an American citizen
- c. Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past three years
- d. Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance
- e. Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous National Convention
- f. Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance
- g. Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office
- h. Not be a current Officer in another fraternal benefit society

Proposed change:

A nominee for election to Office must meet the following:

- a. Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past three years
- b. Be an American citizen
- c. Not be an immediate family member of current officer or nominee. (Immediate family member shall be defined as a spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, stepparent or stepchild)
- d. Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance
- e. Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous Convention
- f. Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance
- g. Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office
- h. Not be a current Officer in another fraternal benefit society

## ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Currently reads:

SECTION 1, Subsection e: The President may sign contracts, other legal instruments or documents, which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed and which require the signature of the National President to authenticate. The President, Treasurer and Office Manager shall affix their signature to all Alliance disbursement checks. The President shall approve disbursements of the funds of the Society as designate the officer or officers who may approve such disbursements.

Proposed change:

SECTION 1, Subsection e: The President may sign contracts, other legal instruments or documents, which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed and which require the signature of the National President to authenticate. The President and Board of Directors shall designate authorized signatories for all Alliance disbursement checks. The President shall approve disbursements of the funds of the Society or designate the officer or officers who may approve such disbursements.

Currently reads:

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting all financial statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention. The Treasurer shall review the monthly cash receipts and cash disbursement records of the Alliance.

Proposed change:

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting all financial statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention. The Treasurer may sign contracts, other legal documents or documents which require the signature of the Treasurer to authenticate.

Currently reads:

SECTION 8. The Chief Medical Examiner, appointed by the Board of Directors, shall be legally qualified to practice medicine. He shall pass upon the qualifications of such physicians chosen as Medical Examiners by the Branches and shall have the power to revoke any appointment made and may reject any examination made.

- a. He shall carefully examine all applications for membership in the Alliance and have full power to accept or reject same.
- b. He shall determine the maximum amount of benefit that shall be granted to the Applicant for membership within the limits permitted by the Board of Directors.

Proposed change:

SECTION 8. The Chief Medical Examiner, appointed by the Board of Directors, shall be legally qualified to practice medicine or a medical specialty, shall serve as the Underwriter of the Alliance.

- a. He shall carefully examine all applications for membership in the Alliance and have full power to accept or reject same.
- b. He shall determine the maximum amount of benefit that shall be granted to the Applicant for membership within the limits permitted by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Currently reads:

SECTION 2. In the event of two or more vacancies on the Board of Directors, the remaining members of the Board shall appoint successors, other than provided for in the Constitution, to fill such vacancies until the next regular Convention.

Proposed change:

SECTION 2. In the event of one vacancy, the Board of Directors shall use discretion in appointing a successor. In the event of two or more vacancies on the Board of Directors, the remaining members of the Board shall appoint successors, other than provided for in the Constitution, to fill such vacancies until the next regular Convention. The qualifications of the appointed successor shall meet the qualifications of a nominee as stated in Article VIII, Section 5.

Currently reads:

SECTION 10. The Board of Directors shall be responsible to direct the activities of the Home Office to include the following requirements:

- a. Implement the Branch collection of all funds due to the Alliance and see that they are deposited in a designated bank or financial institution in the name of the Alliance.
- b. Issue Benefit Certificates to members upon approval by the Medical Examiner and receipt of correct amount of premiums from the applicant.
- c. Answer all business and fraternal correspondence as necessary and/or requested by the Board of Directors.
- d. Examine all documents and claims for payment from members or beneficiaries and issue checks in payment for any such benefits due.
- e. Maintain accurate financial records covering all receipts and expenditures that have been reviewed by the Treasurer and a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts that have been reviewed by the President.
- f. Present all financial records including an Audit Financial Statement to the Board of Directors’ Auditing Committee at the Annual Audit.
- g. Surrender, at any time upon demand of the Board of Directors, all books, documents, papers, and all other property of the Alliance to the Board of Directors.
- h. The Alliance Office Manager will be the Financial Officer authorized to purchase and sell securities as approved by the Alliance Board of Directors; to sign all checks, money order, to open new broker or bank accounts as approved by the President and Treasurer.

Proposed change:

(Remove Subsections a through e. Subsections f through h become a through c.)

