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## BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

The Cleveland Sachsenheim's Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Admission is \$4 with doors opening at 4:00 p.m. and food service starting at 5:00 p.m. Live music by the Gemuetlichkeit Cleveland Musikanten. Help us celebrate our German/Saxon heritage with delicious food, great music, dance and drinks!

Branch 1 and 4 Membership Banquet will be held on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Our manager, Chef Grumpy, will prepare a delicious Schnitzel dinner, we will honor our 59 and 60 year members and hold a memorial service for our recently departed members. The banquet is free for our local dues paying members and \$12 for non-members. Reservations must be made by calling Robert Cunningham at 216-398-7520 or email at Rbcunningham@roadrunner.com. Deadline for reservations is September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> we will hold our monthly Branch meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON

By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone is doing well and making it through the pandemic with limited problems. We will be having an in-person meeting on Sunday, September 19, at 1:00 p.m., with lunch being provided.

If you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies' lodge who need financial assistance for their daily needs, education, or training, please contact us. I believe this past year has been difficult in many different ways, so if you know of someone who could use help, please let us know. The lodges began as social and financial supports and we would like to be able to continue in that tradition. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text or phone at 330-312-5112, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Please join us for our next meeting at the Carriage Hill Clubhouse on September 19, at 5228 Everhard Rd NW, Canton, OH 44718. See you then!

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

Our next general meeting will be September 12 at 2 00 p.m. with the officers' meeting immediately prior to it.

The Youngstown Saxon Club is still open three days a week; Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with Wednesdays and Fridays, from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

We welcome today into new membership Patty Rydarowicz and Jack Kravitz.

We are delighted with the Saxon Day Picnic and how well it turned out with very good attendance, excellent food and drink, with good fellowship. We thank all those who volunteered to make this a success, everything from Regina Teutsch's delicious potato salad recipe to the yummy Strudel ordered by Mike with brownies from Diane. Many thanks to the servers and organizers.

Even though we are open, we ask you to use good health practices while in the Club; distancing and masks when not eating or drinking please.

I am a teacher of English as a Foreign Language and my students from other countries speak to me about how desperate their countries are for the vaccine; one whole continent has only 1% vaccinated! Please consider getting vaccinated, if medically o.k., to protect yourself and those you love, as well as your country. Thank you.

Sachs halte wacht!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I'm sure that many of you have heard of the flooding in Europe. Parts of Germany have been hit hard. The Sozialwerk der Siebenburger Sachsen in Germany has been helping the Transylvanian Saxons that have been affected. This is the same Saxon Relief Fund group that sends packages and donations to Transylvania. If you wish to know how to donate directly to Germany (via wire transfer), please call or email the ATS Home Office for details. Otherwise, you can always send a check payable to the ATS for the Saxon Relief Fund. We will forward your donations to them.

I want to thank the Ladies of Branch 27, New Castle, PA for inviting me to their August meeting. What a delightful group of ladies! They are experiencing some difficulties with their Branch. They are not alone, as other Branches have the same issue. They're looking for some younger members to step up and take some offices. If you know of someone who would make a good officer, for any Branch, please contact them and see if they would be interested. Invite them to come to a meeting or two to see what it's all about. The majority of Branch office positions don't require an overwhelming amount of time each month. Those of you who are on the younger side, please think about becoming active in your branch. Your Branch needs you.

The "Your Story" Saxon Memoirs project is moving forward. We received about 15 different stories. Some are a couple of pages, some were entire books that grandparents had created for their grandkids. We'll use portions of those submissions. The Cultural Promotion Committee will be meeting soon to review and edit or shorten the stories, as needed. I expect it will be the end of the year until we get everything finalized. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Did you know that approximately 78 million students, including college students, head back to school each fall? That's about 25% of the entire United States population over 3 years old. It's Back to School time, so be extra careful out there with children waiting and getting on and off of school buses. There are approximately 480,000 registered school buses taking 26 million children to and from school every day. School buses have been around since 1915 (about as long as the automobile). The official bright yellow color was adopted in 1939. The average pencil can be sharpened 17 times and write about 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long. The oldest public school in the United States is the Boston Latin School, which was founded in 1635. Five of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence attended that school, including Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock. Where did the tradition of giving a teacher an apple come from? The tradition came from 16<sup>th</sup> century Denmark. Teachers didn't earn enough for food so parents would send their children to school with an apple for them.

