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## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

### MONTHLY MEETING

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, July 19, 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.**

### PRAYERS

Please keep Martin Hesch in your prayers. Martin is recuperating after a serious fall. We wish Martin a complete recovery and safe return home. Gott Segne!

### CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays : Please join me in wishing a very Happy Birthday to Katherine Guerard (July 7<sup>th</sup>), Hans Duerr (July 8<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Betts (July 10<sup>th</sup>), Robert Hesch (July 11<sup>th</sup>), Regina Kellner (July 20<sup>th</sup>). We hope they have a wonderful celebration and wish them many more happy birthdays.

### 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 (donaldblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up. You do not need to be a member of Columbus Branch 10.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the members include people from all over the US, Canada and Europe. We encourage you to spread the word about our group. We now have 122 Facebook members. Willkommen!

## BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE

By Helen Brooks

Our Saxon Lodge Branch 26 meeting was held on June 6, 2021.

We had a very nice turnout for a change. The Covid pandemic kept so many away.

It was good to see Andy and Karen Gazdich back.

We opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Roll call of officers: Pete Guip was absent.

All reports were given and accepted as read. There was more discussion on the upcoming Rail Cats outing.

The raffle was won by Judy Young and the attendance prize by Ethel Schuffert.

The meeting was adjourned, and we then enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship.

Stay good and healthy. Til we meet again.

PS – here is a recipe I enjoyed

### Party Drum Sticks

¾ cup salsa

1/3 cup honey

¼ cup soy sauce

¼ cup Dijon mustard

2 pounds chicken wings

Place chicken into a foil lined pan (9x13). Blend first 4 ingredients and pour over the chicken. Cover and chill for 2 hours or overnight. Bake for 400 degrees for 45 minutes. Baste every 20 minutes. M M good!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



To all of our fathers and grandfathers out there, I hope you had a wonderful Fathers Day. Hopefully, you were gifted with a new shirt or tie, received phone calls from your loved ones, and enjoyed a nice dinner with all of your family. All of our fathers should know that they are loved.

The Transylvanian Saxon Bowlers Association (TSBA) held its 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowlers Convention on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Salem Saxon Club. The 2021 – 2022 TSBA Bowling Season is on! The schedule was set with dates and host branches. All of the current TSBA officers were re-elected to their same positions. Thank you for your willingness to serve another year.

The TSBA is always looking for new bowlers. Any ATS member can join. You don't have to be a good bowler, just plan to have fun. There are seven sessions, once a month on Sundays, from September to March, and the season-end tournament in April. Whether you come by yourself, bring a friend, or enter a whole new team, the TSBA will be glad to have you. Check future issues of the paper for details.

Plans are also underway to resume the ATS Open Bowling Tournament. It was canceled last year due to the pandemic. This event is usually held in late October. The bowling tournament is open to any and all ATS members, whether you bowl with the TSBA or not. This is our chance to get together with our ATS members from far away in Chicago, Merrillville, or anywhere else across the country. In the past, the format has been a five-person team. If no one objects, we will change it to a four-person team this year so that it's more in line with the TSBA teams. Look for information in future issues of the paper.

Last chance for those Family Stories! We're looking for your memoirs or your ancestors' stories regarding life in Transylvania and the journey to America. Written accounts of the good times, the troubles, and the triumphs are more important than ever as we lose our elderly and no longer have them to tell us these stories. The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>. So, sharpen up those pencils or get those typewriters and keyboards clicking and get the stories submitted!

Did you know the ATS Home Office is moving? We're not going far, just a block or so up the street. As of right now, we're planning on moving the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>. The Home Office will be closed that week. The voice mail system should catch any phone calls we can't answer while we're packing, moving, and unpacking. If you call during that time, please leave a message and we will return the call as soon as we can. The new building will have more square footage and, most importantly for those of us who are getting older, it's on one level. Our Saxon artifacts and exhibits will be on display and more easily accessible. We'll keep you posted on how the move goes.

Until next time....

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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

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

Saving versus  
spending,  
American-style

When times are tough, people are more likely to save or at least spend less.

In 1944, during World War II, the personal savings rate -- defined as the ratio of personal savings in the country to disposable personal income -- was about 25.5 percent, according to the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Compare that to the low point of personal savings for Americans in July 2005, when Americans saved a comparatively measly 2.2 percent of their income, according to the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis.

After the recession in 2007, savings rates crept up to 7 percent in 2010.

