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## ATS Family Day at Waldameer and Water World

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Saturday, July 24, 2021

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Water World

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they want to enter Water World)

Hours for Water World 11 am – 7 pm  
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### TICKET ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS @ \$14.00.....\$  
Name and Certificate Number of Members:

Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Members @ \$29.75.....\$

Number attending that will not purchase combo pass

Amount Remitted.....\$

Mail tickets to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to ATS

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Mail your Ticket Order to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129  
Deadline for Ticket Orders is July 9, 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Congratulations to all of our high school seniors who are graduating! We know that your senior year was different than most due to mandates, social distancing and possibly distance learning. You made the most of it and got through it! To those who are furthering their education, good luck in college. To those who are entering the work force, you have great opportunities right now to get good jobs. Good luck to all of you!

I also want to say congratulations to our members who are graduating from college! You've worked hard over the last few years to achieve a milestone that will stay with you for the rest of your lives. Good luck to all of you, too!

On a personal note, the mom in me wants to brag. My youngest daughter, Courtney, is graduating from John Carroll University. She has earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with minors in Data Science and Actuarial Science. It's hard to believe that four years has flown by this fast. Congratulations!

The Fraternal Activities/Scholarship Committee met recently to select the 2021 ATS Scholarship winners. We awarded 21 Freshman Academic Scholarship Grants and 15 Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Grants. Winners will be announced in the next issue.

Did you know that Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day? Memorial Day this year falls on Monday, May 31. Memorial Day is an American holiday for honoring and mourning the men and women who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. (As a contrast, Veterans Day is dedicated to all veterans, living or not, of all wars.) The day originated in the years following the Civil War. During the Civil War (1861 – 1865), high casualty rates and lack of personal identification led to large numbers of unknown soldiers buried along marching routes or battlefields. This led to the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries in 1862 to ensure the proper burial of all service members. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. On May 5, 1868 General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month: "The 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the

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*Become concerned and involved  
about the future of your Branch.*

*Do something about it and it will flourish!*

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021**

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**KEEP CALM,  
WEAR A MASK,  
AND GET  
VACCINATED!**





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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if donation is in memory  
or honor of someone  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE  
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land.” The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield (who later became our 20<sup>th</sup> President) made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states continued to honor their fallen on separate days until after World War I.

After World War I, the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30<sup>th</sup>. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. That change went into effect in 1971. That same law declared Memorial Day as a federal holiday. Many Americans observe the day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, this day marks the beginning of the summer season.

This year, please remember to take time out of your three-day weekend to decorate those grave sites of our fallen men and women who died while serving our country.

Until next time....



Convention

Saturday June 12, 2021

10:30 AM

Salem Saxon Club

Luncheon will follow

RSVP: Glenn Spack  
(330) 332-8174

BRANCH 27,  
CASTLE  
By Dolores Both

Save the date: June 10, 2021, 3:30 p.m. at the club. It’s our first meeting since March 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic . It sure will be a treat to see everyone again and catch up with the latest news. To celebrate our reunion, we will have a pot luck indoor picnic at the club after our meeting. Branch 27 will furnish the chicken and tableware. Members please bring a covered dish or desert. Call me (724-658-7407) by June 5 so we can get a count on how much chicken to order.

On a sad note, our sympathies go out to the family of long-time member Kathy Bloos who passed away this month in North Carolina. Kathy was one of our “Kitchen Ladies” for many years and many events. Kathy and the team of Kitchen Ladies provided us with delicious meals for all of the events held at the club.

We will be so glad to see everyone at the meeting and indoor picnic. Please, if you haven’t been vaccinated, please wear a mask. If you’ve been vaccinated, it’s at your discretion whether or not you wear a mask. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy as best we can.

See you Thursday, June 10, 3:30 at the club for our first meeting in over a year, our pot luck indoor picnic, and most importantly, some good old fashioned Gemütlichkeit!

No one is  
listening  
until you  
make  
a mistake.

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MAIL: 29076 Fall River Dr  
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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
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021	FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021	FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021

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





July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sylvan Heights  
Golf Course

Golf Outing  
and Dinner  
\$65 / Person

8 AM  
Shotgun Start

Dinner to be  
Served at the  
Golf Course

July 10, 2021

— All proceeds benefit The Eintracht Singing Society —

## Joe Kraus Memorial Golf Scramble Golf and Dinner

4 man, best ball scramble. Refreshments  
available, lunch at the turn,  
hole prizes and skins.