SECTION 10. The Board of Directors shall be responsible to direct the activities of the Home Office to include but not limited to the following requirements:

- a. Present all financial records including an Audit Financial Statement to the Board of Directors’ Auditing Committee at the Annual Audit.
- b. Surrender, at any time upon demand of the Board of Directors, all books, documents, papers, and all other property of the Alliance to the Board of Directors.
- c. The Alliance Office Manager will be the Financial Officer authorized to purchase and sell securities as approved by the Alliance Board of Directors; to sign all checks, money order, to open new broker or bank accounts as approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposed addition:

SECTION 11. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly. These meetings can be conducted in person or electronically.

(Old SECTION 11 becomes SECTION 12)

## ARTICLE XIV – DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Currently reads:

SECTION 3. A member has the right to designate his beneficiary and may have the same changed according to the terms of his certificate. No beneficiary shall have or obtain any vested interest in such benefit until the same has become due and payable upon death of such member.

The member may stipulate in his certificate a part of the insurance for funeral expenses or name as Trustee Beneficiary a natural person or persons, any bank, trust company, or institution lawfully authorized so to act.

- a. In the event of death of one or more beneficiaries before the decease of such member, if there was no further disposition made, upon a member’s death such benefit shall be paid in full to the surviving beneficiaries named in the Certificate. If the member designated more than one beneficiary in his Certificate, and in case of his death some of the beneficiaries cannot be found, the Alliance shall pay, upon proper application, a share to those beneficiaries found and for those not found a Trust Fund shall be created and the share of such missing beneficiaries shall be deposited in a bank until they are found. In the event of the death of all the named beneficiaries before the decease of such member and the member has made no disposition thereof, the benefits shall be paid to the estate of the insured provided that claim thereon is made within four years after death.
- b. A benefit Certificate shall in no case be assigned for the purpose of changing the beneficiary named therein or for any other purpose and neither shall the beneficiary named therein be changed by will or testament of the member.

Proposed change:

(New Subsection a. Old Subsection a becomes Subsection b. Old Subsection b becomes new Subsection c with no change in wording.)

- a. A beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by submitting a signed Change of Beneficiary form. A change of beneficiary becomes effective only when the Change of Beneficiary form is endorsed by the ATS

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Home Office. The change takes effect and is retroactive to the date the owner signed the Change of Beneficiary form. This effective date applies whether or not the insured is living at the time of the ATS Home Office endorsement but without prejudice to the Alliance because of any payment made before receiving the Change of Beneficiary form in the Alliance Home Office.

- b. In the event of death of one or more beneficiaries before the decease of such member, if there was no further disposition made, upon a member’s death such benefit shall be paid in full to the surviving beneficiaries named in the Certificate. If the member designated more than one beneficiary in his Certificate, and in case of his death some of the beneficiaries cannot be found, the Alliance shall pay, upon proper application, a share to those beneficiaries found and the balance due will be paid to the estate. In the event of the death or non-existence of all beneficiaries designated by the member before the insured’s death and provided no other or further disposition has been made, the benefit will be paid to the member’s or owner’s estate. In the event that all beneficiaries are deceased and there is no estate, State regulations will be applied for disposition of the claim.

Currently reads:

SECTION 6. Should a member desire to transfer to another Branch, he shall furnish a certificate of transfer showing the total amount of benefits paid to him to date, the total time and nature of illness during the preceding year, if any, and to which date he is in good standing.

Proposed change:

SECTION 6. Should a member desire to transfer to another Branch, he shall furnish a certificate of transfer.

ARTICLE XVI – DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF BRANCHES

Currently reads:

SECTION 4. Every Branch shall be obligated to accept all members who move to their locality and desire a transfer as full members providing they are within the legal age limits and agree to abide by its Constitution, By-Laws and rules. Upon demand and as prerequisite to transferring, the member shall furnish a certificate of good health.

Proposed change:

SECTION 4. Every Branch shall consider accepting all members who move to their locality and desire a transfer as full members providing they are within the legal age limits and agree to abide by its Constitution, By-Laws and rules.

Currently reads:

SECTION 5. Upon request, all Branches are obligated to visit sick members of another Branch who may be ill while in their city and send a written report to the requesting Branch.

Proposed change:

Remove Section 5. Old Section 6 and 7 to become Sections 5 and 6.

