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INTERNATIONAL SAXON JUGENDLAGER JULY 19 – AUGUST 3, 2019 HOST: LANDSMANNSCHAFT OF AUSTRIA

We are looking for five of our members to attend the 2019 International Saxon Jugendlager which will be held in Austria starting on Friday, July 19 and ending Saturday, August 3. Those members that wish to be considered must be ATS members ages 18 - 21.

Participants from Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania and the USA will enjoy two weeks of learning about our Saxon history and culture as well as sightseeing excursions in the beautiful country of Austria. The first stay will be in Vienna then on to the Upper part of Austria and the past few days in Salzburg. The group will travel by mini buses and stay in hostels except in Traun, where they will be housed by Saxon families.

Participation in the Saxon Jugendlager will be limited to five young people from each country --- Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania and the United States. In addition, each country is entitled to send a Group Leader. The ATS Group Leader will be Heidi Weber. USA participants must be ATS members in good standing between the ages 18-21. Each participant is to bear the cost of his/her transportation to and from Austria and for personal daily incidental expenses. The Landsmannschaft of Austria will provide housing, meals and transportation during the Jugendlager. The ATS will pay the Participation Fee for each of our Jugendlager participants.

All applicants should be interested in learning about our Saxon culture and traditions and be somewhat familiar of their Saxon background and knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the national organization, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

This is a great chance to make friends with other young Saxons from different parts of the world. It is an opportunity to share experiences with young adults from the same ethnic background and learn more about the Saxon heritage.

If you are interested in being considered, please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 as soon as possible. An Application form will be sent out to you and the ATS Youth Activities Committee will review the submitted apps and will make every effort to be completely fair in their final selection of participants.

This is a two-week program that offers an individual a chance to share their family history with others, to learn about our Saxon heritage, to make friends that can last a lifetime and to enjoy various activities that will guarantee a good time for all. It is a heartwarming and truly memorable experience. Just ask a former Jugendlager participant.

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY MAILED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to: The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 5393 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129-1597 OUR
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



The ATS Board of Directors is the fiduciary which steers our organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies. On Saturday, March 23, 2019 the Board held a quarterly meeting. We reviewed the Annual Financial Statement and the Management and Analysis Discussion Report that are filed with the State Insurance Departments and the NAIC. At yearend 2018, our total assets totaled \$93,210,584, an increase of over \$3.8 million. Our net income for the year was \$1,052,998. Our financial reports show financial growth and strength for our fraternal society. However, on a sad note, we once again had a decrease in our membership. We are asking our local branches to reach out to their family and friends in promoting our fraternal organization. We have an organization that we can be proud to promote. In addition to the financial security and protection provided through our life insurance, annuities and IRAs, ATS members of all ages enjoy a variety of educational, cultural, recreational and social opportunities. To become a member, one needs to purchase either a life insurance or annuity contract. Who doesn't need life insurance to protect their family members to help pay for funeral expenses or outstanding debts? And it is necessary for all of us to ensure we will have continued income in our retirement years. An ATS annuity can provide a safety net because it provides you with a guaranteed income stream for life! The ATS is proud of our rich Saxon heritage and long-standing history of financial stability and growth. While many of our members are of Saxon or German descent, today this is no longer a requirement. We welcome folks of different nationalities to learn of our Saxon history. As members of the ATS we all share a common interest...building friendships and providing financial security for our families! Let's all feel an obligation to promote membership into our fraternal family!

In addition to reviewing financial reports, we approved our budget for the year 2019 and the appointed ATS Committees gave their annual reports that included a review of past and upcoming goals, strategies and events. These Committees' responsibilities are to research and define direction to policies so that the Board can make sound decisions on assessing our company's risks and actions that are needed to alleviate those risks as well as planning of future events. I must commend my fellow officers on the commitment and dedication they have to secure a sound future for our organization.

The 2019 Jugendlager will be held in Austria this summer. The ATS is entitled to send five participants for this two-week cultural program. We

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

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or honor	r of someone

Family-friendly board games to go big into AR

Fun for the family or parties, the favorite drawing game Pictionary is going high tech this year.

In June, Mattel is expected to introduce an Augmented Reality version of the popular game. Once, earthlings used paper to draw pictures as clues for people to guess a secret word. With the AR version, as you might expect, the paper is gone. Instead, players use a wand to draw in the air and the image appears on their phone, tablet or smart TV screen.

And, no, the player drawing in the air can't see what they are drawing, which judging by most Pictionary games, won't make hints any worse than they are on paper.

Many AR games are already on the market for mobile phones but this is one of the few aimed at the family/party group market where being in the same room with other gamers is important.

According to Cnet.com, we will soon be seeing AR versions of Clue, The Game of Life, and others.

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are looking for members ages 18 – 21 that are interested in the Saxon culture and are familiar with the ATS activities on the local and national level. If you are interested, please contact the ATS Home Office and an application will be sent out to you,

I want to remind our members that there still is time to contribute to your ATS Traditional or ROTH IRA for 2018. For the year of 2018, eligible taxpayers under the age of 50 can contribute up to \$5500 and those who are 50 or older the limit is \$6500. You can make 2018 IRA contributions until April 15, 2019. An IRA provides a tax-advantaged option for saving and with the help of years of compound interest you can end up drawing on substantial savings when you are ready to retire. If you do not have an ATS IRA and had earned income then now is a good time to start one.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The construction of the church in Arbegen was started in the early 14th century. A surrounding wall was completed in 1502 along with a gate building and an adjoining bacon chamber. The tower was heightened in 1827. As in many villages, the church is deteriorating but fortunately with the partnership of the Fortified Churches Foundation and the HOG (hometown community of Saxons



Church Fortress of Arbegen

from Arbegen mainly living in Germany) have started with repairs for the conservation of the church. For centuries, music was a beautiful attribute of the gardens in Arbegen. The musical life of the Transylvanian Saxon villages were the responsibilities of the church choir, organist, ministers, school teachers and pupils. Beginning with the 16th century, the brass bands appeared in the southern and central regions of Transylvania. The instrumentalists brought social harmony to the villages. The brass bands used to play in the tower of Arbegen for holidays, weddings, balls and other special occasions. A quote from Plato: Music gives a soul to the universe, wing to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything. Music definitely identifies cultural traditions.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

MAIL: PO BOX 45198, Westlake, OH 44145

FAX: (440) 399-9339

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

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.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES By Ro Dundon

Just a note to let you all know we are still around even though we have not had a meeting since last year. We will not be having a meeting until April. NOTICE: NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 11, 2019. It will be held in the Ballroom Annex.

It was nice to see some members at the club for the Wednesday night drawings. It is even nicer when some of them win... Congrats to all!!

Our thoughts, prayers and wishes for a speedy recovering for Lucy Secka. She was hospitalized and had back surgery. Our sympathy goes to Lucy for the loss of her beloved Jim who passed away in January. He will be missed at our meetings.

Till we meet again.... Happy Spring, and Happy Easter (in case I don't get our news out in time.)

See you in April.

Hydrogen cars are here, but bumps in road remain

With 5,000 hydrogenpowered cars on the road today, providers are still trying to fill in some technical potholes.

But the hope of clean, direct energy for personal transportation still thrives.

Sandia National Laboratories has teamed up with First Element, the largest American hydrogen retailer, to work on software models that will help refueling stations switch to liquid hydrogen.

Hydrogen would be a good way to fuel cars since its only emission is water vapor. It's also abundant.

But in the gaseous state, hydrogen isn't very dense and not much can be kept on site.

Liquid nitrogen could be pumped just like gasoline and even transported in a similar way. It would fit current gasoline models and could make more pumping stations feasible.