### Joe Kraus Memorial Golf Scramble

July 10, 2021

Sylvan Heights Golf Course

2661 Ellwood Rd, New Castle PA 16101

### SHOTGUN START AT 8 AM

PLEASE ARRIVE 45 MINUTES AHEAD OF TIME TO CHECK IN

\$65/Person - Includes golf, prizes, refreshments,  
lunch and dinner afterwards at the golf course

All proceeds benefit The Eintracht Singing Society

### CONTEST TO INCLUDE:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners

Shortest drive, longest drive, skins, 50/50 also available mulligans

Player 1 :	_____	Phone:	_____
Player 2 :	_____	Phone:	_____
Player 3 :	_____	Phone:	_____
Player 4:	_____	Phone:	_____

Teams must be registered  
and payment made by JULY 1, 2021

Questions may be directed to:

Hans Kraus: 724-651-0806 or Rose Montini: 724-674-9327

Forms, along with money, can be dropped off at the

Eintracht Singing Society Club

108 Taylor St, New Castle PA 16101

Checks are to be made out to: "Eintracht Singing Society"

GOLD SPONSORS      \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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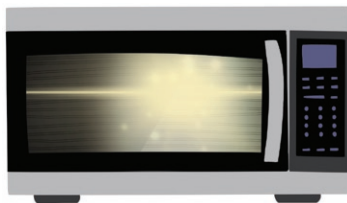
INVITE

your relatives and friends to  
join the crowd at ATS.  
Tell them about our fraternal society!

## Salem Saxon Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now available to area high school seniors from the Salem Saxon Scholarship Fund. Applications may be picked up in the school guidance counselors' offices at Salem High School, West Branch High School, and United Local High School. Applicants must have at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and plan to attend or be

enrolled in a post high school educational program in the fall of 2021. The completed scholarship applications and required attachments are due no later than June 1. The trustees of the scholarship fund are Sam McKinney, Art Maroscher, Marcia Spack, Barbara Spack and Geoff Goll, legal counsel. Questions can be referred to Barbara Spack at 330-501-1491.



### Fireproof your microwave

Microwaves are one of the safest appliances in the home, but they can still cause fires through misuse or accidents.

In one unusual case in Chicago, food that was wrapped in foil and then microwaved caused a fire that wiped out six homes. But this is exceptionally rare.

At least 90 percent of homes have microwaves, according to the New York Times. Microwaves are the cause of only 4 percent of home cooking fires and 1 percent of associated deaths. They are very safe when compared to ranges and cooktops, which account for 62 percent of cooking fires and 89 percent of deaths.

Overheated food is usually the cause of microwave fires. It is usually because someone entered the wrong cook time and left the appliance unsupervised. Luckily, microwaves are designed to contain small fires, so if you manage to start one, unplug the microwave and keep the door closed.

To microwave safely:

- Watch for metal. Utensils, bowls, cups, twist ties and foil can spark and cause fires.

- Don't wave recycled paper products. Some contain flecks of metal. Check any packaging to ensure it's approved for microwave use.

- Keep the inside clean. Food residue and grease can ignite and cause a fire.

- In case of flames in a microwave, unplug it immediately.

- Don't microwave grapes, peas, blueberries or any round food with a high water content. They can easily cause sparks.

### BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

Branch 33 continues to have its meetings virtually via Zoom. And we want to thank all the members who have been attending. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. Maria Phillips will email the zoom link. Since Covid restrictions seem to be easing, we are planning to resume in person meetings in September. I will keep you posted.

Also, we are planning a couple outings for this summer. Barb Hum is working on arrangements for our annual Lake County Captains baseball game. We have a deck reserved for the evening of Saturday July 24th. Tickets will include both the game and food. This year Branch 33 will be paying our members' tickets. The price for guests is \$23. You definitely need to make reservations because we believe numbers of people will be limited due to Covid precautions. Please call Barb Hum to make your reservation (440) 336- 5290.

Our annual summer picnic will be at Penetentiary Glen in Kirtland on August 8. The Christmas dinner at Pine Ridge is also being planned. A Branch 33 committee is working on the national ATS convention to be held at Beachwood's Marriott East in May 2022. Please mark these dates on your calendar as well.

We want to send out congratulations to seniors graduating from high school and college this Spring. I am proud to announce that my niece, Elizabeth Krestel, graduated from George Washington Law School last week. Good luck on the Bar exam!

Branch 33 welcomes a few new members including Lisa Deaton (I hope I spelled that right. ) She is working

at the home office; So if you're going to be calling the Office, say hi to our new member! Happy birthday to all of our members who had a May birthday. Special 90th birthday greetings go out to Clara and Don Weber. And as junior members turn 16 please remember to contact us to sign up as an adult member. Watch the Volksblatt for Branch member scholarship details.

I am so sad to report that our member Martha Bretz, age 88, passed away May 14, 2021. Sharing her obit: "She was born in Ravenna, OH, on November 10, 1932, to the late Nelson and Nora Miller (nee Yoder). She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who will be greatly missed by many. In her free time, she enjoyed crocheting, watching sports especially baseball, and traveling alongside friends. Martha was a proud member of Bethel Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Willoughby Senior Center, Willoughby Red Foxes of the Red Hat Society, and Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons Branch 33. Martha is survived by her children Mike Bretz and Ruth (Steve) Beegles". Her husband of 48 years, Michael, died several years ago. We all remember Martha as she rarely missed a meeting; and those from other branches will remember her coming with her son Mike and caretaker Diane Hum to watch the ATS bowlers. She always had a craft or crochet project to work on. And yes, she was quite proud of her Amish ancestry! Our heartfelt condolences to Martha's family, we will miss her.

