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SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Norma Byers

The Salem Saxon Retirees, Branch 18, met on August 4th, 2021 at the Club with 17 present.

Our beloved President hit the gavel and we quieted down to open the meeting.

Tony Rothbrust gave the invocation and we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to our American Flag. We had a delicious lunch, as usual from our two great caterers and wonderful homemade cake for dessert. Shortly, our President had to be excused for the remainder of the day, so our Vice President, Dora Lee Sandoe, took over and Secretary Dianne Kuttler read minutes from July and Katie Lederle gave her Financial report and all was approved.

The birthdays were read and we sang Happy Birthday to all. Our August birthdays present were: On August 11 - Norma Byers, August 25 - Mary Ann Roth, August 28 - Katie Lederle. Dora Lee Sandoe conducted the monthly drawing.

We had no other business, so we said the Lord's Prayer and we prepared for BINGO. Tony Rothbrust is our excellent caller, and he will be as long as he calls the right numbers we need! Looking forward to Sept. 1st, when you all will be here, so Stay Well!

Toodle-oo!

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Ro Dundon

Hello Everyone. It's still summer, isn't that great?

The Youngstown Saxon Retirees met on Thursday, August 12th at the Eat and Park in Austintown. We had a really good time. Everyone attended except Marge. Sorry you couldn't make it, but Roger did. We were happy to see him looking well.

Conversation lulled when lunch was served which is a sure sign everyone enjoyed their choice. Talk drifted from our comings and goings to happenings at the club. We all agreed things were picking up there and are truly glad about it.

We also discussed the location for our next meeting. Lucy has again graciously invited us to have our annual picnic at her pavilion. The date of the picnic is Thursday, September 9th at the usual time, 12 Noon. Anyone not familiar with the location should call Lucy at 330-799-7794 for the address and directions. I am familiar, but you all know my record for directions and I do have a GPS, just not sure how to work it.

On a nice note, Dom is going to the Workshop here in Ashtabula. It certainly won't take the place of the Saxon Club for him but he will feel useful.

On a sad note, my husband, Jim Dundon, who passed away in November, was buried at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville. It was really an emotional ceremony including Military Honors. He is missed.

Remember the meeting /picnic at Lucy's on September 9th. Everyone stay safe. Be watchful of the school buses now on the roads and the kids waiting for them. If not vaccinated be sure to wear masks. We don't want to lose anymore.

We were able to go to the Club's picnic. We had a great time. It was so good to see the members and families again. It's been a long time .. too long.

By the time you read this it will be almost autumn....Happy Autumn to all.

Till we meet again....it's RO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Wow, it's September already! Where has this year gone? The kids are back in school and it's time for Branch meetings to resume for those that took the summer months off. Please support your local Branch. Go to the meetings, pay your dues, and volunteer to take an office. It really doesn't take that much time each month to get involved.

The ATS Board of Directors will be having its quarterly meeting later this month. The Trustees will be conducting their audit on Friday, September 17th and the entire Board will meet on Saturday, September 18th. We will be reviewing the financials of the ATS, the investments, Committee activities, and future events.

The 2021 Branch Presidents meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the new ATS Home Office. Invitations have gone out to the Presidents of all of our Branches. This meeting is a small informal way for representatives from each Branch to get together on the off-year of the Convention to discuss various topics. I hope to see all of the Branches represented.

I had a member of Branch 1 – Cleveland send me a note after reading an earlier column about Hermann Oberth. He stated that he met the scientist at the Cleveland Sachsenheim around 1950. In this issue, there is a photo of this member along with Mr. Oberth. We have a portrait of Hermann Oberth in the ATS Home Office, as well. (See Page 2 - Ed.)

Did you know that September is Life Insurance Awareness Month? Every September, the Life Insurance Industry comes together to sponsor Life Insurance Awareness Month. This campaign is designed to educate consumers about the importance of life insurance and the role it plays in protecting families' financial security. If there is one thing that we have learned throughout this pandemic, it is that life is very fragile and it is important to prepare for the unexpected. According to LIMRA (a life insurance market research company), 42% of households would face financial hardship within six months should a wage earner die unexpectedly. 25% of households would suffer financial hardship within one month.