Software models will address storage concerns for liquid hydrogen, which must be kept at -423 degrees F. This makes leaks an issue since liquid hydrogen freezes the air when it escapes.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

Greetings to all members and readers of the ATS Volksblatt. Some of you may just read your local branch articles. But I hope many of you pour through every page and article and advertisement of the Volksblatt. If you don't, I strongly encourage you to read more. There is such interesting information that many writers take the time to share; that make the Volksblatt an entertaining and worthwhile news medium. I want to thank our ATS President Joan Miller-Malue for sharing national news, as well as the Saxon trivia and history. Thank you to the local secretaries for taking the time to write an article and share news about their local branch or culture group and its members. Lately, from Columbus, Mr. Blum has written several articles that my family has found to be especially interesting. All of your work has not gone unnoticed. And thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Hermann, who every two weeks put the Volksblatt together so diligently. To everyone who receives a copy of the Volksblatt, thank you for your support of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons!

As for Branch 33 local news, our last meeting March 13 was well attended. The evening started with our annual chili/soup cook off. Winners: third-place Pam Bonnett, second-place was a tie Margie Ziegler and Joanne Janesco, and the

winner with a Bloody Mary chili was Maria Phillips. Holly (Foisel) Prankas makes the best cornbread and definitely deserves an honorable mention. Thank you also to the bakers who contributed. We still miss many members who cannot attend regularly.

We think fondly of Florence Davidson, Peg Maurer, Martha Bretz, and all of our shut-ins who unfortunately number too many to mention in one article. Not all of our missing members are shut ins: The Brateks are moving to southern Ohio and we will be missing them. And Dolf Litschel is always working. I did hear our vice President Bette Schmidt is at home, diligently doing her therapy and we hope to see her soon.

Branch 33 members who are heading to college in September, please look for the Branch 33 tuition reimbursement application in the Volksblatt.

Please sign up for the Branch 33 annual Membership Banquet to be held on Sunday, May 5 at Saint Noel Party Center in Willoughby Hills. This banquet is free for members, \$28 for guests. Cindy Schneider is taking reservations: (216) 410-8851.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 10; The evening will start at 7 PM playing Bingo. Bakers are Debbie Lang and Ema Litschel.

Stay safe everyone!

EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCHOR By Edith Hebrank

Members of the Sachsenchor have come back, as agreed, to practice for the Spring Concert on April 27, 2019. However, our dedicated Director, Andrea Ball, could not make it. She had injured her right hand and will need surgery on it. Following the surgery she will need time to heal. And being a pianist, she will be needing her right hand. Thus, consulting the calendar, the choir reluctantly decided to cancel the concert. Readers, please note and spread the word: this year Sachsenchor Spring Concert.

Our own member, Edith Yerger, herself a musician and having contacts in the music world, found a colleague, Ms. Caroline Wipper, who is willing and able to practice with us. With a totally new director the choir would not have enough time till the end of April to prepare properly for the concert. To reschedule the concert for October did not work for our guest choirs.

Nevertheless, the choir continues with the rehearsal. After all, we would like to participate as guests of the other choirs. We will schedule the Sachsenchor Spring Concert for April 2021.

> Es toenen die Lieder, Der Fruehling kehrt wieder.....

Text H.H. v. Fallersleben Melodie aus Schlesien

ATTENTION: Members Cleveland East Branch 33

2019-20 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 2019-20 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2019.

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

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

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Application Request for Branch 33 College Scholarship/Reimbursement

Name:			
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College/University:			
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DEADLINE IS May 31, 2019:

Mail to: Karyn Schmidt 4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Lesley Reed

We held our March meeting on the evening of the 20th. There were twelve members present and four members previously excused. We opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Our hostesses were Jan Ossler, Shari Edwards, Mary Craven, and Penny Zeedrich.

Members celebrating birthdays were Savannah McKelley in January and Phyllis Biggs this month. Attendance awards were presented to Savannah McKelley and Alice Freeders.

Minutes from October's meeting were read and accepted. Old business consisted of discussing ideas for a Ladies Lodge outing. It was decided that members available will car pool to the New Castle Lodge's 125th anniversary concert and dinner on May 4th.

Under new business, scholarships were presented to Emily Brennan, Courtney Crawford, and Sydni Hertel. We will again donate altar flowers to the Alliance St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the second Sunday in April, which happens to be Palm Sunday this year. Afterward, the flowers will be divided up and delivered to members Helen Kinser, Dorothy Brunie, and Rudy Kotzbacher. We will not be having an April meeting. Instead we will be having dinner with our Men's Lodge members at the Alliance Grinders restaurant on April 17th at 6:00 p.m. At our next official meeting on May 20th at the American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m., the hostesses will be Denise, Casey, and Courtney Crawford, and Lesley Reed.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 4, 2019
Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host New Castle
June 23-28, 2019
Saxon Summer Camp
July 12-14, 2019

North American Saxon Heimattag

Host Aylmer German-Canadian Club, Aylmer ONT

July 19 - 21, 2019 Teen Weekend

July 27, 2019

Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA

October 19-20, 2019

ATS Open Bowling Tournament Host Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

April 5, 2019

Cleveland West Br. 1 250 Club Banquet

April 6-7, 2019

Cleveland West TSBA Tournament

April 13, 2019

Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Easter Party April 28, 2019

Youngstown Br. 22 Mother/Daughter Banquet

May 4, 2019

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball

New Castle Eintracht Singing Society 125th Anniversary May 5, 2019

Cleveland East Br. 33 Membership Banquet Noel Banquet Center

May 11, 2019

Chicago Br. 9 Stiftungsfest/Trachtenfest Schwaben Center Buffalo Grove IL

June 15, 2019

Cleveland Sachsenheim Beer and Sausage Fest June 23, 2019

Chicago Br.9 Picnic Lynne Woods Morton Grove August 24, 2019

Cleveland West Br. 1 Oktoberfest

September 22, 2019

Cleveland West Brs. 1 and 4 Membership Banquet October 5, 2019

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

October 19, 2019

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Truabenfest

October 25, 2019

Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Halloween Party November 3, 2019

Cleveland Sachseheim Fall Schnitzel Fest

November 10, 2019

Cleveland West Veterans Day Dinner

December 7, 2019

Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Sausage Sale

December 14, 2019

Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Christmas Party December 15, 2019

Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party

The Salem Saxon Club CARRY OUT FISH FRYS

(Carry out only)

Every Friday beginning March 8 thru April 12 Serving from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00



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

Cash bar open (while waiting for orders)

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

We want to start this article by announcing that Martin Hesch has retired as President of Branch 10. Martin has been a lifetime member of the Saxon Club. Martin has done an excellent job as our President and while he will be missed as the President, he will still remain an active member and contributor the Saxon tradition. Martin took over as President from Richard Kautz. Martin now passes the responsibilities of the President to Michael Roth. Michael, who is our ATS Secretary, is now our new Branch 10 President. Michael is the nephew of the late Richard Kautz and grandson to one of the founders of the Branch 10 Saxon Club. In addition, Donald Blum is the new Vice-President. Donald is also a grandson to one of the founders of Branch 10 Saxon Club. Additionally, we inducted a new member of Branch 10, Jill Blum. Again, congratulations to Martin for your service as our President, to Michael and Don in their new assignments, and to our new member Jill.

We were very happy to see Hilda Kautz, who had been ill and recovering, was in attendance at our March 18 meeting. We ask for your prayers for Susie Karst. Susie has been ill for a while and could not attend our meeting. We are hopeful Susie will recover quickly and return to our regular meetings.

We missed Mike Roth's birthday on March 21st in our last issue. Our April birthdays are Dorothea Hesch, April 20TH and Donald Blum April 22nd. Happy Birthday and congratulations.

We are excited to have 5 Branch 10 members attending North American Heimattag in Aylmer, Ontario. Heimattag will be July 12th through July 14th. We look forward to singing, dancing and celebration.

We hope everyone survived any April Fool's jokes that may have been played on you. April 1st was originally celebrated as the first day of the year for Romans and Hindus. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) to replace the old Julian calendar. The new calendar established the new, New Year's Day to be January 1st. No one is positive of when April 1st became April's Fools Day. One explanation is that many people refused to accept the new date, still celebrating New Year's Day on April 1st. People made fun of those that refused to

accept the change and would play jokes on them, treating them as Fools.

Personally, I have a son-inlaw that was born on April 1st. And while many father-in-laws find their son-in-laws as foolish all the time, I will say we are lucky to have a fine sonin-law, even if he was born on April Fool's Day.

