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## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

To our members: Please, we need someone to volunteer for the nomination committee as November is voting month. Please contact an officer or the main office for this "one time a year" help. Otherwise, there can be no election of officers. Saxon Club 330-792-7973 or any officer, please.

We are truly grateful for the wonderful work that has been done on the yard, lands and gardens in the last months; many, many thanks!

Our next general meeting will be November 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you so you can have a voice in decisions made for The Saxon Club.

October 21, 2021 is the meeting for setting up the calendar for the next year at 6:00 p.m. You are invited.

Please pay your dues for next year in November or December; your card can be invalidated by the February meeting if not paid on time, please.

A reminder; the Children's Halloween Party is postponed until next year for which the past chairmen, Michele and Kiki Eberth, are willing to help, but due to their other responsibilities are not able to chair. Then, we ask for someone to chair for next year. Decorations are stored at The Saxon Club so please contact one of the Eberths to take a turn at chairing, o.k?

We need to update our constitution and ask that regular members, not just officers, volunteer to help with things like: hiring and firing, a griev-

ance committee, ideas to present to the body for voting. Please tell an officer or the office as we would appreciate some fresh input. Social members, also, are important to us as their ideas are often fresh as well.

Even though we are open, we ask you to use good health practices while in the Club; distancing, and importantly, masks when not eating or drinking. You might be responsible for saving a life, a fellow Saxon member.

Wishing you a good Fall Season!

## SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Norma Byers

Salem Retirees met October 6, 2021 at the club with 21 present. The gavel was dropped by our president Lois Whitacre and life began at the Saxon Club.

Tony Rothbrust gave the invocation and afterwards we all gave the Pledge of Allegiance to our beautiful American flag.

Next, our good lunch was served by Beverly and Cheryl, our wonderful caterers! We had brats, cheesy potatoes, salad, and homemade spice cake with a delicious icing – Yum!

Call to order for our meeting to begin! Secretary, Dianne Kuttler read minutes from September, and Katie Lederle read the financial report from September.

Our Vice-president held the 50-50 drawing for \$35.00. Mary Stumperth read the October birthdays, just one, lovely Dorothy Hutmacher, her 96th birthday, and who was present.

We had a humorous reading by Helen Aeling about decluttering - of course none of us needed to worry about that, right?

Our President reminded us about our 50 Year dinner coming up Saturday, the 9th.

Then Tony came in with the Bingo cards, but we first said the Lord's Prayer. Speaking of reservations, be sure and call in your reservations for our meetings no later than Saturday Eve prior to the meeting. Call Kati at 330-533-5154. We enjoyed Bingo. Be sure to mark your calendars for November 3rd, our next meeting. Also, be prepared for colder weather and possibly snow!!! Be thinking and planning for Thanksgiving and Turkey and all the trimmings! (I love Turkey) See you all then! Toodle-ooo!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I had the pleasure of attending the Traubenfest put on by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Sachsenheim. It was so nice to see people come out and support the event. The Dance Group did a great job of planning the evening, cooking and serving dinner, and dancing. It was a little different this time without the children being deputized and hauling the adults off to jail for stealing the grapes. Instead, the children split into two groups and each child had to help stuff a scarecrow while blindfolded. It took teamwork for both groups to accomplish their task. Both groups did a fantastic job! With the ongoing pandemic, it felt really good to get out and see people you haven't seen for a while and even get a few hugs. I believe everyone who attended had a wonderful time!

Election Day is coming up in a few days. Even though it is not a presidential election, there are generally important local issues on your ballot that deserve your time and attention. Please remember to vote!

Daylight Savings Time will be coming up in a week or so on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Sometimes I think I'm ready for it, while other times I'm not. Right now, it's still dark in the morning when the alarm goes off, so I do not want to get out of bed. However, once the time change occurs, it will be dark earlier in the evening, so I won't like that either. Then there's the whole idea of cancelling Daylight Savings Time. I'm not sure how I feel about that idea. I mean, what would you do with all of that extra time twice a year if you won't have to remember how to reset the clock in your car or on your oven?

Did you know that Halloween traces its origins to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain? Samhain is the celebration of the end of harvest season and marked the end of the Celtic calendar year. The holiday is believed to have originated around 4000 B.C. in Ireland. Back then, the Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead got a little blurry and the dead would come back to life to wreak havoc among the living. The wearing of costumes and masks were designed as a way to scare away the dead. If people were dressed as ghouls and other spooks, they thought they would escape the notice of the spirits wandering the streets. Carving pumpkins with a scary face is another way of scaring away those evil spirits. Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate those spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain. The colors of black and orange trace to Halloween, also. Orange is a symbol of strength and endurance and, along with brown and gold, stands for the harvest and autumn. Black is typically a symbol of death and darkness and acts as another reminder of the festival that marked the boundaries between life and death. Scarecrows, a popular fixture during Halloween, symbolize the ancient agricultural roots of the holiday. Happy Halloween everyone!