I encourage you to celebrate this month by taking a look at your current life insurance coverage and ask yourself whether you have enough to provide your loved ones with the financial security they will need if you were to pass unexpectedly. Consider the following: Do I have any life insurance? If not, why not? If so, is it enough? Who is my beneficiary? If I only have my spouse listed, should I add a secondary beneficiary? Do I still have my parents listed, even though I am now married with children? Do I still have my ex-spouse listed as my beneficiary? Do I know where my paperwork is? Do my loved ones know where my paperwork is? Do they know what they need to do in order to collect on my policy? If you are unsure of any of these questions, now is the perfect opportunity to educate yourself (and your loved ones) and improve your understanding of life insurance.

Until next time....

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Siebenbürgen



Adolph (Sonny) Hoffman, Cleveland Br. 1, with Oberth ca. 1950.

Hermann Oberth’s visits to Cleveland

Oberth had given a speech following a concert at the Sachsenheim. Sonny recalls Oberth talking about building a rocket to send a man to the moon and back and how people would train for it. Sonny’s mother, Lotte, went to the same school as Oberth. Sonny, age 90, who currently resides in Sevierville TN, sang with the Eintracht Hermania men’s chorus, while his mother sang with the Saxonia ladies’ choir.



Prof. and Mrs Hermann Oberth with representatives of the United Saxons of Cleveland ca. 1969

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 donations 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, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

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DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
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City _____ State _____
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Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory or honor of someone

Heart rhythm abnormality on the rise

Atrial fibrillation -- also called AFib -- is on the rise, with an estimated three million diagnosed adults in the US, according to the New York Times. That number is expected to quadruple with rising rates of obesity, diabetes and hypertension among aging adults.

AFib is an irregular heart-beat that can sometimes contribute to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other cardiovascular issues, according to the American Heart Association. Americans face about a 20 percent lifetime risk of developing the condition, but many people go undiagnosed. Symptoms of AFib include a racing, pounding or fluttering heart, periodic shortness of breath and excessive fatigue or dizziness from normal exertion. Diagnosed AFib can also be managed with medications, surgical procedures and other interventions, but early detection is key for successful treatment.

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MAIL: 29076 Fall River Dr Westlake OH 44145
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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, SEPTEMBER 8 , 2021	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 , 2021	FRIDAY,OCTOBER 1, 2021
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 , 2021	FRIDAY,OCTOBER 15, 2021

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

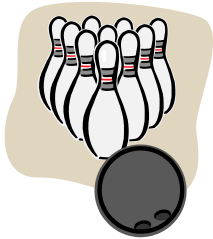
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Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?
Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

**ATS OPEN BOWLING
TOURNAMENT RULES**

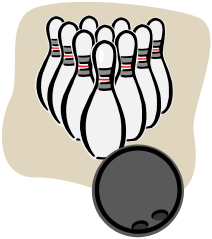
1. All bowlers must be Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon members in good standing to participate in this tournament.
2. Each bowler will receive 100% of the difference between his or her average and a two hundred ten (210) scratch with no limit on pins.
3. Averages to be used are:
 - a. The average of 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.

The mover behind a National Grandparents Day was Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly people in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter, in 1978, proclaimed that National Grand-



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

Singles Event 2:00pm Saturday, Oct. 23

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

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

All Events

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

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.....	\$_____

Name _____
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 Deadline October 1, 2021
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The woman behind Grandparents Day

parents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This year that is Sept. 17. He said:

“Grandparents are our continuing surrogate grandparents who fill

tie to the near past, to the events and beliefs that so strongly affect our lives and the world.

“Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents who fill

gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society a link to our national heritage and traditions.

“We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads and pressures, who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy. Because they are usually free to love and guide ... they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.”