This year April is a special month. We will be celebrating Easter on April 21st. Easter is a movable celebration, but it is always on a Sunday. Easter is related to the full Moon. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the paschal full Moon. I had to look this one up. The paschal full Moon is the 14th day of a lunar month occurring on or next after March 21. So, Easter can occur as early as March 22nd or as late as April 25th. We hope you find many Easter Eggs and especially those that may include a special monetary value.

Most of all, we hope you enjoy the true meaning of the Easter Celebration. The resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday represents the triumph of good over evil, sin, death and the physical body. Remember through Christ's resurrection we can be saved if you take Christ as your Savior.

We look forward to seeing Branch 10 members at our regular meeting on Monday, April 15th. Also, don't forget to pay your taxes.

How to put your life story in print

So you've written your life story for the family. Does it stay on your computer or do you want it published in a beautiful hardcover book to distribute as gifts for the kids and grandkids?

Publish it, of course! And, today the process is inexpensive and fun with many online websites designed to help you do just that.

If you are just getting started, remember that all great books start with photos. Photo books are great family mementos and, when you add names and stories, they can tell a lot about your family's history and heritage.

First, you'll need to dig the photos out of that old suitcase and scan them. Many new printers have flat-bed scanning capabilities that can produce very high quality scans. If you are scanning dozens or hundreds of photos, organize the finished scans into folders on your computer. One good way to do it is to make a folder for each person and family group you'll be featuring. That way, you can quickly find the photos.

Of course, the scanning process can quickly become time-consuming (and sometimes technical). If you don't want to scan photos yourself, try one of the many scanning services such as Memories Renewed, Scan Digital, or Dig My Pics. Simply box up your photos, according to the company's preferences, and they will turn snapshots and slides into high quality scans.

Once you have your photos ready, the next step is to get your story ready and match photos to text. Make sure to go over your story carefully, checking spelling, names, and dates as closely as you can.

Next, select a book-making company. There are many online: ubuildabook. com, My Canvas, Blurb, and Mixbook. In fact, if you use a Mac, you can quickly build a book from your photo app and press a button to have it printed.

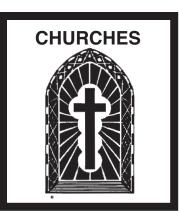
Here is the procedure,



which is similar for all companies:

- Select a theme or template.
- Upload images.
- Arrange images the way you like.
- Copy-and-paste text files to go with your photo arrangement.
- Proofread and preview. (Take your time with this!)
- Place your order.

Once finished, the company will mail a beautiful full-color book (or however many you wish to buy) on high quality paper. Fantastic for gifts! The company will typically keep your book project on hand so you can reorder as needed.



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

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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

Feat of Strength

The local bar had a long-running contest to find the strongest man around. In order to win the \$500 prize, a contender had to prove his strength. First, the bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice was removed. Anyone who could get one more drop from the lemon would win. Many people had tried, but no one had ever done it.

One day, a small, skinny man walked into the bar and said, "I'd like to try the bet."

Everyone laughed at the man, but the bartender grabbed a lemon and squeezed all the juice out of it. He then handed the smashed lemon to the little man. Everyone fell completely silent as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and four drops fell onto the bar.

As the bartender counted out five hundred dollars, he asked, "Hey what do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack or a weightlifter or what?"

"No," the man replied, "I work for the IRS."

BRANCH 37, DETROIT

By Karin Weihs, Paul Weihs, and Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson

Herbert Weihs † 1938-2019

It is with deep regret and profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of Herbert Robert Weihs, age 87. Herbert passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, February 5th 2019 after a month of hospitalization due to a fastprogressing lung illness.

Born on his family farm in Jorksdorf, Ostpreußen (East Prussia) on April 8, 1931, Herbert was the oldest of 3 sons born to Fritz (Friederich) and Auguste Weiß (nee Bartomeizik). He attended secondary school in Labiau, studying to become a forester, until 1945. His father was the mayor of their small town.

Due to the war, Herbert was orphaned at 14 years old. He spent three years in a Russian labor camp. In 1948, he was reunited with his Tante (Aunt) Friede Weiß in West Germany and worked as a farm hand. He emigrated from Germany, arriving on Christmas Eve, 1951, having been sponsored by one of his 4 aunts living in the U.S., Tante Helene. He often commented that he felt he had come to a "fairyland" seeing all of the Christmas lights upon his arrival and worked hard to ensure that he, himself, put up Christmas lights each year as a result. He worked on the railroad

in the State of New York until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953, where he served two years. Thereafter, upon his brother Günther's suggestion, he moved to Detroit to apply for a job at GM's new Tech Center. He was hired and worked for GM for 37 years before retiring as a die designer.

In 1956, Herbert met his wife, Karin, at Günther's wedding and they were, themselves, wed 11 months later. Good German food being one of his passions, he appreciated the she could cook well and "whip up a good meal" in a half hour.

After their wedding, Herbert and Karin spent time travelling as much as they could; honeymooning in Washington D.C., skiing in Maine, sunbathing in Florida and exploring all that Michigan had to offer.

In 1963, Herbert and Karin welcomed their first child, a daughter, Ingrid. Their second child, Paul, came along in 1971.

Upon retirement, Herbert and Karin built a house in Sugar Springs, Gladwin, MI of his own design, of which he was very proud. They became snowbirds, summering in Michigan and wintering in Sun City, Arizona.

Herbert always enjoyed good food and good conversation with family and friends and was known by many for his charm and easy-to-talkto style.

He had a big heart, putting family first, never turning away a family member in need. He was a proud man - proud of his German (and Ostpreußen!) heritage, proud of his house, proud of his children. Among many other interests, Herbert enjoyed photography, video, gardening, dancing, hockey, the evening news, the Olympics, "3 o'clock Kaffee," ambient tap water and Rouladen (did we mention that he loved food?)

Herbert was a longtime member of Branch 37.

Herbert's cremated remains were interred at the family plot at Forest Hills Cemetery in Ann Arbor, MI.

Herbert is survived by his wife, Karin; daughter, Ingrid (Robert); son, Paul (Kimberly); brother Günther (Ilse); grandchildren, Jacob, Jessica, Jennifer and Julia; sister-in-law Helene Weihs; nieces and nephews Doris (Scott), Robert, Mark (Janell), Michael (Joann), Carol (Mark) and Chris (Merideth); as well as many loved cousins.

Herbert was predeceased by his brother, Alfred.

A memorial service for Herbert was held on March 2nd at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Warren, MI.

Donations can be made in Herbert's memory to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sugar Springs Memorial Fund, or the charity of your choice.



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.

Harry M. Haddox

Age 93 Died: January 25, 2019 Branch 30, 2019

Cecilia E. Hegedusich

Age 89

Died: February 22, 2019 Home Branch, Cleveland OH

Pauline N. Wegelin

Age 88

Died: March 8, 2019 Branch 2, Erie PA

Elizabeth "Betty" J. Smith

Age 71

Died: March 16, 2019 Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Joanne T. "Honey" Wolff

Age 101

Died: March 19, 2019 Branch 4, Cleveland OH

Regina J. Marzec

Age 93

Died: March 21, 2019 Home Branch, Cleveland OH

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

Our members are still getting used to the newly scheduled monthly meetings. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Lorain Slovak Club. Our next general meeting will be on Monday April 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM. It was voted on to meet for dinner before the meeting at The Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt. 58 in Amherst at 5:00 PM. Please contact President Monica Gilles by April 8 by calling 440-309-7894 if you plan to attend so a reservation count can be made.

We began our last meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of Brother John "Hunce" Weber, our most senior Branch 5 member who passed away on February 6, 2019, at the age of 97. John (whose father Michael Weber was a charter member when the Saxon Sick Benefit Society

was founded on July 12 of 1903), was born September 28,1921 in the Saxon Club. known at that time as the Siebenburgen Sachsen Hall on the corner of Apple Ave. and E. 29th Street. He enjoyed a life that was marked by accomplishments such as being inducted into the Lorain Sports Hall of Fame for basketball and tennis, serving in the US Army as a Ranger Paratrooper during the North African Campaign during WW II, and representing Ohio in tennis competitions in 1948 at UCLA. That was also the same year he married the love of his life. Esther and moved to Redondo Beach, CA where he earned his Master's degree at USC. I would like to extend my condolences to Esther and John's family on behalf of the members of ATS Branch 5. May God give you peace and blessed assurance at

this time.