Until next time....

Happy Halloween



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Some turkeys showed up at the TSBA Session held in Youngstown on October 17



Rich Baker



Barb Gilles



Tony Rothbrust



Francis Schlueter

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.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate if donation is in memory  
or honor of someone

Time to plant  
spring-flowering  
bulbs

Do you always admire spring-blooming flowers in your neighbors’ gardens? If you want to see a profusion of blooms in your own yard next year, the work starts in the fall.

Late October and early November are the best times to plant spring-flowering bulbs. Here’s how to do it.

First, select a site that has good soil and good drainage so bulbs will continue to flower year after year.

For tulip, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs, prepare the soil 8 inches deep or more. Plant them six inches deep, measured from the bottom of the bulb, and six inches apart.

For small bulbs such as crocus, glory-of-the-snow and grape hyacinth, prepare the soil six inches deep. Plant bulbs three inches deep and three inches apart.

Lastly, broadcast a tablespoon per square foot of 12-12-12 or 13-13-13 analysis fertilizer and water well. When the ground freezes, mulch with two inches of fine mulch or straw.

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

| DEADLINE                     | ISSUE                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021  | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021 |
| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021  | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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



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

Branch 33 October meeting started with a Pizza and Halloween Party with Costume Contest. So nice that everyone got into the spirit of the Holiday. Costume winners were Lisa Deaton elegantly dressed as Cruella d'Evil, Cindy Schneider dressed as Cifford the Big Red Dog "Clara" (She says is Clifford's sister lol,) Wayne Suts in a pink Bunny suit from movie "a Christmas Story", and in 1<sup>st</sup> place were Don Weber and Joanne Janisco dressed as Salt and Pepper Shakers. SO many more great costumes as well. Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, at our usual venue, St John's Church in Highland Heights. Before the meeting we will be having a Pot Luck Supper. We are asking members to break out your Saxon Cookbooks and bring a Saxon dish to share. Or maybe you have a favorite Dish you remember from growing up. Supper starts at 7 p.m. Reminder to bakers who volunteered to bring dessert: Bruce Schneider, Maria Thellmann, and Mora Ziegler (a first for Mora, and we are exciting to sample this Junior's pastry skills!).

November is Branch 33 Officer election month. Bruce Schneider is Nominating Committee. If you are interested in a position, please let Bruce know.

We send salutations to all our members, especially those shut in at home, in Nursing facilities, recovering illnesses: We always are thinking of Joan Blaha, the Mahtars, Peg Maurer, Florence Davidson, Inge Mahn, Frida Halemba, and now George Adam is in a Skilled Facility; and so many others who have not been able to attend meetings.

Events being planned include our Sausage making fund-raiser, December 4. Please call Ema Litschel to order Sausage (440) 358-1184. The Branch Christmas Party Sunday December 12 at Pine Ridge Country Club in Willoughby, Members \$10

and Guests \$25. Remember to Save the Date for the ATS National Convention in May; our Annual Membership Banquet will coincide with the Convention Dinner Saturday May 21 at Beachwood Marriott.

See you at the November meeting!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile Members are encouraged to color and mail  
to the ATS Home Office for a special treat.

Please mail to the ATS Home Office;  
5323 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129  
Before November 6, 2021

**BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE**  
By Dolores Both

Branch 27 ladies met October 6, 2021 at the club. President Marie Benedict opened the meeting with the Pledge of Alligence. Get well wishes are sent to Carol Schlumberger who is recovering from COVID-19. Thank you cards were received from Brandy Frengel and Mary Normington.

Congratulations go out to our President, Marie Benedict, the Gold Medal winner in ATS sales. As a result, our branch received a \$100 check from the ATS. Marie said she worked on recruiting new members for the benefit of the club and our heritage, not just to win. She thanked everyone who helped out.

Social: Reservations are made for members to attend the New Castle Playhouse production of "Fools" on Sunday, October 10. We will have dinner at Tanners after the play. Reservations will be made for our Christmas party at one of our local restaurants. The party will be December 1. Complete details will be announced at the November meeting.

Good and Welfare: October 25

is the Trunk or Treat at the picnic grounds. Club kitchen renovations are making progress and looking good and we all look forward to the finished product.