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 2, 2021
Branch Presidents' Meeting
ATS Home Office
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

LOCAL EVENTS

September 19, 2021
Cleveland West Brs 1 & 4 Membership Banquet
October 9, 2021
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
Fall Sausage Sale
October 29, 2021
Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party
December 4, 2021
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale
December 11, 2021
Cleveland Sachsenheim Krampus Night
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

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

REMEMBRANCE

September 11, 2001 was a day that will be embedded in our hearts and minds forever. Please remember the brave heroes that risked and gave their lives in order to save the people in the Twin Towers and the human lives that perished in the tragedy of the day. Keep them all in your prayers, remember this day, keep America Strong and God Bless America.

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE
550 Offcenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Monday, September 19, 2021

Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.

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

PRAYERS

Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish you the best. May God comfort you and give you peace. Paul's family were founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus. Gott segne!

CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to Charles Wharton (September 3), Kathryn Oehlman (September 10), Jim Lehnert

(September 11), Maria Las-sel (September 13), David McMannis (September 13), Joseph Springer (September 14), Steven Hesch (September 17), Paul Schaible (September 21), Emily Betts (September 22) and Erika Gellner (September 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 49th 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 Jubilaum!

CONGRATULATIONS

Please join me in congratulating new Columbus Saxon Club member, Christine Oehlman. Christine is the daughter of our late President Martin Hesch. We are excited and happy to have Christine as a new member. Herzliche Gluckwunsche!

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10

We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. You are

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YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CULTURE GROUP By Bob Bachinger

We're Back!

The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group resumed our performances for the first time since January 2020 with the annual Saxon Day picnic on the Branch 30 grounds. It was good to get back together and see friends that we haven't see in a long time. The festivities at the Saxon Club started at 1:00 with a fun-filled day for all that attended. We had Sausage sandwiches, German potato salad, Sauerkraut and had Apple Strudel for dessert. We performed from 2:30 till 3:30.

To highlight a member that helped out with the picnic, Dana Carlevale made it a special day for all the Kinder that came out. They played games and won prizes for their efforts, and they had a blast searching for fifty-cent pieces and Handel Ice Cream coins in the sawdust pile. Someone (I don't know who) also snuck 2 ten dollar bills into there. Thanks for the anonymous donation. It was sure a hot day, and the kids did get to cool down with our annual water balloon fight. Just the cooling refreshment they needed. The adults got into the action as well. I saw a few wet clothes on them.

A special thanks to all who helped out in making this day wonderful.

To update you on our upcoming performances,

Sunday, September 5 – Erie, PA Germanfest- We are scheduled to perform 12:00-1:00, 2:30-3:30, and 4:00-5:00.

Saturday, September 18 – Youngstown Maennerchor Oktoberfest- Details TBD – probably early evening.

Saturday, September 25, Warren Oktoberfest – Court-house Square. Time TBD. Usually an early evening event.

Friday, October 1 – Struthers Oktoberfest – details TBD – usually early evening.

Saturday, October 2 – Struthers Oktoberfest – details TBD – usually early evening.

Saturday, November 6 – Trachtenball – Youngstown Saxon Club. Usually, we are there around 5:30 pm, for the evening.

If you are in the area, stop by and say hi.



ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS Branches 1 and 4

MEMBERSHIP BANQUET Sunday, September 19, 2021

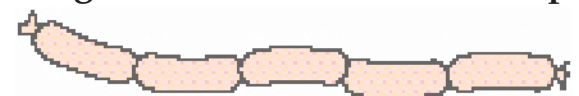
Cleveland Sachsenheim
1:00 PM

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

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's



Fall Sausage Sale

We are now taking orders
for hot, mild, and
garlic sausage.

All flavors come in
3 lb and 5 lb links
or 5 lb bulk packages
(each with a little overage).

Saturday,
October 9, 2021

Pickup is from
9:00 to 2:00
in the pavilion.

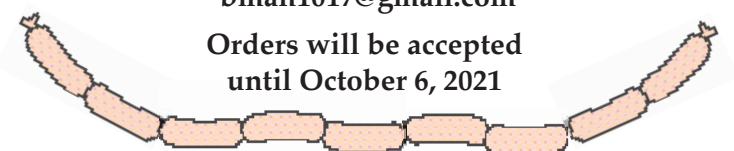
The price is \$4.00 per pound

You can call in orders to
Walter Benesch 330-398-5449
Michael Bachinger 330-540-5168
Robert Bachinger 330-980-0911

If we do not answer please leave us your name,
phone number, and order. We will call you back to verify.