Until next time....

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY**  
**MAILED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021**

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monthly  
meetings  
of your Branch.**

**Help make  
your Branch  
a healthy Branch.**



**BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE**  
**By the Both of us : Dolores and Judy**

On Wednesday, August 4, nine members of Branch 27 and special guest, Denise Crawford, the ATS president, met at 3:30 p.m. in the Eintracht building. The current afternoon meeting time was adopted to accommodate the driving limitations of the participating members. This time will change when younger members get involved.

Most of the current officers of Branch 27 have said they would not be seeking reelection. Denise reviewed several scenarios if Branch 27 is forced to disband due to lack of interest and involvement. The situation is serious. Branch 27 needs younger members to get involved to revitalize and save Branch 27.

Jane Fishovitz and Doris Schenker are busy preparing the Lottery drawing gift bags for the Cash Bash to

be held at the picnic grounds on August 14. We will have two gift bags with \$100 of lottery tickets in each bag. A sheet of tickets will be sold for \$5.00.

Plans for attending "Fools" at the Playhouse are in full swing. Reservations will be taken at the September meeting for the October 10<sup>th</sup> afternoon performance. After the play we will go out for dinner on our own.

A time of fellowship, including a light lunch arranged by Dolores Both and Doris Schenker, followed the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Eintracht building. Please try to attend. Your help is needed if Branch 27 is to survive.

PS: You couldn't get me to kiss a chicken for anything in the world!!!! D.

**BRANCH 1,  
CLEVELAND**  
**By Robert Hanek**

I would like to let our Saxon 250 Club members know that we are drawing all winners this year at the annual banquet. We are now setting a date in October which we will post in the next Volksblatt. Our treasurer and secretary, Robert Cunningham, has been running the 250 Club for many years for the branch. Thank you, Rob, for all your dedication and hard work. Rob and his wife Patty have worked hard on many of our events to ensure they run smoothly and successfully.

We will resume our monthly meetings in September, so we look forward to seeing everyone again.

Covid-19 has managed to throw one huge monkey wrench into the world's gears this past year. At our upcoming October meeting we will hold our elections rather than November considering no elections were held last year. Anyone wishing to join are always welcome. I would ask our members attending to wear masks for the sake of everyone. Thank-you.

Sachsenheim's Oktoberfest is August 28th, tickets are \$4 at the door. Cold beer, Grumpy's awesome food and Gemütlichkeit are a great way to enjoy a hot summer night!

**BRANCH 26,  
MERRILLVILLE**  
**By Helen Brooks**

The Saxon Lodge of Branch 26 met on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

On a bright and sunny day, the turnout was great and we were happy to see so many of our members. We started with the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call of officers: Zita Palyok was absent and excused. All reports were given and accepted.

A reminder about our upcoming Rail Cats outing: All is in order.

Brigitte Floyd brought up the point that we should have a committee for our dessert table. All agreed. I will bake for our September meeting.

The lucky winners were Marty and Robin Varney.

We closed the meeting and enjoyed a variety of pizzas and fellowship.

Stay safe and healthy.  
Til we meet again.

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You may either

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**Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.**

**DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:**

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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**

