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BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

With no meeting happening this month, there are only a few things to be addressed at this time. Though much of the state of Ohio is in varying degrees of the coronavirus, here in Lorain county we are at a level 2 and told we are on the rise of new cases everyday. Which probably means that we're no better off than we were 3 months ago. Still much is not known about who, why, and where this virus will overcome, as well as those who have yet to feel its physical effects. But the fact that there's not a business anywhere that permits you to be an occupant without a mask, still reminds us that the possibilities still remain that you could be next.

It is with these thoughts that have been shared with the other Branch 5 officers that have led to the decision to **cancel** this year's picnic at Lakeview Park that was scheduled for August 16, 2020. It was under the hope that things would be better for the opportunity to gather for this annual event but as such, that's not the case. The difficulty in serving food, playing games and socializing in such an environment while maintaining required

distances would quite frankly, not even be very fun. Our hope is that the climate of this situation will improve to where we may be able to plan for a Christmas dinner. The test may be how well we do when gathering for our next branch meeting.

The American Slovak Club has given us permission to hold our meeting in the basement of the club in order that we can more easily practice the distancing protocol while donning our masks. That meeting is due to take place on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Time marches on and so do birthdays! Quite a few in fact. Happy Birthday in the month of August to Sisters Dawn Schindler, Myrna Jones, Jeanne Petty, and Brothers Robert Brenner, Ronald Stephanchick, Brent Sanders, Nicholas Piller and Albert Lachman who is turning 97! Happy Birthday also to our Junior members Mark Cox, Wendy Weber, David Goss, and Victoria Goss. Everyone enjoy your special day!

Until next time, here's looking forward to a safe, yet productive rest of your summer!



Essay Contest for All Ages

Why my Cultural Heritage is Important to me

Rules:

1. All ATS members are eligible.
2. There are three Age Groups for judging:
Ages 12 & under
Ages 13—19
Ages 20 & Up
3. Essay length not to exceed 200 words
4. Essay must be submitted to ATS Home Office by August 30, 2020
5. Submissions must include name, address, age and Local Branch Number.

Awards:

Prizes will be awarded to top three winners in each age group:
1st Place \$100
2nd Place \$50
3rd Place \$25

We will publish essays in the Volksblatt and display them at the 2021 Heimattag.

Deadline for essays
August 30, 2020.

Essay to be sent to the
ATS Home Office,
5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland OH 44129.



KEEP CALM
AND
STAY SAFE!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling
Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I have a hard time believing that it is August already. Where has the time gone? Especially since we're all staying home, it seems like the days should be dragging along rather than speeding up. Soon the children will be going back to school. Well, maybe they will go back to school. They could be going back to school virtually. It's possible that there won't be any of those "getting on the school bus on the first day of school" pictures! Who would have ever thought this would happen? However, the health of our children must be a priority. They are our future.

The ATS Board of Directors voted to cancel the upcoming ATS Open Bowling Tournament that was scheduled to be held in October and hosted by the Youngstown bowlers. Planning and advertising for it needed to start soon, and with everything still up in the air amidst the pandemic, we felt that that we couldn't ask our bowlers to travel for this event. Youngstown will have the option to host the tournament next year. This was always a fun and relaxed event to see people from other branches and even other states. It was always fun to catch up on what's happening with those people that you met at previous tournaments.

The Salem Saxon Club Branches 18 & 19, have agreed to host the North American Heimattag in 2021. They had most of their plans in place for this year before it was cancelled. They'll just stretch those plans into next year. They don't have a date yet for the event. We will keep you posted. I know everyone will be looking forward to getting together after this pandemic is over. We must keep positive thoughts that next year's events will go on!