ARTICLE XVII – DUTIES OF BRANCH OFFICERS

Currently reads:

SECTION 3. The Branch ATS Secretary is responsible for the financial collections and records of the Alliance within his Local Branch.

- a. He shall collect all payments due the Alliance from members at each regular meeting of the Branch and remit them to the designated Alliance depository within five days after the meeting.
- b. He shall complete and forward to the office of the Alliance all required reports within five days after the meeting.
- c. He shall diligently strive to get new members for the Alliance and promptly forward the applications for membership.
- d. He shall give an accurate report to the Alliance of any additions or deletions from the membership of his Branch and promptly answer all questions regarding the Branch, which may be asked by the Alliance.
- e. He shall promptly send reminder cards to all members who have not made their payment within the thirty-day grace period and, if the members remain delinquent, he shall report their names and addresses to the office of the Alliance.
- f. He shall preserve the records, receipts and duplicate copies of the reports to the Alliance in the Archives of the Branch for a period of at least seven years.
- g. He shall immediately report the death of a member to the office of the Alliance. He shall promptly report to the office of the Alliance any illness or accident to members which may result in claims.
- h. He shall, in the spirit of fraternal helpfulness, be of service to members in all Alliance business.

Proposed change:

SECTION 3. The Branch ATS Secretary is responsible for the financial collections and records of the Alliance within his Local Branch.

- a. He shall collect all payments due the Alliance from members at each regular meeting of the Branch and remit them to the Alliance Home Office within five days after the meeting.
- b. He shall complete and forward to the office of the Alliance all required reports within five days after the meeting.

(Remove Subsections c, d and e. Old Subsections f, g and h become c, d and e.)

ARTICLE XVIII – WHEN LIABILITY BEGINS

Currently reads:

SECTION 1. Liability of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons for the payment of benefits shall not commence until the application for membership has been received at the office of the Alliance, approved by the Medical Examiner and one or more of the Officers, and the applicant has been accepted for membership in a Branch. The foregoing are made part of the consideration for and are conditions precedent to the liability for any payment of benefits. The noncompliance with any of the several conditions precedent named shall be an absolute bar to any claim against the Alliance under or by virtue of any benefit Certificate that may have been issued to any applicant or by reason of any steps taken by an applicant to obtain a benefit Certificate or membership in the Alliance.

SECTION 2. No Officer, member or employee of the Alliance nor of any Branch thereof has any authority to change, alter, modify or waive any of the provisions or requirements of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Alliance.

Proposed change:

SECTION 1. Liability of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons for the payment of benefits shall not commence until the application for membership has been received at the office of the Alliance, approved by the Medical Examiner and one or more of the Officers, and the applicant has been accepted for membership in a Branch.

SECTION 2 – move entire section to Article XXIV, SECTION 5

(New) SECTION 2. Liability of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons for the payment of Annuity benefits shall not commence until the application for membership has been received at the office of the Alliance, and approved by one or more of the officers.

ARTICLE XX – ACTION IN LAW

Currently reads:

SECTION 1. No action in law or in equity shall be commenced or maintained on any Certificate prior to ninety days after receipt of the due proof of death or accident in the office of the Alliance and unless commenced within four years after the cause of action shall accrue. If any law shall prohibit this limitation, the law governing same shall apply as to the shortest time permitted by law.

Proposed change:

SECTION 1. No action in law or in equity will be brought or maintained on any cause or claim arising from membership in the Alliance on any insurance benefit certificate previously or subsequently issued, unless the suit is commenced within four years from the date of the insured’s death or the date the cause of action accrues. If the law governing the certificate prohibits the four-year period, then the period will be the shortest period permitted by law.

ARTICLE XXIV – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Proposed change:

SECTION 5. No Officer, member or employee of the Alliance nor of any Branch thereof has any authority to change, alter, modify or waive any of the provisions or requirements of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Alliance. {This section was moved from Article XVIII SECTION 2 with no change in wording}

(Old SECTION 5 becomes SECTION 6.)

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE V

Currently reads:

National Committee

SECTION 1. The National Committee, appointed by the President, shall be composed of members of the Board of Directors and as needed, appointees from local branches.

- a. Its duty is to seek ways and means to promote and assist in accomplishing the Alliance purpose as expressed in Article II of the Constitution.
- b. It shall endeavor to promote a successful youth program.
- c. It shall have the authority to enlist help of Alliance members to accomplish its purpose.