**Bist du ein Sachs,**  
**und sag's mit Stolz?**

**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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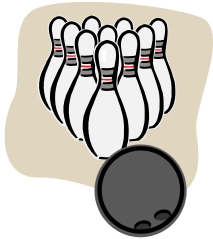
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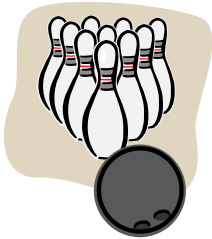
**ATS OPEN BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. All bowlers must be Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon members in good standing to participate in this tournament.
2. Each bowler will receive 100% of the difference between his or her average and a two hundred ten (210) scratch with no limit on pins.
3. Averages to be used are:
  - a. The average of the past five years' tournaments, with exception of 2020.
  - b. If the bowler has no tournament average, then the bowler will establish his or her average after the first three games rolled in the tournament, which will remain the bowler's average for the remainder of the tournament.
4. A bowler may bowl only once in each event in this tournament.
5. The tournament management has the right to return for correction any entry, which does not comply with the above rules.
6. Prizes will be awarded at the ratio of at least one (1) prize for each ten entries. One hundred percent (100%) of the prize fee must be returned. Prizes will be awarded by handicapped scores and not by gender.
7. It shall be the duty of the tournament manager to keep a running record of all bowlers' averages participating in each event.
8. Tournament starts on October 23, 2021 and ends on October 24, 2021.
9. Closing date for entries is October 1, 2021.
10. There will be no refunds of fees after October 8, 2021.
11. Two All Events Winners will be awarded. One for actual scores; one for actual scores plus handicap.
12. We will start with Doubles Event followed by the Singles Event on Saturday.

Your All Events score will be your total individual score of singles, doubles, and team event plus your handicap total for the tournament. Separate men and women prizes will only be awarded in Singles event only. Doubles and team event will be mixed.



**ATS ANNUAL OPEN-BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
**OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2021**  
**HOST: CLEVELAND WEST SAXON BOWLERS**  
**ROLLHOUSE LANES**  
**12859 BROOKPARK RD.**  
**CLEVELAND, OHIO**  
**(216) 267-2150**



**Check in on Saturday at 10:15 am**

**Doubles Event 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23**

(Name)	(Certificate #)	(Name)	(Certificate #)
1. _____	_____	1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

**Singles Event 2:00pm Saturday, Oct. 23**

**Team Event 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24**  
**(Check in at 9:30 am)**

(Name)	(Certificate #)	(Name)	(Certificate #)
1. _____	_____	1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

**All Events**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: OCTOBER 1, 2021**

Note: Tournament is for A.T.S. Members in good-standing only.

All bowling fees and meal reservations money for bowlers and non-bowlers MUST accompany this form.

No refunds after October 8,2021.

Sunday Banquet will be held at the Westside Sachsenheim; 7001 Denison Ave.

#_____ Doubles @ \$40.00.....	\$_____
#_____ Singles @ \$20.00.....	\$_____
#_____ Team @ \$80.00.....	\$_____
#_____ All Events @ \$2.00.....	\$_____
#_____ Sunday Banquet @ \$0.00 for Bowlers.....	\$_____
#_____ Sunday Banquet @\$15.00 for Non-Bowlers.	\$_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....	\$_____

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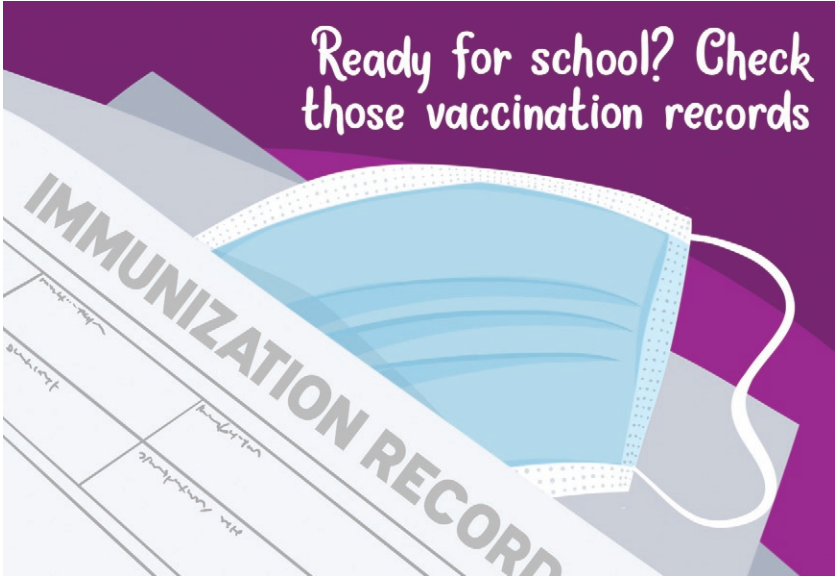
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 Make checks payable to ATS  
 Deadline October 1, 2021

Any further questions, call ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or email: [monica@atsaxons.com](mailto:monica@atsaxons.com)



**Good sleep may stave off dementia**

According to a recent study published in the journal Aging, sufficient sleep may be protective against dementia. The study surveyed 2,600 adults ages 65 and older, and found that those who slept less than five hours per night faced nearly double the risk of dementia over five years than those who got seven to nine hours of shut-eye, as is recommended.

