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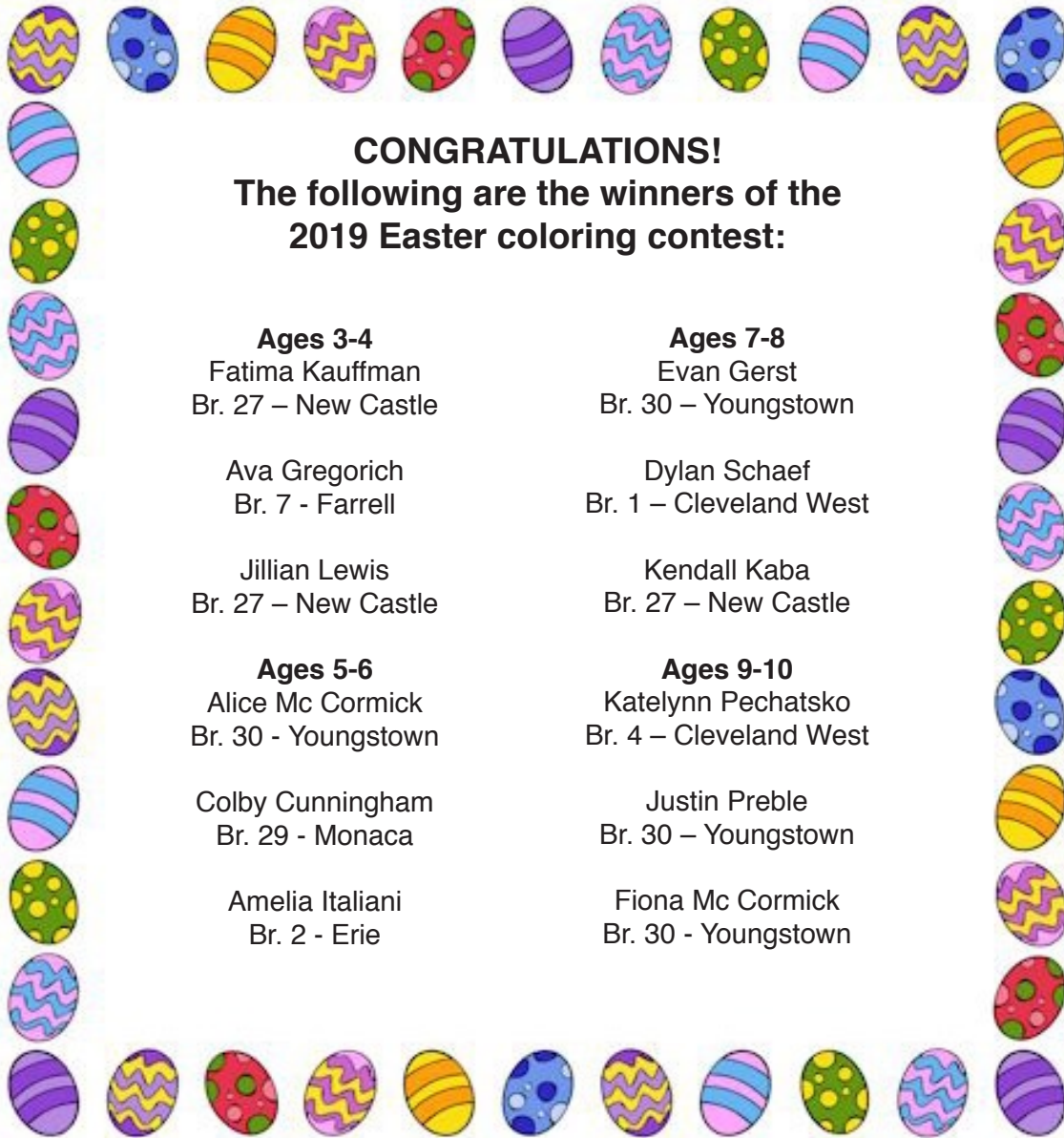
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CONGRATULATIONS! The following are the winners of the 2019 Easter coloring contest:

Ages 3-4

Fatima Kauffman
Br. 27 – New Castle

Ava Gregorich
Br. 7 - Farrell

Jillian Lewis
Br. 27 – New Castle

Ages 5-6

Alice Mc Cormick
Br. 30 - Youngstown

Colby Cunningham
Br. 29 - Monaca

Amelia Italiani
Br. 2 - Erie

Ages 7-8

Evan Gerst
Br. 30 – Youngstown

Dylan Schaef
Br. 1 – Cleveland West

Kendall Kaba
Br. 27 – New Castle

Ages 9-10

Katelynn Pechatsko
Br. 4 – Cleveland West

Justin Preble
Br. 30 – Youngstown

Fiona Mc Cormick
Br. 30 - Youngstown

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



The Branch Presidents' Meeting was held at the New Castle Eintracht Hall on Saturday, May 4, 2019. I was delighted to present President Pins to recently elected Branch Presidents: Robert Hanek – Branch 1; Karen Zaborowski – Branch 7; Michael Roth – Branch 10; Detlef Seeger – Branch 25 and Richard Liller – Branch 29. During the meeting we reviewed the financial reports and fraternal activities for the past year. We reminded them that their local constitutions have to be aligned with the national constitutions and we reviewed several sections of the ATS constitution that refers to election of national officers, ATS membership, the sections on Branches, Members, Duties and Rights of Members and Branches, and Duties of Branch Officers which states that "All Branch Officers must be members in good standing with the Alliance." It was stressed that it is the responsibility for Local Branches to nominate qualified individuals to fill positions on the Board of Directors. At present we have very qualified officers and it is very important to our corporate governance disclosure filings.

It was discussed the importance of our Local Branches to serve their communities by charitable work which is very vital for our tax exemption. Each Branch is required to complete an Annual Charitable Work Paper that is to be sent to the ATS Home Office by June 1. We discussed the importance of local activities to keep their members connected and also the need to increase our ATS membership.

During the meeting, we distributed the Branch Sharing Funds, Subsidy Grants for the cultural groups and Scholarship recipient award certificates. In addition, this year due to our outstanding financial report, we gave the Branches an extra monetary gift to help with meeting expenses. There were several topics that we discussed that we asked for them to bring up at their Local meetings to hear their members opinions. We thanked them for taking on the leadership of their Branch and commend them for their commitment to assist in making our fraternal a strong, vibrant organization.

That evening we were delighted to attend the Eintracht Singing Society's 125th Anniversary Celebration. It was my honor to bring the greetings from the ATS Board of Directors and Membership and to recognize their commitment they have to enrich our fraternal benefit society and the New Castle community with our Saxon and German history by providing cultural events and Gemütlichkeit. Special recognition should be given to Danual Forsberg and Hans Kraus for organizing a fantastic evening program. There were brief commendations given by community leaders and our ATS local branches followed by the most beautiful, unforgettable musical program. The Kinder Chor performed like "singing angels" and

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Thank You to everyone
that attended
The Eintracht Singing Society's
125th Anniversary
celebration on May 4th.

Many thanks to all the ATS Branches that donated
to the celebration and a big THANK YOU
to all the people that helped make this event happen!

It was a great event!

Danke und Ein Prosit!