And so I close another article by wishing everybody good health, good weather, good times!



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

June 12, 2021  
TSBA Convention  
Host: Salem Saxon Club  
July 24, 2021  
ATS Family Day at Waldameer  
Waldameer Family Fun Park, Erie PA  
May 22-23, 2022  
ATS Convention

LOCAL EVENTS

July 18, 2021  
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic Lynn Woods, Morton Grove IL  
July 24, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Captains Baseball Game  
July 25, 2021  
Youngstown Br. 30 Saxon Day  
August 8, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Annual Picnic, Penitentiary Glen  
August 15, 2021  
Lorain Br. 5 Picnic, Lakeview Park

Too good to be true: Choosing the most effective sunscreens

Beauty fanatics called it a holy grail product, HG for short. It layered beautifully under makeup, moisturized the skin and didn't cause acne breakouts. And according to Vogue Magazine, the manufacturer self-reported an unbelievable SPF of 84.5. The product was a South Korean sunscreen, Centella Green Level Unscented Sun SPF50+, by South Korean cosmetics company Purito. The product rode the wave of popularity recently enjoyed by Korean beauty products in the United States to become a beloved favorite among social media influencers. But there was a catch. It turned out that instead of SPF 84.5, the sunscreen was no higher than SPF

19, according to Cosmetics Business. And according to New York Magazine, overstated SPF levels is not new or uncommon. One Consumer Reports study found that 36 out of 53 sunscreens tested failed to live up to their SPF promises. So all of this begs the question: How do consumers identify products they can trust to protect the health of their skin? According to New York Magazine, the best way to ensure that a sunscreen works the way you think it will to protect your skin is to make sure it's FDA-approved. To do that, look up the product's name or NDC number (a ten-digit code) on NDClist.com. Inclusion on this list verifies that the

manufacturer has conducted FDA-compliant testing. You can also simply look at the label. Every sunscreen should be labeled with a drug facts box that lists the active ingredients and percentages. As cosmetic chemist David Petrillo told New York Magazine, one easy way to pick the best protection between two sunscreens with the same SPF is to choose the formula with the higher percentages of active ingredients. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, everyone should use sunscreens that offer broad-spectrum protection with SPF 30 or higher. Water resistance is also recommended.

Nuts appear good for heart

A new analysis of dietary questionnaires found that women who ate about a quarter cup of nuts at least twice a week had a 27 percent lower risk of death from cardiovascular disease, compared with women who didn't eat nuts. The study published in the Journal of Clinical Lipidology, analyzed two sets of questionnaires filled out by 39,000 women. The original dietary questionnaire was followed up 10 years later by a second questionnaire. Women who ate nuts had improved cholesterol and lower blood sugar levels.



May 31, 2021: Memorial Day: Remembering the service of the fallen

On Memorial Day, we take time to honor the ultimate sacrifice made by those who fought for our country. Many of those who died in the service of our country are known to us personally. They were our sons, our fathers, our uncles, aunts, or cousins, or they were our friends. The heroes of wars long past are not forgotten. Veterans groups walk the old graveyards to place flags on the tombstones of those who died in battles long past, but still remembered. Their great sacrifices and honorable service helped our country become the nation it is today. We can never forget. Many of their names are on tombstones in our own country and in cemeteries across the globe. Some cannot be named specifically, and they are honored in a special way: at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

It is guarded by faithful sentinels night and day. The importance of this duty is expressed in the "Sentinel's Creed":  
*My dedication to this sacred duty is total and wholehearted. In the responsibility bestowed on me, never will I falter. And with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection. Through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements, I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability. It is he who commands the respect I protect, his bravery that made us so proud. Surrounded by well-meaning crowds by day, alone in the thoughtful peace of night, this soldier will in honored Glory rest under my eternal vigilance.*  
-- Sentinel's Creed of the Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



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.

Deadline for submission is June 30th.

ATS Masks for Sale



The ATS has face masks for sale. ATS Secretary, Monica Gilles, modeled the mask while working at the ATS Office.

Masks are \$5.00 each. Send checks payable to  
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5393 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, OH 44129



## CHURCHES



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

11423 Chicago Rd.  
Warren, Michigan 48093  
(586) 979-3850  
stpeters\_church@sbcglobal.net  
www.stpeterswarren.or

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

### St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road  
Highland Hts., Ohio  
(440) 449-1334

Rev. Barbara Holzhauser  
Pastor

10:00 Worship Service

### BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

Saxon Lodge Branch 26 held its meeting on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

We started the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call of officers – only one absent.

Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was also read and accepted.

Sick slips were read for members and voted to accept payment.

The Rail Cats sign up sheet was made available to those who will attend.

The raffle was won by Pete Guip; lucky Pete also won the attendance prize.

The meeting was then adjourned and we all enjoyed fellowship and a variety of pizzas.

Til we meet again.

Et kit mer feng,  
en Sox zā Seng.



## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

### MONTHLY MEETING

Luncheon meeting only - There will be **NO** business meeting. Business meetings will resume on July 19, 2021 meetings.

Special mention and in consideration of the health of all Saxons attending the meeting, we hope everyone has been vaccinated and we will abide by the protocols of Hickory House.

#### HICKORY HOUSE

550 Offcenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
Monday, June 21, 2021  
Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month.

**Remember to bring a canned good item or other food item.**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We have had several members that have been unable to attend meetings due to health or other circumstances. Please keep these members in your prayers. We ask for a special mention and prayers for Dorothea Hesch. Dorothea will no longer be able to attend our meetings. We ask God to watch over Dorothea and comfort her.

#### CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing Happy Birthdays to George Lassel (May 29<sup>th</sup>), Martin Hesch (June 6<sup>th</sup>) and Sara Alzner-Brown (June 22<sup>nd</sup>). We hope they have wonderful birthday celebrations. May your birthdays be filled with happiness and good fortune.

We want to congratulate Liz and George Lassel on their anniversary (June 24<sup>th</sup>). May your blessings and celebrations be many.

### LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER

One of the members of our Saxon Club Facebook Group, Rick Fleischer, got me interested in Martin Luther by posting the topic of 'Luther, a new free online course' by Dallas Theological Seminary. Also, I used a reference of Martin Luther from 'Encyclopedia of World Biography', in summarizing some points of Martin Luther's life. Additionally, I thought it would be interesting to share the story of Martin Luther as his teachings and doctrines would shape religious history for Germans, Saxons and the entire world. This will be a series of stories and this is **PART 4.**

As we ended **PART 3**, we learned that Luther gets his chance to be heard. This is just what he wants. He gets three debates. Does he slay/destroy his debaters? That

is what we will find out in our final part of this series in **Part 5 of The Life of Luther** in our June 11<sup>th</sup> issue.

The basis for Martin Luther's teaching and life can be summed up in a symbol that epitomizes the message that Luther is trying to bring to us. It is called 'Luther's Rose.' It can be seen in older churches throughout Germany:



#### Luther's Rose

- Take a heart that is made clean, natural color.
- Placing in that heart a black cross, accursed-Luther's thinking is the cursing of Christ, destruction of Christ on the cross is what makes the heart clean.
- Put it in a white rose, meaning peace.
- Put it in a blue field meaning joy.
- Put a gold ring around it meaning endless.

Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, cleans the heart, brings peace and joy without end-that is the message that Luther brings to us.

Luther in his learning and understandings goes through many transitions. The following is a brief explanation of Luther's life transitions: First he thought that declaring or making righteous in the sight of God, meaning by doing what is right would make you righteous in the eyes of God.

- A year after the 95 Theses he realizes it's personal.
- He once thought God was a cruel judge, then he came to see God as a helper, simply a helper, then he discovered he was a free giving savior.

• Once he thought forgiveness was of human works.

• Then he thought it was Christ's work in us making us righteous.

• Then he found the answer, it is Christ's work in us, not making us righteous but declaring us righteous.

Martin Luther was a very complex and interesting individual. The 'Luther's Rose' and his transitions through his beliefs provide a brief summary of what made Luther who he was and why he steadfastly believed in the foundation for the Reformation and the challenges to the Roman Catholic Church.

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Greetings to all our members!

The Youngstown Saxon Club is still open three days a week: Sundays from 9:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, from 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. We look forward to opening more in future days.

There will be an officers meeting on June 13 at Noon, but there will be no general meeting during June.

We welcome our new members: Heather Brocious, Chris Brocious, Todd Reutzel and Jack Domer.

Since our Club is experiencing age related needs, we are asking for help from volunteers with general maintenance and building experience to help with repairs. We need repair work done in air conditioning, roofing and heating especially and very much needed help from members with these talents. We are just getting on our feet after the worst of this epidemic but cannot afford to pay outside fees for these repairs. Even if you can donate a little time, please contact the office at 330-792-7973 or one of the officers. We need you!

Also, we need volunteers to be at the Club during rentals so a member can be available and close up the Club. If you can volunteer for an event, please call Tammy at the office.

We still follow the state mandate that members wear masks and keep six feet apart for social distancing. This is for your safety as well as for all other members.

Saxon Day will be held July 25 with members being treated to free food and beer, payment for liquor at the bar. This will be a grand time to get together with friends again. Nonmembers pay \$5.00.

Please contact Julaine Gilmartin at 330-720-8127 or Rosemary Zamary at 330-792-0388 to help in the kitchen pavilion from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. or from 3:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m. or help with cleanup at the end. Please volunteer to help for a few hours, all ladies or men, and then enjoy the picnic with your contribution to Saxon Day. Contributions of baked goods are also needed.

Because of the pandemic, our Saxon Club is being able to move forward because of you who volunteer. Thank you and the best of good health to each of you.



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.