Did you know that if you have a Traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and you're over 72 ½, you do not have to take your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) this year? The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that became law on March 27, 2020 suspended the requirement for the year 2020. For those that don't know, the RMD is a rule that is designed to spread out the distributions of one's entire interest in a Traditional IRA plan over one's life expectancy. Since all distributions coming out of a Traditional IRA are taxable (due to being deposited into the IRA account either pre-tax or by taking a tax deduction for the deposit), people didn't want to withdraw the funds. The IRS then made the rule that you have to take that withdrawal systematically after reaching a set age. This age used to be 70 ½, but was changed a couple years back to be age 72 ½. The RMD amount for your IRA is calculated using the prior year-end balance in your account. Requiring a

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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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 1,
CLEVELAND
By Robert Hanek

Due to the critical situation of Covid-19 in our area, Branch 1's Oktoberfest on August 15th is now postponed until a time that it is safe for everyone. The Sachsenheim and its beer garden will continue to remain open to serve the public as per county and state guidelines. As I've said before, we will get through this if we all use common sense and take the necessary precautions.

The 250 Club Night will be cancelled this year. The final drawings will still take place possibly on a Taco Tuesday or Friday evening so people who wish to be present can attend. Again, this will be as per health and safety guidelines.



Public hotspots risky

Everyday activities such as reading email or news can be risky at public Wi-Fi hotspots, according to Norton, Inc.

When you join a public network, you are at risk for a cybercriminal intercepting, or just snooping in your private communication. This can compromise your passwords and credit cards.

Some Wi-Fi hotspots look familiar but can be malicious. Norton gives the example of a hotel called the Goodnyght Inn. You join the network Goodnht Inn. Check the spelling. The name is not the same. It is probably a rogue hotspot set up by cybercriminals.

Norton gives these rules:

- Never allow your Wi-Fi to auto-connect to networks.
- Don't click on links. Go directly to the website and verify it by typing https before the address.
- Don't leave on your Wi-Fi or Bluetooth if you aren't using them.
- Never access business or financial accounts on public Wi-Fi.

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withdrawal from a possibly declining investment account to satisfy the RMD based upon a pre-pandemic market value could have a devastating effect on an IRA account balance. For that reason, the CARES Act suspended the requirement for 2020.

How does this affect our ATS members who have a Traditional IRA Account? First, an ATS IRA is NOT contingent on the stock market. You receive a guaranteed rate of interest on your account and are possibly earning a rate that is higher than our guaranteed rate. (Current contracts are guaranteed at 1.75%, but paying 3%.) Second, you are not required to take that RMD before the end of the year. However, if you want to take a withdrawal, you are allowed. You can take more or less than the required calculation. The Home Office will not be contacting anyone with a Traditional IRA as we usually do regarding the Required Minimum Withdrawal. If you wish to make a withdrawal, you will need to contact us and we'll get it set up for you. Of course, all of this only applies to a Traditional IRA. It does not apply to a Roth IRA or our Annuity accounts. As always, if you ever have any questions regarding your account, feel free to call the ATS Home Office. Regarding whether to take or not to take your RMD, you should consult your tax advisor. Until next time....

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

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IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

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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, AUGUST 12, 2020	FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

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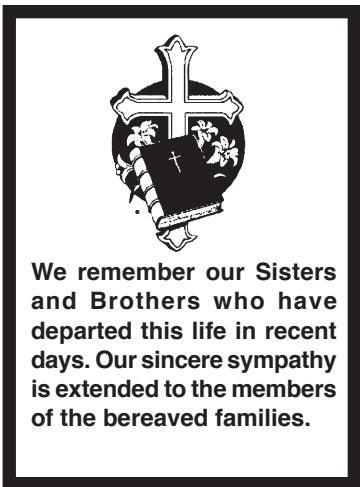
10:00 Worship Service



63rd TSBA Convention Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Spack on July 11, 2020 at 10:00 am in Cleveland West, Ohio. An invocation was delivered followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the members of the league that have passed since the last convention. Delegates were reminded to sign in on the convention register.
- II. Glenn Spack appointed Carl Schmitz to act as Sergeant-At-Arms.
- III. Roll Call of Officers
President – Glenn Spack (present)
Vice President- Tom Simon (present)
Statistical Secretary- CJ Schmitz (present)
Secretary/Treasurer- Jenny King (present)
Auditors- Karen Kinser, Monica Gilles (both present) and Rich Baker (excused)
- IV. A motion was made by Monica Gilles followed by a second by Jeff Krestel to waive the reading of the minutes from the 62nd TSBA Convention, since they had already been accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried
- V. The Officers each gave their report for the 2019-2020 season. Monica Gilles gave the Auditor's Report which found the books to be in good record.
- VI. The roll call of delegates showed 15 people present and eligible to vote. Meeting attendees: Denise Crawford, Karen Kinser, Andy Krestel, Jeff Krestel, Carl Schmitz, CJ Schmitz, Jenny King, Joan Miller-

