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BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

"Due to the concern for the safety of our members, the ATS Board of Directors has cancelled the upcoming ATS Convention that was to be held at the Cleveland Marriott. With our states mandated stay at home restrictions, we are asking our Local Branches to contact their membership by phone or mail to elect their delegates and remit their delegates name to the ATS Home Office by April 30. We will vote on the Election of Officers and Proposed Budget by mailed balloting. Each delegate will be sent a ballot along with information on the nominees and explanation of the proposed budgets. We want our membership to know that we put the safety of your health as our number one priority."

If you had read this last issue of your *Volksblatt*, you would have read the President's Message that I quoted by the ATS Nat'l President Joan Miller-Malue with instructions for ATS member branches to follow for the upcoming ATS Convention that has been canceled, that is, as far as a personally attended convention. In our effort to comply with these same social distancing guidelines we have not had a Branch 5 meeting since last we met on

February 17th. However, the business conducted at these conventions must still take place. Our President, Sister Monica Gilles, has asked me to include in this month's article an announcement of the selection of delegates that would represent Branch 5 for the purpose of being able to conduct those things which would have taken place at this year's ATS convention. Nominations for these delegate positions which would have been open to the floor during this past month's meeting was not able to take place. For the purpose of expediency to have these names sent to the Home Office by the deadline of April 30th, our president who is automatically a delegate (Article IV Section 3; Branch 5 constitution) along with the Alliance Secretary (Sister Ginger Romes) appointed two other officers of Branch 5 as delegates that would fulfill this requirement. Vice-President sister Jane Mowery, and Recording Secretary brother Brian Gilles have both agreed to fill these positions. Under the same stay at home guidelines which are still

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ATTENTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Due to the recent closures of schools because of the COVID-19 health crisis, the ATS Scholarship Committee has extended the deadline for scholarship applications until April 29, 2020.

The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and reserves the right to make changes as they deem necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or email us at office@atsaxons.com.

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AND
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AT
HOME!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



Who says the age of chivalry is dead? It takes more than an ordinary sense of duty to be an essential services worker during a time of a pandemic crisis. We are so thankful for our healthcare givers who go to work knowing that they risk injury and infectious diseases that they can take home to their families. It is rather sad that a disaster is needed for us to realize that everyone – doctors, nurses, technicians, LPN's, PSW's, housekeepers—all do their best to care for the public. Our gratitude does not only apply to the health care providers but include police, firemen, the truck drivers who deliver supplies, grocery and pharmacy works, teachers, restaurant workers, garbage collectors, maintenance workers, construction workers, mail carriers, gas station attendants and all workers that continue to serve the public during these difficult times. Let's remember to thank those people who are so deserving. We also want to express our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the people who have been inflicted with the coronavirus and to those who have lost loved ones amid this crisis.

I want to remind everyone that we have adjusted our hours at the ATS Home Office. We are open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you call the office and reach the answering machine please leave a message and we will get back to you. You may also email us at office@atsaxons.com and of course, you can use the US Mail to send in your payments, deposits, claim paperwork or other requests. Rest assured, we are here to serve our membership as promptly as possible.

We ask for everyone's cooperation in these uncertain times that we do our best to band together and support one another. As we work together with patience, understanding and faith we will see our way through the months ahead.

A reminder to our Local Branches to submit their delegate names to the ATS Home Office by April 30th. The delegates will be voting my mail on the election of officers and the convention budgets. We will be mailing out a ballot to each delegate in May.

The coronavirus pandemic has forced us all to slow down and re-evaluate the scheduling of upcoming events. I have been in contact with the Leaders of the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons and we have agreed that due to the uncertainty of the end of this health crisis that the cultural exchange program will be postponed until 2021. The group from Traun, Austria will be hosted by the USA and Canada next summer.

I want to remind our cultural groups to submit their Subsidy Grant forms to the ATS Home Office by April 20th. The ATS provides a subsidy based on the group's performing ATS members.