According to another study pub-

lished in Nature Communications, people in their 50s and 60s who slept less than six hours per night were about 30 percent more likely to develop dementia.

While the research isn't yet conclusive about the link between sleeplessness and dementia, there are still lots of good reasons to try to get at least seven hours of quality sleep per night, including better brain health, mood and overall physical health.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 23 - 24, 2021  
ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Host: Cleveland West Bowlers  
Rollhouse Bowling Alleys  
May 21-22, 2022  
ATS Convention  
Host: Cleveland East Br. 33  
Cleveland Marriott East Hotel, Beachwood OH  
July 8 - 10, 2022  
North American Saxon Heimattag  
Host: Branches 18 and 19 Salem OH

LOCAL EVENTS

August 28, 2021  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Oktoberfest  
September 19, 2021  
Cleveland West Brs 1 & 4 Membership Banquet  
October 29, 2021  
Cleveland West Children’s Halloween Party  
December 4, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale  
December 12, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Christmas Banquet  
Cleveland West Children’s Christmas Party  
December 19, 2021  
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party  
Donauschwaben Club, Des Plaines



Jokes

As Twitter turns 15 this year, it has earned a reputation for being a cesspool of negativity. But there are some fun tweets:

I don’t want to die doing something I love. I want to die doing something I hate. That way I won’t have to finish it.

@Badbanana

Done with dating sites. I’m now focusing on pizza delivery guys because at least I know they have a job, a car, and a pizza.

@LindaInDisguise

To the guy who stole my antidepressants, I hope you’re happy now.

@EddyElfenbein

I’m not sure what is more confusing, that we would celebrate killing two birds or that we would need to conserve stones.

@RCKruseKontrol

I’ve invented TwoFacebook, the anti-social network. You start being friends with the entire world and defriend people one by one.

@AndyBorowitz



ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS  
Branches 1 and 4

MEMBERSHIP BANQUET  
Sunday, September 19, 2021

Cleveland Sachsenheim  
1:00 PM

Free of Charge to Local Members  
Branch 1 and 4  
Non-Members: \$12.00

For Reservations Call:  
Robert Cunningham 216-398-7520  
Email: Rbcunningham@roadrunner.com

Deadline for Reservations:  
September 13, 2021



Cleveland Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Cleveland Ohio



Join us  
Saturday, August 28, 2021

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.  
Food Service at 5:00 p.m

Admission \$4.00



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Delicious Food, Great Music,  
Dance, and Drinks!

Don’t let social media make you sick  
(or think you are)

She had a headache, but it was really a brain tumor! He had a backache, but it was really a broken back!

But hold on. Doctors say common symptoms usually turn out to have common causes, not profound ones. But those aren’t the ones that make news.

What makes these stories compelling is that we’ve all had an ache. Usually that headache is just tension. Mostly that backache will go away.

Remember that the sto-

ries on social media rarely come with a complete medical history. If that lady with the headache suddenly lost her hearing, that is cause for concern, even though a headache generally is not.

Always see your doctor if symptoms are persistent, unusual or dramatic. If you have symptoms related to an already-diagnosed health condition, call your doctor. But don’t worry unnecessarily about common symptoms.



Introducing our newest  
Fraternal Benefit Program:  
The ATS Student Loan  
Debt Relief Grant

Qualifying applicants must:

- Be an ATS member for 4 years.
- Be out of school for at least two years.
- Have an annuity certificate with a balance of at least \$1,000 or a life insurance policy.
- Be current with their loan payments.
- Have been involved with ATS National or Local events during the past two years or proof of volunteer involvement during the past two years.