Hans Kraus, Chairman Eintracht 125th Anniversary Committee



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CANADA
JULY 12-14**

**See Page 8 for
Reservation Info**

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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it was a tough act to follow for the New Castle Männerchor but they performed beautifully as always. Director Forsberg must be commended for his commitment to work with the children and adults to provide our fraternal and the community with two choral groups that are top-notched. Special performance for the evening were from Platin Scala, Wenden Germany that share cultural exchange programs with the Männerchor. The three singers from Iceland, a soprano, tenor and baritone, gave breathtaking performances. There was an emotional and heart-warming part of the program when Hans and his sister, Rosemarie presented a monetary gift in memory of their parents Joe and Marie Kraus who were devoted members of the Eintracht. Many of us remember Joe for his beautiful voice and love for singing. When I watched the Männerchor performed that night, I could vision Joe Kraus standing in the middle of the choir and singing from his heart. It was wonderful to spend the evening with our New Castle members and friends and are thankful that we could be a part of this special celebration. We extend our heartiest congratulations to all those, past and present who guided, shaped and sustained the Eintracht over these past 125 year and wish them success in their future endeavors.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The village of Eibesdorf is situated in a side valley



of the Große Kokel river. A watershed forms the natural border to the valley of Meschen. The fortified church was built in the 14th/15th century. Similar to many Saxon churches in the Mediasch area, it preserves very valuable stone masonry and rich ornamentations. The church is completely surrounded by a defense wall. In the 1970’s the church was refurbished adding a stucco ceiling. There is a legend that once a horse of an imperial rider fell from a poorly maintained bridge in the valley and broke its leg. The people from Meschen were eager to avoid responsibility and pretended the bridge was on Eibesdorf land and since then the valley belonged to the people of Eibesdorf. For centuries the Saxons made a living from vineyards, agriculture, bull breeding and fruit orchards. The village was affluent and could afford to decorate the church with plenty of architectural sculptures and ornaments. It was only after World War II that the farmers became commuters and factory workers in the neighboring town of Mediasch.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

Amaranth:
a seed-grain
protein source

As demand rises for plant-based proteins, our vocabulary increases. Meet amaranth, a gluten-free grain rich in protein, fiber, and micronutrients.

Or is it a seed? That’s a bit difficult to determine, with amaranth being referred to almost interchangeably as seed or grain -- and finally, “pseudo-grain” -- by reputable sources. Or, as Bob’s Red Mill describes it, “This seed is a grain.”

Regardless, the food has a nutty flavor and has gained popularity in recent years.

It can be made by sprouting -- i.e. soaking it in water and allowing the grains to germinate for a few days -- and then cooking. Similar to quinoa, amaranth is often added to smoothies, mixed into muffins, soups or stews, and eaten in place of pasta or cereal.

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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, MAY 22, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019	FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019	FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 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.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

We would like to thank New Castle PA Branch 27 for being such a gracious and wonderful host for their 125th Eintracht Singing Society Anniversary. The event, entertainment, meal and festivities were very special, but the display of Saxon heritage and friendship shared was the icing on the cake. We enjoyed everything tremendously. Also, we would like to thank the participants at the Presidents meeting for their great recommendations and suggestions of ways to make the Columbus Branch successful and on being more inclusive to potentially new members. We will take your ideas back to our club.

Meeting all the wonderful Saxons and hearing their stories made me think about each branch and their stories. We know there were 3 waves of immigration to America. Immigration originally was vastly better organized than it is today. Many of the Transylvanian immigrants were looking for a better life and/or fleeing government oppression. A main difference is that immigrants needed a sponsor to assist them in their transition and acclimation into America. These Saxons were proud of their heritage and did not plan on giving up their Saxon heritage or language. At the same time, they knew they were becoming Americans. With the help of their sponsors they adapted and acclimated to the American culture, without giving up their heritage. This is why to this day, we still have the various Saxon Branches that try to teach younger Saxons about the proud Saxon heritage.

Obviously, Transylvanian Saxons moved to various places, not only in America but other parts of the world.

Some Saxons were deported to Russia, and the fortunate ones were eventually able to reunite with their families. I have been able to determine why certain migrations to certain towns occurred: Schogen to Watertown, NY; Bistritz to Youngstown, OH; Botsch/Weilav (Reener Landschen) to Columbus, OH; Großschenk to Erie, PA; Mediasch to Cleveland, OH.

When some Saxons could not find a sponsor they settled in Canada, where immigration did not require a sponsor.

In the Third Wave, 1949-1955, many of the Saxons had been displaced and

came from other areas, not their homeland.

Some immigrants had problems and immigrated to Brazil, Argentina, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Some war prisoners immigrated to Great Britain.

So, you can tell the immigration may have been difficult. If you do a DNA test you may find relatives spread around the world and America.

I would be very interested in learning the town origins in Branch locations that I was not able to locate a source town in Transylvania. The following branches where I could not locate origination towns are: Farrell, PA; Alliance, OH; Chicago, IL; Canton, OH; Salem, OH; New Castle, PA; Merrillville, IN; Monaca, PA; Ellwood City, PA; Detroit, MI; Lorain, OH.

I think it would be interesting to expand the trail of migration and learn how we are intertwined in the Transylvanian migration. As an example, I am interested in my father's family that was from Bistritz but ended up in Columbus, Ohio. Please respond to donaldblum@prodigy.net. I will update the responses in a future newsletter.

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE
By Dolores Both

President Marie Benedict opened the May 2, 2019 meeting and we said the Pledge of Allegiance. Reports were approved as read. We are happy to welcome Shirley Senko as a new member of Branch 27. Get well wishes are sent to Jerry Geisel and Betty Benedict. We hope you feel better soon.

Our May Mother's Day Dinner will be held 5:00 pm Thursday, June 6, at Tanner's Restaurant. Call Dolores Both (724) 658-7407 by May 31 to make your reservation. We're looking forward to getting together and having a fun evening.

On May 4th our president Marie Benedict attended the luncheon and Branch President's Meeting. Later, we went to our Branch 25's 125th anniversary banquet at the Villa. It was unanimously voted to donate some money to Linda Stoops. Her house burned down and she lost everything. Fortunately, she

SPORTS

The first person to score a perfect 10 in gymnastics was Romanian, Nadia Comaneci. At 14, she became the youngest all-around Olympic gold medalist ever.

HUMOR

When Bob found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a woman to enjoy it with. So, one evening he went to singles bar where he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen.

Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said as he walked away, "but in a week or two my father will die and I'll inherit 20 million dollars."

Impressed the woman went home with him that evening. Three days later she became his stepmother.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.

CORRECTION: We listed the incorrect phone number to contact Olga Hesch for those wishing to attend Heitmattag. The Correct phone number should be 614-837-4038. Also, we now have 5 people attending Heitmattag.

We look forward to seeing all of our members at the Monday, May 20th meeting.

and her family were able to get out safely.

Carole Schlumberger won the door prize. Be sure to call me and make your reservations for our dinner celebration at Tanner's on June 6.

On a happy note: Congratulations to Branch 25 for a wonderful 125th anniversary celebration! It was a great night for singing! The Eintracht Maennerchor was great! The Kinderchor stole everybody's heart, and Platin Scala's performance was spellbinding! Master of Ceremonies Hans Kraus gave us a thoroughly enjoyable evening filled with much Gemütlichkeit!