You can also email your orders to
bman1017@gmail.com

Orders will be accepted
until October 6, 2021



New Alzheimer's drug adjustments

Biogen has updated its prescribing guidelines for its controversial Alzheimer's drug.

The updated guidelines for the drug Aduhelm say the drug should be prescribed to patients with milder mental impairment and not those with advanced Alzheimer's disease. The drug was tested on patients with mild disease.

According to USA Today, Aduhelm reduces the amyloid-beta protein plaques present in the brains of Alzheimer's patients. The plaques may or may not be the cause Alzheimer's, but

no one knows for sure -- it's just one theory of many.

Aduhelm is the first drug approved in 18 years for the Alzheimer's, the cause of which is unknown.

The new drug hasn't been shown to reverse dementia. One drug trial found that a high dose taken over the course of 18 months slowed cognitive decline by about four months while a second clinical trial failed to show any effect. Meanwhile, at a cost of \$56,000 a year per patient, Medicare could be strained. Followup studies could refine the amyloid-beta plaque theory as a cause of Alzheimer's.

CHURCHES



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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



Recipes from the Garden

Taken from the Saxon
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printed 1980

KOSHER DILL PICKLES

20-25 small cucumbers
1 quart vinegar
1 cup salt
3 quarts water
washed grape leaves

For each quart jar:
2 heads dill
1 hot pepper
1/8 tsp. powdered alum
1 clove garlic

Wash and stem pickles. Let stand in cold water overnight. Pack into hot sterilized jars with dill, pepper, alum and garlic.

Bring to a boil vinegar, water and salt, stirring to dissolve salt. Fill jars and cover each with a grape leaf. Seal tight. These pickles will ferment and leak but will settle down in several weeks and will be ready to eat.

Note: For those who do not like the garlic flavor – these pickles are good without it.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

Well it has been a hot one this summer. Scientists are saying that on average it is one degree hotter than it was last year on average. With all the attention given to global warming these days I'm beginning to believe it myself.

The day we held the Branch 5 Picnic (August 15), the weather was just right. With the wind coming off Lake Erie there at Lakeview park, it seemed to be a temperature that all seemed to agree with. We had about 25 folks attending this year and, once again, a good time was had by all. We'd like to thank the trustee sisters, Jeanne

Petty, Barbara Gilles, and brother Brian Gilles, for bringing it all together! The food was delicious and with everyone bringing a side dish or dessert no one went home hungry. Games of bingo, corn hole, water balloon toss, and birthday wishes sung to those having August Birthdays filled the afternoon. Also, brother Russell Gilles was awarded his 50Year pin as a member of Branch 5, Lorain. We're looking forward to having another picnic next year, same time and place.

We've had no meeting the last couple months and I've received no news of any sick benefit claims or any

BRANCH 5 PICNIC



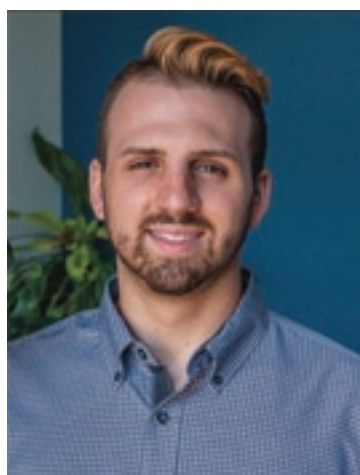
other news to report other than announcements you read about in your *Volksblatt* from the previous issue. If you are able to participate in other area branch activities, attend and support your fellow Saxon brothers and sisters.

We will be having our Branch 5 monthly meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 at the American Slovak Club at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday to members celebrating theirs in this month of September: brothers Harry Kallas, myself Michael Johnson and Carl Nau who will be turning 91! Happy Birthday also to our junior members Grace Zgola, Tyler Henderson, and Flora Jones. May you all enjoy your special day!