Happy to report Mike Schenker won \$150 on the lottery tickets he purchased from the ladies. Jane Fishovitz was our door prize winner.

Members voted to increase the Donzella Hermann scholarship from \$400 to \$1,000. Members also voted to establish a \$2,000 scholarship and to increase the present Br. 27 scholarship from \$750 to \$1,000. These undergraduate scholarships will be paid for from the interest earned on the money we transferred to the ATS general fund. The recipients will be chosen by the ATS Scholarship Committee that follows specific guidelines in the awarding process of all ATS academic scholarships. To be eligible to apply, students must be a member of the ATS for two years.

Welcome to our new member Jennifer Wanack. Next meeting November 3, 3:30 at the club.



**Cleveland West Branch 1  
Wurstmarkt / Sausage Sale**

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**  
**Cleveland Sachsenheim**  
**7001 Denison Avenue**

**Pork Sausage with or without garlic**  
**\$4.25 per pound**

**Deadline for orders November 30th**

**Orders being taken by**  
**Rob Hanek (440) 356-5582 rhanek@yahoo.com**  
**Grumpy at the Sachsenheim (216) 577-7727.**

**Covid compliant Drive thru order pick ups**  
**beginning at 1 p.m.**



# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

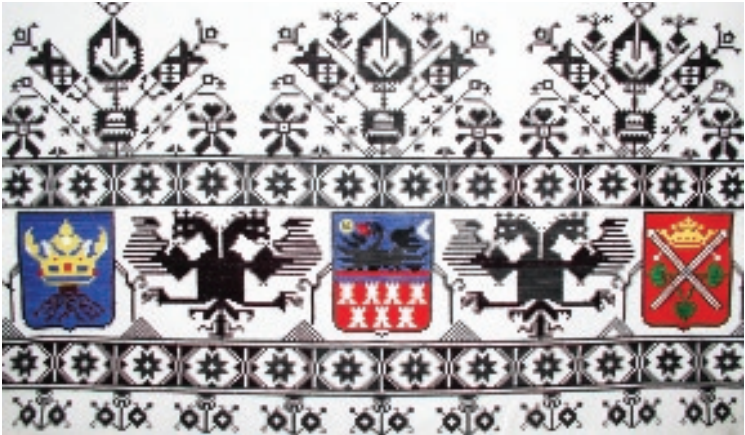
## BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Lesley Reed

### NATIONAL EVENTS

November 7, 2021  
TSBA Bowling Session Cleveland West  
December 5, 2021  
TSBA Bowling Session Lorain OH  
January 16, 2022  
TSBA Bowling Session Cleveland East  
February 6, 2022  
TSBA Bowling Session New Castle PA  
March 20, 2022  
TSBA Bowling Session Youngstown OH  
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

Novbember 19, 2021  
Cleveland Saxon 250 Club Banquet  
December 4, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale  
December 11, 2021  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage sale  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Krampus Night  
December 12, 2021  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Christmas Banquet  
Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party  
Columbus Br.. 10 Christmas Party  
December 18, 2021  
Salem Saxon Club Christmas Part 6 p.m.  
December 19, 2021  
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party  
Donauschwaben Club, Des Plaines



# Krampus Night

## at the Sachsenheim!

Saturday, December 11th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

### Sachsenheim Hall

7001 Denison Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44102  
Tickets \$10.00 @ [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)  
or Call (440) 227-6554



Beer, Brats & Sides  
Available for Purchase



## Krampus of Cleveland, the Frank Moravcik Band,



## & the Gemütlichkeit Musikanten

We held our October meeting on the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 9 members present and 5 members previously excused. Our hostesses were Barb Esterly, Linda Gelsinger, and Helen Aeling.

Members celebrating October birthdays are Alice Freeders and Lesley Reed. Upcoming November birthdays will be celebrated by Penny Zeedrich and Karen Kinser. Attendance awards were presented this evening to Jan Ossler and Penny Zeedrich.

Minutes from September's meeting were read and accepted. The topics discussed under Old Business concerned updates and highlights from the recent ATS Presidents meeting. New Business topics started off with the election of officers for 2022. All previous officers, except our vice president, accepted re-nomination and were confirmed for another year. The following are our officers elected for 2022: President, Helen Aeling, Vice President, Barb Esterly, Treasurer Denise Aeling, and Secretary, Lesley Reed. Elected trustees are Mary Craven, Jan Ossler, and Penny Zeedrich. It was decided that our holiday party this year will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Hart Mansion restaurant. We received communications this month from Emily Brennan, thanking our Alliance lodges for their scholarship support throughout her college career, and a request from the Alliance YWCA asking for a donation to their new memorial paver brick walkway project. A motion was made and carried to follow through with this request. Our trustees then presented their annual audit report which found our lodge's financial records to be in good order. The Treasurer's current report was also read and accepted.