**If you always do
what you always
did, you'll always
get what you
always got.**



Attention TSBA Bowlers

What: 62nd TSBA Convention

Where: New Castle Eintracht Club

108 Taylor Rd

New Castle, PA 16101

When: June 8, 2019

Time: 10 am

Cost: Lunch \$10

Reminder:

Each Branch is encouraged

to send 3 delegates

RSVP: Jenny King

(216) 551-1728 by June 2

**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 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, 2019:

Mail to: Karyn Schmidt

4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

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
September 13-15, 2019
Family Camp Out
Camp Fitch North Springfield PA
October 19-20, 2019
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

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

Memorial Day
Honoring sacrifice in Vietnam:
The wall and its history

What has become a treasured memorial to the sacrifice of troops in Vietnam was greeted with outrage when the design was unveiled in 1982. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall was a monument unlike others, one designed for a war unlike others, and for a country still torn over its meaning. The design by then-student Maya Lin had none of the heroic notes of other war statues. It evoked no tales of honor. It told no story of the pride. It did not stretch tall, inspiring awe. When eight jurors chose the design on May 6, 1981, the divided country immediately went to their respective corners, ready for a fight. People called it a monument to defeat. They said it was a degrading memorial, a guilty ‘wailing wall for draft dodgers.’ One magazine opined that it treated Vietnam dead like victims of a ‘monstrous traf-



fic accident.’ On the other side, art lovers hailed the wall as innovative and sophisticated. A compromise appeased veterans and critics when statues of soldiers were added. As it turned out, the bronze statues did add to the memory of the war, since it depicted the unique look of soldiers in that war, according to the New York Times. When the memorial opened on November 13, 1982, the debate simply stopped. Since then, the memorial has become the most visited in Washington, D.C., with more than 3 million visitors each year, all to honor the 58,000 men and women who gave their lives in Vietnam.



Pineapples:
Symbols of welcome
for seafarers
to hostesses

The sweet and juicy pineapple, a fruit fond of heat and tropical climes, has sailed the world’s cultures to become an iconic message of welcome and hospitality. Natives of tropical islands were the first to use the pineapple as a symbol of welcome, according to AtlasObscura.com. Seafarers of the 16th century noticed that natives of tropical climes displayed the fruit as an offer of hospitality, no doubt welcome after dangerous (and hungry) voyages. From the time of the voyages of Columbus and for about 200 years later, the pineapple was so rare in Europe that, if one acquired the fruit, it was rarely served as food. Instead, it was displayed, especially at dinners, as a decoration (and status symbol). Before it was successfully cultivated in European and American hot houses, pineapples were frightfully expensive. In North America, they could cost up to \$8,000; up to 5,000 pounds in Europe. So they came to represent wealth, as well as welcome. In later centuries, seafarers on clipper ships who traveled to South America and the Caribbean Islands returned to their New England and Canadian homes with pineapples. There the fruit was often spiked to a fence -- a sign to the town that the seafarer was home. Residents of the area were then welcome to eat, converse, and hear tales of his adventures at sea. No wonder the pineapple became the world’s symbol of hospitality. Today, the sharp-eyed tourist can find pineapple motifs spread liberally around hotels. In cities, look for them as often-stylized finials on fence posts or impressed into metal or concrete panels. In Europe, churches began using the pineapple in the 1600s. They can still be seen as dangling pendant lights or decorations in some churches.

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

We wish to send special belated happy birthday wishes to our member, Paula (Rehner) Martin, who celebrated her 102nd birthday on May 6, 2019. Her family had arranged for a festive celebration for her at the Kemper House Strongsville. Her father, Dan Rehner, would have been proud to see that Paula is a true Saxon still partying at the age of 102. She had two birthday celebrations. first her sons Dr. Dan Martin from Evansville, Illinois and Edward Martin honored their Mother with a special celebration at the Kemper House in Strongsville on May 5th and then a second celebration was held on her birthday, May 6 with thirty residents of Kemper House. We hope that every minute of your 102nd Birthday was filled with everlasting joy and pleasure. Paula was very active in the Transylvanian Saxon Juniors and Cleveland Saxon Seniors. I think her social activities throughout her life helped to keep her spirit bright and lively. We wish her the best in the coming year. If you would like to send Paula a note or card: Kemper House, 10890 Prospect, Strongsville, OH

44149. We congratulate the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group for a successful Trachtenball. They served a delicious home-cooked schnitzel dinner and had performances from the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, the Gottscheer Dance Group and the Adult and Children’s Cleveland Saxon Dancers. Everyone loved dancing to the music of the Mädel Jäger. They will always welcome new members. Kudos to the Group! Invite your friends to become a member of our Branch. Contact our Branch Deputy, Trudy Schaefer, at (216) 215-2269 or email her at calltrudy@aol.com. Make sure your children are ATS members by purchasing them a life certificate or annuity. You can start them with a savings plan by purchasing an annuity at a minimum deposit of \$150. They will be entitled to come to the children’s holiday parties and Bowling party free of charge in addition to the ATS national activities and events as well as being eligible for an ATS scholarship. Call Trudy today for further details. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th starting at 7:00 pm. See you then!

SALEM RETIREES
By Norma C. Byers

It was a beautiful day for our “get together” and our President, Lois Whitacre stood and greeted everyone - we had 22 present but no visitors today. Tony Rothbrust gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Lois announced the order in which each table went to the buffet. We had a delicious meal of stuffed pork chops with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and our choice of apple, cherry or berry homemade pie. A very enjoyable meal. Then, our President struck the gavel and the day began. Our Secretary, Dianne read the minutes from April and Katie gave the financial report and both were approved. Our good friend, Katie Sanor passed on April 30, so we bowed our heads and had a moment of silence in loving memory of her. We extend our condolences and prayers to her family. There were spring potted plants on all of the tables. We had the 50-50 drawing next and “I” actually won it, so is that a down payment on

my “club reporting salary???” Our President then turned the meeting over to Helen Aeling to shake the hands and install our officers. Now, some of these names may sound familiar to you! President, Lois Whitacre, Vice President, Dora Lee Sandoe, Secretary, Dianne Kuttler, Treasurer Katie Lederle, and our very helpful assistant (who seems to be the closest to God at our meetings) and Norm Byers, our reporter to the Volksblatt each month. Next, we had drawings for all of the potted plants and these were the winners: Mary Ann Roth, Dorothy Hutmacher, Dianne Kuttler, Annaliese Rothbrust, Julie Davis and George Spack. We then ended our meeting with The Lord’s Prayer. And to top off the afternoon on a fun note, we played BINGO and had quite a few winners and none called out Bingo unless they really had it and we thank you for that. Our next meeting is June 5th with (hopefully) good weather! See you next month! Summer-time? LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE - Summertime, Summertime, Summertime?

CHURCHES



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Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
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Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor

10:00 Worship Service

Print me a pizza

For some of us, it sounds like a dream: a printer that can produce pizza. Send me to the office to make copies, teacher!

Ok, so it doesn't work quite that way. But with advancements in 3D printing technology, food is on the ... well, it's on the table. Along with items you might consider more "traditional" for that realm, like plastic-based models.

In 3D printing, a three-dimensional digital model is made by laying down many thin layers of material.



Perhaps not surprisingly, chocolate was one of the first foods to be used in 3D printing, not only for its deliciousness but for the way it can be melted and then cooled (and hardened) quickly. NASA is exploring its uses for space missions.

Then, in 2016, a startup company called BeeHex raised more than \$1 million to launch its first product, a pizza printer. The company is also involved in personalized nutrition, which is viewed as the next horizon in 3D printing.

Branch 30 Mother of the Year

June Hoelzel was recognized as mother of the Year at the annual banquet on Sunday, May 5th. She has been a member of Br. 22/30 for 12 years. She has served as ATS Secretary, Recording Secretary, and has been President for 3 years. She has a daughter and a son who joined her for the Banquet. She also has the honor of being the last recipient from Branch 22.