Personal savings skyrocketed during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Americans had less to do and fewer places to go, according to NextAdvisor. In the first month after the March 2020 lockdown, savings soared to 33 percent, but then dipped to about 13 percent the next month, where it has remained with some ups and downs.

The way people spend money has also changed.

One big area: housing costs. According to CNBC, the median home value in 1940 was about \$30,600, in today's dollars. The median home value in 2020 was \$280,000. The average home size has gone up, too, from 983 square feet in 1950 to 2,480 square feet in 2011, according to the Guardian. So while homes are much more expensive than they used to be, Americans also want almost triple the space.

We fill those bigger houses with stuff, too. According to Forbes, we consume twice as many material goods today as 50 years ago. The Bureau of Economic Analysis found that in 2017, Americans spent twice as much on consumer goods like jewelry, watches, books, luggage, telephones and related communications equipment, as we did in 2002.

The psychology of buying is simple. We buy stuff because it is available and it feels good, according to Psychology Today.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021	FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021	FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021	FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 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

ATS Branch 33

2021 Schedule of Events (as of 5/25/21)

Unless noted, all meetings are on  
Wednesday Evenings at St. John's Lutheran Church  
1000 Ford Rd, Mayfield Hts OH 44143

July/August: No Meetings

(See Summer Events and Picnic)

July 24 (Saturday): 6:00 p.m.

Lake County Captains Game, Classic Park,  
Eastlake, Game @ 7:00 p.m., Buffet 6:30 p.m. –  
8 p.m. Member \$0, (Non-member \$23, \$20 (3-11),  
\$0 (0-3))

August 8: (Sunday) 12 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Catered Picnic, Penitentiary Glen, Kirtland  
Social hour at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Games @ 2:00 p.m., Dinner @ 4:00 p.m., Raffle  
(\$5 member, \$10 non-member)

September 8: 7:00 p.m. -

Party Tray Supper - Meeting to follow (~ 8 p.m.)

October 13: 7:00 p.m.

Halloween Costume Party & Pizza Meeting to  
follow (~ 8 p.m.)

November 10: 7:00 p.m.

Saxon Food Potluck (See Volksblatt for Food  
Bank donations)

Meeting to follow (~ 8 p.m.), Election of Officers

December 4 (Saturday): 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Make & Sell Sausage. (Sausage Lunch for  
workers).

December 8: No Meeting

December 12 : (Sunday) 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Banquet, Pine Ridge Country Club,  
Wickliffe Social Hour 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Dinner @ 2:00, (\$10 member, \$25 non-member)





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 \_\_\_\_\_

SILVER SPONSORS \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_



## Phlox blooms for generations

Phlox is called the heirloom queen by Denise Wiles Adams in her book Restoring American Gardens: An Encyclopedia of Heirloom Ornamental Plants, 1640-1940 (Timber PR). Her analysis of garden catalogs shows that, throughout the U.S., garden phlox was the most widely mentioned plant over the years.

If you plant phlox this year, chances are good that you will be able to pass the plants on to your children and grandchildren.

It's very decorative and easy to grow.

WE ARE FINALLY BACK!!!

Join us at the Annual Saxon Branch 9

## Summer Picnic celebration



There will be food, fun, raffles and fellowship.  
Anyone willing to bake please bring with to share. Canned goods to donate to the food pantry are also appreciated and needed.



**Where:** Linne Woods, changed to Grove 1, on  
Dempster and Ferris Ave. in Morton Grove

**When:** Sunday, July 18, 2021

**Time:** Beginning at 11:00 AM



## ATS Family Day at Waldameer and Water World

3100 West Lake Road  
Erie, Pa.

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Over 100 Attractions and Waterpark full of  
Wet n' Wild Fun for Everyone

ATS has reserved a Picnic  
Pavilion - "Coaster #1"

Free Parking

Free Admission to Picnic  
Facility and Amusement Park  
Bring Your Own Picnic Basket  
Grill available by Pavilion

Discounted Tickets for Combo  
Pass -  
Amusement Park Rides and  
Water World

ATS Member \$14.00  
Non-Member \$29.75  
(Children under age 1 Free unless  
they want to enter Water World)

Hours for Water World 11 am - 7 pm  
Waldameer Rides Noon - 9 pm

### TICKET ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS @ \$14.00.....\$

Name and Certificate Number of Members:

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

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

INVITE

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

**Am Morgen sehr früh, ist doch viel zu spät,  
für das was man am Abend hätte tun müssen.**



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  
December 4, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale  
December 12, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Christmas Banquet

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  
  
ATS Home Office  
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Cleveland, OH 44129

BRANCH 18, SALEM  
By Barbara Spack

The combined Branch 18 and 19 merger committee met and began reviewing the constitutions of both branches to look at what changes will need to be made. It is a tedious process and will take some time before moving on to the next steps of the merger. Meanwhile, both 18 and 19 will continue as individual branches under the separate current constitutions, so please continue to support your local branch.