Until next time, have a happy Labor Day weekend and stay safe and healthy!

BRANCH 30 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



The Youngstown Saxon Club Branch 30 would like to congratulate Ivan Bosnjak in receipt of this years' scholarship award.

Ivan is a student at Youngstown State University and expects to graduate in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with an emphasis on e-commerce and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration emphasizing Marketing. Ivan is currently interning his second semester at 898 Marketing. He is assisting the video production team with shooting and editing various projects, and the digital team with a variety of initiatives including reporting, search and optimization. Ivan also completed an internship in Spring 2021 at Prodigal Media.

He has volunteered in the past for several events such as the Saxon picnic, Children's Halloween and Christmas parties and he has volunteered in other capacities at the club.

Ivan is the grandson of Donald and June Hoelzel.



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.

Marilyn A. Proverbs

Age 90

Died: July 26, 2021
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Carl H. Obert

Age 87

Died: August 8, 2021
Home Branch

James Dmitrovich

Age 93

Died: August 16, 2021
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

MARRIAGE

To keep your marriage brimming, with love in the wedding cup, whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash

Marriage is not a noun; it's a verb. It isn't something you get. It's something you do. It's the way you love your partner every day.

Barbara De Angelis

When a marriage works, nothing on Earth can take its place.

Helen Gahagan
Douglas

Before I got married, I had six theories about raising children; now I have six children and no theories.

John Wilmot

I married for love but the obvious side benefit of having someone around to find my glasses cannot be ignored.

Cameron Esposito

The definition of eternity is two people and a ham.

Dorothy Parker

Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who wants to live in an institution?

Groucho Marx



In the second half of the 13th century, a chapel erected in Cincșor was the core for building the actual church, which was completed in 1421. The church was fortified step by step in the 15th and 16th century, as testified by the timber frame structures. The chancel was reinforced with buttresses and widened along with the bell tower with a wooden parapet walk. In addition, the villagers built a fortification wall with 4 defence towers and an outer moat around the church. In the following centuries, the village faced difficult times. Among other things, it was burned down during an attack in 1599. The community flourished only after 1850, when not far away from the village a bridge was built for the first time on the river Olt.

Place and surroundings

In the 12th Century the German-speaking settlers have reached the foothill of Făgărași Mountains. Among others they built here the village of Cincșor, which had a great strategic role due to its location on the banks of the river Olt. Because the inhabitants had to bare many cruel attacks for centuries, they have built the church in the middle of the village and gradually fortified it. For this purpose they have used even the stones from a former roman military camp, which was once located on a nearby hill. The church still preserves its medieval appearance: between walls and defensive towers the time has stood still for centuries. The village itself has many things to offer, starting with the beautiful traditional Saxon farmhouses. Unlike the troubled times of the past, Cincșor is today a peaceful place, where the summer months harmoniously vibrate with the organ music from the church.

Tourism

Both parish house and school offer high-standard, well-equipped and lovingly decorated guest rooms with real Saxon flair. Guests and visitors are welcome to enjoy the “New Saxon Cuisine” for the preparation of which only fresh and regional products are used. Further information can be obtained here: www.transilvania-cincsor.ro



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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

If you think you are smarter than the previous 50 years ago the owner’s manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today, it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

RULERS OF TRANSYLVANIA

Okay, a lot has happened since King Geza II welcomed Germans (to become known as Transylvanian Saxons) into Transylvania. As was previously discussed, King

Don’t Wash That Chicken

Bacteria on raw poultry can cause illness when that bacteria cross-contaminates other food or surfaces. Many people believe that washing chicken before cooking can reduce this risk. But experts are calling for an end to poultry washing.

Washing chicken or turkey can cause water droplets to splash off the raw meat. Tests show that even just a few of these droplets contain enough bacteria to infect a person. While most people practice good food safety by washing their hands and preparation surfaces after contact with poultry, few realize the danger from simply washing it.