I like to recognize the achievements of our junior members here in this column when members share their news. Braeden Gilles will be inducted into the National Honor Society this year with a 4.0 GPA. Grace Zgola, a student at Vermilion High School, will be playing multiple roles in their spring musical "Wizard of Oz". Congratulations to each of these young people as they take the opportunities offered to them for learning and growing into young adults. Also here is a reminder to make sure you turn in your score sheets to the home office for the Bowl Where You Are event that has been going on since February in order to get your T shirt for your participation.

Two of our members are still on the sick benefit list. Sister Carolyn Myroski is going thru rehab after knee surgery and Sister Betty

Ralph is recovering from illnesses after a recent stay in the hospital. We hope that you both will be well and back on your feet soon.

Birthdays being celebrated this month of April are sisters Debbie Tomusko, Barbara Gilles, brother Ned Jones, and junior members Aiden Brown, Mackenzie Smith, and Sofia Ali. Happy Birthday and may you all enjoy your special day!

It may be a few months away on the calendar but a date for this year's Branch 5 Picnic is set for August 18, 2019 at Lakeview Park. The reservation for the pavilion we had last year needed to be made early to get the date we wanted.

Spring is just around the corner and the ATS fraternal calendar is full of National and local events to choose from when looking to make plans for something to do. Until next time, have a Happy Easter!

SAXON SUMMER CAMP

Ages 7 - 17

June 23 -28, 2019 CAMP FREDERICK ROGERS, OHIO



Summer is rapidly approaching and the ATS Youth Activities Committee is once again sponsoring Saxon Summer Camp, for our Junior Members and friends, ages 7 - 17, the opportunity to spend a week together in fellowship. We are offering four camp programs for the different ages. The programs are designed to allow campers to continue to grow, every time they move to a new age group, the type and level of activities increase to meet the needs of that age group.

New Adventurers – Completed K-2nd Grade Songs, creek stomping, hiking, swimming, crafts, discovery time, camp fires and more.

Cost: ATS Junior Member \$160 and \$310 for non-member children

Discoverers – Completed 3rd- 4th Grade Traditional camp activities plus climbing tower and archery.

Cost: ATS Junior Member is \$180 and \$330 for non-member children

Journeyers – Completed 5th – 6th Grade Includes traditional camp activities plus canoeing, high rope courses and zip line.

Cost: ATS Junior Member is \$235 and \$385 for non-member children

Ultimate Challenge – Completed 7th & higher Includes camping out at Ohiopyle, PA, go whitewater rafting and caving at Laurel Caverns.

Cost: ATS Junior Member is \$310 and \$460 for non-member children

The one-week camp will be held at Camp Frederick, a beautiful camp located in Rogers, Ohio on 144 acres of forest, rambling streams, rolling hills, glacial rocks and meadows. Camp Frederick is an organized camp center located at the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia borders. The camp is located 1½ miles east of Rogers, Ohio off SR 154. The address is 6996 Millrock Road. The camp is staffed with trained and experienced counselors.

At Camp Frederick, our campers will be housed in cabins which accommodate eight persons.

One evening will be devoted to Saxon folk dancing and folklore.

We welcome our members to bring along one friend who is not a member. Also, ATS members may send their children or grandchildren (who are not yet ATS members) to the camp at the non-member cost. Each camper will receive a free Saxon Summer Camp T-shirt.

If you wish to attend please complete the Registration Form and send it along with a \$100.00 deposit for ATS Junior Members and \$150.00 for non-member children to the ATS Home Office by May 1, 2019. Upon receipt of your registration fee we will send you a Camper's Health Examination Form and Personal Information Form that must be completed by you and returned to this Office by June 1, 2019, along with the balance of your camp fee. We will mail you a map and detailed information as to arrival and departure times, and what to bring along.

New Castle Eintracht Singing Society 125th Anniversary

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The New Castle Eintracht Singing Society

Cordially invites you to celebrate the

125th Anniversary of the Eintracht Singing Society



Saturday, May 4, 2019 The Villa Banquet Center 2500 New Butler Road New Castle, PA. 16101

5:00 p.m. Bar open for soft drinks, coffee, etc **

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:00 - 10:30 p.m. Bar open for beer and wine**
6:30 p.m. Concert by The Eintracht Männerchor

and Kinderchor

Special Guest performance by

Platin Scala of Germany 8:00 -11:00 p.m. Dance music provided by The Barons

\$40 which includes dinner, open bar & admission to the event

Kindly RSVP by April 20, 2019 Cancellations are due by April 27, 2019 By calling 724-652-7221

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THE EINTRACHT SINGING SOCIETY 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BOOKLET

Send your check and reservation to:

The New Castle Eintracht Singing Society 108 Taylor Street New Castle PA 16101

Dear Friends of the Eintracht.

It is with great anticipation and pride that we announce the celebration of our 125th Anniversary to be held on May 4, 2019 at The Villa Banquet Center, 2500 New Butler Road, New Castle, PA. 16101. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to greeting you at that time and enjoying a wonderful eveming of celebration and Gemütlichkeit!

We gladly appreciate all those who will offer their congratulations and well wishes through ads or memorials in our program. To be included please fill out the form below and return by April 15, 2019 to the Club's address below. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely, Hans Kraus

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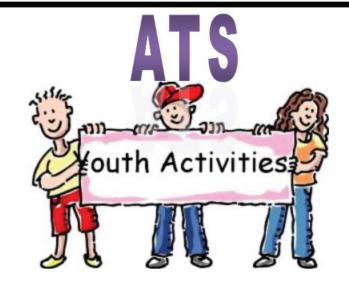
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Saxon Summer Camp

June 23-28 2019

Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio

New Adventure Grades 1 - 2 (completed)

Discoverers Grades 3 - 4 (completed)

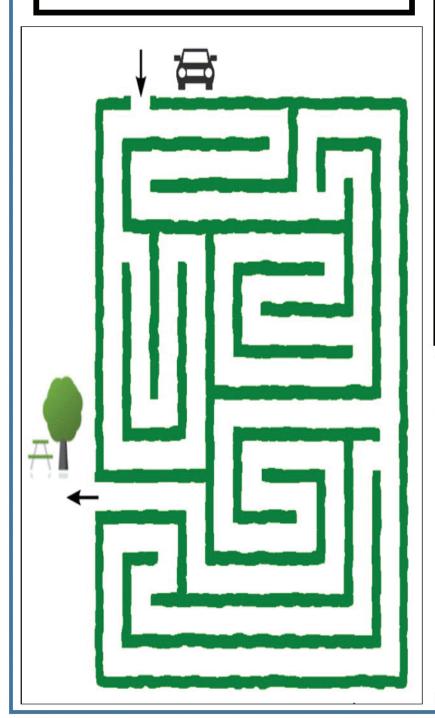
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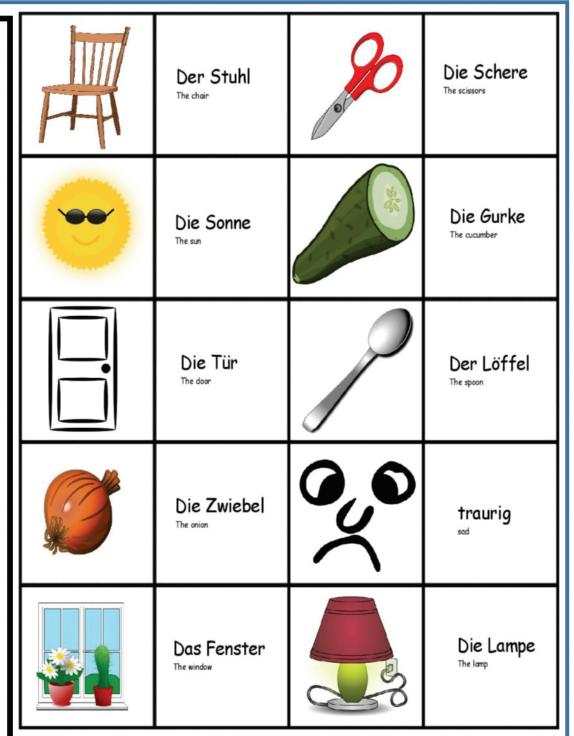
Ultimate Challenge Grades 7- 9 (completed)

Teen Weekend July 19-21, 2019 Salem Saxon Club Ages 13-19

ATS Family Day
July 27, 2019
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

Plus Coloring Contests during the Year and







COMPUTER JOKES

Q: What did the spider do on the computer?