### Virginia M. Nesbitt

Age 87

Died: February 20, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Earl L. Smith

Age 86

Died: March 10, 2021  
Home Branch

### Anna T. Bloch

Age 100

Died: April 20, 2021  
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH

### Ann H. Spack

Age 88

Died: May 12, 2021  
Branch 18, Salem, OH

### Pauline C. Kupniewski

Age 74

Died: May 13, 2021  
Home Branch

### Martha E. Bretz

Age 88

Died: May 14, 2021  
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

## BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON By Cheryl Schnebelen

Well, we hope that everyone is making it through the Covid-19 pandemic fairly well. I hope that no one has been affected by the illness beyond being locked up for a year.

We will once again be having an in person meeting on Sunday, June 20, at 1:00. Masks will be worn by everyone and lunch will be provided. Please join us at the Carriage Hill Clubhouse on June 20, 5228 Everhard Rd NW, Canton, OH 44718. See you there!

## Bluffing

*When people are taken out of their depths they lose their heads, no matter how charming a bluff they may put up.*

F. Scott Fitzgerald

*The whole world is run on bluff.*

Marcus Garvey



Kronstadt / Braşov



The most important church of the Gothic period in Transylvania is a result of several alterations of the two preceding churches, the first Romanesque building being destroyed by an earthquake. Apart from the architectural importance of the church this is the place where the first protestant service in German language was held in 1642, this being the starting point for the reformation which was to spread throughout Transylvania. Several earthquakes during the 16th and 17th Century demanded renovation and structural support of the vaults and walls. Also the second originally planned tower at the western facade was not constructed due to the danger of earthquakes. But the heaviest damage of the church happened during the Great Fire of 1689, when it burned down completely, followed by the collapse of the vaults.

Since the reconstruction works which lasted until 1772, a composition of baroque and Gothic elements hence shaped the interior of the hall church. Further renovation works, completed



1999, changed the outside appearance by cleaning the sandstone, thus making the name “black church” history. The facades show a rich decor of ornamental and figurative sculpture of sandstone, some of them having been replaced by copies to protect them from air pollution. One can see the originals inside the church. On the interior walls there is a display of 104 oriental carpets that were brought to Transylvania through the broad trade relations of the Saxon merchants to the Middle East. They were given to the parish on the occasion of festivities and since then kept and cared for during the centuries.

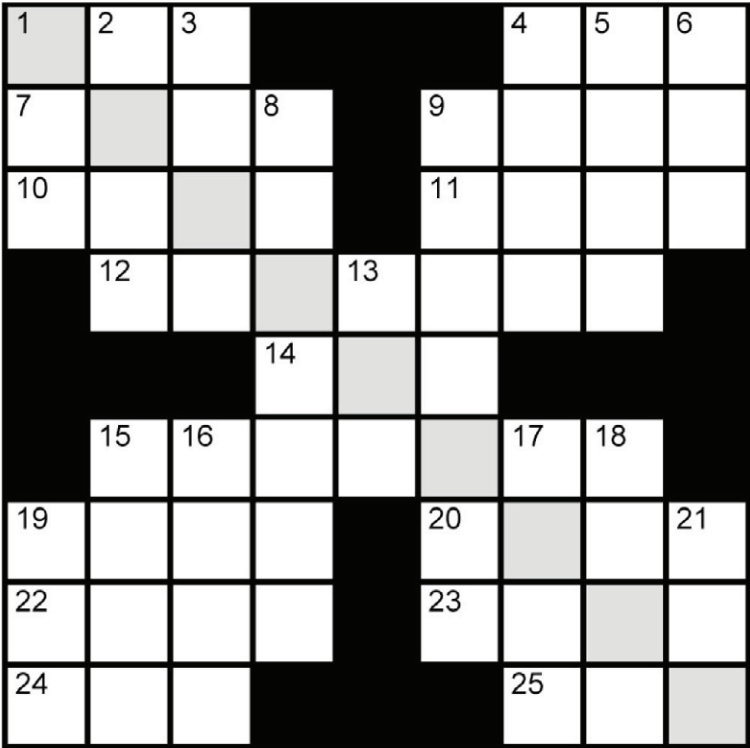


Fortified Churches Foundation  
[www.kirchenburgen.org](http://www.kirchenburgen.org)

Bear's Eye or Black Caps

Across

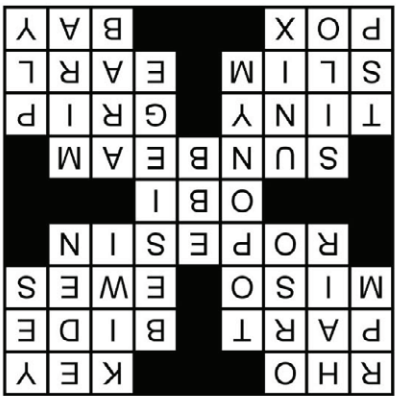
- 1. Pi follower
- 4. Lock opener
- 7. Actor's goal
- 9. Wait
- 10. Soybean paste
- 11. Farm females
- 12. Entices
- 14. \_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- 15. Ray of natural light
- 19. Very small
- 20. Film crew member
- 22. Thin
- 23. Viscount's superior
- 24. Chicken \_\_\_\_
- 25. Chesapeake, e.g.