- Malue, Brian Gilles, Monica Gilles, Dan Both, Milt McCoy, Glenn Spack, Candace Crum and Tom Simon.
- VII. There was no Unfinished Business.
- VIII. Honorariums and Allowances to stay the same.
- IX. League type will stay the same, consisting of a 4-person team. The number of sessions will stay at 7 sessions. The Team and Branch fee will remain at \$15 each. The Bowler fee will remain at \$5 per bowler.
- X. President Glenn Spack, Statistical Secretary CJ Schmitz, and Trustee Rich Baker all accepted another term in their respected positions. Monica Gilles made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot to reelect Officers to their respected positions. Milt McCoy second the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. ATS President Denise Crawford preformed the installation of Officers.
- XI. City Representatives were set for the 2020-2021 season. A list of Branch Representatives is to enable any bowler to contact them during the year to make changes in meal reservations or bowling schedule.
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- XII. President Glenn Spack brought up the future of the season due to Corona Virus. A discussion was held concerning the pandemic and whether it would be possible to schedule a season. Carl Schmitz made a motion to cancel the season. A second was made by Jeff Krestel. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- XIII. Carl Schmitz made a motion to hold a Spring Tournament, hosted by Youngstown, which would be open to all ATS members. Jeff Krestel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The tournament will consist of a one day team event on March 7, 2021 tentatively at Amron Lanes in Canfield, Ohio with an awards banquet afterwards.
- XIV. Vice President Tom Simon brought up the issue of the ATS Open Bowling Tournament being affected due to the pandemic and suggested that it be cancelled.
- XV. President Glenn Spack reminded everyone Salem will host the 64th TSBA Convention on June 12, 2021 and the TSBA Tournament in 2022.
- XVI. The minutes of the 63rd TSBA Convention were read by the Secretary Treasurer Jenny King. A motion was made by Karen Kinser to accept the reading of the minutes and adjourn the meeting. Candace Crum second the motion. All were in favor. President Glenn Spack thanked all for coming.



Andrew W. Botschner
Age 90
Died: May 17, 2020
Branch 14, Canton OH

Linda G. Kester
Age 70
Died: May 25, 2020
Branch 2, Erie PA

Evelyn S. Laczko
Age 80
Died: June 13, 2020
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Betty J. Page
Age 97
Died: July 12, 2020
Branch 2, Erie PA

Rose B. Greist
Age 90
Died: July 21, 2020
Branch 30, Youngstown OH



The facts about distracted driving

According to 2017 statistics from the CDC:

- * 6% of all motor vehicle crashes in the United States involved a distracted driver.
- * 3,166 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver.
- * 599 non-occupants (e.g., pedestrians and cyclists) died in a crash that involved a distracted driver.
- * At any given time in 2017, an estimated 2.0% of all drivers on the road were visibly using a hand-held device - a 0.1% reduction from 2016.
- * Distractions are present 52% of the time in normal driving.

Common distractions:

- interacting with an adult or teen passenger (15%)
- using a cell phone (6%)
- using systems such as climate control and radio (4%)

On average, a non-fatal injury crash at work that involves distraction costs the employer \$72,442.

Easy Garlic-Lemon Scallops



- Ingredients:
- 3/4 cup butter
 - 3 tablespoons minced garlic
 - 2 pounds large sea scallops
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Directions:

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in garlic and cook for a few seconds until fragrant. Add scallops and cook for several minutes on one side, then turn over and continue cooking until firm and opaque.

