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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

"The best things in life are the people we love, the places we have been and the memories we have made along the way." Our membership is thankful for the love that we share, the many activities and events we have had together and the wonderful memories we cherish from coming together at the Sachsenheim. Covid-19 has put a dent in personally coming together, but we are all anxious for the time when things become normal again and we can get together as in the past.

We will not hold a September Branch meeting, but are planning to hold one in October. Also, we have postponed our Annual Membership Banquet which was to be held on September 20th. We are hoping to reschedule the banquet to later in this year.

The Sachsenheim is open for dinner or take-out orders from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m. The Garden Patio is open as well as dining in the bar room. You must wear your masks entering or exiting the building or when walking to the bathroom. Social distancing is still a priority so no more than 10 people to a table.

Last Call in the bar is 9:45 p.m. We thank our members and friends who have supported the Club through this trying time.

September 7th is Labor Day which is a tribute to the American workers, the driving engine behind our great productive economy and the American work ethic. For many of us we see it as the end of summer and in Cleveland it has been enjoyed as Oktoberfest weekend at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Unfortunately, the Oktoberfest was cancelled due to Covid-19 so our celebrations will be limited to our family barbeques and small gatherings. It is important that no matter how we celebrate Labor Day that we remember to be thankful for the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

I would like to personally express my gratitude for the many cards and well wishes for my retirement from the ATS. I had a wonderful career with an organization that I love. It was a joy to go to work knowing that I was working for a wonderful group of people.

Update Your Personal Records and Family Protection

Address changes? Have you notified the ATS Home Office of your new address? Have your adult children changed their addresses?

Beneficiary changes? Was there a marriage, divorce, death, etc., in your family which would require you to make a change of beneficiary on your Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts? Take care of it right away! Senior citizens tend to neglect this, so remind them!

Did the stork visit you recently? Did a new son or daughter arrive recently? Congratulations! Don't forget to make him/her an ATS member by purchasing a Life Insurance or Annuity plan so the he/she can benefit from our fraternal programs.

Do you need more life insurance? Do you have enough life insurance protection for yourself and your family? Chances are you should have better coverage! Call you Local ATS Deputy.

How about an ATS Annuity or IRA Plan? Are you saving for your retirement needs? ATS Annuity Plans offer you a safe way to increase and protect your savings while providing tax sheltered growth. Call you Local ATS Deputy and strengthen your financial future.



**KEEP CALM
AND
WEAR A MASK!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I would like to extend birthday wishes to Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert of Germany. The ATS Board of Directors also congratulates him on receiving a special award. For Dr. Bonfert's 90th Birthday, the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons honored him with the title of Honorary President. This award is in honor of his outstanding achievements for the Transylvanian Saxon community worldwide. The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons was founded in October, 1983 as a worldwide representation of the interests of all Transylvanian Saxons. The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons in the United States, the Landsmannschafts of Canada, Germany, Austria and Romania are all members of this Federation. Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert became the first President of the Federation. Current Federation President Herta Daniel presented the much-deserved award. Congratulations!

I remember Dr. Bonfert from the 1980 Jugendlager held in Germany that I was fortunate enough to attend. I turned 16 in the middle of the trip! I recall Dr. Bonfert's daughter also attended the Jugendlager and had a birthday near mine that we celebrated together. I have lots of memories from the Jugendlager. From staying in a school-house and listening to lectures on history and politics, staying at a youth hostel and riding a subway for the first time in Berlin, staying in private Saxon homes in Dinkelsbühl and Drabenderhöhe, to seeing a true Night Watchman or Town Crier calling out "all is well" as we walked home from the local pub late at night. I should mention that we started out in West Germany, traveled through communist East Germany to get to Berlin before returning back to West Germany. I have a passport stamp from the famous Checkpoint Charlie in my old passport. I also remember the Russian guards who came on the bus at a different checkpoint with their automatic weapons. These guards checked all of us out very thoroughly with our passport pictures before finally letting the bus through. I also have pictures of the Berlin Wall. What a piece of history. A snapshot in time. It's amazing how much the world has changed since then!

Did you know that the ATS is currently providing support for twelve orphans in our ATS Saxon Orphan program? These twelve children represent six families. In 1915, the ATS established a National Home for Saxon Orphans. It was located in Salem, Ohio. Changing regulations forced the ATS to discontinue the orphanage operation.