A: Made a website!

Q: Why did the computer keep sneezing?

A: It had a virus!

Q: What do you get when you cross a computer with an elephant?

Q: What does a baby computer call his father?

A: Data!

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Sadly, I report the death of our Sister Honey Wolff who died on March19, 2019 at the age of 101. Honey was a member of Branch 4 for over 83 years. She was a very special lady that brought joy and laughter to many ATS members. In her younger days, she was very active in the TSJA traveling about to other local branches with her friends from Cleveland West Juniors. My mother and her were very close friends and over the years I have heard some wonderful stories, some mischievous. Honev was a member of the TSBA for many years, in fact, I have a picture on my desk of her, my Dad, Hilda Zakel, Helen Lindeman and Irene Hallner that was taken at a bowling tournament. She was loved throughout the ATS. She was an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and Cavaliers. She loved the Sachsenheim, the membership and especially enjoyed the children. We were all blessed with her presence. May our dear friend rest in peace. Her nieces and nephews will have visitation at Sunset Memorial on April 23 starting at 10 am and a service at noon. Our condolences are extended to the family.

The 250 Club Banquet will be held on Friday evening, April 5th. The final drawing for this season will be held after dinner. Gook luck to everyone that evening. We appreciate everyone's membership in the 250 Club. Cost is only \$50 per year with weekly chances to win \$25, mid-year drawing of \$100 and then the grand prizes at the banquet with the top winner getting \$1000. The banquet is free and always includes some entertainment. Talk your family and friends in joining next year's 250 Club.

We welcome the TSBA bowlers to Cleveland for their Annual Bowling Tournament which will be held the weekend of April 6 -7th. We will be bowling at Rollhouse Lanes located

on Brookpark Road, so stop by to say hello to your out of town friends. The bowlers' banquet will be held at the Sachsenheim on Sunday afternoon.

The Children's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 am. Children will be invited to make a craft, followed by breakfast, a Hula Hoop show and ending with an egg hunt. Reservations are a must by contacting Patty Cunningham at (216) 398-7520 or emailing at prscunn@yahoo.com by April 5th. We are asking everyone attending to bring some non-perishable food items as a donation to the local food bank.

The Sachsenchor had to cancel their Spring Concert and are looking to reschedule it during the Fall Season.

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will host their Annual Trachtenball on Saturday, May 4th at the Westside Sachsenheim. A Schnitzel dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with a program to follow. They are asking everyone to wear the Trachts and join in their Aufmarsch. The reservation form is printed in Volksblatt. If you need further information please call Amanda Donnellan at (216) 235-5240 Deadline for reservations is April 26th.

Our cultural groups need your support and appreciate your attendance at their functions. They practice nearly every week to preserve our Saxon and German culture. All they ask is for you to come and enjoy their singing, music and dance.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15 starting at 7:00 pm. Wear your creative Spring Hat! Who will win a prize for the best Spring

Don't forget to stop down to the Club on Friday during Lent for delicious fish dinners. Hove the Mussels! There are a variety of delicious fish entrees.

An Easter favorite goes back to Biblical era

It's fairly easy to connect the dots Christmas on any number of Easter traditions -- except for how a giant bunny became involved, perhaps -- but what about jelly beans? How did that maddeningly addictive sugar capsule become such a key player in a Christian holiday?

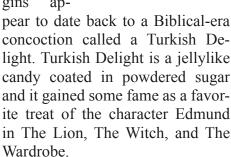
After Halloween, more candy is the article sold during Easter than any other holiday, according to history.com, which reports that more than 16 billion jelly beans are made in the U.S. each year for Easter.

The website posits a theory about their place in the Easter tradition, saying that eggs have long been associated with Easter as a symbol of new life and Jesus' resurrection. And the egg-shaped jelly bean became associated with Easter in the 1930s.

Reader's Digest says jelly beans used to be a Christmastime sweet until the realization that they resembled an egg shifted the focus.

is second to Easter as the most popular time to eat them, according to

J e 1 1 y beans' actual origins ap-



And National Geographic surmises that jelly beans are a cross between Turkish Delight and Jordan almonds - putting a hard outer coating onto a jelly-ish candy.



Siebenbürger Sachsen Stiftungsfest & Trachtenball

Come in your Club Tracht! Prizes for the best Trachten!

Saturday, May 11, 2019 Schwaben Center 301 N. Weiland, Buffalo Grove, IL

Doors open at 6:30 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM Tickets \$35 each----Cash Bar

Music by "HIRSCH" Performances by: Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe & Donau Dancers



For reservations please call Rose at 847-685-9821 by May 4, 2019

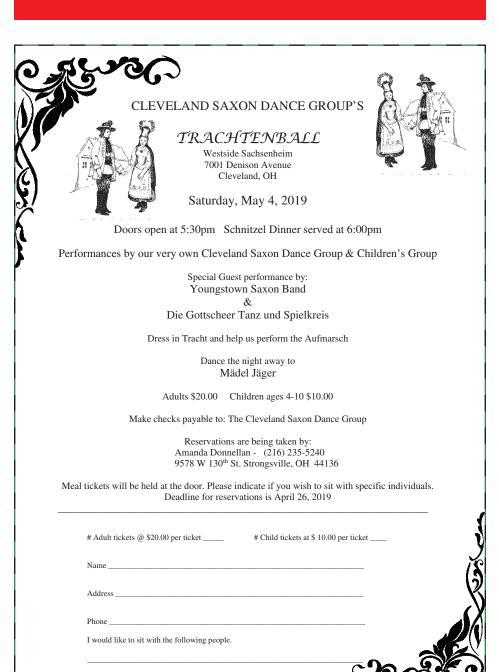
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Heimattag 2019 begeht 70-jähriges Verbandsjubiläum

Drei Monate vor Pfingsten schreiten die Vorbereitungen des Heimattags 2019 stetig voran. Der Heimattagausschuss hat am 1. März in der Bundesgeschäftsstelle des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in München den Programmablauf und organisatorische Fragen besprochen. Die dreistündige Sitzung, an der auch die neue Geschäftsführerin Ute Brenndörfer teilnahm, leitete Organisationsreferent Horst Wellmann.

Der Sitzung wohnten auch Vertreter der Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Jugend in Deutschland (SJD) und der Carl Wolff Gesellschaft bei. Mitausrichter des diesjährigen Pfingsttreffens, das vom 7. bis 10. Juni im mittelfränkischen Dinkelsbühl unter dem Motto "70 Jahre – Für die Gemeinschaft" stattfindet, ist die Landesgruppe Baden-Württemberg.

Die Landesgruppe Baden-Württemberg plant vielfältige Akzente im Veranstaltungsprogramm, betonte ihr Vorsitzender Michael Konnerth in der Sitzung: bei der feierlichen Eröffnung, durch die starke Präsenz der Landesgruppe beim Trachtenumzug am Pfingstsonntag, mit der Brauchtumsveranstaltung "Pfingstbräuche in Siebenbürgen", den Kultureinrichtungen in Gundelsheim, den Auftritten von Kulturgruppen und Blaskapellen.