Also, a yell out to our students applying for an

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ATS Scholarship that all forms are to be submitted by April 30th. We have some transcripts sent in by the school, but the ATS member has not sent in their portion of the application. Do not lose out on financial funds!

We received greetings from Dr. Johann Kremer, the Chairman for the Social Works of the Transylvanian Saxons sending his wishes for our good health and staying safe during this pandemic. He is thankful for our support and wished us a blessed Easter.

I want to extend Easter greetings to our Orthodox members and friends that will be celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 19th. Many Orthodox churches base their Easter date on the Julian calendar, which often differs from the Gregorian calendar that is used by other Christian churches. Therefore, Orthodox Easter period often occurs later than the Easter period that falls after the first Sunday following the first full moon after the March equinox. May our



Tekendorf

Orthodox members have a blessed Easter.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The village of Tekendorf is approximately 15 miles north of Bistritz. A legend from the village tells of a poor man named Andreas Pauli who saw a treasure thriving in the woods. He went there with his wife, Katharina, at night and dug up a barrel full of silver. They put the silver in sacks and took the treasure home, taking care that

no one would see them. The silver was wet so they spread it out in their yard to dry. Just then two beggars came by and asked for a handout. Katharina would not give them anything. Immediately the treasure disappeared and the Paulis forever stayed poor. Horace Mann once said, “Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.”

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

BRANCH 5
Cont’d from Page 1

in place, we will not be having a meeting on April 20th as was scheduled. We would hope for an improvement in the health of our state to loosen the group gathering restrictions so that we might be able to meet again on May 18, 2020.

There have not been any new reports of sickness or claims for benefits which is good given the conditions of this pandemic all around us. I hope everyone is doing their part in keeping with the practices to keep the Covid-19 from spreading.

Though there was probably not a lot of partying going on, we still would like to wish a Happy Birthday to those who had a birthday in March. Brother George Drop, Sisters Betty Ralph, and June Nau, and Junior members Lauryn Davis, Cole Sergeant, and Wendy Weber. Hope you were able to make the best of it. Happy Birthday this month to Sisters Barbara Gilles, and Debbie Tomusko, and Junior members Sofia Ali, Aidan Brown, and Mackenzie Smith.

Stay safe and have a happy Easter.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020	FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020	FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020	FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

ATS



Bowl Where You Are Tournament

Ages 6 -17

February and March

Saxon Summer Camp

June 21-26 2020

Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio

New Adventure Grades 1 - 2 (completed)

Discoverers Grades 3 - 4 (completed)

Journeyers Grades 5 - 6 (completed)

Ultimate Challenge Grades 7- 9 (completed)

Saxon Heimattag

Salem Saxon Club

July 10—12, 2020

ATS Family Day

July 25, 2020

Waldameer Park, Erie PA

*Plus Coloring Contests during the Year
and
Coloring Projects in the Volksblatt*



Earth Day Word Search



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APRIL	EARTH	OZONE	REDUCE
BOTTLES	ENERGY	PLANET	REUSE
CANS	ENVIRONMENT	PLANTS	TREE
CLEAN	LAND	PLASTIC	VOLUNTEER
CLIMATE	NATURE	POLLUTION	WATER
COMPOST	OCEAN	PROTECT	



ERDTAG



Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That’s why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we’re making our world a happier, healthier place to live.

Recycling

We recycle many items today. Plastics, Glass, and Paper can all be recycled to make new products. If we recycle, we can create less trash for our planet, save energy, and save money.

Directions: Sort the items by writing the letters into the proper recycling container.