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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 _____
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Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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However, the ATS continued to show concern for our family members, by setting up an Orphan program that provides financial assistance to children within the ATS membership. Upon the death of either parent (does not have to be both parents), a monetary amount is paid monthly and any premiums due on the child's life insurance are waived. An application for orphan benefits would need to be completed and approved. This is just one of the many benefits that membership in the ATS provides!

Until next time....

ATTENTION CLEVELAND BRANCH 1 MEMBERS

Since our Sachsenheim has ample room for social distancing, Branch 1 will resume its monthly meetings on Monday, September 21, 2020
Rob Hanek, President

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HISTORY AND HERITAGE!
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP IT ALIVE!**

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**YOUR
STORY**

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.

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

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

You may either

MAIL: 29076 Fall River Dr
Westlake OH 44145

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, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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

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Sunday School
Church Choir
Bell Choir

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Highland Hts., Ohio
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**Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor**
10:00 Worship Service

ATTENTION SALEM SAXON CLUB RETIREES

Meetings have been cancelled through the rest of the year.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREEES By Ro Dundon

Hi everyone:

We are still here, did u miss us? Well we missed you.

This is just a little note to let our group know we will be meeting on September 10th at 12 Noon. The event will be a picnic. The location will be at Lucy Secka's house in her pavilion.

If anyone needs her address, call Diana 330-799-1738 or Ro 330-726-6851. For directions, call Lucy at 330-799-6129.

I think most of you know directions are not my forte. Once it took me over 4 1/2 hours to go 76 miles. Good thing my car tells me what street I'm on or I'd get lost in Youngstown.

Till we meet again, as usual it's Ro.

LEMONADE FOR SALE!



Cleveland West Junior member, Katie Hanek, set up a lemonade stand at her mom Stephanie's house recently. According to mom, Katie wanted to have her own stand after stopping at one the day before. After making \$92 from the stand (including some big tips!), Katie wanted to donate the proceeds. She selected the Food Bank for her charity. Well done, Katie!



Labor Day is still called the great seasonal divide

During the last couple of decades of what we have called change, all of the old boundaries of custom have been crossed and crisscrossed until they are blurred in our perception.

But, one still stands, as firm (and arbitrary) as ever: Summer is the time to play. And summer ends on Labor Day.

Labor Day seems as final as the midnight chime for Cinderella. The ball is over. It's back to school, back to work.

This year, with virus lockdowns, many of us didn't even get to vacation and we may not even be back to school.

So, let's forget the great divide. We will still have time to take vacations and enjoy ourselves even if we do it in months other than summer.

Your efforts to keep things running smoothly during covid lockdowns and work interruptions are sincerely appreciated!

The one thing time and change have not blurred is our right to have a great Labor Day weekend. So have a good one. Have a great time, but stay safe.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

MEETINGS

Due to the COVID-19 virus, we do not know when our next meeting will be scheduled. Until we are able have a facility that can safely accommodate our meeting, we will not have a meeting. If circumstances change, we will advise you via our weekly phone communications.

PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

We want to thank the individuals calling, checking on our members and passing along information about other members.

CELEBRATIONS

On September 9th Jill and Don Blum will be celebrating their 48th anniversary. I want to personally thank Jill for our wonderful 48 years together and for sharing the good and the not so good, richer and poorer, and sickness and health. I look forward to many more years together with my beautiful wife.

On September 13th Mary Lassel will be celebrating her birthday. Please join me in wishing Mary a very Happy Birthday and wonderful celebration.

MEMBER STATUS

Olga Hesch has been enduring extensive dental procedures. Please join me in wishing her a full and quick recovery.

Jill Blum is convalescing from her Achilles tendon surgery. By printing of this issue, she will have her cast removed, transitioning to a walking boot and then in a month, beginning physical therapy. Please join me in wishing her a full and quick recovery.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10

We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

HISTORY OF TRANSYLVANIA - HOLY LEAGUE

What is the Holy League and what significance does it have for Transylvania?

PART 1 IN A SERIES

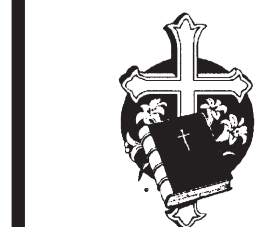
It's the late 16th Century The Ottoman Empire turns its war machine towards Europe.

It has been unstable for years along the Austrian-Ottoman border. Both sides have been looking for a reason to invade the at peace areas of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia, and enter into enemy territory.

Things finally come to a head in the summer of 1593.