Remove scallops to a platter, then whisk salt, pepper and lemon juice into butter. Pour sauce over scallops to serve.

Recipe by Button on allrecipes.com

Optional:

Add white wine during cooking and/or garnish with parsley, thyme, chives or other herbs.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 10 - 11, 2020
ATS Open Bowling Tournament **CANCELLED**
Host Youngstown Saxon Bowlers
March 7, 2021
TSBA Spring Tournamant
Host Youngstown Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

August 15, 2020
Cleveland Br 1 Oktoberfest **CANCELLED**
August 16, 2020
Lorain Br 5 Picnic Lakeview Park **CANCELLED**
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 Br 1 Sausage Sale
December 12, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children’s Christmas Party

Back to College: Have a voice in your child’s academic program

It happens all the time. New college kids excitedly tell their parents: Look! I’m going to major in interpretive dance!

Or theater or art, or something that makes the parent shudder to think what kind of actual job the kid can get.

To parents, focused on concrete issues like paying for college, interpretive dance is often not welcome news.

While parents don’t want to quash the student’s enthusiasm, some guidance is acceptable.

Many parents do discuss their children’s college programs before class schedules are settled, but many do not. Some students might see a school guidance counselor for this, but others do not.

What students see is a catalogue of classes, all of which seem interesting. The temptation is to load up, sometimes on too much academics at once, and sometimes on too many casual courses.

A good basic schedule will include required classes, an optional class, and perhaps a class for pure enjoyment. Choir might not help qualify an engineer but it will be enriching, if that is something

that interests the student.

Parents are typically concerned that the student takes courses that in some way prepare him or her for a job.

Don’t discount a liberal arts degree. Many graduates find good employment there, especially if they have other talents in computer programming, for example, according to CNBC. In fact, with high programming skills, a college degree might not even be necessary these days.

Still, a student with high math skills might be encouraged to focus on a mechanical engineering degree. Another student with an interest in some aspect of technology, could look at computer science or information technology degrees. Both of these areas are in high demand.

Finally, consider the content of the classes. For some parents, it is important that students learn a traditional version of history, featuring the founding fathers and the creation of America. Other parents demand a more critical approach to history and politics. Whatever your preference, find out what is being taught, especially if you are paying for college.

ASK ...
ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW A CERTIFICATE OF
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The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for members to share their family’s personal story of life in Transylvania and their journey to America.

The ATS is hoping to gather enough stories that we can publish a book that will be valuable to future generations on learning from personal memoirs on how our Saxons lived in Transylvania and their travels from their homeland.

Individuals submitting their stories can also include photos.

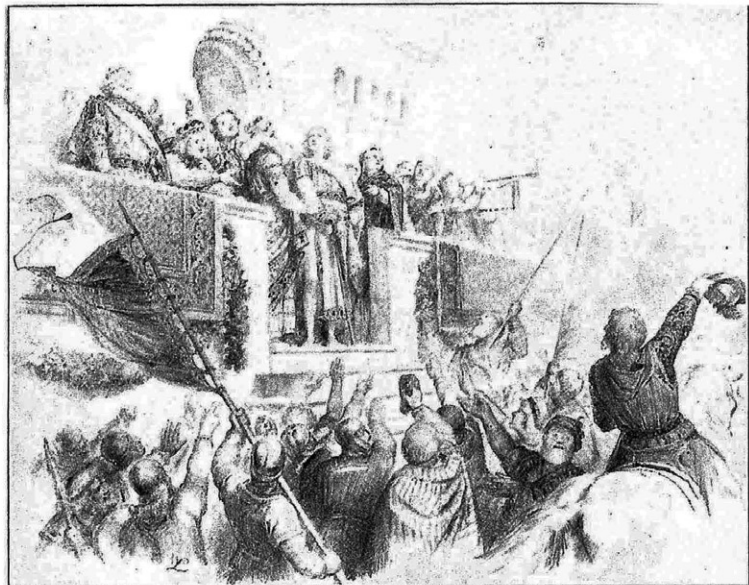
Submit your story to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Include your full name, phone number, email and local Branch No.