Down

- 1. Engine speed, for short
- 2. "Aquarius" musical
- 3. Approximately
- 4. Tropical fruit
- 5. Genesis locale
- 6. Thumbs-up
- 8. Sandwich, Edam or Champagne

- 9. Surround, as a castle
- 13. Wane
- 15. Fodder holder
- 16. Popular computer operating system
- 17. Spirited horse
- 18. Oscar winner Sorvino
- 19. Recipe amt.
- 21. Layer



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

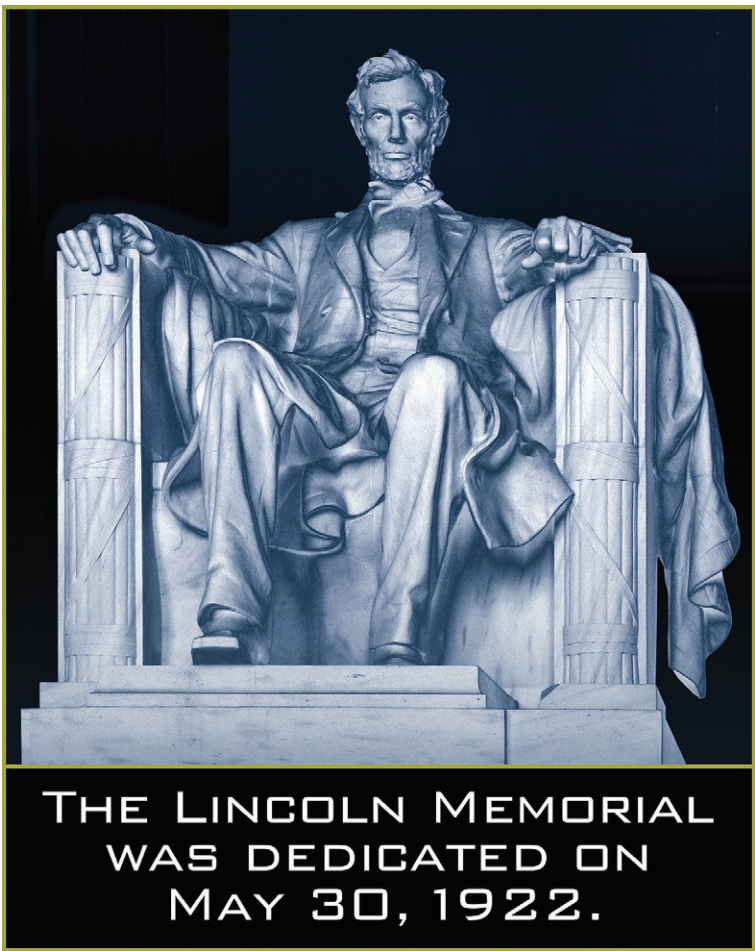
Place and surroundings

Few places in Romania can be proud of having such a density and variety of tourist attractions as the city of Braşov: from places and monuments surrounded by legends, such as “The Gate of Confession“, “Solomon’s Rocks“ or “The Witches’ Lake“, to the valuable sculptural and architectural historically certified works like “The White Tower“, “The Saints’ House” or the famous “Black Church”. The latter is considered the largest sacred monument of Romania, the most important gothic church between Vienna and Istanbul and the most important edifice erected by the Saxons in Medieval Transylvania. Dedicated to The Holy Virgin Mary before the Protestant Reformation, the church became a mourning ruin after the devastating fire that seized Braşov in 1689. Following the unfortunate event the people gave to the church its current name, which became official in the 19th Century.

With an impressive height of 42m and a length of 90m, the stone titan protects a 6 tons bell, the richest collection of oriental carpets in Europe except for Turkey, and the biggest mechanical organ in the country.



“Jumped over moon. Impressive.”





# ATS BRANCH DIRECTORY

Cleveland, OH Br. 1  
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Sachsenheim  
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ettmann1@neo.rr.com  
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Mtg. 3rd. Wed.- 6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post 166  
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dcrawfordcpa@outlook.com  
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PRES. Monica M. Weber  
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miller-malue@cox.net  
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Middleburg Hts OH 44130  
(440) 826-0773  
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LOCAL DUES to  
Donna Jankow Address as above

Lorain, OH Br. 5  
Mtg. 3rd Monday of month 7:00 p.m.  
American Slovak Club  
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Lorain OH 44053  
(440) 309-7894  
gillemo76@hotmail.com  
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Avon Lake OH 44012  
(440) 315-5214  
bgilles74@yahoo.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Ginger Romes  
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dgromes@roadrunner.com

Lorain Br. 5 cont'd  
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3600 Jaeger Dr Unit 3101  
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janie.e.mowery@gmail.com  
LOCAL DUES to Michael W. Johnson  
41868 Earlene Ct, Elyria OH 44035  
(440) 324-2534 mikjo79@gmail.com