One of the main reasons for the conflict was to gain control of the Carpathian territories of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia. The Ottoman Empire had a foothold control of these areas. Because of expensive wars the Ottoman Empire had used these territories to finance their wars by taxing the municipalities heavily and requiring Wallachia and Moldavia to provide men to assist in their war efforts. Transylvania had been somewhat spared and had maintained a more independent autonomy, but still paid taxes. Transylvania was economically very successful and maintained a manufacturing sector. Their autonomy status was because of the distance from the Ottoman Empire, the protection of the Carpathian Mountains and they had many fortified cities. It enabled Transylvania to barter for lower taxes and better terms. Moldavia and Wallachia were less developed and were primarily dependent on agriculture. Additionally, for some autonomy terms Moldavia and Wallachia were required to destroy fortified structure and forbidden to rebuild them. This enabled the Ottoman Empire to impose heavier



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.

Wilhelm M. Both
Age 79

Died: August 12, 2020
Branch 25, New Castle PA

Lorie J. Roth
Age 69

Died: August 18, 2020
Branch 18, Salem OH

taxes and embark on numerous attacks on the area. Turkish population started settling into Wallachia and building communities and mosques. This violated previous treaty of Nicopolis. Due to the weakness of Moldavia and Wallachia they were powerless to do anything about the violation. In an act of futility these provinces try to impose a tax on their own people to raise money to pay the Sultan's tax. Additionally, these provinces were obliged to sell grain, cattle and produce to the Ottoman Empire at below market value prices.

Due to the unsustainable conditions, the three principalities join forces and form the Holy League. The heads of the Holy League were three princes' Sigismund Bathory of Transylvania, Aaron the Tyrant of Moldavia and Michael the Brave of Wallachia. They promised to revolt on the same day November 13, 1594, against the Ottoman Empire.

Due to the fact that Wallachia is on the Ottoman border and the Turkish are establishing communities and mosques in the southern areas of Wallachia, much of the initial battles with the Ot-

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FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

March 7, 2021
TSBA Spring Tournamant
Host Youngstown Bowlers
July 9-11, 2021
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host: Salem Saxon Club

LOCAL EVENTS

October 30, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children’s Halloween Party
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

The Classic French Chateaubriand

This tenderloin of beef with sauce has been the delight of food lovers for more than century. Named for (or some sources say invented by) the French romantic period novelist Francois-Rene, vi-comte de Chateaubriand, the beef dish is roasted and served on a silver or oak tray, with wine sauce.



Ingredients

- 1 pound beef tenderloin (center cut)
- Salt (to taste)
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter (softened and divided)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium shallot (finely chopped)
- 1/2 cup dry red wine (medium-bodied)
- 1/2 cup demi-glace
- 1 tablespoon fresh tarragon (chopped, or 2 teaspoons dried)

Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients. Preheat oven to 375 F. Evenly season the beef with salt and pepper. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter with the olive oil in a large skillet (preferably cast-iron) set over medium-high heat until cloudy and bubbly. Place the seasoned meat in the pan and brown for 3 minutes without moving the meat. Using tongs, carefully turn the tenderloin on its side and brown for 3 minutes more. Repeat the same browning process on all exposed surfaces of the meat. Transfer the tenderloin to a rack placed in a roasting pan and transfer to the oven. (Set aside the skillet with any accumulated juices for making the sauce.) Roast the beef to your desired doneness about 15 minutes for medium rare, 20 min-

utes for medium, and 23 minutes for medium-well. Remove the meat from the oven and transfer to a warm serving platter. Lightly tent the meat with foil and let it rest for 15 minutes. While the tenderloin is resting, make the wine sauce. Combine the shallot with the juices in the skillet and saute over medium heat until the shallot is soft and translucent. Pour the wine into the skillet and bring the sauce to a boil, scraping up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan. Continue boiling the sauce until it reduces by half. Add the demi-glace to the sauce and continue boiling the mixture until slightly thickened. Remove the sauce from the heat and stir in the re-