Die Siebenbürgisch-Sächsische Jugend in Deutschland (SJD) verantwortet traditionell vielfältige Programmbereiche: Kinderprogramm, Volkstanzveranstaltung vor der Schranne, Zeltplatz und Festzelt. Am Freitag sorgt die deutsche Schlager-Band "Feuerherz" für Party-Stimmung. Dem 70-jährigen

Bestehen unseres Verbandes sind eine Ausstellung und die musikalisch umrahmte Festveranstaltung am Samstag gewidmet. Die Festrede hält der Historiker Dr. Florian Kührer-Wielach, Direktor des Instituts für deutsche Kultur und Geschichte Südosteuropas (IKGS) in München. Im Zeichen des Jubiläums steht zudem die Podiumsdiskussion am Pfingstmontag, wobei auch das politisch brisante Thema der Fremdrentenbenachteiligung kritisch erörtert werden soll.

Zu den Highlights des Heimattagprogramms zählen die im Haus der Geschichte gezeigte gemeinsame Kunstausstellung mit der Stadt Dinkelsbühl "Mapping Sibiu" wie auch die Ausstellung "Zeitreise" des siebenbürgischen Trompe-l'œil-Malers Michael Lassel.

Im weiteren Sitzungsverlauf wurden organisatorische Fragen betreffend den Abzeichenverkauf, Siebenbürger Markt und Infostand am Weinmarkt erörtert. Der Abzeichenpreis bleibt auch heuer stabil bei zehn Euro. Laut Geschäftsführerin Ute Brenndörfer wird sich der Preis für Verbandsmitglieder wie schon 2018 wieder reduzieren in Form eines Gutscheines über zwei Euro. Die für die gesamte Dauer des Heimattages geltenden Übernachtungsgebühren am Zeltplatz werden angepasst auf 25 Euro für Mitglieder der SJD bzw. des Verbandes sowie 40 Euro für Nicht-Mitglieder. Die nächste Sitzung des Heimattagausschusses findet am 28. April in Dinkelsbühl statt.

> Christian Schoger SBZ Online 22. März 2019

Hundert Jahre Evangelische Kirche A. B. in Rumänien: Banat

Von der Gründung Großrumäniens 1918 an schlossen sich bis 1921 alle deutschsprachigen lutherischen Gemeinschaften des neuen Staatsgebiets zusammen: Banater Schwaben, Bergland, Altreich-, Bukowina-, Bessarabien- und Dobrudschadeutsche sowie Siebenbürger Sachsen.

Zum Jubiläum der Evangelischen Kirche A. B. in Rumänien (EKR) sind bis 2021 Veran-

staltungen in den verschiedenen Siedlungsgebieten Rumäniens und im Ausland geplant. Die Reihe mit dem Titel "Gesichter – Grenzen – Geschwister" (www.ekr-gesichter.eu) startete im November 2018 in Bukarest mit Fokus auf den Altreichdeutschen und wird vom 5.-7. April im Banat mit dem Schwerpunkt auf Banater Schwaben und Berglanddeutschen fortgesetzt.



Hilda Femmig: Um Isterdåģ

Am 7. März 2019 hat Hilda Femmig jene Brücke betreten, die aus diesem Leben hinausführt. "Die Brücke" hat sie die Sammlung ihrer Gedichte überschrieben, die sie 2016 im Selbstverlag herausgegeben hat. Die Brücke steht darin vordergründig als Symbol für den Übergang aus der angestammten vertrauten Heimat in eine ungewisse neue, die man sich erst erwerben muss.

Gelegentlich kann man aber bei ihr auch einen tieferen Sinn des Brückensymbols erahnen: Das Gedicht "Ostern" ("Die Brücke", S. 45) kleidet einen solchen transzendentalen Ausblick in die Worte:

"Es geschah ein stilles, sanftes Wehn, ein Hauch von Hoffnung und Auferstehn."

Das Ostergedicht, das wir aus dem genannten Band (S. 72-75) ausgewählt haben, erinnert, nicht ohne Augenzwinkern, an die frühere brauchmäßige Ausgestaltung der Festlichkeiten am Ostersonntag in Neudorf bei Hermannstadt, Hilda Femmigs Heimatgemeinde. Nach dem Gottesdienst wurde der Pfarrer in überlieferter Ordnung heimgeleitet, und

Hilda Femmig

Um Isterdåģ

Dett wor bä as en hiesch åld Broch: Noom Gottesdänst um Isterdåg, wonn der Herr Voter hiemegeng, dro mosst et ä Begliedung seng. De gånz Gemien, dä beld en Zag, dro wor e stattlich glatt genag.

De Blosmusik, dä geng virun en stämmt en Isterpsalmen un; end hängderher äm Lutherklied riëcht würdij der Herr Voter schritt. Ze senger Segt, do geng ellien der Herr Kurator der Gemien.

Et foljten all dä härzij Kängd, ze Zwet se hälde sich de Hängd, de klenste glech noom giestijen Hirten;

mät Uewstånd Mede mät dem Bierten,

Presbyter, Purschen, Mån genaģ – kurz: allest, wat schwarz Hise draģ.

De Fräe beldten det Spalier. Um Oingd dro hess et: Na ku mir! Se schlusse sich als Lezten un, seng äng zer riëchter Zegd nooch kunn.

Dro af dem Farrhof Jang uch Ålt hot sich äm Halwkries afgestålt.

Wä åltihrwürdij äs de Troocht, doch jang de Wält fast iwwer Noocht:

Grän Gras, blo Hemmel, Sannescheng,

entro de Laft gorr längd uch feng – em eedemt deff, em spätzt det Ihr en richt de Bläck zer Liew empir.

Derwell do der Herr Voter stiht uch sich bedånkt fir det Beglied, denn säht, hie äs dervir bekånt: E riëdt gorr gat uch wiertgewånd! Loingst em stiht de Frä Farrerän en segt besangders frängdlich drän.



auf dem Pfarrhof folgten nun Reden, Kinderbescherung und Tanz der Jugend. Als Pfarrer von Neudorfhatte ich, Bernddieter Schobel, das Glück, diesen lebensfreudigen schönen Brauch einige Jahre selbst dort erleben zu dürfen, weshalb mich diese Verse auch besonders anrühren. Den Brauch gab es übrigens bis zur großen Auswanderungswelle nach 1990.

Bei zukünftigen Mundartlesungen werden wir Hilda Femmigs feine Sprachkunst und ihren zutreffenden, manchmal selbstironischen, aber niemals verletzenden Humor vermissen. Wir danken ihr dafür, dass sie uns so viel davon im Büchlein "Die Brücke" hinterlassen hat, und wollen ihr bedenkenswertes Vermächtnis an die dichtenden Kollegen im Gedicht "Ken Owend" auf dem rückwärtigen Buchdeckel des Bändchens beherzigen: "Ich bidden ich, schreiwt!"

Bernddieter Schobel und Hanni Markel

Na tritt der Herr Kurator vir en gitt sich sengersegts de Ihr, begresst de Farr uch de Gemien, de Kängde gitt e'n Zieche schin en hirt: Se roffen, holprij zwor end tratzdem rährend, na äm Chor: Vivat, der Herr Voter uch de Frä Motter selle liëwen!

Dråmol se reffen dese Wänsch. Zastämmend schmunzelt e jed Mänsch.

Dro hun de Kirchemetter trå ä Fälpeseren nuegelnåå, mät Sälwstgewirktem ausgeloogt, de Kängden ärär Gowe broocht:

Aus Kachen en hiesch Isterlumm uch halt en Pomerånz bekum e jed vergnäjt uch monter Racker, uch farwij Åcher, gånz aus Zacker. Se dånkten, wä et sich gehirt uch der Kurator se't gelihrt.

Derwell na Dånzmusik erklång, bedoocht de Jugend sich net lång en dreht af gränem Gras de Råhn – uch dett e Grangd, äm sich ze från. Jcha, munch e Kängd, dot hopst schi mät

äm Walzer- uch äm Polkaschrätt.

De Rende lockerde sich na, em geng hiesch hemlich hiemenza, bespråch sich af dem gånze Weģ en wänscht sich gläcklich Feiertäj end endlich gaden Appetit, derwell't båld Lämmchebrode gitt!

Häwt ir, meng Damen uch meng Herrn,

zem Mättågämmes diës net gärn? Er hot mer frängdlich zagehirt – erluwt mer schlesslich noch e Wiert:

Bevir mer ausenåndergohn, wäll ech ich "Gott erhåld ich!" soon.