We hope that we can collect enough stories within the year that we can publish a book of Transylvanian Saxon Memoirs.

SAXON TRADE AND COMMERCE IN THE XIV CENTURY

The history of the Saxon people is not an unrelieved story of bloodshed, hardship, and war. There were times when the Saxons showed their character and ability in industry, art, and trade. During periods of peace they were able to gather the wealth for which their neighbors envied them. One of these prosperous periods came during the reign of Ludwig the Great (1342-82).

In order to improve the organizations, and to make it possible for all the people to derive some benefit from them, the meeting set up the following rules: During the week after Christmas each guild shall henceforth elect two guildmasters. These must swear to keep prices down, to permit no injustice in the guilds; to punish all wrongdoers regardless of friendship or relationship.



Ludwig of Anjou, King of Hungary

This great King knew how to promote the welfare of his people in every line of trade, or work, and was supported in his efforts by the Bishop of Transylvania, the able Goblinus, who was the son of the Saxon farmer Adalbert of Grosscheuern. Goblinus was appointed to this high office by Pope Gregory XI in 1376. Because of his fine education and his broadmindedness both the King and the people held him in high esteem and sought his advice. In 1383 Queen Maria, in recognition of his meritorious services, gave him three Rumanian villages, as well as Hamlich and Selischt, which at the time did not belong to free Saxon territory.

In 1376 the King sent Bishop Goblinus and Johann von Scharfeneck, the commander of the important fortress of Landskrone, to the meeting of the Councils of the seven Saxon districts. He had called this meeting for the purpose of reorganizing and improving the trade guilds, by setting up new rules and laws to help in the elimination of unfair trade practices. The trade guilds were old organizations brought over from Germany, and were now well established in Hermannstadt, Muehlbach, Broos, and Schassburg, as well as in the other Saxon cities.

They must swear to accept no bribes, to allow no guilty persons to go free, nor to persecute the innocent because of personal prejudice. It is their duty, as representatives of the craft-men, to attend the quarterly county Council meetings and assist in removing all evils which might occur in the country in general. Under penalty of twenty marks of fine silver no one was permitted to pursue more than one trade. No one was permitted to appropriate the tools of his debtor or prevent another from working for him. They were determined to prevent individual control of a whole industry.

On the other hand, each was permitted to buy as much as he needed to expand his business, permitted to keep as many helpers as he pleased, and could sell his goods either in the open market or at home. As a result of these resolutions, the workmanship and quality of Saxon commodities soon was excellent and without defects. The butcher who sold meat that was not fresh was fined, and the meat given to the dogs. Cloth which did not have the right measurement or specified material was taken away from the weavers and given to the poor. The blacksmith who hurt a horse when shoeing it was obliged to bear the



King Ludwig and his time

cost of the injury. The guild also concerned itself with the honor of its members. Those of uncertain character were not taken into the guild. Indecent behavior was punished. When a guild member died, the other members attended the funeral. If the dead member had been poor, the guild bore the funeral expenses.

The guilds were, of course, only for Saxons and others of German descent, and were therefore a sort of immigration regulating body. Any German who had maintained a good reputation while living among the Saxons had to be taken into the organization. He needed no references. Unless someone accused him of a specific fault, the candidate was considered an honorable man fit to belong to the trade guilds. If a guild refused to admit an applicant without showing a good reason for its action, the guild was fined 20 marks silver. Whoever had learned his trade in cities in which the guilds were active, was admitted into membership on payment of only half of the initiation fee. A master's son who married a master's daughter was admitted into the organization without payment of this entrance fee.

At this time there were nineteen guilds in Hermannstadt, representing twenty-five different trades. The advanced state of the Saxon Guild system, and its influence in trade and commerce, may be graphically comprehended when we consider that in Augsburg, one of the larger trade centers in Germany, there were at the same time only sixteen guilds representing twenty trades.

The guilds were concerned not only with their own welfare, but with conditions throughout the country. They represented an organized effort to do away with all injustice and evil, and to raise the Saxon nation to a distinguished position both in industry and in cultural development.