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toman Empire were fought in Wallachia. Because much of the battles are fought in Wallachia, Michael the Brave, a proven military leader and the descendant of Vlad the Impaler and Stephen the Great, is selected to lead the military forces of the Holy League, with the support of Transylvania and Moldavia. The war begins when Turkish creditors are invited to come to Bucuresti to settle their debts. This was a deception. The Turkish creditors and the entire military force are massacred together. The Wallachia forces lead an attack on the Ottoman forces at Giugiu, along the Ottoman border. The town is plundered but the river crossing fails as Ottoman troops reinforce the crossing. The troops retreat and return to Bucuresti. It is learned through spies that a Turkish group from the East is leading a conspiracy attempt. An ambush is set for the group. All of the conspirators are captured and executed. In order to avoid future attempts, attacks are launched on border Ottoman fortifications along the Danube. The military siege continues south and west along the Danube and destroying Ottoman military fortifications. The Ottoman Empire is concerned and begins a counter offensive from the Sultan from the South and a Hungarian contingent from the West. Wallachia learns of the plans and sets up a small contingent to the West to provide for an ambush

Remember that your Medicare card and the information it contains are valuable and often the target of scammers. Guard your Medicare card just as you would a credit card. If anyone ever calls and asks for your Medicare number, hang up immediately. It is a scam.

maining 1 tablespoon softened butter and tarragon. Taste and season with salt and black pepper as needed. Slice the meat on the diagonal and serve with the wine sauce. Enjoy.

Recipe by Rebecca Franklin on thespruceeats.com

Guard your Medicare card

Medicare covers Covid tests

All Covid-19 lab tests are completely covered under Medicare. Medicare covers FDA-authorized Covid-19 antibody (or serology) tests if you were diagnosed with a known current or known prior Covid-19 infection or suspected current or suspected past Covid-19 infection. Medicare will also cover vaccines when they become available.

There is no chance unless you take one.

Then Wallachia renews military campaigns into Northern Bulgaria and pushing deep into Ottoman territory. At one point the army one days march to Constantinople. As assistance from the Holy League does not reach the army, they retreat back to Wallachia. The Ottoman Empire was so concerned that Constantinople would be attacked that they expelled any non-Muslim citizens that had not lived there more than 5 years. The successful Ottoman general, Sunan Patia of Hungary is called to combat the Ottoman military problems. Even though there has been tremendous success against the Ottoman armies there is concern as the troops are not the most qualified and equipped. They are in dire need of horses, carriages, tents and supplies. Previously, the armies had a lot of help from mercenaries. The Wallachia troops did not trust the mercenaries and would not cohort with them. It is determined that in order to stop the professional armies of the Ottomans that they will need the help of mercenaries. In order to hire and equip the armies, Wallachia ironically imposes even hire taxes on the people than the Ottoman had done, which caused the revolt initially. Wallachia seeks help from Transylvania. Sigismund Bathory provides support for Wallachia war efforts. In exchange Wallachia basically becomes a feudal state to Transylvania. The story does not end here, but continues on. Watch for the next series of the story of the Holy League’s strategies.

CONCLUSION

These are trying times. Many people are experiencing isolation and loneliness. We should make sure people know that we care about them by calling, emailing, texting or even using the old fashioned way of sending a card telling them how much they mean to us. It may be getting old but remember the saying; we are all in this together. In these times, we have a lot more time for reflection. I know I have personally had more time, with the break from being too busy, to think about all my blessings. We have time to think about the really important things in our lives, like friends and family. Let’s all take more time to remember all the good things and how fortunate we are. I find myself thanking God for all these blessings and what He has provided. God Bless.

Zum 90. Geburtstag:

Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert wird Ehrenpräsident der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen

Unser erster Präsident der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen, Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert, wurde zu seinem 90. Geburtstag am 6. August auf besondere Weise überrascht: Der Föderationsrat hat beschlossen, ihn zum Ehrenpräsidenten zu ernennen. Damit wird seinen beispielhaften Verdiensten um die Gemeinschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen weltweit insbesondere in seiner Eigenschaft als Präsident der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen Rechnung getragen.

Wolfgang Alfred Bonfert wurde am 6. August 1930 in Bukarest geboren. 1940 kam er mit seiner Familie nach Norddeutschland. Nach dem Studium der Veterinärmedizin an der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in München, das er mit dem Staatsexamen abschloss, folgten 1959 die Promotion zum Dr. med. vet. und danach verschiedene verantwortungsvolle Positionen als Veterinärarzt, Fachtierarzt für Lebensmittelhygiene, bis er schließlich im Gesundheitsministerium in Saarbrücken das Amt eines Ministerialrats und Leiters des Veterinärwesens im Saarland wahrnahm. Errundete seinen beruflichen Werdegang von 1975 bis 1989 mit einem Lehrauftrag in seinem Fachgebiet Lebensmittelhygiene an der Universität in Saarbrücken ab. In seinem Berufsleben war er in vielen Gremien ehrenamtlich tätig, zuletzt als Vorsitzender des Sozialausschusses der Tierärztekammer des Saarlandes bis Juli 2010. In 22 beruflichen, kulturellen und sozialen Vereinigungen war Wolfgang Bonfert als Mitglied oder im Vorstand aktiv.