Farrell, PA Br. 7  
Mtg. 3rd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.  
Farrell Lions Den  
810 Lions Club Lane Farrell PA  
(724) 981-7130  
PRES. Karen Zaborowski  
1714 Shady Dr Farrell PA 16121  
(724) 346-0373  
SEC'Y. Betty Holmes  
409 Patt Dr. Farrell PA 16121  
(724) 981-7130  
ATS SEC'Y. Bonnie Gregorich  
55 Oak Tree Ct  
West Middlesex PA 16159  
(724) 528-0309  
SICK NOTICES to Karen Zaborowski  
LOCAL DUES to Kathy Schuller  
PO Box 834 Andover OH 44003  
(440) 293-6973

Alliance, OH Br. 8  
Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post 166  
141 W Main St Alliance OH  
PRES. Helen E. Aeling  
15354 Georgetown St. NE  
Minerva 44657  
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com  
SEC'Y. Lesley Reed  
611 N. Market St Minerva OH 44657  
(330) 868-3816  
ATS SEC'Y. Denise Crawford  
5934 Stumph Rd Apt 416  
Parma OH 44130  
(330) 257-0267 dcrawfordcpa@outlook.com  
LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed  
Same address as above

Chicago, IL Br. 9  
Mtg. 1st Mon. 8:00 p.m.  
DANK Haus  
4740 N. Western (2nd floor) Chicago  
PRES. Diethild Thut  
923 E Slayton Dr  
Palatine IL 60074  
(847) 414-2660  
dedethut11@yahoo.com  
SEC'Y. Elfi Sanderson  
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Glenview IL 60025  
(847) 998-0939  
elfisanderson@gmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y: Claudia Schmidt  
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(847) 899-8663  
brasov95@hotmail.com  
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Claudia Schmidt  
Address as shown above

Columbus, OH Br. 10  
Mtg. 3rd Mon. 1:00 p.m. all months  
Hickory House,  
550 Officecenter Place Gahanna OH  
PRES. Mike Roth  
8063 Ivory Gull Cir  
Pickerington OH 43147  
(614) 834-2277 rothpmr@aol.com  
SEC'Y. Marlene Mueller  
310 Jericho Rd Apt 224  
Pickerington OH 43147-1459  
(614) 834-1060  
ATS SEC'Y. P. Michael Roth  
8063 Ivory Gull Cir Pickerington OH 43147  
(614) 216-0008  
LOCAL DUES and Sick Notices to  
Don Blum  
6436 Lakeview Cir  
Canal Winchester OH 43110  
(614) 837-1915  
donaldbcblum@prodigy.net

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

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☐ CANCELLATION  
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☐ VOLKSBLATT ONLY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Person Making Change \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597**

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Old Street Address was \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**New Street** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

THIS CHANGE IS FOR:

Canton, OH Br. 17  
Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies  
PRES. Mary Rowinsky  
1656 Dunkeith Dr. NW, Canton 44708  
(330) 478-9333  
SEC'Y. Mary Rowinsky  
Samme address as President  
ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling  
15354 Georgetown St NE  
Minerva OH 44657  
(330) 862-2563 HH658@aol.com  
SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky  
LOCAL DUES to: Rosanne Miller  
5186 Everhard Rd NW Apt 7  
Canton OH 44718  
(330) 933-4584

Salem, OH Br. 18  
Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
Saxon Club 1980 St. Rt. 9 Salem,  
44460 (330) 222-1770  
PRES. Marilyn McNutt  
1721 State Route 9 Salem 44460  
(330) 337-8940  
SEC'Y. / ATS SECRETARY  
Barbara Spack  
1389 Brookview Dr Salem, 44460  
(330) 337-7487 babrayn@sbcglobal.net  
SICK NOTICES  
to Theresa Spack  
384 W Pershing  
Salem OH 44460 (330) 831-4119  
LOCAL DUES TO: Helen Aeling  
15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva  
44657  
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com

Salem, OH Br. 19  
Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.  
Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd  
Salem OH 44460 (330) 222-1770  
PRES. George R. Spack  
1372 W State St Salem OH 44460  
(330) 332-1442  
SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr.  
973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460  
(330) 881-3346 mvcobra27@gmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y Glenn Spack  
943 Stewart Rd Salem OH 44460  
(330) 337-7575  
SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack  
address above  
LOCAL DUES to Richard Vogt, Sr.  
c/o Salem Saxon Club  
1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460  
(330) 222-1770

New Castle, PA Br. 25  
Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m.  
Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St.,  
New Castle PA 16101  
(724) 652-7221  
PRES. Dave Miller  
118 E Hazelcroft Ave  
New Castle PA 16105  
(724) 730-3250  
Davidfmiller49@yahoo.com  
SEC'Y. Jacob Holzhauser  
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(724) 971-1260  
newcastleeintracht@gmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y: John McCormick  
152 Means Rd New Wilmington PA 16142  
(724) 944-2657  
johnmichaelmccormick@hotmail.com  
Local Dues and Sick Notices to  
Doug Schafer  
113 Okinawa Dr New Castle 16105  
(724) 944-6199