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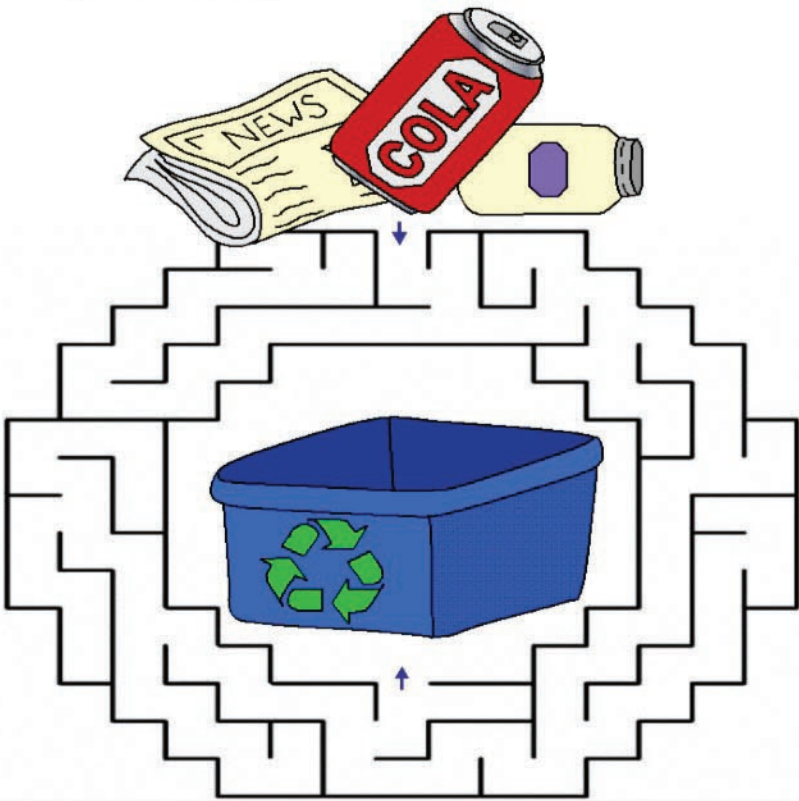
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Earth Day Maze

Help get the recycling into the bin.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 30 - 31, 2020
ATS Convention **CANCELLED**
Host Cleveland East Br. 33
Marriott East, Beachwood OH
June 13, 2020
TSBA Bowlers Convention
Host Cleveland West Bowlers
June 21-26, 2020
Saxon Summer Camp
Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio
July 10 - 12, 2020
North American Saxon Heimattag
Salem, Ohio
July 25, 2020
ATS Family Day
Waldameer Park Erie, PA
October 10 - 11, 2020
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Youngstown Saxon Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

April 18, 2020
CC Salem Clean-up Day (1) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 19, 2020
Cleveland Sachsenheim Schnitzel Fest **CANCELLED**
April 25, 2020
CC Salem Clean-up Day (2) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Spring Concert
May 2, 2020
CC Salem Clean-up Day (3) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
May 5, 2020
Cleveland Sachsenheim Cinco de Mayo/Taco
Tuesday
June 14, 2020
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic, Lynn Woods Morton Grove
June 20, 2020
Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Fest
August 15, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Oktoberfest
September 20, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Membership Banquet
October 17, 2020
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest
October 30, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children's Halloween Party
November 6, 2020
Chicago Br. 9 Siebenbürger Sachsen Stiftungsfest
November 8, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Veterans Day Dinner
November 21, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Sausage Sale
December 12, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children's Christmas Party

Light April snow
can become hard as
a rock

In April, as late winter transitions into early spring, what little snow lingers on paved lots could become very dangerous. In commercial lots where truck trailers are parked closely together, constant shade reigns and snow might only partially melt. This can be true of any paved area that gets little sun. What happens is that melting snow refreezes. These refrozen clumps are slippery and treacherous, and they become hard as rock.

In one reported instance, a worker at a recycling company was searching for materials in parked trailers. Although there was no ice in the parking lot, and very little snow on the ground, between the trailers the snow was slightly deeper, but deceptive. The snow, through refreezing, had become rock hard and icy. The worker slipped in the refrozen snow, and fell on his leg, completely snapping and displacing his shin bone and fracturing his ankle. So slippery was the refrozen snow and ice that EMTs reported they had a difficult time getting footholds in the area. Shaded areas with snow should be routinely cleared before they refreeze. Never trust clumps of snow frozen in a shady area, even if the rest of the landscape seems ice free.