Seit 1959 Mitglied der Landsmannschaft, wurde er bereits 1962 zum stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden der Landesgruppe Saarland gewählt, 1966 bis 1970 war er Landesvorsitzender. In den Jahren 1970-1980 engagierte er sich als stellvertretender Bundesvorsitzender und danach als Bundesjugendbeauftragter im Bundesvorstand. Seine Wahl zum Bundesvorsitzenden erfolgte im April 1983. Dieses Ehrenamt hatte er bis November 1989 inne.

Er erinnert sich an die Anfangszeiten: „Bei meinem Eintritt in die Landsmannschaft vor rund 60 Jahren und bald darauf auch Übernahme eines Amtes war die Zeit geprägt von dem Bemühen, die durch die Zeitläufte bedingten Schwierigkeiten für

uns Siebenbürger Sachsen zu bewältigen“. Unter anderem gab es damals auch das Spannungsfeld der Auseinandersetzungen „Gehen oder Bleiben“.

In seiner Amtszeit als Bundesvorsitzender kamen vielseitige Aufgaben auf ihn zu. Er wirkte bei heimatpolitischen Initiativen der Landsmannschaft mit, z. B. gegen das Freikaufdekret (*Siebenbürgische Zeitung/SbZ* vom 31. Mai 1983, Seite 1). In seiner Rede beim Heimattag 1983 bekräftigte er „die uneingeschränkte Verwirklichung der Menschenrechte für unsere Landsleute in Siebenbürgen“ (*SbZ* vom 31. Mai 1983, Seite 2). Seine Erfolgsrezepte waren und sind gute Argumente, Geradlinigkeit, Standfestigkeit und Zuverlässigkeit sowie ein wacher Blick für alles, was sich vor und hinter den Kulissen bewegt, und das ruhige Urteil nach geduldigem Zuhören – was unweigerlich zum Vertrauen seiner Gesprächspartner führt. Bonfert ersetzt Argumente nie durch Lautstärke oder Worthülsen, er sucht den Konsens, ohne Schwäche zu zeigen, und setzt wegen eines kurzfristigen Erfolgserlebnisses das Vertrauen für eine langfristig notwendige Zusammenarbeit nie auf Spiel. Dieses Vertrauen machte ihn bei Politikern, mit denen er auf Landes- und Bundesebene in Berührung kam, ebenso wie bei den Medien und Repräsentanten anderer Landsmannschaften zu einem gefragten Gesprächspartner. In diesem Sinne führte er zahlreiche Gespräche nicht nur mit deutschen Politikern, wie Arbeits- und Sozialminister unseres Patenlandes NRW, im Auswärtigen Amt, im Bundesinnenministerium, im Kanzleramt und beim Bundespräsidenten, sondern auch mit Vertretern der rumänischen Botschaft (*SbZ* vom 15. Juni 1984, Seite 3). „So hatte ich während meiner



Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert mit Gattin Ingeborg beim Heimattag 2011 in Dinkelsbühl. 1985, in seiner Amtszeit als Bundesvorsitzender, wurde die Partnerschaft des Verbandes und der Stadt Dinkelsbühl besiegelt. Der Ehrenvorsitzende des Verbandes beteiligte sich inzwischen an 57 Heimattagen in Dinkelsbühl. Foto: Herwart Licker

Amtszeit regelmäßig vor Kontakten Genschers mit rumänischen Außenministern oder sonstigen hochrangigen Gesprächspartnern Termine bei ihm, um aktuell unsere Anliegen vorzutragen.“ Als einen Höhepunkt betrachtet Bonfert ein Gespräch 1989 mit dem Minister-Staatssekretär im rumänischen Außenministerium über eine „Verbesserung der humanitären Bedingungen bei Ausreisen, Verbesserung der Kontaktnahme und Hilfen für Siebenbürger Sachsen in Rumänien, Pflege und Sicherung unseres Kulturgutes und Erleichterungen wissenschaftlicher und kultureller Kontakte“.

Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen

Die Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen ist eines seiner „Kinder“. Sie wurde als weltweite Interessenvertretung aller Siebenbürger Sachsen am 3. Oktober 1983 in Elixhausen-Sachsenheim gegründet. Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert wurde ihr erster Präsident und behielt dieses Ehrenamt in Absprache mit seinem Nachfolger auch nach seiner Zeit als Bundesvorsitzender. Er unternahm mit den anderen Bundesvorsitzenden

1991 eine „Föderationsreise“ nach Siebenbürgen, wo er sich mit Vertretern des Demokratischen Forums der Deutschen in Siebenbürgen (DFDS) zusammengefunden hatte, Kontakt aufnahm und die Möglichkeiten der Zusammenarbeit erörterte. Auch ein Besuch bei Bischof Albert Klein in Hermannstadt führte zu ausführlichen Erörterungen über die Situation der Evangelischen Kirche A.B. in Rumänien.

Sehr ausgeprägt ist sein Talent, Freundschaften aufzubauen und zu erhalten. Bei den Heimattagen in den USA und Kanada oder bei den Sachsentreffen konnte ich das feststellen: In den Gesprächen dort kamen immer wieder sein Name und sein Wirken ins Spiel.

Eine der herausragenden Stärken von Wolfgang Bonfert ist sein besonderes Gespür für Probleme der sogenannten Basis. Dadurch hat er es immer überzeugend verstanden, eine Balance zu schaffen zwischen den essenziellen Problemen, die uns alle an der Basis drücken, und den existenziellen Problemen des Verbandes auf Landes- und Bundesebene. Dabei lag sein Augenmerk

immer darauf, dass alle gleiche Start- und Rahmenbedingungen hatten. Unvergessen ist sein Engagement für die HOGs, deren Gründung ein neues Aufgabenfeld darstellten und bei einigen Kreis- und Landesgruppen Irritationen hervorriefen: „Ich habe mich von Anfang an dafür ausgesprochen, die Heimatortsgemeinschaften als sinnvolle Ergänzung landsmannschaftlicher Arbeit anzusehen, und habe auch regelmäßig an deren ‚Verbandsveranstaltungen‘ (Offenau 1983, Gundelsheim 1984, Drabenderhöhe 1985, Crailsheim 1987) teilgenommen.“

Er wies immer rechtzeitig darauf hin, wohin die Reise geht und wie man den kommenden Schwierigkeiten begegnen kann. So ging von ihm 1986 die Initiative aus, den Rat der Südostdeutschen wieder zu aktivieren und gemeinsame Positionen der angeschlossenen Landsmannschaften zu beraten und Konzepte für die künftige Arbeit zu entwickeln (*SbZ* vom 15.12.1986, Seite 1).

In seiner Arbeit hat er Beharrlichkeit und Mut zum Ungewöhnlichen und Überzeugungskraft bewiesen. Mit großer Sachkenntnis und Energie hat er wesentlich zur Gründung des „Sozialwerks der Siebenbürger Sachsen“ als eingetragener Verein am 26. Oktober 1986 in Dinkelsbühl beigetragen. 1985 wurde eine Partnerschaft zwischen der Stadt Dinkelsbühl und den Siebenbürger Sachsen geschlossen.

Kultur

Sein Bestreben war, eine „enge Beziehungen und ein Klima freundschaftlicher Zusammenarbeit“ herzustellen, wie er nach seinen Antrittsbesuchen im Mai und Juni 1983 bei dem Vorstand des Hilfskomitees in Würzburg, beim Kulturrat und Museumsvereins in Gundelsheim bemerkte. „Ein grundlegendes Anliegen für uns Siebenbürger Sachsen ist die Bewahrung und Fortentwicklung des kulturellen Erbes auch in unseren neuen Lebensbereichen, weil es dabei um europäisches Kulturgut geht“ (*SbZ* vom 15. Juni 1984, S. 3).