SECTION 2. The National Committee shall give a full report to the Convention of its accomplishments and of its objectives in the future.

Proposed change:

Committees

SECTION 1. Committees will be established to meet the business, cultural and fraternal objectives of the Alliance.

SECTION 2. Each Committee shall establish a charter.

SECTION 3. Each Committee will report to the Board of Directors.

The above changes will be proposed for consideration at the 2018 ATS Convention to be held June 2-3, 2018. All ATS Branches should review the changes and instruct your delegates on how to vote on these changes.

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

Hugo	1. April
Lienhard	2. April
Alarich	3. April
Daniel	10. April
Ambrosius	4. April
Emilie	5. April
Irene	5. April,
Maja	6. April
Alwin	7. April
Elfriede	7. April,
Albert	8. April
Demeter	9. April
Hartwig,	9. April
Emma	10. April
Reiner	11. April
Inge(borg)	2. April
Julius	12. April
Herwig, Irene	16. April
Ida	13. April
Rudolf	17. April
Valerie	18. April
Irmela	19. April
Werner	19. April
Gisela	20. April
Hartmut	20. April
Anselm	21. April
Adalbert	23. April
Georg	24. April
Markus	25. April
Siegmar	25. April
Raimar	26. April
Anastasius	27. April
Robert	29. April
Roderich	28. April
Rolf	29. April
Wanda	30. April

The diet with time for eating

All the diets in all the world more or less come down to a simple philosophy: Eat less.

Where those diets go after that makes all the difference. But what if you could eat what you want, but just not at any time?

That’s the idea behind Time Restricted Feeding. You eat what you want (within reason) for 12 hours per day and you don’t eat for 12 hours. The key is a 12-hour period without eating.

So, if you go to bed at 10 p.m., you would not eat again until 10 a.m., creating a 12-hour fast.

While the idea is not precisely new, the research is new and promising.

The findings, published in the journal Cell Metabolism, suggests that when people restrict their eating to a 10-hour window for 16 weeks, they lose about 4 percent of their weight.

In addition, the study authors say the subjects slept better and felt more energetic. The idea is that the body in fasting mode has time to repair cells, break down toxins and even repair damaged DNA in the skin and stomach.

One family medicine doctor told the Wall Street Journal that her TRF patients have been able to go off blood pressure medications and even reverse pre-diabetes.

TRF dieters should limit their daily food intake to a 12-hour window, ideally working up to a window of only eight to 10 hours. No-calorie drinks, water, and black coffee are allowed during fasting hours, but no food.

Bist du ein Sachs,  
und sagt’s mit Stolz?

# PotPourri

## Your Horoscope

### April

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: Take your bows, Aries. You've been center stage for quite a while. Now it's time to take your seat. By the end of the month, your leadership will be in demand again.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: Stand up straight and throw your shoulders back! Adopt a posture of strength to address the bumps in the road this month. But remember they are just bumps.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: This month give yourself the same tender loving care you give your kids or your cat. Take a break. Get a treat. Take your medicine.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: Adopt a sympathetic attitude this month as you work and play with others. Everyone has their struggles. Look beyond yours to get inspiration.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Make sure you are cultivating friends that actually care about your success. Some do; some don't. Find the ones who do care for you and care for them back.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: Time to ask yourself what you want to accomplish in the next two years. You'll have some forks in the road coming up. If you know where you are going, you'll know which path to take.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: The second full moon of the month on the 30th brings a repeat of a task or situation you have come to think of as difficult. Start thinking of the situation as meaningful.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: The New Moon on the 16th might be barely visible, but that's the time to turn the lights on. Plan for something fun at mid-month. It will take you far.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: A personal dispute may seem threatening to your peace of mind. Consider honestly what you have done to contribute to the problem. You can only change yourself.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: April opens with holiday, family and some fun. Let this carry you through the month as you consider how best to make every day more festive.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: A little romance is in the air for April. It might be a connection with your loved one or it might be a feeling of awe at nature.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/20: You can, to some extent, choose your destination. As April dawns, start thinking of what you can do to be stronger and healthier so you can get where you want to go.