The scholarship committee met and selected the recipients of the 2021 scholarships. This year a scholarship was created in memory of Lorie Roth by her family and two graduates will receive \$1000 each from this fund. The 2021 scholarship recipients are:

\$1000 Lorie Roth Scholarship – Elizabeth Shontz, Salem High School

\$1000 Lorie Roth Scholarship – Erica Gudat, United Local High School

\$1000 Carole Flick Scholarship – Emma Griffith, Salem High School

\$1000 Salem Saxon Scholarship – Elizabeth Flickinger, West Branch High School

\$1000 Salem Saxon Scholarship – Aaron Hinchliffe, David Anderson (Lisbon) High School

\$1000 Salem Saxon Scholarship – David Cunningham, West Branch High School

The scholarships will be given on July 9, 2021 at a reception starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Salem Saxon Club. All members of Branches 18 and 19 are encouraged to attend the reception. Please contact Barbara Spack at 330-501-1491 if you plan to attend. Your RSVP is requested to ensure

that we have place settings for everyone attending.

We will be hosting the North American Heimattag in Salem on July 8 – 10, 2022. Please put this important event on your calendars!

The ladies purchased a new refrigerator for the clubhouse kitchen and it has been installed for use at upcoming club functions. In addition to the new features and upgrades, it can be locked so it can't be opened for rentals. This is an advantage over the old one that it replaced.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 12 at 7:00 p.m.

And now a tribute to Three Sisters.

My mother, Walburga Katharina (Simon) Spack came to the United States in January 1948 and arrived in New York City in the middle of a snowstorm. She left behind in Germany her widowed father, four brothers, and her two sisters, twins Marianne and Anneliese. She married my father, John F. Spack, on January 31, 1948, in a private ceremony performed by Rev. John Baumann of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in the parsonage on North Union Avenue in Salem.

My mom and dad raised their family of six that included my brothers Art and John Fred Jr., my sister Marita, and me, while offering to help her siblings come to the United States. The twins were the only siblings who made the move. First Aunt Marianne and Uncle Clem (Vogt) and their oldest boy, Rolf, arrived and settled in Salem. They did not have the best experience on their trip and my mom decided when Aunt Anneliese was coming, that she would make the trip with them.

I was not even two years old in 1956 when my mom left me in the care of my Aunt Marianne to go to Germany and bring her other sister and family to the U.S. During my time in my aunt's care, I called her "Mama" and she always was a mother figure to me

from that time on.

My mom sailed on the SS United States across the Atlantic along with my Aunt Anneliese, her husband Uncle Paul (Rothbrust), and their boys Herman, Joseph, and Anton (Tony). Tony was a baby and my mom would tell him that she "carried him across the ocean." Aunt Anneliese was already expecting her daughter, Gisela, when they arrived and their family grew to include Paul Jr, John and James, while Aunt Marianne's family grew to include Richard, Robert and Caroline.

The three sisters' families were very close growing up and were often at each other's homes and spent holidays together. I always enjoyed listening to my mom and her sister converse in their German dialect and they were all so full of love for all of us cousins. The sisters were the best cooks and I enjoyed our meals together.

Special occasions included get-togethers with other German families who all became "aunt" and "uncle" even if not related. With dad's Saxon roots, the gatherings included many Saxon immigrants from Germany and Transylvania as well.

As my dad was an ATS deputy, of course ATS policies were written and the sisters were members of Salem Branch 18. In their later years, the sisters and their spouses enjoyed going to the Salem Saxon Retirees.

Eventually the spouses passed away and the sisters' health began to decline, but they looked forward to seeing each other at the "Retirees." When the COVID pandemic hit, Aunt Marianne and Aunt Anneliese were in different healthcare facilities and mom was still able to be at home, where I also resided, but their get-togethers were limited.

Sadly, in June 2020 Aunt Marianne passed away; in February 2021 my mom passed away; and in May 2021 Aunt Anneliese passed away. To me, it was like losing three mothers. They left behind a legacy of love and family and we will miss them dearly.



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.