The intent of this program is to provide financial support in the form of a grant to qualifying ATS members who have graduated from college, have been out of school for at least two years, and still owe on their student loans.

Selection of grant recipients will be determined by a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee. Selected recipients will be awarded \$500, payable to the lending institution.

Send in the attached Request Form to receive the Application. Requests must be received by August 20, 2021.

The completed Application, along with the supporting documentation, must be returned to the ATS Home Office by September 1, 2021.

Mail Request Form to:  
ATS Home Office  
5323 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, OH 44129



Request for ATS Student Loan  
Debt Relief Grant application

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert #: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Deadline: August 20, 2021  
Application Deadline: September 1, 2021



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**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**

## Quotes

*Teach self-denial and make its practice pleasure, and you can create for the world a destiny more sublime than ever issued from the brain of the wildest dreamer.*

*Sir Walter Scott*

*Whatever task you undertake, do it with all your heart and soul. Always be courteous, never be discouraged. Beware of him who promises something for nothing. Do not blame anybody for your mistakes and failures. Do not look for approval except the consciousness of doing your best.*

*Bernard Baruch*

*Industry prospers when it offers people articles which they want more than they want anything they now have. The fact is that people never buy what they need. They buy what they want.*

*Charles F. Kettering*

*I bet deep down you still wish your mom would take you clothes shopping every August for the new school year.*

*Bridget Willard*

## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

### MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place

Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Monday, September 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.**

### CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to Charles Wharton (9/3), Kathryn Oehlman (9/10), Jim Lehnert (9/11), Maria Lassel (9/13), David McMannis (9/13), Joseph Springer (9/14), Steven Hesch (9/17), Paul Schaible (9/21), Emily Betts (9/22) and Erika Gellner (9/26). May your blessings and celebrations be many, and your Birthdays be filled with Happiness and Good Fortune. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Please join me in wishing a Very Happy 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Jill and Don Blum. Love brought you together as husband and wife, gave each of you a best friend for life, may the love that you share, last your lifetime through, as you make a wonderful pair. Frohes Jubiläum!

### PRAYERS

Prayers for those that are facing challenges at this time. Heavenly Father, please comfort them and give them strength, Amen.

### 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. 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 126 Facebook members. Willkommen!

### HUMOR

When a woman says, "Correct me if I am wrong." Under no circumstances, and I mean NO Circumstances, correct her.

### RULERS OF TRANSYLVANIA

As we know, the rulers of Hungary would impact Transylvanian Saxons, as they would have control of Transylvania for some time. In this series we will see who is the next ruler that will impact our Transylvanian Saxon lives.

So while it took a while, Stephen III would again become ruler and have his rightful crown restored as king of Hungary and Croatia. Stephen III would reign until his death on March 4, 1172. The next ruler that impacted Transylvania would be Bela III of Hungary. Stephen III died on March 4, 1172. Bela would return to Hungary in 1172. Bela III ascent to ruler would take some twists and turns on the way.

Bela III was the second son of King Geza II and Geza's wife, Euphrosyne of Kiev, and the younger brother to Stephen III. Around 1161, Geza II granted Bela the position of Duke over Croatia, Central Dalmatia and Sirmium. This position involved a peace agreement between his elder brother, Stephen III, and the Byzantine Emperor, Mauael I Komenos. Bela would move to Constantinople in 1163. Upon his arrival, he was renamed Alexious and the emperor granted him the title on Despot (Absolute Ruler/Prince). Bela was betrothed to the Emperor's daughter, Maria. This marriage caused armed conflicts between the Byzantine Empire and Kingdom of Hungary. Between 1164 and 1167, Stephen attempted to hinder the Byzantines from taking control of Croatia, Dalmatia and Sirmium. Bela-Alezios, who was designated as Emperor Manuel's heir in 1165, took part in Byzantine campaigns against Hungary. Bela ran into a problem. Bela's marriage was dissolved after Maria's brother, Alexios was born in 1169. Manuel deprived Bela of his high title, and instead granted him a lesser title and ranking.