The articles which the tradesmen produced had to be sold, so commerce began to flourish, too. At that time the Cape of Good Hope had not yet been circumnavigated, and all the trade between Europe and the East was carried through the Danubian countries. This meant, of course, that most of it also went through Transylvania. The Saxon merchants knew how to benefit by this commercial activity, and their business grew and expanded beyond the boundaries of their own country. We soon find them in Poland, where they enjoyed the same freedom and privileges as the merchants of Krakau. Their ships sailed between the rich cities of Ofen and Vienna. From here the Saxon merchants soon ventured far into Germany. In the south they went through the Danube countries and also

along the coast of the Adriatic Sea to Venice and Zara. They took the produce of the guilds and the farmers and miners into Constantinople, and even into Egypt. Even though travel was difficult and dangerous, most of it being done on horseback, these enterprising Saxons were not afraid. They defended their wares against the robbers just as they defended their homes against the enemy during times of war.

During these industrious periods the Saxons were able to build the castles which protected them in times of war. They gathered extensive knowledge on their trade journeys. They built public schools at a time when public education in other countries did not exist. In fact, these schools may be regarded as the first public schools. Every Saxon village had its own school as early as the end of the 13th Century, and attendance was obligatory. Not until two hundred years later did elementary public education win the support of the other European peoples.

The Saxon nation, although weak in numbers and small in territory, maintained itself above its stronger neighbors by the sheer power : its inner cultural development. To this people in the 14th Century the words of Schiller, the great German poet, might be applied :

*Thy toil is blessed,—
the world goes well with thee,
Thy barns are full,
There stands thy house —
no nobleman's more fair!
They burn with envy all,
to see thee living
Happy and free on thine inheritance.*

From "Saxons through Seventeen Centuries" by Rev. John Foisel, published by the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons



Saxon merchants often had to defend their wares against robbers....



CONGRATULATIONS!
The following are the winners of the
2020 Summer coloring contest:

Ages 3-4

Claire Burick
Br. 27 – New Castle

Ages 5-6

Juliane Paal
Br. 27 – New Castle

Ages 7-8

Kyleigh Scutella
Br. 2 - Erie

Ages 9-10

Julie Wagner
Br. 2 - Erie

2020 Summer Coloring Contest Participants

The ATS Youth Activities Committee thanks the following junior members who sent in their colored 4th of July pictures.

Ages 3-4

Quinn Carlevale, Youngstown
Bodhi Krahe, Erie
George Lanahan, Erie
Sophie Randolph, Erie
Jessa Westland, Canton

Ages 5-6

Chelsey Cunningham, Monaca
Ava Gregorich, Farrell
Nikola Krahe, Erie
Henry Lanahan, Erie
Jillian Lewis, New Castle
Raegan Lewis, New Castle
Alice Mc Cormick, Youngstown
Caiden Phillips, Cleveland
Kyle Preble, Youngstown
Holden Randolph, Erie,
Emma Sloan, Youngstown

Ages 7-8

Alexander Burick, New Castle
Colby Cunningham, Monaca
Caleb Hernandez, Youngstown
Amanda Hudak, New Castle
Amelia Italiani, Erie
Dominick Salinas, Youngstown
Jenna Westland, Canton

Ages 9-10

Logan Aeling, Alliance
Gianna Italiani, Erie
Ella Izenour, Home Branch
Kendall Kaba, New Castle
Fiona Mc Cormick, Youngstown
Liam Normington, New Castle
Katelynn Pechastko, Cleveland
Quinn Pechastko Cleveland
Jenna Peters, Lorain
Allison Phillips, Cleveland
Ava Salinas, Youngstown
Haley Slotnick Hebrank, Cleveland
Alex Spack, Salem
Jaycie Westland, Canton



Why August?

The eighth month of the Gregorian calendar was originally the sixth month of the Roman calendar, Sextilis. In 8 BC, it was renamed in honor of Augustus, then emperor of Rome.

Augustus was the adopted son and heir of Julius Caesar. After Caesar's death, he became one of three (with Mark Antony and Lepidus) to govern a new Roman state. He improved every aspect of Roman life. An administrative genius, he centralized power of the empire in Rome and established the Pax Romana.