## CHURCHES



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

11423 Chicago Rd.  
Warren, Michigan 48093  
(586) 979-3850  
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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 37, DETROIT

By Jamet Nelson

### Samuel Fleischer (1931-2021)

Samuel Fleischer, 89, died June 2, at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, Michigan, of complications of Parkinson's Disease. His memorial service was held Tuesday, June 8, at Coats Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Susanna, Children Susanna (Raleigh) Wilburn, Rosina (fiancé Tom Kleino) Murphy, Samuel M. (Julie) Fleischer, the late Ronald (Heidi) Fleischer, grandchildren Alexandra, Jennifer, Hannah, Samuel A. He was brother to Susanna Krautner, Maria Emrich, Johann (Mary Ann) Fleischer, Stefan Fleischer, Rosina (John) Mellin, and Katharina Moody.

Sam was born November 16, 1931 in Botsch, Siebenbruggen. Sam's parents were Samuel Fleischer and Susanna Hofgraef.

During World War II the family was forced to flee ahead of the Russians. Sam, who was then thirteen, drove



**Samuel Fleischer**

one of the family wagons to Austria, staying in Kreis Sampoellen for five months. Then they had to flee again.

In 1955 the family immigrated to the United States, settling in Royal Oak, Michigan, where their sister Susanna Krautner lived. After five months they bought a house in Royal Oak.

Sam met his future wife, Susanna Karst, at a Saxon wedding in Columbus, Ohio. She was a childhood friend from Botsch. The couple married June 20, 1959 at St.

Peter Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan. Sam owned the superior Lawn Spray Service for 26 years until he retired at the age of 65.

Sam was a tireless worker for Branch 37, signing up family as members, grooming the picnic grounds, and working at the Branch. He served on the executive in several capacities over the years.

Sam's activities included raising farm animals, hunting, gardening, building, inventing. mechanical maintenance (he could fix anything) and landscaping. According to his wife, he was a workaholic. Branch 37 has lost one the Branch's most valuable members. He will be greatly missed.

Sam will be remembered as a hard working man (family curse); a good provider for his family; dramatic storyteller; entertaining; and quick with a smile and compliment. Samuel's life and legacy will live on in his greatest accomplishment, his beautiful family.

Contributions - Please make a donation in lieu of flowers.

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response of the piccolos. The trombones thunder in with a bold counter melody. Then, the entire band plays together -- and, by then, we're all marching.

While it is the official national march of the United States, the tune has also been adopted by soccer fans in the UK, sung as 'Here We Go,' once called a working class march.

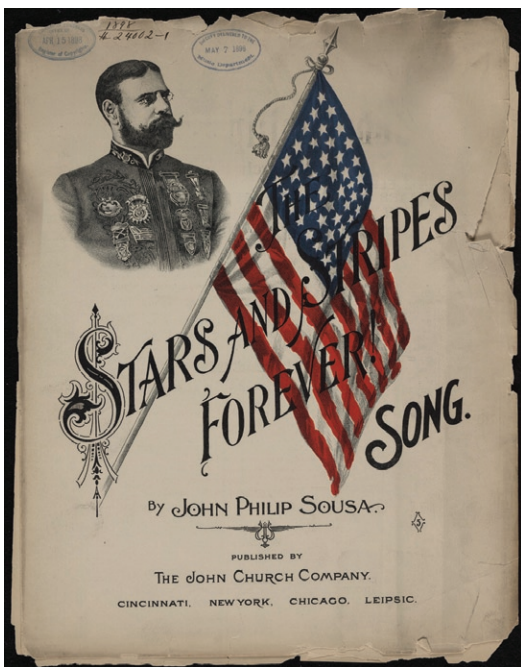
Cartoon character Popeye fought bad guys to the song. Comedians invented the duck lyrics. The Grateful Dead played it to retire.

One strange Stars & Stripes Forever fact: Circuses in the early 20th century loved to fire up the crowd with march music, but they never played The Stars & Stripes Forever. This tune was a secret signal, only played when a life-threatening disaster was imminent. When they heard it, emergency personnel would try to quietly disperse the crowd, not always successfully.

echoing and re-echoing the most distinct melody.

"I did not transfer a note of that music to paper while I was on the steamer, but when we reached shore I set down the measures that my brain-band had been playing for me, and not a note of it has ever changed," he wrote.

The song repeats distinct melodies in sections, called strains, using different instruments to repeat and lead. So the song begins with a hearty introduction by the horns with great smashing beats on drums, followed by the melody. Woodwinds repeat, and later, the famous



If you are older, you may not have heard it for a while. If you are younger, you may never have heard it.