Upon the death of Stephen III in 1172, Bela decided he would return to Hungary. Before leaving, Bela pledged that he would never make war against the Byzantine Empire. Although the Hungarian lords and religious leaders almost unanimously proclaimed Bela King, an archbishop opposed his coronation because he accused Bela of having been involved in buying and selling religious privileges in order to benefit himself. Finally, the Archbishop of Kalocsa

crowned him king on January 18, 1173, with the approval of Pope Alexander III.

Bela would fight with his younger brother, Geza, whom he had held in captivity for more than a decade. Due to internal conflicts in the Byzantine Empire after the death of Emperor Manuel, Bela reoccupied Croatia, Dalmatian and Sirmium between 1180-1181.

Bela promoted the use of written records during his reign. Hungarian records from the 14<sup>th</sup> century he was responsible for the establishment of the Royal Chancery (responsible for producing the government's official ruling documents. Bela built a royal palace in Esztergom. The palace was the first example of Gothic architecture in Central Europe. Bela would amass an extreme wealth that would put him with the equivalent of the wealthiest European monarchs (the reliability of this claim has been questioned.

Bela III would rule until his death in 1196. His reign would not be long and constant battles with his brother Andrew would cause problems. We will follow the rulers of Transylvania in their ventures in our next series.



**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.**

### Daniel Martino

Age 41

Died: June 10, 2021

Branch 14, Canton, OH

### Dorothy A. Chlebus

Age 92

Died: July 30, 2021

Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Richard T. Schuller

Age 77

Died: August 6, 2021

Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

**On the other  
hand, you have  
different fingers.**

## Tomato overflow?

### Can them for a taste of summer all year

You'll need: canning pot and rack, jar lifter tool, canning jars and lids, large bowl for ice bath, clean cloths or new roll of paper towels, lemon juice, salt, kettle of boiling water.

Estimate about 3 large tomatoes per quart jar.

#### Blanch and skin tomatoes

Boil water in large pot. Add a few tomatoes at a time and let them boil for a minute. Remove tomatoes. Place immediately bowl of ice water. When cool, skins slide off.

#### Sterilize the jars and lids

Boil water in canning pot. Put jars in canning rack. Boil empty jars for 10 minutes. Remove jars (empty of water). Allow to dry. Now, boil lids for 10 minutes.

#### Stuff the sterilized jars

Put two tablespoons of lemon juice from a bottle (not the fruit) in each jar. Pinch of salt. Cram tomatoes into jars. Cover tomatoes with boiling water from teapot. Leave a half inch headspace at top. Wipe edges of jars clean, place lids



and rims on the jars. Put jars in canning rack.

#### Boil the full jars

Put rack of jars in boiling kettle. Make sure cans are underwater and tops are covered by one-inch of water. Boil for 45 minutes. Add boiling water as needed to keep jars covered with water.

#### Rest jars

Remove jars. Set aside to dry and cool for 12 to 24 hours. You may hear popping noises as seals form.

#### Test lids

Do not turn the rim. After resting and cooling, press down on the middle of each lid. When sealed, there will be no give in the center. If unsealed, the lid will spring up. This jar is not safe for storage.

Store in cool, dark place.



**BRANCH 9, CHICAGO**  
By Rose-Marie Hauer

On July 18, Branch 9 had its annual picnic at Lynn Woods in Morton Grove, IL. The weather was outstanding and the committee did an excellent job. We had food, homemade cakes and drinks. Canned goods were collected for the Palatine Food pantry (see photo). We had a raffle with tons of prizes! Everyone was so happy to see each other. It was truly a magical day.

Branch 9 had its first in person meeting on August 2. It was so nice to see everyone once again. President Thut opened the meeting and greeted everyone. Sadly, we remembered all the events we missed last year and a planning for a better rest of the year.

**Events:**

➤ Please come join us on September 11, for the Steuben Parade. Please meet by the CVS on 4051 N. Lincoln Ave at 1:30 p.m. If you need costumes we have them for you! Please contact President Thut at 847-414-2660. Come show your Saxon spirit.

➤ German Day festivities on Lincoln/Lawrence/Western September 10, 11, 12, 2021.