Merrillville, IN Br. 26  
Meeting first Sunday at 2 p.m.  
Slovak Club - 6920 Broadway  
(219) 756-5101  
PRES. Jeff Szostek  
1652 West 97th Ave  
Crown Point IN 46307  
(219) 313-7854 219szos@gmail.com  
SEC'Y. Jamie Connors  
1035 Garfield St Hobart IN 46342  
(312) 758-6341  
Weebeg052277@yahoo.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Randall Floyd  
Address and phone as shown above  
LOCAL DUES to Zita Palyok  
724 E. 25th Pl, Lake Station IN 46405  
(219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net  
Sick Notices to Jamie Connors  
Listed above

New Castle, PA Br. 27  
Mtg. 1st Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
Eintracht Hall  
108 Taylor St., 16101  
(724) 652-7221  
PRES. Marie Benedict  
PO Box 25 Edinburg, 16116  
(724) 667-7395  
SEC'Y. Dolores Both  
3512 Hunters Woods Blvd #1  
New Castle PA 16105  
(724) 658-7407 doloresboth@verizon.net  
ATS SEC'Y. Judy Both  
1512 Drespling Ln New Castle 16101  
(724) 654-0573  
LOCAL DUES to  
Gertrude Tizak 241 Cambridge St. #401  
N.Castle, 16105 (724) 652-1867  
Tizakg@yahoo.com  
SICK NOTICES to Marie Benedict

Monaca, PA Br. 29  
Mtg. 2nd Sunday 6 p.m.  
Saxon Club 112 Simes St  
PRES. Dan Nolder  
470 Center Grange Rd  
Monaca PA 15061  
(724) 312-1854  
SEC'Y Lauren Freshkorn  
1298 Wagner Ave Monaca PA 15061  
(724) 462-0046  
ATS SEC'Y. Terri L. Munroe  
1018 Wayne Ave Monaca PA 15061  
(724) 544-0457  
enchantra220@yahoo.com

Youngstown, OH Br. 30  
Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m.  
Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian  
Youngstown OH 44509  
(330) 792-7973  
PRES. Ernest Roth  
6280 Morningside Dr SE  
Hubbard OH 44425  
(330) 534-4960  
SEC'Y Dominic Lucarelli  
2418 Walden Ct  
Youngstown OH 44509  
ATS SEC'Y Julaine Gilmartin  
4173 Timberland Trail  
Canfield, OH 44406  
(330) 799-5171  
Local Dues Val thomas  
5947 Tippecanoe Rd  
Canfield OH 44406  
(317) 373-0797

Ellwood City, PA Br. 32  
Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Saxon Club 901 Millview St.  
(724) 758-3268  
PRES. Laura Goehring  
113 Mahony Ave Ellwood City PA 16117  
(724) 971-2040  
SEC'Y Docia Jacobs  
130 Belton Rd Ellwood City PA 16117  
(724) 758-8486  
ATS SEC'Y Lori Berendt  
2260 Cherry Hill Rd  
Ellwood City 16117  
(724) 714-1217  
SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans  
197 Portersville Rd Apt 3  
Ellwood City PA 16117  
(724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33  
Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:30 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
1000 Ford Rd Highland Heights OH  
PRES. Margarete Ziegler  
38047 Parkway Blvd.  
Willoughby OH 44094  
(440) 951-0159  
margarez@aol.com  
SEC'Y. Arline Suts  
413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024  
(440) 279-3330  
asuts@windstream.net  
ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt  
4979 Anderson Rd  
Lyndhurst OH 44124  
(216) 382-7397  
SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts  
Address and phone as above  
LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz  
388 East 317th St.  
Willowick OH 44095  
(216) 392-6241 meb3172@att.net

Detroit, MI Br. 37  
Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:30 p.m.  
St. Peters Lutheran Church  
11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, MI  
(586) 978-3850  
PRES. Susanna Fleischer  
11060 Furbush Rd. Holly MI 48442  
(810) 694-1860  
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SEC'Y. Janet Nelson  
128 Ottawa Dr. Troy MI 48085  
(248) 879-3213  
janetreadnelson@gmail.com  
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LOCAL DUES to Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson  
11711 Lancer Dr Sterling Hts MI 48313  
iwferguson@aol.com

Ellwood City, PA Br. 45  
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919 Aiken Ave Ellwood City 16117  
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SEC'Y. Jamie Miller  
114 Rustic Park Rd  
Ellwood City PA 16117  
(724) 601-4181  
ATS SEC'Y. Lori Biddle-Berendt  
5412 Fifth Ave Koppel PA 16136  
(724) 900-2616  
LOCAL DUES TO:  
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PO Box 161, Ellwood City PA 16117  
SICK NOTICES TO:  
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Ellwood City PA 16117  
(724) 709-0595

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your relatives and friends to  
join the crowd at ATS.





**Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.**

**- Author Unknown**

**All gave some, Some gave all.**

**- Howard William Osterkamp, Dent, Ohio**

**Korean War veteran, Purple Heart recipient**