Either way, on July 4, find the The Stars & Stripes Forever and listen. You'll want to conduct the band with abandon and smash the cymbals.

It's a giant, jubilant march, with stirring lyrics which, for fun, you can also substitute for a duck song (Be kind to your web-footed friends...).

John Philip Sousa -- Marine, musician and band leader -- was returning to the United States from a vacation in Italy in 1896. It was Christmas Day and from the deck of an ocean liner, he heard the march in his head.

"Suddenly, I began to sense the rhythmic beat of a band playing within my brain," Sousa wrote in his autobiography Marching Along. "It kept on ceaselessly playing ... the imaginary band continued to unfold the same themes,



**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.**

### Irene Franklin

Age 85

Died: February 27, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### John S. Rovder, Jr.

Age 82

Died: May 8, 2021  
Branch 3, Alliance, OH

### Katherine Klemm

Age 93

Died: May 16, 2021  
Home Branch

### Karl H. Krauss

Age 87

Died: May 25, 2021  
Branch 1, Cleveland, OH

### Richard D. Michael

Age 84

Died: May 30, 2021  
Home Branch

### Samuel Fleischer

Age 89

Died: June 2, 2021  
Branch 37, Detroit, MI

### Elva J. Vargo

Age 76

Died: June 6, 2021  
Home Branch

### Christa E. Guip

Age 84

Died: June 9, 2021  
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

## Broadband that blankets the earth

People have dreamed of global broadband for decades, but it's becoming a possibility today, according to GeekWire.

Amazon Founder Jeff Bezos and SpaceX founder Elon Musk are both going after the opportunity with their time and money, hoping that one day, every single person on earth can have high speed broadband.

The problems, according to aerospace engineer David Patterson, are like three-dimensional whack-a-mole. For one things, multiple governments and corporations have to somehow

agree on the rules of space structure, including rules and policy for such things as getting rid of space junk and traffic control.

Remote technologies in earth science, education, health, and economic opportunities in space infrastructure abound in a world with global broadband.

Meanwhile, rules are essential as the glut of satellites are disrupting astronomy. More than 40,000 new satellites have been announced, but these are just a fraction of what could be in the skies.



## Bodendorf / Bunești



The 13th century late Romanesque pillar basilica was early prepared for battle by demolition of the side naves and fortification of the central nave and the tower by adding defence levels. The chancel was heightened in 1500 by adding a defence level with machicolations. The 1847 added tower marks the present image of the church. The interior impresses with its tall and narrow proportions, underlined by the two-story balcony on the northern side, erected between 1680 and 1775. The railings were painted by the Roessler family, grandfather and grandson. The fortification wall, originating in the 14th century was strengthened by four towers and had grain storage rooms on the inside.

### Place and surroundings

In the hymn “Transylvania, sweet home” the verse “Transylvania, seabed of a flood long gone, a sea of grain now rests on the breast of heaven” is telling the story of the sea which once covered the region in Mesozoic times. The fortified church of Bunești was built with marine sedimentary rocks as one can see from the fossils in the masonry. Residential houses of the same period were built with

timber. When the village was under attack, the inhabitants took refuge from the looters and arsonists inside the fireproof fortifications. In times of war the massive tower was also serving as a retreat for the priest. The walls are still decorated with words of solace, bearing witness to those terrible times. Priest Johannes Nösner wrote these faithful words while hiding in the room: „Hör! Hast vor eine gute Sach, aber's geht Von statt gemacht, fahre getrost fort, nicht Verzag, es fällt kein alt eich auf ein Schlag.“ (Listen! You are on the right path, if the going is slow do not despair, no old oak is felled with one stroke). The highlighted letters in the original text are roman numbers, which add up to the year 1680.



### A big payoff in taking the optimistic view

If you're an optimist, you believe that any defeat is a temporary setback or a challenge. It doesn't knock you down.

Using this theme in your life helps you move forward in your work. A positive view helps to prevent illness, improves relationships and increases self esteem. According to Mayo Clinic Proceedings, one study showed that optimists live longer, are healthier, and are more peaceful and calm.

When you find yourself stuck in pessimism, psychiatrists at Columbia University say there are things you can do to revive your optimistic ways. Developing certain skills can change your view of the world.

- Practice seeing the progress you have made in life. That could be in your relationships, work or personal life.