We will not be having an official November meeting in lieu of the above-mentioned holiday party. We voted unanimously to omit formal meetings for the months of December, January, and February. At our next meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the hostesses will be Penny Zeedrich, Jan Ossler, and Lesley Reed.

## Cleveland Saxon Dance Group performing at its Traubenfest



## BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND By Robert Hanek

Branch 1 will be having its sausage sale DECEMBER 11th this year. If you'd like to volunteer or place an order call me a call at (440)-356-5582 or email at rhanek8@yahoo.com. Orders can also be placed at the Sachsenheim with our manager Grumpy at (216)-577-7727. Due to Covid-19, pick-ups will be the same as last year. We will have both garlic and no-garlic at \$4.25 a pound. We had many new faces last year and hope to see more this year. Remember, our volunteers need time to make the sausage so please

be courteous and try not to arrive too early. The doors will be open at 1 p.m. We will also have food available in the bar.

The Saxon 250 Club will also be having its banquet this year on November 19th. I know many people were getting anxious to hear when we are having these events. Covid has definitely made things more complicated than it was in the past. Remember that the proceeds of these events help our doors stay open in these difficult times and we thank you for your support!



## CHURCHES



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

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

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

### St. John's Lutheran Church

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

Rev. Barbara Holzhauser  
Pastor

10:00 Worship Service

**Don't be  
irreplaceable.  
If you can't  
be replaced,  
you can't be  
promoted.**

## The ULTIMATE in SAXON SAUSAGE Branch 33 Cleveland East Sausage Sale Fundraiser

Saturday December 4th, 1 to 4 PM  
at. St John Lutheran Church  
Highland Heights, OH

Available: garlic,  
no garlic, loose,  
or in casing.

\$4.25/lb



(Half of proceeds donated to local food bank)

Call orders to Ema Litschel  
(440) 358-1184

(leave your phone number in message,  
will call back to confirm the order)

Deadline for ordering November 24

## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

### IN MEMORIAM

We are going to dedicate much of this article to the Celebration and Remembrance of Saxons in heart, spirit, mind and/or heritage, who have left us recently. Some life's journeys were shorter than should have been and others life's journeys were longer. Regardless, we will miss their company and camaraderie. The physical pain and suffering is over. They will be able to celebrate with the Lord, knowing only the wonderful presence of an eternal life and glory. We will always share their memories and celebrate their lives. They are now part of a much larger group of Saxons, where they can share with their Saxon friends and family.

### GEORGE ALZNER 1931-2021

It is with great sadness we advise of the passing of George Alzner. George was a long time Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon member. George will be missed tremendously but will be remembered eternally. George is now in the hands of the Lord, where he will live eternally with all of his Saxon family and friends. June 11, 1931 ~ October 12, 2021 (age 90) passed away peacefully on October 12, 2021. George was born on June 11, 1931 in Botsch, Romania to the late Johann and Susanne Alzner. George was also preceded in death by his wife, Sara Alzner; sister, Susie Moldovan and

brother, Johann Alzner. George left his homeland when he was 21 years of age. He was a builder and construction worker and was self-employed. He was a member of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. He was a lover of boating, camping and gardening. George is survived by his two daughters, Helga Alzner and Sara (Stephen) Brown; grandchildren, Sara Stowe, Warren (Ann) Stowe, Jessica Yurasek, Lark Phillips and Michael Archambault; great-grandchildren, Alex and Willa Stowe, Landon and Avery Yurasek. George's family and friends gathered at the Cotner Funeral Home, 7369 E. Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to: Promedica/Heartland Hospice, 6500 Busch Blvd. Suite 210, Columbus, OH 43229.

### SARA KALWIENER

Sara, age 90, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Sara will be missed tremendously but will be remembered eternally. Sara and husband, Hans were long time members of the Saxon Club. She was a former member of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church. We have fond memories of their participation with the Saxon Club and wonderful memories of then being part of the Saxon Club family. Sara will be missed deeply but we will have wonderful memories of times that were shared with the Saxon Club on activities and trips. Prayers and condolences to the entire Kalwiener family. Sara was born in Rode, Transylvania, Romania. She and Hans would eventually travel to and settle in Columbus, Ohio. Sara is preceded in death by her parents and sister. She is survived by her Husband, Hans; Son John, Daughter, Waltraud (Bob) Rhoden; Grandchildren, Christopher, Bradford and Adelle; Great grandchildren, Natalie, Hudson, and Elin. Family and friends gathered together at OR Woodyard Company Chapel, Tuesday, October 12, 2021, to celebrate her life.