ATTENTION:
Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2020-2021 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 2020-2021 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application. **DEADLINE IS May 31, 2020.**

- 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. Questions 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, 2020:

Mail to: Karyn Schmidt

4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

BRANCH 18, SALEM
By Barbara Spack

The family bowling party was held on March 1 at the Hunt Club Lanes in Salem and we had 40 people in attendance, including 16 children and 15 adult bowlers. The bowlers and non-bowlers had a fun afternoon and enjoyed snacks, soft drinks and pizza. There were twelve bowlers who participated in the ATS Bowl Where You Are event and their official score sheets were signed and submitted to the ATS home office. We submitted our delegates list for the ATS convention. Branch 18 delegates are Marilyn McNutt, Barbara

Spack, Mary Lou Weingart, Helen Aeling, and Marcia Spack. The Lenten fish fry dinners took off and we were doing well serving over 600 people at our first two events. Unfortunately, the stay-at-home order went into effect and resulted in cancellation of the dinners for the remainder of the season. We also had to cancel the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year due to the coronavirus, as well as our April meeting. The Salem Saxon Scholarship fund will be providing the scholarship applications by



mail or email. If you would like to apply for the local scholarship you can email Barbara Spack at babrayn@sbcglobal.net or contact your high school counselor if you are a senior at Salem High School, United High School or West Branch High School. We would like to extend our condolences to Jean Chamberlain and family of Erick Theiss, who passed

away. We also extend our sympathy to Florence Spack and the family of Henry A. Spack Sr. We have missed his presence at the club for some time now and will miss him for a long time to come. And lastly, condolences to Sharon Walker and family on the passing of husband, Dave Walker. Our prayers for all who are grieving during this difficult time.

BRANCH 2, ERIE
By Tom Manning

Attention Branch 2 Members: Due to the restrictions caused by the Coronavirus, we are postponing our Branch 2 meetings until Sunday, September 20th at 2:30 PM at the Club. If you have any questions, call Tom Manning at 814-864-6072. Please listen to the healthcare experts and stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.



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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

Future tech: Tire that grows its own tread

A tire that regenerates? Who thinks of this stuff? Goodyear does, as it turns out.

The Goodyear concept tire was due to be introduced at the Geneva Auto Show, which was cancelled on virus fears. But the company introduced its idea anyway.

This tire uses environmentally friendly materials such as "synthetic spider silk and dandelion rubber," according to engadget.com.

When the tire needs re-tread, a mixture of the spider silk and dandelion rubber is extruded through little pipes to the surface where it forms new tread and cures into a brand new tire.

Don't look for this in stores. Currently, the needed materials are rare and expensive. But the company thinks this will change -- but it could be up to 10 years before it does.

In 2015, Goodyear's concept tire was designed to funnel heat from tire rotation to an electric car's battery.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

Happy Spring and Happy Easter! Due to the Coronavirus we had to cancel our April meeting.

*******Please note due to the Coronavirus the Stiftungsfest scheduled on May 9, 2020 at the Schwaben Center has been postponed to Friday, November 6. Same place different date!***** Please mark you calenders!**

The month of March brought sadness to Branch 9. Our longest member Brother Henry William Reif passed away on March 5, 2020. He was a member of Branch 9, beginning his membership on September 1, 1947 thus making him the longest member for 73 years. What a milestone!

My Father

Brother Henry Reif:

My father enjoyed playing his accordion and listening to German music in his spare time. He was a great fisherman and bowler and



Henry Reif

this was a past-time with many of his Saxon friends. He worked first as a butcher and then became a Janitor. He was also known for making Saxon sausage. He was active member in both the Transylvania Saxon Club Branch 9 and the Chicago Donauschwaben. He helped as a bartender and often collected money at the door with his late wife Ella for events.