Earth Day: Energy technology marches on

Earth has just so much space and day surplus. you gotta figure that at some point we'll run out of things, like petroleum.

BP says proven reserves will last 53.3 years. But that doesn't mean the grandkids will be sheltering against rocks.

Proven reserves are the stuff that's easy to get and already known. But there are all kinds of oil fields, from get at but not impossible.

Plus, estimates are historically wrong. Oil was supposed to run out in 1970, 1995, 2013, and 2015. Predictions for 2015 had it that there would be a 10 million barrel per day

New reserves are being found and new technologies have emerged to bine shaped like a crooked ball. It's make oil production clean and economical, according to JTC Energy Research Associates, LLC. Some say for 1,000 years.

Maybe that's true or maybe that's false. In the meantime, there are lots of new energy initiatives.

* Fusion. Clean, limitless energy shale fields to those that are hard to from nuclear fusion is possible. thanks to China, whose Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak in 2018 reached a core plasma temperature of 100 million degrees celsius, hotter than the sun. The landmark proves that it is posshortfall that year. Instead, in 2018, sible to reach temperatures required there was a 2-3 million barrel per for nuclear fusion, according to New

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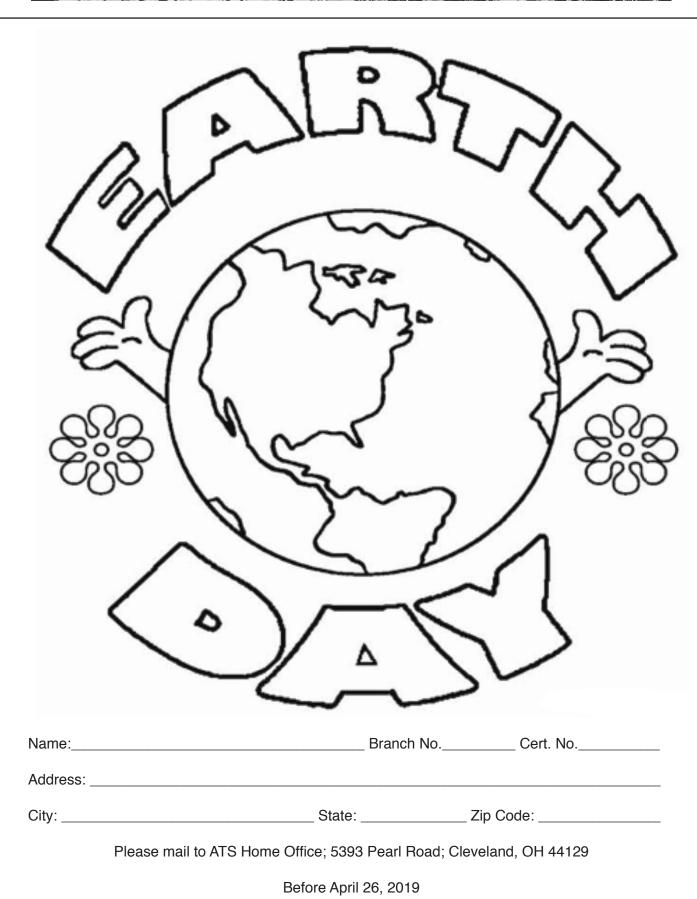
- * Spherical wind turbines. A turdesigned to dangle off skyscrapers and use wind blowing in any direction, using rotating energy to generate electricity. People living in high rises could generate their own electricity.
- * Bio-electric. They probably won't fly an airplane, but could little patches of mushrooms power your house? A New Jersey technical group took an ordinary mushroom. attached graphene nanoribbons of ink to it and produced electricity. The idea is that arrangements of bacteria could one day do bioluminescent lighting.



- 1. The Teapot Dome bribery scandal occurred within the administration of which US President? a-Warren G. Harding, b-Andrew Johnson, c-Calvin Coolidge, d-Herbert Hoover.
- 2. Which actress was censured by the U.S. Congress in the 1950s after deserting her Swedish husband and children for film director Roberto Rossellini? a-Hedy Lamarr, b-Vivien Leigh, c-Ava Gardner, d-Ingrid Bergman.
- 3. Who saved his political career from a scandal with the dramatic "Checkers" speech in 1952? a-Richard Nixon, b-Harry Truman, c-Joseph McCarthy, d-John Foster Dulles.
- 4. During the Black Sox Scandal in the 1919 World Series, Chicago White Sox players conspired with gamblers to intentionally lose against which team? a-Brooklyn Dodgers, b-Cincinnati Reds, c-Philadelphia Athletics, d-New York Giants.
- 5. In which scandalous novel is literature professor Humbert Humbert obsessed with pre-teen Dolores Haze? a-"Catcher in the Rye," b-"Lolita," c-"Lady Chatterley's Lover," d-"Under the Volcano."
- 6. Which governor's bid for the presidency in 2016 is hampered by the George Washington Bridge scandal? a-Ron DeSantis, b-Chris Christie, c-Tony Evers, d-Ralph S. Northam.
- 7. Which game show emcee returned from exile for his involvement in the "21" scandal to host "The Joker's Wild"? a-Bill Cullen, b-Gene Rayburn, c-Jack Barry, d-Wink Martindale.
- 8. Which NBC newsanchor was demoted for claiming he was aboard a military helicopter hit by a missile while covering the Iraq War in 2003? a-Roger Mudd, b-Frank McGee, c-Brian Williams, d-Bob Woodruff.
- 9. Who resigned as the president of the NAACP chapter in Spokane, Washington after she was exposed as a white woman passing for black? a-Rachel Dolezal, b-Elizabeth Warren, c-Martina Big, d-Melissa Harris-Perry.

9-a, Rachel Dolezal 8-c, Brian Williams 7-c, Jack Barry 6-b, Chris Christie 5-b, "Lolita" 4-b, Cincinnati Reds 3-a, Richard Vixon 2-d, Ingrid Bergman 1-a, Warren G. Harding Trivia Answers





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Erie, PA Br. 2

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Alliance, OH Br. 3

Mtg. 3rd. Wed.- 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 166 141 W Main St Alliance OH PRESIDENT John H. Aeling 15590 Georgetown St. NE Minerva, 44657 (330) 862-3706 JDAII852@yahoo.com SEC'Y. Matt Aeling 909 E Broad St Louisville OH 44641 (330) 205-2586 maeling1@gmail.com ATS SEC'Y. Denise Aeling Crawford 15970 Cenfield St.NE, Alliance, 44601 (330) 821-5125 dcrawfordcpa@yahoo.com SICK NOTICES & LOCAL DUES to John Aeling

Cleveland, OH Br. 4

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Lorain, OH Br. 5

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Farrell, PA Br. 7

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Alliance, OH Br. 8

Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 166 141 W Main St Alliance OH PRES. Helen E. Aeling 15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva 44657 (330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com SEC'Y. Lesley Reed 611 N. Market St Minerva OH 44657 (330) 868-3816 ATS SEC'Y. Helen Aeling Address as listed as President SICK NOTICES to Phyllis Biggs 1690 S Freedom Alliance OH 44601 (330) 823-0681 LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed Same addreess as above

Chicago, IL Br. 9

Mtg. 1st Mon. 8:00 p.m. DANK Haus 4740 N. Western (2nd floor) PRES. Diethild Thut 923 E Slayton Dr Palatine IL, 60074 (847) 934-6308 dedethut11@yahoo.com SEC'Y. Elfi Sanderson 1425 London Lane Glenview IL 60025 (847) 998-0939 elfisanderson@gmail.com Claudia Schmidt 8550 Niles Center Rd Skokie IL 60077 (847) 899-8663 brasov95@hotmail.com

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Columbus, OH Br. 10

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Mtg. 3rd Mon. 1:00 p.m. all months Hickory House, 550 Officecenter Place, Gahanna OH PRES. Martin Hesch 9407 Southchester Dr NW Pickerington OH 43147 (614) 861-4078 SEC'Y. Marlene Mueller 36 North East St, Pickerington OH 43147 (614) 834-1060 ATS SEC'Y. P. Michael Roth 8063 Ivory Gull Cir Pickerington OH 43147 (614) 216-0008 LOCAL DUES to Susanna Mueller 726 Preston Trails Dr Pickerington OH 43147