➤ German Day Commemoration at St. Benedicts Church 2215 W. Irving Park, Chicago at 2p.m.

Please come and join for a beautiful service.

➤ There will be no meeting in September. The next meeting will be October 4, at the DANK Haus at 8 pm

➤ Christmas Party will be December 19, at the Donauschwaben Clubhouse in Des Plaines, IL.

**Sick List**

We have several members on the sick list. Paige Deloy, Sister Sara Hartig, Sister Rosemarie Morgan Sister Kathi Roth, Brother Mike Schmidt, and Sister Hilde Schoonmaker. Please keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers. God bless you all to a speedy recovery.

**New Baby**

Congratulations to Thomas and Cassie Linz on the birth of their daughter, Allison Linz, born on June 16, 2021. Proud Grandpa Brother Hans Linz, Great grandparents Brother Fritz and Sister Kathi Roth, Aunt Sister Dede and Uncle George Thut.

**Graduations**

Congratulations to Emily Huprich daughter of Brother John Huprich and grandparents of Sister Maria and Brother John Huprich. Emily graduated from North Central College with a BS in Exercise Science and is interested in Sports Medicine.

Stay healthy and all the best till we meet again!

**CHICAGO BRANCH 9**  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**



Dover sole

**Don't kiss a fish**

Strange things have happened between man and fish. In 2017, a man in Bournemouth, England, caught a six-inch Dover sole. In the tradition of the area he bent down to kiss it. That's when the fish wriggled free and dove into his mouth. It got stuck in his windpipe.

There's no doubt about the fish in the windpipe. Paramedics had to extract it when the man went into cardiac arrest, according to the Guardian.





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

A PICNIC is defined as an excursion or outing with food usually provided by participants of the group an eaten in the open. Branch 33 had another great Picnic on Sunday, August 8 at Penetentiary Glen with a fairly good turnout. We were blessed with only a short sprinkle which certainly helped the air turn steamy when the sun came out.

We did not do our own food, we were catered by Mission BBQ and it was delicious! Thanks to Margie and Ema for arranging the catering. Wow, everyone loved it!! I believe Henry and Nick handled the coolers, Plenty of cold drinks for a hot day!

We did have games and raffles. Wayne Suts and Bob Bonnett won the water balloon toss with the Deatons coming in second, and they tossed that balloon quite a distance!

Congratulations to Allison Phillips and Ema Litschel who came closest in guessing the amount of candy in the jar. Kids had fun with their own balloon toss won by Jemma Krestel (with Papa Jeff). There were lots of winners in Family Feud, the scavenger hunt and the shoe scramble too.

Sorry that more people were not able to attend but we understand the heat kept some away, the rain kept others away, distance is a problem for some, and Covid still a concern too. But it sure was good to see everybody in person again!! President Margie Ziegler took pictures so I have included a few. Thank you again to everyone who helped out: serving food, making coffee, collecting money, making name tags, pinning down table cloths, whatever you did it is really appreciated. Many hands make light work, because the other definition for a picnic is "an easy job." And we all know a picnic takes work too!

I know there was a Captains baseball game in July; I did not attend and hope everything turned out well at that outing too. Barb Hum puts a lot of work in organizing that event.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 8. At this point we're planning a live and in-person meeting at St. John's Church in Highland Heights at 7 p.m. We will start with a party tray supper. See you in September!