Dad was always a happy man and whenever he went out of the house he always knew someone. Dad had faith and was a strong believer in God. He went to church every Sunday. He always stressed even to his last moments; no one is perfect and everyone should have many friends. He said we all need to get along for the sake of each other. Mistakes are made but that is why pencils have erasers. We are all given the opportunity to go on and become better people. Dad

valued respect and good work ethic and he passed that on to many including his children Rose-Marie (Eric), Dan (Michelle) and granddaughters Elizabeth, Erica and Allison.

Two years ago he started having some health issues and moved into the retirement home. Funny enough when we would visit everyone knew Henry. He again had many friends including the staff. After he passed away on that Thursday we were greeted by so many people that told us how he made an impression on them.

Just remember we all leave a foot print on earth. Our legacies and all the good things we have done are left behind. Dad accomplished his goals and now we have all his memories to cherish.

Henry William Reif, beloved husband of the late Ella; loving father of Rose-Marie (Eric) Hauer and Daniel (Michelle) Reif; cherished grandfather of Elizabeth, Erica, and Allison; devoted brother of the late Hilda Reif and brother-in-law of the late Clara (late Joseph) Schebesch, Daniel (Mary) Grohs, Rose (late Ed) Goossens. Son of the late Henrich and late Sara Reif; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a member of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, Siebenburgen Saxon Club Branch 9, Society of the Danube Swabians, and SEIU Janitors Local 1. Visitation Monday 4-9pm. Funeral Service Tuesday March 10 at 9:30 am at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Ave, Chicago, Interment Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made in his memory to Siebenburgen Branch 9 or the Society of the Danube Swabians.

Thank you to President Thut for her beautiful speech and the choir singing a Saxon song. Our family wishes to thank everyone that sent cards, emails, facebook messages, flowers, donations and came to the wake or funeral during our time of loss. We felt truly blessed.

*Depending on the current state of affairs our next meeting is scheduled for May 4. Please try to keep a positive attitude, stay safe and wash your hands!

Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point.

C.S. Lewis

We are never prepared for what we expect.

James A. Michener
in Caravans

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

Thomas Henry Huxley

Everything becomes a little different as soon as it is spoken out loud.

Hermann Hesse

Instead of loving your enemies, treat your friends a little better.

Edgar Howe

Getting people to like you is merely the other side of liking them.

Norman Vincent Peale



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.

Rebecca S. Shevchenko
Age 66
Died: January 10, 2020
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Edward J. Kloos, Jr.
Age 69
Died: January 31, 2020
Home Branch

David D. Kushing
Age 48
Died: March 27, 2020
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

David A. Walker
Age 73
Died: April 5, 2020
Branch 19, Salem, OH

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming Events:

Retirees Meeting cancelled

Mother/Daughter Brunch cancelled

Due to the order of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to stay apart and keep social distancing, the Youngstown Saxon Club will remain closed until May 1, 2020.

Safe health to each of you from each of us.

Sachs halte wacht!

Coronavirus Prayer to God

Lord, Healer of our souls and bodies, extend Your hand from heaven, and place it upon every corner of our nation and our world that has been affected by coronavirus.

Grant healing to those who are afflicted.

Grant eternal rest to those who have perished.

Grant strength to the doctors and nurses who care for the afflicted. Allow them to be Your vessels of healing and protect them against this disease.

Grant comfort to the families who have lost loved ones.

Grant reassurance to the families of those who are not sick.

Grant peace to those who are feeling anxious.

Grant safe passage to college students as well as those overseas and in our country who are traveling to make it back home safely.

Grant wisdom and discernment to those in our government who are making decisions. Help them to be wise and sensible in those decisions.

Inasmuch as it is possible, grant us a return to normalcy, especially in areas of massive outbreak and quarantine.