(614) 837-2221 opioma@aol.com Canton, OH Br. 14 Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies PRES. Thomas J. Rowinsky 1656 Dunkeith Dr NW, Canton, 44708 (330) 478-9333 ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 HH658@aol.com SICK NOTICES to Thomas Rowinsky Address as shown above

Canton, OH Br. 17

Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies PRES. Mary Rowinsky 1656 Dunkeith Dr. NW, Canton 44708 (330) 478-9333 SEC'Y. Mary Rowinsky Samme adress as President ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 HH658@aol.com SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky

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Salem, OH Br. 18

Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7:00 p.m. Saxon Club 1980 St. Rt. 9 Salem, 44460 (330) 222-1770 PRES. Marilyn McNutt 1721 State Route 9 Salem 44460 (330) 337-8940 SEC'Y. / ATS SECRETARY Barbara Spack 1389 Brookview Dr Salem, 44460 (330) 337-7487 babrayn@sbcqlobal.net SICK NOTICES to Theresa Spack 384 W Pershing Salem OH 44460 (330) 831-4119 LOCAL DUES TO: Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva 44657 (330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com

Salem, OH Br. 19 Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.

Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd Salem OH 44460 (330) 222-1770 PRES. Henry A. Spack, Sr. 1500 Depot Rd. Salem, 44460 (330) 337-3652 SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr. 973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460 (330) 881-3346 mvcobra27@gmail.com SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack 943 Stewart Rd. Salem, 44460 (330) 337-7575 LOCAL DUES to Richard Vogt, Sr. c/o Salem Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460 (330) 222-1770

Youngstown, OH Br. 22

Mtg. 2nd Sun. 2:00 p.m. Saxon Club Lower Lounge Restaurant 710 S. Meridian 44509 (330) 792-7973 PRES. June Hoelzel 695 E Western Reserve Rd Unit 2601 Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856 SEC'Y. Frances Hinerman 281 Forest Hill Dr Youngstown OH 44515 ATS SEC'Y. Julaine Gilmartin 4173 Timberland Trail Canfield 44406 (330) 799-5171 SICK NOTICES to Gloria Hahn 365 Beechcrest Dr Youngstown 44515 (330) 793-3588 LOCAL DUES to Betty Garhammer 969 Canfield Rd. Youngstown 44511 (330) 788-4274

New Castle, PA Br. 25

Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m. Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., New Castle PA 16101 (724) 652-7221 PRES. Detlif Seeger 116 Seneca Way New Castle 16101 (724) 667-8557 SEC'Y. Jake Holzhauser 592 Glass Rd New Castle 16101 (724) 971-1260 holzhauserjeh@gmail.com

New Castle, PA Br. 25 (cont'd)

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Merrillville, IN Br. 26

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New Castle, PA Br. 27 Mtg. 1st Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., 16101 (724) 652-7221 PRES. Marie Benedict PO Box 25 Edinburg, 16116 (724) 667-7395 bckskinbnny@verizon.net SEC'Y. Dolores Both 1527 Harlansburg Rd New Castle 16101 (724) 658-7407 doloresboth@verizon.net ATS SEC'Y. Judy Both 1512 Drespling Ln New Castle 16101 (724) 654-0573 LOCAL DUES to Gertrude Tizak 241 Cambridge St. #401 N.Castle, 16105 (724) 652-1867 Tizakg@yahoo.com SICK NOTICES to Marie Benedict

Monaca, PA Br. 29

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Youngstown, OH Br. 30

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Ellwood City, PA Br. 32

Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview St. (724) 758-3268 PRES. Laura Goehring 113 Mahony Ave Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 971-2040 SEC'Y Docia Jacobs 130 Belton Rd Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 758-8486 ATS SEC'Y Lori Berendt 2260 Cherry Hill Rd Ellwood City 16117 (724) 714-1217 SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans 197 Portersville Rd Apt 3 Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33

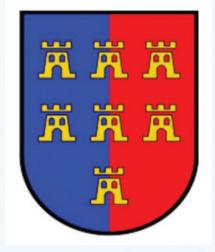
Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church 1000 Ford Rd Highland Heights OH PRES. Ema Litschel 8050 Conestoga Trail Concord, 44060 (440) 358-1184 SEC'Y. Arline Suts 413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024 (440) 285-9498 asuts@windstream.net ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt 4979 Anderson Rd Lyndhurst OH 44124 (216) 382-7397 SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts Address and phone as above LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz 388 East 317th St. Willowick, 44095 440-943-4543 meb3172@att.net

Detroit, MI Br. 37

Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:30 p.m. St. Peters Lutheran Church 11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, MI (586) 978-3850 PRES. Susanna Fleischer 11060 Furbush Rd. Holly MI 48442 (810) 694-1860 beetlebugsue7@peoplepc.com SEC'Y. Janet Nelson 128 Ottowa Dr. Troy MI 48085 (248) 879-3213 janetreadnelson@gmail.com ACTING ATS SEC'Y. Susanna Fleischer Address as above LOCAL DUES to Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson 11711 Lancer Dr Sterling Hts MI 48313 iwferguson@aol.com

Ellwood City, PA Br. 45

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview Ave. (724) 758-3268 PRES. John Dengel, Jr. 305 Stamms Hollow Rd Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 622-1593 SEC'Y. Jamie Miller 114 Rustic Park Rd Ellwood City 16117 (724) 601-4181 ATS SEC'Y. Lori Biddle-Berendt 5412 Fifth Ave Koppel PA 16136 (724) 900-2616 LOCAL DUES TO: Ellwood City Saxon Club PO Box 161, Ellwood City 16117 SICK NOTICES TO: Mike Bieselt 106 Fairview Dr Ellwood City PA 16117

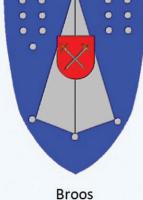


Das Siebenbürgerlied

The Transylvanian Saxon Anthem Song was composed by Johann Lukas Hedwig with lyrics by Leopold Maximilian Moltke in the 1840's.



Schäßburg



Siebenbürgen, Land des Segens,
Land der Fülle und der Kraft,
mit dem Gürtel der Karpathen
um das Grüne Kleid der Saaten,
Land voll Gold und Rebensaft.
Land vol Gold und Rebensaft.





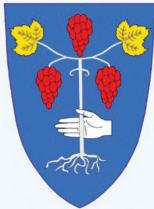
Großschenck

Mühlbach

Siebenbürgen, Meersboden
einer längst verflossen Flut:
nun ein Meer von Ährenwogen,
dessen Ufer, waldumzogen,
an der Brust des Himmels ruht!
zn der Brust des Himmels ruht!



Hermannstadt



Mediasch

Siebenbürgen, grüner Tempel
mit der Berge hohem Chor,
wo der Andacht Huldigungen
steigen in so vielen Zungen
zu dem einen Gott empor!
zu dem einen Gott empor!

Siebenbürgen, Land der Trümmer
eine Vorzeit, stark und groß
deren Tausendjähr'ger Spuren
ruhen noch in deiner Fluren
ungeschwächtem Ackerschoß!
ungeschwächtem Ackerschoß!



Bistritz



Kronstadt

Siebenbürgen, Land der Duldung,
jedes Glaubens sichrer Hort,
mögst due bis zu fernen Tagen
als ein Hort der Freiheit ragen
und als Wehr dem freien Wort!
und als Wehr dem freien Wort!



Siebenbürgen, grüne Wiege
einer bunten Vöolkerschaar!
Mit dem Klima aller Zonen
mit dem Kranz der Nationen
um des Vaterlands Altar.
um des Vaterlands Altar.



Leschkirch

Siebenbürgen, süße Heimat,
unser teures Vaterland?
Sei gegrüßt in deiner Schöne
und um alle deine Söhne
schlinge sich der Eintracht Band.
schlinge sich der Eintracht Bund.

Reußmarkt

Reps