Pictured (L-R) June, Committee Chairman Julaine Gilmartin, Rosemary Zamary and Diana Kommel.

Make your family garden eco-friendly



Gardens aren't just about petunias, they can also help animals and encourage native plants.

This year when you are planning the family garden patch, you can make a sustainable wildlife garden.

Animals, birds, bees, and butterflies need food, water, cover and a place to rear young. Your garden can be a place where they thrive.

First, plant at least three native flowering plants. Some typical choices, according to nwf.org: Buffalo grass, Prairie Dropseed, Black-eyed Susan, and Common Ninebark.

Install a water feature. It doesn't have to be elaborate. Wet rocks are good for butterflies. Hummingbirds like to take showers in a gentle mist. And all birds need a drink in the summer.

Put up nesting boxes. The sparrows will move in quickly, but you might one day be surprised to find nesting bluebirds, too.

To encourage butterflies, especially monarchs, find a place for nectar plants and milkweed. Milkweed has a bad reputation because it becomes pretty shabby looking by late summer. But it has some things going for it. In late spring and early summer, milkweed delights with a delicious fragrance as the big pink flower clusters bloom. Even when it is looking shabby, that's an important time for butterflies who use it as a host plant.

Take the long-view of your garden site. Trees are essential for a good wildlife area. Even a small yard can host a dwarf evergreen or deciduous tree.

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

Our Saxon Lodge Branch 26 held its May meeting on Sunday May 5th.

Vice President Dan Schuffert opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, as President Randall Floyd and Brigitte were absent.

Roll call of officers was followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Jeff Szostek; they were approved. We voted to donate to the Cancer Society.

Treasurer Pete Guip gave his report; all was in order and the report was accepted.

Financial Secretary Zita Palyok gave her report. The Sick Committee reported that all were well. Judy Andrews gave her report. All reports were accepted.

It was reported that there would not be a softball team.

New Castle Branch 25 is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year – it was voted to give a monetary donation to their lodge. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Walter Szostek and family on the passing of our long time member, Marie Szostek. May God bless her family.

Upcoming events include:

June 30 – Rail Cats
Baseball Game 1:00 p.m.

August 9 – Four



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.

Richard R. Huesken

Age 89

Died: January 19, 2019
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Elsie E. Weber

Age 86

Died: April 10, 2019
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

Catherine L. Sanor

Age 86

Died: April 30, 2019
Branch 18, Salem OH

Marie S. Szostek

Age 89

Died: May 1, 2019
Branch 26, Merrillville IN

Winds Casino Excursion

The raffle was won by Helen Brooks (me), and the attendance prize by Jeff Szostek.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by fellowship and a variety of pizzas.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

The first meeting of the combined ladies and men of Youngstown was held on Sunday, May 5, 2019. It was led by our new president, Robert Bachinger. Thank you, Joan Miller-Malue for guiding us and installing the new officers.

We are excited about the new slate of officers and wish them well. I'd also like to thank their families.

We thank Ernie Roth for eight years as past president and the service he gave to the Youngstown Lodge.

Jim Mauch was recognized as "Salesman of the Year" by the ATS, also, ATS scholarships were awarded.

Heads of various committees made their reports in a very good fashion. Gloria Hahn offered to continue sending cards to those ill and sympathy to families of those who pass away. A get well was sent to Betty Garhammer, sympathy cards to the family of John Burk, husband

of Gerda Winter Burk and the family of Edith Crosbie, deceased. Easter thinking of you were sent to thirteen people, Dunkerly, Sawicki, Smith, Artz, Baker, Schuller, Nischwitz, Stefanik, Wilds, Fizets, Secka, Garhammer and Dahman.

There will be a Car Show on Tuesdays after our Flea Market, Tuesdays are Bar Bingo, Wednesdays, a Drawing and Thursdays Queen of Hearts at 8:00 p.m. and the Retirees once a month on Thursdays.

There will be no Br. 30 Meeting in June. Our next meeting will be July 21, 2019, Br. 30.

We thank the people in the Bar for their wonderful contributions to the bar area and the Ballroom.

We congratulate the Eintracht of New Castle on their 125th anniversary.

Happy Springtime to everyone!

The ATS Youth Activities Committee congratulates the following young people on winning their age group in the 2019 Bowl Where You Are. Each winner received a plaque with their name on it. Keep up the good work and we look forward to you bowling next year!



EMILY ROMAN
Branch 27 – New Castle
Age 6-7

SHARADEN MUELLER
Branch 9 – Chicago
Age 8-9

GUNNAR MUELLER (tie)
Branch 9 – Chicago
Age 10-11

KAILEY HOICHEVAR (tie)
Branch 5 – Lorain
Age 10-11

ZACHARY BOTH
Branch 25 – New Castle
Age 12-13

OLIVIA GREGER
Branch 4 – Cleveland West
Age 14-15

JACOB BOTSCH
Branch 1 – Cleveland West
Age 16-17



The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to congratulate and thank the following juvenile members for their participation in the 2019 Bowl Where You Are Tournament.

- Quinn Pechatasko – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Katherine Hanek – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Addison Long – Br. 5 – Lorain
- Maggie Martig – Br. 18 – Salem
- Jemma Krestel – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Logan Ralph – Br. 5 – Lorain
- Eva Mueller – Br. 9 – Chicago
- Matthew Rau – Br. 1 – Cleveland West
- Katelynn Pechatsko – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Lexi Seiler – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Alexander Spack – Br. 19 – Salem
- Catie Best – Br. 18 – Salem
- Isabel Martig – Br. 18 – Salem
- Natalie Roman – Br. 27 – New Castle
- Allison Reif – Br. 9 – Chicago
- Sam Mueller – Br. 9 – Chicago
- Joshua Rau – Br. 1 – Cleveland West
- Connor Hochevar – Br. 5 – Lorain
- Vala Schobel – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Ray Appleby – Br. 19 – Salem
- Jason Krestel – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Andrew Greger – Br. 1- Cleveland West
- Grace Botsch – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Christian Martig – Br. 19 – Salem
- Emely Best – Br. 18 – Salem
- Andreas Schobel – Br. 1 – Cleveland West
- Nevan Medina – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Jennifer Zayac – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Madisyn Best – Br. 18 – Salem
- Branson Fernengel – Home Branch



The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to thank the following children for coloring and submitting the Earth Day picture found in recent issues of the Volksblatt. They all did a wonderful job of coloring!

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Colby Cunningham | Alice Mc Cormick |
| Kathleen Brooks | Peter Brennan |
| Christopher Kauffman | Fatima Kauffman |
| Jonathan Malue | Katelynn Pechatsko |
| Jillian Lewis | Alex Poehler |
| Lukas Jones | Scarlet Jones |
| Ella Izenour | Amelia Italiani |
| Gianna Italiani | Raegan Lewis |

2019 Easter Coloring Contest Participants
The ATS Youth Activities Committee thanks the following junior members who sent in their colored Easter pictures.