There is no benefit to washing poultry, as the only way to eliminate the risk of bacterial contamination is to properly cook it. Poultry should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Doing this, rather than washing before cooking, is the best strategy to safely prepare poultry for your family.

Geza II had economic, political and military strategic reasons for welcoming us into what was a desolate, wasteland that was only sparsely inhabited by humans. King Geza wanted to protect Hungary and the territories controlled by Hungary from attack from adversaries and warring nations and groups. Transylvania would prove to be a buffer and protection from these groups.

Since King Geza II invited, welcomed or coerced Germans to settle in Transylvania there would be quite a few changes. Since King Geza II’s reign, from 1162-1172, there would be 21 more rulers to follow as Hungarian rulers until 1526. The line of rulers would follow the lineage of predecessors in many ways. These rulers were usually members of the same family, descendants or people assigned by the rulers. Most of them came into power by death of parent, usually the father or through arranged marriages of rulers of other countries, of their sons and/or daughters. The relationships were usually based on maintaining or expanding power, political reasons or military/strategic purposes. It is doubtful that these unions were the result of love between the parties. In the case of handing down the power through the family tree, the power was almost always transferred to the eldest child (almost exclusively to the eldest son) or to the only remaining heir. In the few cases of no heir, the power would usually be transferred to a family member. Sometimes this transfer did not occur as smoothly as possible. There were instances where the transfer of the ruler/king would be done to a child that was extremely young and not capable of ruling. In this case, a parent would choose a relative to actually administer the responsibilities until the child would reach an age to be responsible for themselves. Many times the child would actually take control of the responsibilities of the crown as early as their early teens (even before puberty). In other instances marriages were arranged between parties when a child had not even reached the age of 10. Again, the purpose in these relationships was to insure a transfer of power within the family or dynasty.

In the case of rulers over Transylvania, the rulers from King Geza II to Vladislaus II (1516-1526) were done

to maintain authority over Hungary, Croatia and the territories they controlled (this would include Transylvania). In the case of rulers from King Geza II to Vladislaus II the power of authority would be bestowed to individuals with Hungarian ties or relationships.

The Reformation had not occurred yet, so almost exclusively the religions of the rulers were Catholic and mostly Roman Catholic. An exception to this was Ladislaus IV, whose mother was the daughter of pagan Cumans. Pagan Cumans had settled in Hungary. Ladislaus IV promised to convert the pagan Cumans to Catholicism but refused to enforce Christianity over the pagan Cumans. Because of his refusal to follow through with the enforcement of Christianity over the pagan Cumans, Vladislaus II would be excommunicated from the Catholic Church.

Another exception of the rulers being sons and/or men was Queen Mary (1382-1395). She was the daughter of Louis the Great (Louis I), King of Hungary and Poland. Queen Mary had an interesting life. She was crowned queen at the age 11, upon the death of Louis I. Seven days after the death of Louis I, Mary was actually crowned ‘King of Hungary.’ This was done ceremoniously because the Hungarian noblemen could not accept a female monarch. Another interesting fact about Mary, as tradition, and in order to gain political/economic/military power, a marriage to Sigismund of Luxembourg had been arranged before her first birthday. This would become important because upon her death in 1395, Sigismund, who had been crowned King of Hungary and co-ruler, would become her successor to the crown of Hungary. Sigismund would become the King of Hungary and Croatia because Mary and her son were killed in a horse accident while hunting, and there was no other heir.

There were many dynasties of Hungary that ruled over Transylvania. One of the longest was Arpad from 1046 to 1301. Other ruling dynasties over Transylvania, until after the Arpad, were Premyslid, Wittelsbach, Anjou, Sigismund, Luxembourg, Habsburg, Jagiellon and Hyundai. These dynasties controlled Transylvania until 1526.

Our next discussion of rulers that affected Transylvania will continue until 1526.

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September is Life Insurance Awareness Month



Do I need Life Insurance? Is Life Insurance worth the cost?

How much life insurance do I need?

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

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

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

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

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- **Life Paid up at Age 65**—Premium payments are completed by retirement age
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