Einsatz für die Jugend

Er verfügt über ungewöhnliche Kräfte der Integration

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Apold / Trappold

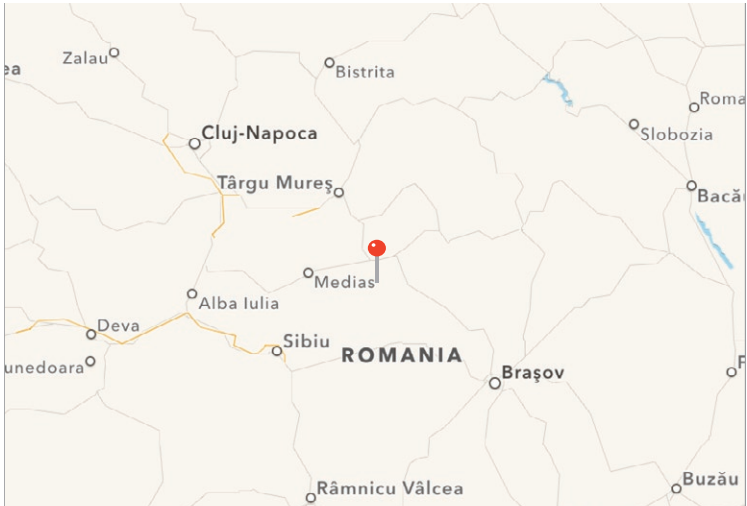


The three-aisles hall church originates from the 15th century, when the aisles of the former Romanesque basilica were heightened. The chancel and the nave were vaulted, and the walls of the side naves were replaced with octagonal pillars. A tower was built for the first time on the western side of the church and together with the nave and the chancel it was strengthened by adding defence levels between 1504 and 1507. From the fortification measures of the 15th and 16 century, the outer ring walls and three defensive towers have been preserved. The inner wall was demolished in the 19th century, but its path it is easy to track on the exposed foundations. On the north side a storage building equipped with loopholes survived the centuries. The church boasts several treasures in its interior: the neo-classical organ altar from 1821, a Gothic tabernacle, the pulpit and wooden galleries built in 1760.

Place and surroundings
The 13th Century basilica erected in a strategic position on top of a hill surrounded by the river Şaeş, evolved later into the famous fortified church of Apold. The ensemble survived turbulent times and stays even today



almost entirely preserved, with fortification walls, defense towers and storage rooms. Since 2004 Corona Association has been looking after the assembly and has carried out careful restoration work. Part of the preservation concept is to train the local people in traditional craft techniques and to involve them in the restoration process. One can get an impression of the changing duties of a castle guardian through times. A few hundred years ago he had to look out for enemies, ring the bells and heat the community room. Today his duties resemble more closely those of a project manager: he is administrator, caretaker and fundraiser; he prepares church services, looks after tourists and organizes concerts and other events.



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und damit über ein wertvolles Kapital für das Innenleben von Vereinen, deren Mitgliedschaft freiwillig ist und deren Interessenlage internen Meinungsverschiedenheiten ausgesetzt ist. Diese Kräfte ermöglichten es ihm, seine Energie ohne Verluste in die tägliche Arbeit einzubringen. Soweit es möglich ist, besorgt Bonfert das eigentlich Wichtige nicht mit großer Rede, sondern schlicht und einfach miteinander. Wer ihn kennt, weiß, dass dem umsichtigen Bundesvorsitzenden die Jugend und deren Entwicklung besonders am Herzen lag: Die 1978 erfolgreichen Bemühungen, die Jugendarbeit mit neuem Leben zu erwecken, wurden dank der Mitwirkung engagierter junger Leute zum „Selbstläufer“ und führten 1986 zur Gründung der Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Jugend in Deutschland (SJD) und deren Aufnahme als eigenständige Gliederung in die Landsmannschaft. Bonfert betrachtet heute die Entwicklung der Jugendarbeit und das kreative Engagement der jungen Leute mit „besonderer Genugtuung“! Er hofft sehr, dass dieser Trend anhalten möge, „denn dies ist ein Teil unserer Zukunft“.

Ehrungen, Auszeichnungen

Sein Wissen, seine Erfahrung und seine kommunikativen Fähigkeiten, kurz seine fachliche und soziale Kompetenz, werden von uns allen geschätzt und er konnte sie immer wieder unter Beweis stellen, z. B. als Wahlleiter

bei Neuwahlen unserer letzten Verbandstage. Auch nach seiner Zeit als Bundesvorsitzender hat Dr. Bonfert im Bundesvorstand kritisch und konstruktiv mitgearbeitet. Insbesondere dort war seine Meinung gefragt, weil er immer offen zu anstehenden Problemen Stellung nahm und Lösungswege aufzeigte.

Der Jubilar hat eine sehr erfolgreiche Verbandsarbeit geleistet. Für sein außergewöhnliches Engagement wurde Dr. Bonfert mehrfach ausgezeichnet: 1967 mit dem Goldenen Ehrenwappen der Landsmannschaft, 1989 mit dem Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande, 1998 mit dem Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Jugendpreis, 1999 mit der Wahl zum Ehrenvorsitzenden der Landsmannschaft, 2009 mit dem Ehrenstern der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen und 2020 als deren Ehrenpräsident.