- Ages 3-4**
Claire Burick, New Castle
Chelsey Cunningham, Monaca
Kendall Emerich, New Castle
Nikola Krahe, Erie
Emma Sloan, Youngstown

- Ages 5-6**
Joseph Blount, Erie
Alexander Burick, New Castle
Katie Hanek, Cleveland
Caleb Hernandez, Youngstown
Maggie Hoover, Chicago
Raegan Lewis, New Castle
Carson Mshar, Youngstown
JR Mshar, Youngstown
Elin Phillips, New Castle
Sloan Phillips, New Castle
Alex Poehler, Cleveland
Kyle Preble, Youngstown
Michael Simon, Lorain
Piper Simon, Lorain
Jenna Westland, Canton



- Ages 7-8**
Ciara Clark, Youngstown
Hannah Hoover, Chicago
Amanda Hudak, New Castle
Gianna Italiani, Erie
Kylie Jackson, Salem
Christopher Kauffman, New Castle
Angelina Krafft, Farrell
Hugh Law, Youngstown
Neila Mc Cammon, Erie
Quinn Pechatsko, Cleveland
Matthew Rau, Cleveland
Emily Roman, New Castle
Chloe Schaef, Cleveland
Haley Slotnick Hebrank, Cleveland
Mackenzie Smith, Lorain
Sadie Weaver, Youngstown
Jaycie Westland, Canton

- Ages 9-10**
Lauren Badertscher, New Castle
Cathryn Best, Salem
Sophia Fromel, Youngstown
Brooke Hudak, New Castle
Ella Izenour, Home Branch
Alexander Krafft, Farrell
Maeve Law, Youngstown
Madeline Peitzsch, Detroit
Allison Phillips, Cleveland
Joshua Rau, Cleveland
Easton Shuto, Salem
Alyssa Stoops, New Castle



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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)

Journeyers Grades 5 - 6 (completed)

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

Family Camp-Out

Camp Fitch

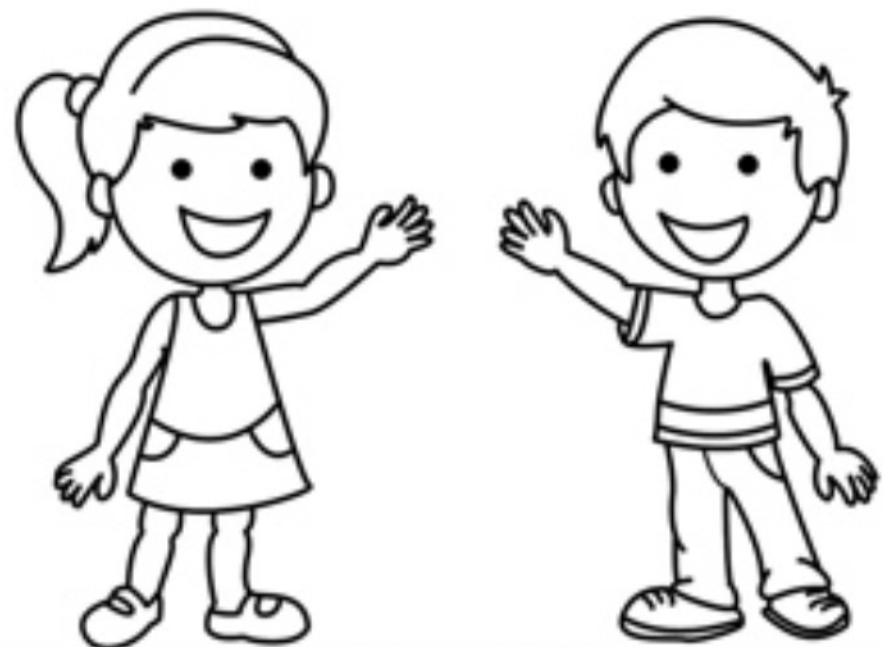
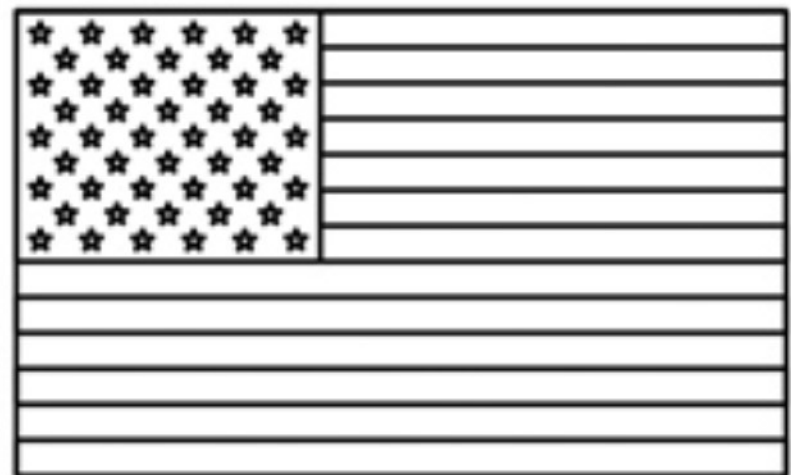
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Plus Coloring Contests during the Year
and
Coloring Projects in the Volksblatt



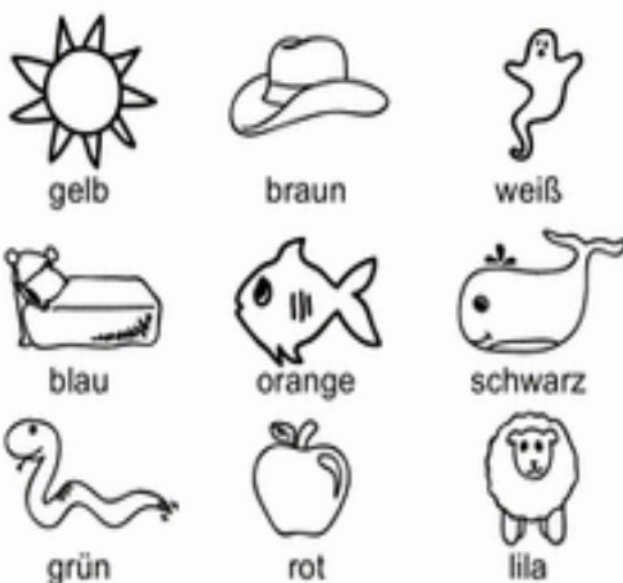
Thank You



Coloring in German



Color each object below with the corresponding color beneath it.



Memorial Day Word Search

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Heimattag Hotels
Aylmer, Ontario
July 12 – 14, 2019

Comfort Inn
100 Centennial Ave.,
St. Thomas, Ontario
N5R 5B2
1-519-633-4082
2 Queen Beds \$125.79 CDN
Reserve under “Saxonia Hall”

Best Western Plus
Stonebridge Inn & Conference Centre
6675 Burtwistle Lane
London, Ontario
N6L 1H5
1-888-471-2378

Comfort Inn & Suites
20 Samnah Crescent
Ingersoll, Ontario
N5C 3J7
519-425-1100
Reserve under
“Saxonia Hall- Homecoming”



Cookie cheesecake dessert
tops off grilled dinner

Spring is an amazing time to grill outside in the fresh air enjoying time with friends and family.

After the ribs or steaks, here’s a light dessert to finish the meal and delight the kids.

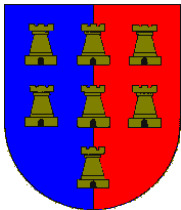
This skinny cheesecake recipe can be served in a bowl and eaten with a spoon. But, you can also use it as a fruit dip for spring berries.

This recipe uses nonfat Greek yogurt as a base, providing a boost of protein that doesn’t include a lot of extra fat and sugar. As a bonus, the kids can help in the kitchen by crushing up the cookies. Just throw the cookies in a sandwich bag before letting the children take a whack at them!