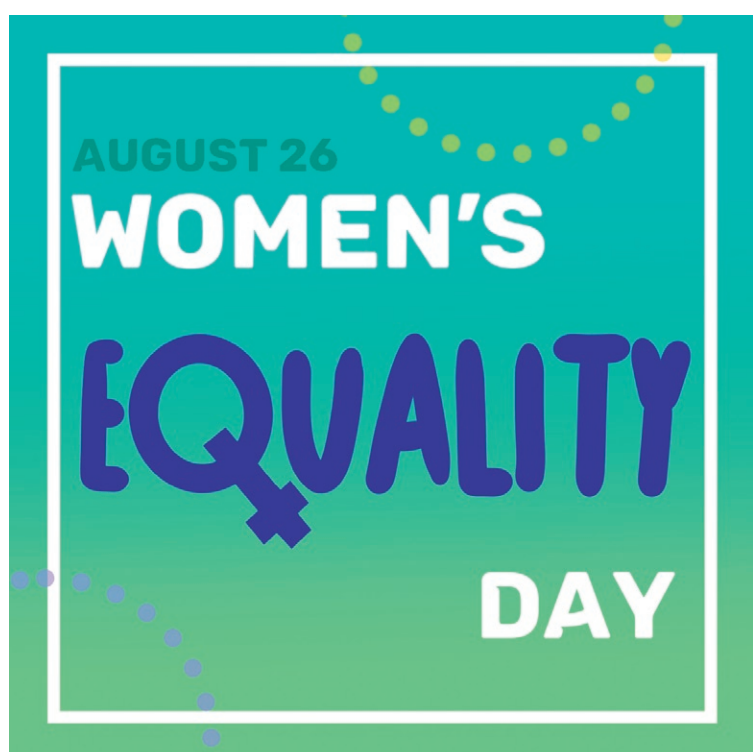
**CLEVELAND EAST BRANCH 33  
ANNUAL PICNIC**



**Food Tip**

If you don't like your rice too sticky, there is a solution. Before cooking, rinse the rice a few times until the water runs clear. Drain the rice completely, and then let it sit for 20 minutes. This

procedure helps to remove much of the starch from the rice. When you are ready to cook the rice, add a few drops of lemon juice to the water. This will help the grains separate.





**It's Back to School time. No matter how old you are, it's important to keep learning!**

**Today's lesson: The ABCs of Annuities**



**What is an Annuity?** An Annuity is an agreement between you and an insurance company like the ATS, in which you make a lump-sum payment or a series of payments, earn interest, and in return, receive regular disbursements beginning immediately or at some point in the future. It is intended to be a retirement asset.

**Are there different types of Annuities?** Yes. Annuities come in three main types: Fixed, Variable, and Indexed. Variable and Indexed annuities could have a higher rate of return, but have increased risk because they are usually tied to the stock market. Fixed Annuities pay a guaranteed amount and come in two different types: Immediate and Deferred. The Immediate type annuity, as its name implies, pays out immediately. The Deferred type annuity pays you later. The ATS only sells this Fixed guaranteed type of Annuity.

**Is the interest that the Annuity earns tax deferred? What does that mean?** Yes, the interest that you earn on your annuity is tax deferred. This means you will not have to pay income taxes on the earnings each year while the account is growing. Instead, you will pay income tax in the year that you withdraw the interest, probably after you have retired.

**Do I need a large amount to start an ATS Annuity?** No. Unlike some insurance companies who require big deposits to start an annuity, the ATS requires only \$300 to open an annuity. This amount is \$150 for those under age 16. \$25 is the minimum amount for future deposits.

**Are there fees on an ATS Annuity?** The ATS does not charge any administrative fees for your account. There could be a small surrender charge fee in the first five years of the account being opened if you withdraw funds. Other companies can charge lots of fees such as statement fees, annual fees, or withdrawal fees. If you withdraw funds prior to reaching age 59 1/2, you could incur an IRS penalty.

**Am I required to withdraw the funds from my ATS annuity?** No. You are not required to withdraw the funds from a Tax Deferred Annuity (unlike a Traditional IRA account). You could leave the entire account to your beneficiaries. You could make periodic withdrawals from your account. You could receive an interest check each month. Or you could annuitize your account and receive either a set dollar amount, a set number of payments, or a check for the rest of your lifetime. An Annuity is the only product that can guarantee a stream of income that you cannot outlive.

**Does my ATS Annuity account go through probate after I die?** Not if your beneficiary is a person, church or charity. If you name your spouse, children, relative, friend, or even a charity as your beneficiary, the funds will go directly to them. If you name your Estate as your beneficiary, then yes, the funds will go through the probate process. Please use caution when listing your Estate as your beneficiary on any type of account as the funds could be tied up for a long time until the Estate is settled.



**Still have questions on Annuities?**  
**Call your local ATS Deputy or the**  
**ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442**  
**for more information.**

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