Stephanie Schmidt,
recipient of the Niles
Branch 20 Scholarship

2020 has been bad. But not the worst.

Let's hope that no one looks back at 2020 and thinks: Those were the good old days. That implies there are going to be worse days.

Still, as bad as 2020 has been, there were countless really bad years in recorded history. There have been so many bad years, how do we really choose? If we choose death as a yardstick, we really should narrow that down. Do you want death by war, disease, bad policy, starvation, drought, or what? Or maybe we choose sheer brutality. Tons of choices there. Or, how about choices that seemed okay at the time, but had long-lasting terrible ramifications? Maybe, natural disasters?

Here are four really bad years plucked out of history for their general awfulness:

- Disease and Natural Disaster Award: 1300s. In 1315, Europe's warm period of prosperity ended with a bang. Possibly because of volcanic activity, winters became brutal and summers cold and rainy. Crops failed. About 80 percent of animals died of infections. Famine took hold. Life expectancy was about 29 years. Cannibalism, infanticide, and mass starvation were characteristics of a 60-year period in that century. As for disease, 1348 was a banner year. The terrifying black death visited not just on struggling Europe, but also the world. In 18 months, up to 200 million people worldwide died. Bodies were unburied in the streets where animals tore them apart. Survivors lived in fear, stench, and desperation with no understanding of the Plague and no way to fight it.

- Political Chaos, Disease, So-



cial Unrest Award: 1919. In the economy, inflation and unemployment skyrocketed after World War I. Influenza killed 500,000 Americans. The bloody summer of 1919 was filled with race riots, with 500 wounded and 38 dead in five days of violence in Chicago. Across the country, 76 black Americans were lynched. A million workers went on strike, affecting the steel and coal industries, and even the Boston police force. Bombs were mailed to federal officials and fear gripped the nation.

- Dashing of Hope Award: 1968. Mass demonstrations for civil rights both buoyed and frightened Americans. A sense of positive change was in the air. But the worst moments were yet to come: The assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert Kennedy. The riots at the Democratic National Convention in August shook the nation.

- Cruelty Award: 1943. In Germany, systematic deportation of Jews to extermination camps was well underway. Everyone knew about it. No one stopped it. In the U.S., 240 instances of interracial battles in cities and military bases terrorized communities. But, according to historian Matt Delmont, public awareness of atrocities did not prevent them from continuing.

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NOW IS THE TIME

During your earning years (ages 25 - 65), you will earn a fortune. But how much will you save to provide for future needs for yourself and your family?

Having the foresight to purchase family life insurance and a retirement savings plan is very wise, but unfortunately too often neglected.

Now is a good time to give it some serious thought!

The purpose of life insurance is to replace your income should you die. It ensures that your family will be able to continue living as it does now. To determine how much life insurance you need, you must determine how much money your family will need in your absence over the course of many years:

- ✓ **Consider living expenses per month.** Then adjust this amount up or down to account for things such as lower expenses in your absence, additional child care expenses, health care coverage that will disappear, etc.
- ✓ **Funeral expenses** – average expense of a funeral is now between \$7,000 - \$15,000.
- ✓ **Mortgage, credit card debt, and other loan payoffs.**
- ✓ **College expenses** - If you plan to send your children to a four-year college, US average costs are \$100,000 for an in-state college and \$200,000 for a private college.
- ✓ **Consider other expenses** such as estate administration expenses, possible estate taxes, emergency fund for your family, etc.

NOW is the time to provide for planned or unplanned financial needs of your family should your income be cut out suddenly by a prolonged illness or death.

***ATS Life Insurance and Annuity Plans
can help cover needs in such difficult times!***

NOW is the time to set up a plan to help increase and preserve your hard-earned savings for guaranteed income during your retirement years.

ATS Annuity Savings Plans can do the job for you!

NOW is the time to contact your Local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home Office for information on our Insurance and Annuity Plans as well as our various fraternal benefits and fraternal activities.