- Know that everything is not your fault. Pessimists think they cause adverse events that will undermine everything, says Dr. Martin Seligman in his book Learned Optimism, How to Change Your Mind (Free Press).

- When things go wrong, realize that the situation will only affect you for a limited time. If you failed, acknowledge your own responsibility in the failure, but also recognize if some things were out of your control.

- Decide to be positive even if you don't feel like it. If you smile, your brain assumes you feel good. Act happy and you will begin to feel better.

- Be positive with others and they will reinforce your optimistic attitude. Be upbeat and show interest in them. Laugh at other people's jokes.

- Carry cards with positive statements about your life and your future.

If you feel depressed for an extended period of time and have negative feelings you can't overcome, see your doctor. There are many good treatments for depression.

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

Greetings to all brothers and sisters of Branch 33 and all Volksblatt readers. We will start with some good news: congratulations to all ATS scholarship winners! Names with bios posted in Volksblatt revealed quite impressive accomplishments and interests! And we are so proud of our own branch 33 winners including Payton Schneider at OSU, Samuel Kuhn at Toledo, and John Krew who is in his third stellar year of his four year renewable grant at Johns Hopkins U.

Congratulations to my parents Fred and Ingeborg Krestel who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this June. Happy birthday to all members celebrating their birthdays this month. And I'm sure there's a lot of other anniversary celebrations since June is a quite popular month for weddings. And the best news of all— most pandemic restrictions in the state of Ohio are being lifted! Weird that it seems like we've been kind of been suspended animation for a whole year, like emerging out of our shells.... Hopefully life for everyone is getting back to normal. And please continue to get vaccinated!

So we will be trying to reconnect with in person meetings and events. In this Volksblatt is our schedule of events for the rest of 2021. (See Page 2 - Ed.) You will note the Lake County Captains BASEBALL GAME is scheduled for July 24, members cost is \$0, so take advantage while you can. Bring a guest for \$23. Reservations are being taken by Barb Hum (440) 336-5290. You need to call her by July 10. All tickets will be left at the Will-call center at the ballpark. The buffet meal is being served at 6:30 and the game starts at 7 p.m. And I do believe there are fireworks that night! Unfortunately, the ATS family day at Waldemeer is the same day in Erie PA. Br 33 members who attend the Fun Park Day rather than the ball game, please let us know, we will reimburse the cost of admission since it is an ATS event.

Also, our annual PICNIC is scheduled for Sunday, August 8 Penetentiary Glen in Kirtland. I am taking the reservations, 440-867-6103 (leave me a message/voice-

mail) or 440- 279-3330 (Mr. Suts). Cost is same, \$5 members, \$10 guests. Come for socializing at 12, Games at 2, catered dinner at 4. Asking members whose last names begin with M through Z please bring a dessert to share. And please remember to bring your own plates and flatware. Drinks will be provided. There's so much for kids of every age to do at Penetentiary Glen!

I am sorry to report the loss of another member, Hermann Hann died age 92 on May 31. During the meeting, many members shared memories and thoughts about Mr. Brother Hann, as well as his parents George and Anna. So nice to hear many attendees remember our departed members! Please say prayers for all of our shut ins as well, prayers and thoughts to Florence Davidson and Ron Kiesling, Peg Maurer, Elva Kiefer and Evelyn Keefer, Inge Mahn now in Assisted Living near Columbus. We have missed Joan Blaha, the Mahters, all the Webers, Dorothy Schneider and Jean Schneider at our meetings. We hope to see you at the baseball game and/or the picnic. Michael Bretz and family expressed appreciation and thanks for all the cards letters thoughts and prayers and the passing of his mom, Martha. Sister Martha will be missed. She was an active member, always at our meetings, dinners, picnics, bowling, and events.

ATS bowling is going to be starting up again and we're hoping to get teams back together. So far, we have two teams, but always love to have more! It is only one Sunday a month, about 7 sessions. Call me if you'd like to bowl. Previous experience not required! Cleveland East will be hosting Sunday, January 16th. Further details upcoming as to all dates and places.

In July and August we will have no actual business meetings. Our next (live and finally in person!) meeting will be Wednesday, September 8, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Highland Heights, we will start with a party tray supper at 7 p.m. with business meeting to follow.

Please stay safe, and enjoy your summer!



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Canton, OH Br. 17  
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# Family

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- ◊ We promote the recognition and preservation of our Transylvanian Saxon heritage.
- ◊ We promote the love of our country and respect for the flag in all our fraternal programs and activities.

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