## Moneywise: Put retirement before future college funding

It is more important to securely fund retirement accounts than to save heavily for a child's college education, according to USA Today. This might sound selfish to those who think preparing their kids for the future is a more noble goal. But, in fact, it is wise. While children can take out student loans to pay for college, it is unlikely that parents can finance their way through retirement.

College students have many options to pay for their education and having a fully funded savings account might tempt the family to place less importance on free grants and scholarships that will often require more work up front but don't have to be paid back.

## Dr. Bernd Fabritius wird Aussiedlerbeauftragter der Bundesregierung

Der Präsident des Bundes der Vertriebenen (BdV) und Verbandspräsident des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland, Dr. Bernd Fabritius, wird Beauftragter der Bundesregierung für Aussiedlerfragen und nationale Minderheiten. Aus Gründen der Unvereinbarkeit mit dieser neuen Funktion wird Fabritius sein Amt als Verbandspräsident des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland niederlegen. BdV-Vizepräsident Stephan Mayer, MdB, wird Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär im Bundesministerium des Inneren. Damit ist sichergestellt, dass die Anliegen der deutschen Heimatvertriebenen auf Regierungsebene auch künftig auf höchster Stelle vertreten sein werden.

Bernd Fabritius tritt die Nachfolge des Parlamentarischen Staatssekretärs Dr. Günther Krings als Bundesbeauftragter an und übernimmt eine wichtige Regierungsaufgabe besonders für den Bereich der deutschen Heimatvertriebenen, Aussiedler und Spätaussiedler. In einer ersten Reaktion sagte der CSU-Politiker: „Diese Aufgabe ist für mich eine große Herausforderung. Persönlichkeiten als Vorgänger im Amte, wie etwa Horst Waffenschmidt, Dr. Christoph Bergner, Hartmut Koschyk und auch Dr. Günther Krings hinterlassen Fußstapfen, die ich mir noch erarbeiten muss. Das möchte ich mit vollem Einsatz für diese wichtige Aufgabe angehen.“

Zu weiteren Einzelheiten des Aufgabenschnitts und der Zuordnung im Rahmen der Regierung gab es noch keine Informationen.

Bei der Bundestagswahl 2013 war Bernd Fabritius auf Anhieb der Einzug ins Parlament gelungen.

Der 52-jährige Jurist war Vorsitzender des Unterausschusses für Auswärtige Kultur- und Bildungspolitik des Deutschen Bundestages, ordentliches Mitglied im Auswärtigen Ausschuss als auch im Ausschuss für Menschenrechte und humanitäre Hilfe sowie stellvertretendes Mitglied im Innenausschuss sowie dem Ausschuss für Recht und Verbraucherschutz. Zudem vertrat er die Bundesrepublik Deutschland als Mitglied in der Parlamentarischen Versammlung des Europarates. Bei der 19. Bundestagswahl am 24. September 2017 verlor Fabritius als Spitzenkandidat der Union der Vertriebenen und Aussiedler (UdV) sein Mandat und schied nach vierjähriger Parlamentszugehörigkeit aus dem Deutschen Bundestag aus.

### Ära Fabritius im Verband endet

Seit über einem Jahrzehnt steht der 1965 in Agnetheln geborene Jurist an der Spitze des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland. Von 2007 bis 2015 leitete er den Verband als Bundesvorsitzender. Beim Verbandstag 2015 in Bonn wurde Fabritius mit 87 Prozent zum ersten Verbandspräsidenten gewählt. Mit seinem Amtsverzicht endet eine Ära. In dieser Zeitspanne gelang es ihm, unterstützt durch den Bundesvorstand, wichtige Weichenstellungen für den Verband vorzunehmen. Neben der Stärkung der sächsischen Identität unserer Landsleute in der bundesdeutschen Gesellschaft, engagierte er sich vordringlich, den Brückenschlag in die Heimat zu sichern. Es bestehen heute dank der weltweiten Föderation engste Verbindungen zu unseren Landsleuten insbesondere in Siebenbürgen, aber



### Verbandspräsident Dr. Bernd Fabritius wird Beauftragter der Bundesregierung für Aussiedlerfragen und nationale Minderheiten

auch in Österreich, in Kanada und den USA. Zentrales Kernanliegen seiner Verbandstätigkeit war soziale Gerechtigkeit für Spätaussiedler, konkret das Vorgehen gegen Fremdretenkürzungen, die Anerkennung der Versicherungsverläufe unserer Landsleute in Rumänien, das Abwenden des Fiktivabzuges sowie die Entschädigung für das im kommunistischen Rumänien erlittene Unrecht der Deportation, der Enteignung und politischen Verfolgung.