Remember our country, our President and all those in public service.

Remember us, O Lord, and help us in our hour of need. Help us to keep our churches open, to be havens of tranquility in the storm of uncertainty.

Lord of the Powers, be with us, for in times of distress, we have no other help but You, Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

May the Lord bless us and keep us, may He cause the Light of His countenance to shine on us, and may He have mercy on us.

God bless you! God bless America!

50 years and counting:
Earth Day
April 22



BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum



Caroline and Kathryn Oehlman

GRADUATION / CONGRATULATIONS

We want to congratulate, Caroline Oehlman and Kathryn Oehlman, daughters of Christine Hesch Oehlman and granddaughters of Dorothea and Martin Hesch.

Christine says, "Since they were born it's been an amazing time watching them grow into the women they are today. This week we celebrate their professional accomplishments. Kathryn will be doing her 3-year DO Emergency Medicine residency in Cleveland at Metro Health." Caroline will be doing her 1-year Pharmacy residency in Columbus at Doctors Hospital. Both hospitals are lucky to have you in their future.

They were both supposed to graduate May 9th but all graduations have been cancelled. They will still graduate, just not in a ceremony. Today they can look passed May 9th to the exciting futures they will both have in their medical fessions. Congratulations to upcoming doctors - **Dr. Kathryn Oehlman and Dr. Caroline Oehlman!!**

BIRTHDAYS

Dorothea Hesch and Donald Blum both celebrate their birthdays on April 22. We wish them both a very Happy Birthdays, hope for many more birthdays and good health.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

As Saxons, history and the past are important parts of our heritage.

Today, as a world we have to take a look at history, see if we learned from it and if we didn't, learn from it for our future. The following information describes historical sequences and scenarios of current situations. In no way is this meant to be a political statement or to assign blame to individuals or countries. It is meant to make us think: did we learn from history and do we continue to have opportunities to learn from history? The information below predates our current Covid 19 pandemic crisis, but the similarities are eerie.

The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919. In the United States, it

was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.

- Mortality was high in people younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years and older. The high mortality in healthy people, including those in the 20-40 year age group, was a unique feature of this pandemic.

- While the 1918 H1N1 virus has been synthesized and evaluated, the properties that made it so devastating are not well understood.

- With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide were limited to non-pharmaceutical interventions such as isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations of public gatherings, which were applied unevenly.

- Crowded conditions and the movement of troops during World War I likely contributed to the spread of the 1918 virus around the world.

- Since 1918, the world has experienced three additional pandemics, in 1957, 1968, and most recently in 2009.

- These subsequent pandemics were less severe and caused considerably lower mortality rates than the 1918 pandemic.

- The 1957 H2N2 pandemic and the 1968 H3N2 pandemic each resulted in an estimated 1 million global deaths, while the 2009 H1N1 pandemic resulted in fewer than 0.3 million deaths in its first year.

- This perhaps begs the question of whether a high severity pandemic on the scale of 1918 could occur in modern times.

- Besides the properties of the virus itself, many additional factors contributed to the virulence of the 1918 pandemic. In 1918, the world was still engaged in World War I.

- Movement and mobilization of troops placed large numbers of people in close contact and living spaces were overcrowded.

- Health services were limited, and up to 30% of U.S. physicians were deployed to military service.

- Influenza vaccines did not exist at the time, and even antibiotics had not been developed yet. For example, penicillin was not discovered until 1928. Likewise, no flu antiviral drugs were available. Critical care measures, such as intensive care support and mechanical ventilation also were not available in 1918. Without these medical countermeasures and treatment capabilities, doctors were left with few treatment options other than supportive care.

In terms of international, national, state and local pandemic planning,

no coordinated pandemic plans existed in 1918.

- Some cities managed to implement community mitigation measures, such as closing schools, banning public gatherings, and issuing isolation or quarantine orders, but global and federal government had no centralized role in helping to plan or initiate these interventions during the 1918 pandemic.