Ingredients
1 cup nonfat vanilla greek yogurt
2 tablespoons instant cheesecake pudding mix (regular or sugar-free)
1 cup fat-free or sugar-free Cool Whip
4 thin chocolate sandwich cookies (or 2 regular-sized cookies)

Instructions
1. Stir the yogurt and pudding mix (just the dry mix, not prepared pudding) until they are smooth. Fold in the Cool Whip, then stir in the crushed cookies.
2. Chill until ready to serve or eat, garnishing with crushed cookies if desired.

Saxon Heimattag Reservations
July 12 - 14, 2019
German Canadian Club Aylmer – Saxonia Hall
522 Talbot Street West
Aylmer, Ontario, Canada N5H 2T8



Friday July 12, 2019
Kameradschaftsabend “East Coast Kitchen Party”
7:00PM - 11:00PM
\$20.00 x _____ \$ _____

Saturday July 13, 2019 Dinner and Cultural Evening
6:00PM - Midnight
\$50.00 x _____ \$ _____
\$20.00 x _____ (Children 7-12)
(Under 7 Free) \$ _____

Sunday July 14, 2019
Saxon Parade / Church service
9:00AM - 12 Noon
Lunch and Cultural Performances
1:00 PM - 4:00PM
\$30.00 x _____
\$ _____
\$10.00 x _____ (Children 7-12)
(Under 7 Free) \$ _____

Weekend Special
Adult \$90.00 x _____ \$ _____
(Friday, Saturday Banquet and Sunday)

Grand Total: CAD Funds \$ _____

Grand Total for this reservation must be paid in CAD Funds,
preferably in advance.

Payment type: [] Cash (at door) [] Cheque [] Visa/MasterCard

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TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

VISA / MASTERCARD # _____

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Please ensure the address above is the billing address for the provided credit card.
Credit Card payments will include a 3% processing fee on top of the grand total above. A receipt will be sent to the provided email address.

Please make cheques payable to “German Canadian Club Aylmer - Saxonia Hall”
Note that only Cheques from Canadian banks can be accepted.

REMIT RESERVATIONS

Via fax: 1-877-583-9309
Via email: daniel@saxoniahall.com

Via mail: Daniel Pfingstgraef
c/o MMD Data Systems
66 West Avenue,
St. Thomas, Ontario
Canada N5R 5H7

Deadline for Reservations: June 14, 2019
Call if any questions: 1-226-236-2403

“Ein verrückter Sachse – aber genial!”:
Zum 140. Geburtstag Gusto Gräfers,
des “Angelus transsilvanicus”

Vor 140 Jahren, am 16. Februar 1879, wurde Gusto Gräser in Kronstadt geboren. Was wird bleiben von dem siebenbürgischen Dichter, Denker und Mystiker? Seine Texte sind noch kaum gedruckt, kaum bekannt, geschweige denn erschlossen – und doch ist er weltbekannt. Es sind weniger seine Dichtungen als symbolhafte Bilder, die sich nie-dergeschlagen haben in Romanen, Gedichten, Theaterstücken und Liedern anderer Autoren. Der Einsiedler in einer Felsgrotte der Alpen, der Tänzer, der Denker, der Weise.

Die mexikanische Autorin Marcela Sánchez Mota baut dem Eremiten Gusto in ihrem Roman einen Altar, die französische Erzählerin Marie-Laure de Cazotte feiert ihn als Tänzer und Druiden, ein anderer Autor nennt ihn einen „Weltstar“, ein dritter sieht ihn als Gegenspieler von Hitler. Der britische Liedermacher Steve Hackett besingt ihn als erleuchteten Eremiten: „The mantle of attainment weighs heavy on his shoulders ...“ Alles nur Projektionen, Wunschbilder, Fantasien? Keineswegs. So haben ihn schon Zeitgenossen wie Gerhart Hauptmann und Hermann Hesse gesehen, die ihn persönlich kannten.

Eine solche Szene hatte es bis dahin in der europäischen Geistesgeschichte noch nicht gegeben: ein langhaariger Einsiedler in einer Höhle der Alpen, der mit einem schon berühmten Schriftsteller zusammen die heiligen Schriften der Inder liest. Eine Urszene, ein archetypisches Bild. Indien kennt es als „satsang“: ein Schüler sitzt dem erleuchteten Meister zu Füßen. Beide befinden sich buchstäblich im Schoß der Mutter Erde, aus dem im Mythos die Helden, die Befreier, die Götter hervorgehen. Hesse hat die Szene im Sommer 1917 gemalt, nach einem Besuch auf dem Monte Verità: In finsterner Nacht tanzen zwei Gestalten in einer Felsgrotte um einen flammenden Feueraltar. Ein Abbild ihrer damaligen Situation: Als aktive oder potenzielle Kriegsdienstverweigerer standen sie außerhalb der bestehenden Gesellschaft. Gusto Gräser war kurz zuvor wie durch ein Wunder seiner Erschießung im Kronstädter Gefängnis entgangen, er lebte illegal als unerwünschter Ausländer im Tessin.

Ein anderes Bild: der Mann im Eselwagen. 1930, als die Nationalsozialisten in die Parlamente einzogen, sah Gusto sein Wirken durchs Wort als gescheitert. Drei Jahre lang hatte er in öffentlichen Reden in Berlin vergeblich gewarnt: „Stell dich nicht hoch, o Volk!“ Er hatte dem „Großen Maul“ das „Große Ohr“ entgegengestellt, dem Diktator den Dichter, dem hasspredigenden „Anführer“ den fühlenden „Fürkämpfer“. Umsonst. Nun blieb ihm nur noch das Mittel der zeichenhaften Tat. Seine Tochter sollte ihr Auto eintauschen gegen einen Eselskarren. So geschah es. Und mit seinem

Schwiegersohn zog Gusto mit einer Eselin durch die deutschen Lande, seine Schriften verteilend, Lieder singend. Die Fahrt endete, nach dem Bericht eines Zeitgenossen, im KZ Osterhofen. Beide überlebten. Nach dem Krieg setzte sein junger Freund die Fahrt mit dem Eselwagen fort. Die neue Eselin hieß wie die alte: Fanny. Ihr Lenker Otto Großöhmig wurde in den Siebzigerjahren Mitgründer der Partei der „Grünen“.

Gräser aber erfreute sich seit den Vierzigerjahren eines Mantels der Geheimen Staatspolizei (Gestapo). Die hatte ihn in ein Warenhaus geschleppt und ihm einen Havelock aufgedrängt: so wie er könne man im Dritten Reich nicht herumlaufen. Gräser, als „Asozialer“ gebrandmarkt und mit Schreibverbot belegt, flüchtete sich aus Berlin zu Freunden in München. Dem Mantel der Staatspolizei schnitt er die Ärmel ab, stutzte die Länge und setzte im Rücken ein Rübezahlschwänzchen an. So umgerüstet trug er das Staatsgeschenk bis an sein Lebensende.