Mit dem Ausscheiden von Dr. Bernd Fabritius als Verbandspräsident fallen seine Aufgaben laut Satzung der Funktion der amtierenden Bundesvorsitzenden Herta Daniel zu.

### Bundesvorsitzende gratuliert und bekräftigt: „Verbandsarbeit geht nahtlos weiter“

Die Bundesvorsitzende Herta Daniel gratulierte Fabritius im Namen unseres Verbandes zu seiner Ernennung zum Beauftragten der Bundesregierung für Aussiedlerfragen und nationale Minderheiten und wünschte ihm viel Erfolg für seine neue Aufgabe. Die Nominierung sei „aufgrund der bemerkenswerten Leistungen von Dr. Bernd Fabritius in der europäischen und Bundespolitik“ verdienstermaßen erfolgt. Seine Ernennung bedeute „für uns Siebenbürger Sachsen gleichermaßen Gewinn und Verlust“. Es sei „ein großer Gewinn, weil noch nie ein Siebenbürger Sachse in einer politisch so hoch angesiedelten Regierungsaufgabe der Bundesrepublik Deutschland mitwirken durfte“, befand Daniel. Gleichzeitig müsse man künftig „an der Verbandsspitze auf einen äußerst erfahrenen Verbandspolitiker verzichten“. Der Rücktritt ziehe auch „verlustreiche Konsequenzen“ für die weltweite Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen nach sich, der Bernd Fabritius seit 2007 als Präsident vorstand. Seine „Verdienste für unsere Gemeinschaft und darüber hinaus“ hätten „bleibenden Charakter“, unterstrich Daniel.

Nach der Ära Fabritius gehe es in der Verbandsarbeit „nahtlos weiter“, bekräftigte die Bundesvorsitzende, und bekundete zuversichtlich: „Gleichwohl wird es für mich einer enormen Kraftanstrengung bedürfen, unseren Verband sicher in die Zukunft zu führen! Ich bin aber in der glücklichen Lage, auf die Mitwirkung vieler äußerst engagierter Ehrenamtlicher zählen zu können.“

Christian Schoger  
SBZ Online  
5. März 2018

Frohes Schaffen, treues Lieben  
ist das Beste noch geblieben



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# So You Bought Insurance for Your Cell Phone....



## But No Life Insurance to Protect Your Family???

If you're like some people, you probably have insurance for many of your precious assets—like your car, your home, credit insurance, pet insurance and maybe even your cell phone. But do you have life insurance?

A study by LIMRA found that only 60% of Americans have some type of life insurance. That's a pretty shocking statistic when you consider 100% of us cannot be sure that we will be around tomorrow.

### Putting Other Priorities Ahead of Life Insurance

A study done by the Insurance Barometer Study found that most Americans continue to put other financial priorities ahead of purchasing life insurance. However, those priorities vary by generation:

- 29 percent of Millennials cited saving for vacation as a priority over purchasing some or more life insurance,
- 23 percent of Gen Xers said paying for recreational activities such as going out to eat, movies or shopping was a priority over purchasing some or more life insurance,
- 49 percent of those 65 and older cited paying for expenses such as Internet, cable and cell phones as a priority over purchasing some or more life insurance, and
- 60 percent of Millennials said the same.

Millennials most likely don't think about the concept of insurability. The cost of life insurance depends on many factors, including the type of policy, the death benefit amount, age and health at the time someone takes out a policy. By buying life insurance at a young age, it ensures that if something happens to someone's health in the future, that person's rates will always be based on his or her health at the time the policy was purchased. That can be a big advantage if that person was to develop a health issue like diabetes.

With that said, most folks understand the importance of life insurance, however, they continue to prioritize other short-term expenditures, often failing to understand how affordable life insurance can be. Contact your Local Branch Deputy or call the ATS Home Office to see the cost for a life insurance plan for you and members of your family. The ATS offers the following life insurance plans for your consideration:

#### Single-Payment Life

Only one premium pays up this plan for life

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