Er blickt heute gern auf seine Tätigkeiten im Rahmen des Verbandes zurück: „Ich bin dankbar für viele Begegnungen und manche Freundschaft und für viele Erfahrungen, die ich sonst wohl nicht oder nicht so intensiv gemacht hätte. Ich habe dabei meiner Frau, die aus Oberschlesien stammt und die mit ihrer Familie erst Anfang 1960 in die Bundesrepublik ausreisen konnte, sehr für ihr Verständnis und für ihre Unterstützung zu danken.“ In seinen Dank für treue Unterstützung bezieht er auch andere Persönlichkeiten mit ein und viele seiner Mitarbeiter aus dem landsmannschaftlichen Bereich.

Zukunftswünsche

Fragt man Dr. Bonfert nach den Wünschen für die Zukunft, so kommt er neben dem erfolgreichen Wirken der SJD auf den Erhalt des Zusammenhalts und des Zusammenwirkens der verstreut in der Welt lebenden und unterschiedlichen Einflüssen ausgesetzten Siebenbürger Sachsen zu sprechen und auch darauf, dass „die von unseren Vorfahren und deren aktuellen Nachkommen geschaffenen Kulturgüter und durchlebte Geschichte ein einigendes Band“ bleiben möge. Die Daseinsberechtigung und eine „Überlebenschance“ der Siebenbürger Sachsen sieht er nicht nur in der kulturellen Dokumentation, sondern auch in dem solidarischen Zusammenstehen, Achtung der gewandelten Traditionen, wobei eine Zukunftsorientierung unerlässlich ist.

Lieber Herr Dr. Bonfert, Sie haben Zukunftspläne geschmiedet, haben Ihre Nachfolge bestens geregelt und Sie hatten ein landsmannschaftliches Team, das immer geschlossen zu Ihnen stand und steht. Zu ihrem 90. Geburtstag möchte ich Ihnen von ganzem Herzen gratulieren! Ich wünsche Ihnen für die Zukunft alles erdenklich Gute, vor allem beste Gesundheit und viel Kraft, um dem Schicksal zu begegnen.

Herta Daniel,
Ehrenvorsitzende

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NOURISHED Wordoku

How to solve wordoku puzzles

You only need logic and patience to solve a wordoku.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one letter from the word NOURISHED. Similarly, each letter can only appear once in a column or row in the larger grid.

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How much life insurance do I need?

Life can be a puzzle. Trying to put the pieces together isn't always easy. There are puzzle pieces that include being a child, becoming an adult, getting a good education, landing a good job, getting married, starting and raising a family, growing old, and retirement years. Mixed in with those puzzle pieces are cars, houses, credit card bills, illnesses, and lots of good memories. But, what happens when you lose a piece of that puzzle? What happens to that family when someone dies? Life Insurance can help!

Do I need Life Insurance? If someone depends on you financially, you are probably someone who needs life insurance. Life Insurance provides cash to your family or loved ones after your death. This cash replaces your income and the many non-paid ways you support your family. They can use this cash to pay for expenses like funeral costs, medical expenses, credit card bills, etc. Even if you do not have someone who relies on you financially, you still need to cover your funeral costs. You don't want to make your loved ones pay for this out of their pockets.

Why is Life Insurance worth it? There are many answers to this question, but the most important one is to ensure your family's financial security and peace of mind. The proceeds of your life insurance policy are paid to your loved ones. This provides time for them to piece their life back together after your death.

How much Life Insurance do I need? Add up the immediate, ongoing, and future expenses your family or loved ones would incur if you were to pass away (ex: funeral costs, rent or mortgage, medical expenses). Add up the financial resources your loved ones already have. This could mean a spouse's income and life insurance that's already in place. Subtract your financial resources from the anticipated expenses. The difference between the two numbers is the approximate life insurance to buy.

Contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home Office to learn more about our Life Insurance Plans:

- **Single Payment Life**—Only one premium pays this plan for life
- **Seven Payment Life**—Payments are made for only seven years
- **Twenty Payment Life**—Can complete premium payments during one's best earning years
- **Life Paid up at Age 65**—Premium payments are completed by retirement age
- **Whole Life**—Provides the maximum amount of permanent life insurance with cash value at the lowest rates