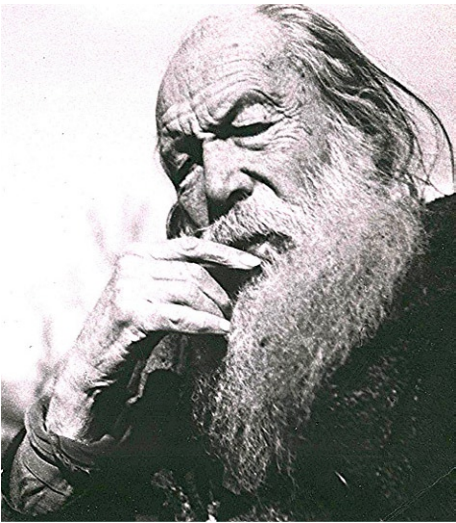
Zu Kronstadt auf der Burg, da fing sein Leiden an. In den Kasematten der Cetatea, als Militärdienstverweigerer verurteilt, erschien ihm an der Kerkerwand eine Vision: eine endlose Schar von lachenden Erden-söhnen, die Menschen der Zukunft. „Hei, wie das lacht und kracht!“ Einer seiner jungen Freunde machte aus dieser Vision ein Büchlein, schrieb die „Worte an eine Schar“ in der Hoffnung, dass sich aus der Mitte der Jugend heraus „die heilige Schar bilden wird, die mit der Leidenschaft der Liebe um die Geburt des neuen Menschenbildes ringt; die Schar, die uns erlöst“. Die heilige Schar! Ein anderer junger Freund, der Drechsler Friedrich Muck-Lamberty, unternahm es, diesen Bund im Wandervogelfeld zu sammeln. Ab Pfingsten 1920 zog diese „Neue Schar“ singend, tanzend und spielend durch Thüringen. „Ganz Thüringen tanzt ... Tausende auf einem Platz!“, schrieb damals der Verleger Eugen Diederichs. Gräfers Gedichte flatterten dem Zug voran, er selbst sang und sprach an den Lagerfeuern der Spiel- und Wanderschar. Von einem „Kreuzzug der Fröhlichkeit“ war die Rede oder von einem „Kinderkreuzzug“.

Hermann Hesse hat diese Fahrt als „Morgenlandfahrt“ in der gleichnamigen Erzählung mythisch-religiös gedeutet: als den ewigen Zug der Menschheit zu den Quellen des Lichts. Gusto Gräser-Leo, der Löwenmensch, ist ihm der Diener und zugleich der verborgene Oberste dieses Geheimbunds, mit dem er als „H. H.“ liebend sich vereint. Ihre Verbindung blieb in der Tat geheim, nur im Schutze der Dichtung konnte Hesse sich zu seinem Freund be-kennen.

Der Tänzer. An Ostern 1905 beobachtet der Ex-Erzherzog Lepold Wölfling die „balabiott“ von Ascona. Karl Gräser, sein einstiger Untergebener, hatte ihn eingeladen,

jetzt als sein Gastgeber. Damals ging es als Sensation durch die Weltpresse: Ein Erzherzog schließt sich mitsamt seiner Frau den „Naturmenschen“ von Ascona an und nimmt teil an deren nächtlichen Mondscheintänzen im Wald von Arcegno! Doch Wölfling ist enttäuscht: „Diese Menschen, Männer und Frauen, hatten allen Gedanken an Sex verloren“. Sie stampften, sprangen und stießen Schreie aus. Sie tanzten ekstatisch die Befreiung von allem Zwang, von jeder Konvention. „Sie tanzten wie die Araber [wie die Derwische der Sufis]! Sie waren ja so religiös“, erzählt ein anderer Zeuge. Gräser hatte den heilenden Ausdruckstanz erfunden, eine Vorform der Urschreithérapie. Seinen neuen Tanz brachte er 1908 in München auf die Bühne, jetzt als philosophischen Tanz, der die Entwicklung der Menschheit seit der Zähmung des Feuers versinnbildlichen sollte. Durch seinen Landsmann Rudolf von Laban und die befreundete Mary Wigman wurde sein Ausdruckstanz in die Welt getragen. Heute stehen in Athen und Delphi Museen seines Schülers, des Amerikaners Raymond Duncan, Bruder der Isadora, die das Gräser-sche Erbe weitertragen.

Während aber Duncan als Amerikaner sich frei entfalten konnte, wurde Gräser in Europa ein Opfer der staatlichen Gewalt. Immer wieder verhaftet, ausgewiesen und abgeschoben: aus Sachsen, aus Baden, aus Württemberg, aus Bayern, aus der Schweiz. Ein Weg durch Gefängnisse und Nachtasyle. Er galt ja offiziell als Ausländer, als „der staatsgefährliche Rumäne Gusto Gräser“. Dass er auf sein Deutschsein pochte, sich mit Bedacht „Arthur Siebenbürger“ nannte, half ihm wenig oder nichts. Auch nicht die Fürsprache prominenter Schriftsteller wie Gerhart Hauptmann oder Richard Dehmel. Nur das Wort Thomas Manns hatte Gewicht genug, ihm 1926 die Ausweisung aus dem ganzen deutschen Reich zu ersparen. Nach 1945 wollten ihn die Münchner Behörden zu den „displaced persons“ abschieben, weil „Rumäne“. Fast nur noch im Café Klein-Bukarest, hinter der Münchner TH, fand er eine Zuflucht. Der Wirt dort war ein Landsmann, ein ehemaliger rumänischer Fliegeroffizier. Hier hatte er seinen Stammplatz, hier war er Ehrengast, der nur den halben Preis zu zahlen hatte und an seinem Geburtstag beschenkt wurde. „Ein verrückter Sachse –



Gusto Gräser im Alter. Foto: vermutlich Julius Kirchner (Gusto Gräser-Archiv Freudenstein)

aber genial“, sagte sein Wirt über ihn. Einmal wurde ich Zeuge, wie ein schwarzer amerikanischer Sergeant dem greisen Dichter wortlos einen Stoß Schreibpapier auf den Tisch klatschte und ein Bündel Schreibstifte dazu. Er musste dem Mann, den er bewunderte, ein Geschenk machen. Sie konnten sich mit Worten nicht verständigen, sie schüttelten sich nur die Hände. Als er unbemerkt gestorben war, verhungert in seiner unheizbaren Dachkammer, sollte sein Lebenswerk auf den Müll geworfen werden. „Keine Wertsachen“, lautete der amtliche Befund. Eine Verwandte von Gräser hat einen Großteil davon bewahrt und später dem Archiv in Freudenstein übergeben. Dort befindet sich heute die vollständigste Sammlung von Gräseriana.

Über den Dichterpropheten Gusto Gräser sagte Hugo von Hofmannsthal in einer berühmt gewordenen Rede: „Er ist auch Dichter, dieser unser Ungenannter, vielleicht ist er mehr Prophet als Dichter. ... Für ihn ist alles überwunden und so wie es zu gelten scheint, nicht gültig, sondern muss zu neuer Gültigkeit von ihm wiedergeboren werden.“

Propheten gelten nichts in ihrem Vaterland. Da bedeutet es schon viel, dass etliche Siebenbürger ihn hoch geachtet oder gar sich für ihn eingesetzt haben: Otto F. Jickeli, Emil Neugeboren, Oskar Kraemer, Adolf Meschendörfer, Heinrich Zillich, Dieter Schlesak, Helmut Binder, Hans Wühr, Hans Bergel und andere mehr. Wie schrieb Jickeli schon 1912 in den Karpaten? - „Wir sollen stolz sein, dass Gusto Gräser ein Siebenbürger Sachse ist ... Sein tapferes Leben ist uns ein Beweis, dass die Menschheit noch Kraft und Mut hat, neue Wege zu gehen.“

Hermann Müller
SBZ Online 5.Mai 2019

Reklamepostkarte des Münchner Lokales „Klein-Bukarest“ mit seinem in rumänischer Tracht posierenden Betreiber, dem ehemaligen Fliegeroffizier Aurică Popescu (Ende 1960er Jahre). Die Aufnahmen hatte Franz Paulini (1915-1972), ein ehemaliger Fotogehilfe von Fritz Römischer, gemacht. Als Gräser noch Gast des Cafés war, befand sich dieses in der Luisenstraße 45 in Schwabing. Sammlung Konrad Klein



Manners of the past might make you yearn for days gone by. Or not.

Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.

Emily Post

Once upon a time, proper conduct for adults and children was specified and adjudicated by the rules from Emily Post.

Post, who died in 1960, lived to see quite a bit of change in human interaction and she did change with the times.

Rules from her 1922 book “Etiquette” are sometimes quaint, but other times might make you yearn for times gone by.

On money: Men should never, under any circumstance, borrow money from women; and they should avoid borrowing it from other men whenever possible. He also should refrain from speaking about money outside of business hours. (Today we can only dream.)

On unmentionables: Aside from ads in “the most dignified magazines, a discussion of underwear and toilet articles and their merit or their use, is unpleasant in polite conversation.” (Today they are on TV.)

On marriage: Men and women should strive to always look their best and wear their finest clothes, lest their spouses be tempted to look elsewhere. Neither should complain, either, saving it for only the most serious of troubles. (Don’t visit on a Saturday.)

Post also described how the behavior at home carries over into the outside world and that children could hardly be expected to behave as told if they witnessed otherwise within the home. (Today: hmmm.)

The book has been updated four times since then, and any number of other rules have come and gone over the past century. Today, good manners and etiquette extend to online behavior -- at least that’s the ideal -- as well as cellphone use, modern dating, and marriage.



Some 401(k) fears valid, others not, experts say

Fear: The boss might steal it

Somewhere on an assembly line is a young worker who once told a reporter: I wouldn’t put my money in a 401(k) because the boss could steal it.

Rest easy.

In average situations, there is very little chance the boss could steal the money from a 401(k), which would be a crime, probably involving fraud.

Contributions to a 401(k) go to a financial company. Maybe the boss picked the company, but the boss can’t access your money. The boss doesn’t own it and can’t spend it.

Fear: I can’t afford to contribute

There are a lot of benefits to a 401(k). The money you put in isn’t taxed. It’s only taxed when you take it out at retirement.

If you took about \$100 a week out of a paycheck every month for 15 years and put it in a 401(k), you would probably have more than \$146,000 at the end of 15 years. At the end of 30 years, you’d have \$611,729. This example by the Motley Fool assumes a return of 8 percent.

So, when you reach retirement, you might have your Social Security (depending on government future plans), and you’ll be able to add to it by taking 4 percent of your nest egg each month. You’ll be comfortable if you sacrifice now.

Fear: I’ll lose all my money

Over the long term, there is a 99 percent chance you will make money. But sometimes you won’t. Recently, retirement plans have racked up interest of 10 percent and higher. But in 2008, during the housing crisis, people lost money but not all of their money.

If you can’t stand losses, you usually can have your plan administrator put your money in highly conservative, safe investments. They don’t make as much money, but they don’t lose it either.

Fear: What if the company goes out of business?

Your money is safe because the company usually doesn’t manage retirement accounts. They have big financial companies like Fidelity, Vanguard, or Principal do that. Those companies manage millions of retirement accounts. Motley Fool says be skeptical if the plan administrator is “Scruffy’s Retirement and Fried Chicken.”



Roadside sign

Across

1. Lingerie item

4. Steer clear of

9. On, as a lamp

10. Noted wine valley

11. Neighbor of Mo.

12. Automaton

13. Rang out

15. Therefore

16. Cousin of a clog

18. Morning, for short

20. Window-shop

23. Newswoman

25. Summer mo.

26. Bacteria discovered by Theodor Escherich

27. Lyricist Gershwin

28. Three-masted sailing ship

29. Nancy Drew's boyfriend

Down

1. Radar image

2. Anger, with "up"

3. Book of maps

4. Type of math equation

5. Sorcery

6. Wildcatter's find

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7. Ticks off

8. Showroom model

14. Likely to change

17. Tom Sawyer's creator

18. Kind of charge card

19. Defensive spray

21. Positive

22. Relative of "Oh, no!"

24. Burgle

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The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

This new game is taking over the courts



Move over, tennis--there’s a new game capturing the attention of families, kids and seniors.

Introducing Pickleball.

For the uninitiated, Pickleball is like a combination of tennis, ping-pong, and badminton. Players use ping-pong type paddles to hit a ball on a badminton-sized court. The ball has holes like a Wiffle ball. Scoring is like ping-pong. Unlike tennis or badminton, one key rule is that the ball must bounce at least once on each side before a volley is allowed, according to the official Pickleball website, pickleball.com. A seven-foot no-volley zone on each side of the net prevents spiking.

Credit for its invention goes to Congressman Joel Pritchard and two other friends, who cobbled together equipment from several backyard games to stave off their kids’ boredom one summer in 1965. One popular theory says the game’s

name comes from the Pritchard family dog, Pickles.

According to the website pickleballportal.com, 2.5 million people play each year, with core players being those who play eight or more times a year. The average age of a core player was 55, according to the website.

Older players say it’s easier on the joints while still allowing them to get their heart rate up. The youngest players have a chance since most of the volleys are not hard and fast.

The game is a social one as well. According to NPR, investigators from Texas A&M University surveyed 153 participants aged 51 to 85 at Pickleball competitions.

“The more deeply engaged in Pickleball these enthusiasts were,” the story said, “the more likely they were to be highly satisfied with their lives and have a positive experience with aging.”



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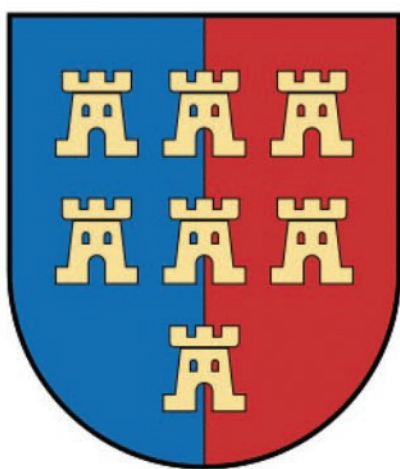
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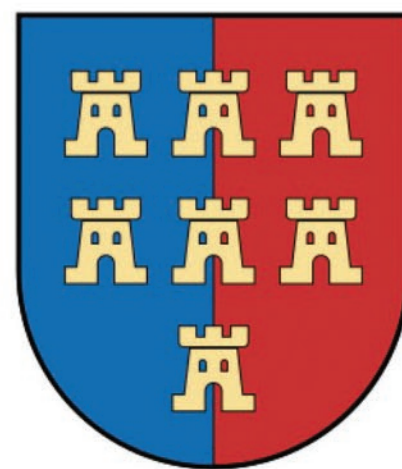
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The weekend festivities will start Friday evening with a Kameradschafts-abend, "East Coast Kitchen Party." The official opening will be on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. The evening program will include greetings by Saxon leaders, performances of cultural groups then dancing and Gemütlichkeit. Sunday morning will start at 9:00 a.m. with a parade to the church service followed by the Kundgebung with addresses by Saxon leaders and cultural performances. After Lunch there will be fellowship along with intermittent program of cultural groups.

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