- Today, considerable advancements have been made in the areas of health technology, disease surveillance, medical care, medicines and drugs, vaccines and pandemic planning.

- Flu vaccines are now produced and updated yearly, and yearly vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.

- Antiviral drugs now exist that treat flu illness, and in the event of virus exposure, can be used for prophylaxis (prevention), as well.

- Importantly, many different antibiotics are now available that can be used to treat secondary bacterial infections.

- Diagnostic tests for identifying influenza are now available and they are improving over time.

- Current rapid tests for flu, also known as RIDTs, provide results within 15 minutes and have sensitivities ranging from 50-70%.

- Recently, new "rapid molecular assays" have become available that are timely and much more accurate than RIDTs. Just as important as these advancements in diagnostic tests are the improvements that have been made in laboratory testing capacity both within the United States and globally.

- The World Health Organization (WHO)'s Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) is a global flu surveillance network that monitors changes in seasonal flu viruses and also monitors the emergence of novel (i.e., new in humans) flu viruses, many of which originate from animal populations. Through animal and human interactions and environmental exposures, these viruses can cause human infections.

- CDC in Atlanta is one of WHO's six Collaborating Centers for Reference and Research on Influenza (joining others in Australia, China, Japan and the United Kingdom). The WHO collaborating centers collect influenza viruses obtained from respiratory specimens from patients around the world, and they are supported by 143 National Influenza Centers in 114 WHO member countries.

- **As part of WHO's International Health Regulations (IHR), countries must notify WHO within 24 hours of any case of human infection caused by a novel influenza A virus subtype.**

- **This requirement is designed to help quickly identify emerging viruses with pandemic potential.**

- When pre-pandemic vaccines are made, they are stored in the Strategic National Stockpile, along with facemasks, antiviral drugs and other materials that can be used in case of a pandemic.

- While all of these plans, resources, products and improvements show that significant progress has been made since 1918, gaps remain, and a severe pandemic could still be devastating to populations globally.

- In 1918, the world population was 1.8 billion people. One hundred years later, the world population has grown to 7.6 billion people in 2018.

- As human populations have risen, so have swine and poultry populations as a means to feed them. This expanded number of hosts provides increased opportunities for novel influenza viruses from birds and pigs to spread, evolve and infect people.

- Global movement of people and goods also has increased, allowing the latest disease threat to be an international plane flight away.

- Due to the mobility and expansion of human populations, even once exotic pathogens, like Ebola, which previously affected only people living in remote villages of the African jungle, now have managed to find their way into urban areas, causing large outbreaks.

- If a severe pandemic, such as occurred in 1918 happened today, it would still likely overwhelm health care infrastructure, both in the United States and across the world.

- Hospitals and doctors' offices would struggle to meet demand from the number of patients requiring care.

- Such an event would require significant increases in the manufacture, distribution and supply of medications, products and life-saving medical equipment, such as mechanical ventilators. Businesses and schools would struggle to function, and even basic services like trash pickup and waste removal could be impacted.

- The best defense against the flu continues to be a flu vaccine, but even today, flu vaccines face a number of challenges.

- One challenge is that flu vaccines are often moderately effective, even when well matched to circulating viruses.

- But perhaps the biggest challenge is the time required to manufacture a new vaccine against an emerging pandemic threat. Generally, it has taken about 20 weeks to select and manufacture a new vaccine.

- During the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, the first doses of pandemic vaccine did not become available until 26 weeks after the decision to manufacture a monovalent vaccine.

- As a result, most vaccinations in the United States occurred after the peak of 2009 H1N1 illness.

- The HHS Pandemic Influenza Plan has a goal of reducing the timeframe to make a pandemic flu vaccine from 20 weeks to 12 weeks, but accomplishing this is challenging. May we all be safe today, in very uncertain circumstances. We need to learn from history or we will continue to repeat history and it's problems.

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