### JAMES E. LITTERER

James Eaton Litterer passed away peacefully on September 17, 2021. Jim was born on November 20, 1930 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frieda Eibisch Litterer and Oscar Eaton Litterer and wife of

59 years, Phyllis Mittermaier Litterer. After earning his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Louisville, he moved to Columbus, Ohio beginning a long career in aeronautics at North American Aviation, Rockwell International and Snow Aviation. Jim had a knack for building or fixing just about anything. Most memorable was his Christmas star shining over Reynoldsburg for more than 50 years. He is beloved by those he leaves behind – his children, Karen Litterer, Kristin (Tom) Litterer-Albert and Karl (Kelli) Litterer; grandson, Eric Litterer; brother, Charles (Nan) Litterer and the many friends he made as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Reynoldsburg Seniors, Germania, ham radio (W8DAU) and at Wesley Ridge/Bishop Place. He was a gentle, kind man of faith and we will forever hold him in our hearts. A graveside funeral service for Jim was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Glen Rest Memorial Estate with Pastor Aaron Schrimpf officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to: Wesley Ridge Charitable Foundation, 2225 Taylor Park Dr. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

### REINHOLD WARETZI 1957-2021

Reinhold, age 64, passed away Saturday, September 25, 2021, after a brief illness. Former member of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church. Preceded in death by parents Georg and Katharina Waretzi; Brother Gunther Waretzi. Survived by sisters Rosemarie Waretzi and Gerlinde Waretzi; Aunts Sophie Untch and Margrit Lawton; 2 nieces, 2 great nieces, 1 great nephew and many cousins. Friends and family celebrated his life on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the OR Woodyard Company Chapel, Columbus, Ohio. Reinhold has entered into eternal life with the Lord. He is free from the suffering and pains of the physical world and lives with his new body in Kingdom of God. We express our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to the family of Reinhold Waretzi.

God is assembling a wonderful Saxon family. He is ushering our Saxon Family into an eternal life of celebration with Jesus Christ. We say good-bye momentarily until we can all be joined together again. Gott segne.

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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.

### Ingeborg H. Vermeire

Age 92

Died: June 10, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Phyllis K. Pierce

Age 90

Died: September 6, 2021  
Home Branch (Erie)

### Thomas G. Schmidt

Age 70

Died: September 9, 2021  
Branch 1, Cleveland, OH

### James P. Corfman

Age 74

Died: September 11, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Romayn W. Care

Age 82

Died: September 13, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Julia Seiwerth

Age 76

Died: September 13, 2021  
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

### Ronald F. Kiessling

Age 87

Died: September 15, 2021  
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

### John E. Carden

Age 90

Died: September 24, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Sara Kalwiener

Age 90

Died: October 6, 2021  
Branch 10, Columbus, OH

### George Alzner

Age 90

Died: October 12, 2021  
Branch 10, Columbus, OH

### Dorothy M. Fizet

Age 91

Died: October 13, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

*Do you believe in destiny?  
That even the powers of  
time can be altered for a  
single purpose? That the  
luckiest man who walks  
on this earth is the one  
who finds ... true love?*

*Dracula (1992)*



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After the old church was destroyed, a new construction was erected between 1521 and 1524 and finds itself in a well-preserved state today, as well as the polygonal ring wall strengthened by towers in each corner. The southern tower was replaced in 1819 with today’s bell tower. The aisle-less church with polygonal chancel was provided with defence level and machicolation between the buttresses from this construction phase.

The parapets of the 18th century three-side gallery inside the church are decorated with floral motives and paintings illustrating different fortified churches. The organ above the altar was installed in 1832 on the substructure of the original 1716 altar. One of the oldest inscriptions from Transylvania can be found behind this altar: 1524 is the year when the construction works of the church were completed.

Place and surroundings

The small settlement Cloașterf in eastern Transylvania gave birth to many legends. Near the village are the ruins of a castle known locally as “Monkey Castle”. One says that a valuable treasure was once hidden behind an invisible iron door on the castle hill. From time to time this door appears out of nowhere. But it can only be opened with Mandrake, a magic plant.

In fact, once the remains of an urn and a golden coin with a Greek inscription of Alexander the Great were found here. The real treasure however remains undiscovered to this day.

According to another local myth the girl who finds the first vine with two small leaves on its tip will be lead to the man of her dreams by this branch. The girl should break the branch and put in on her hat. The first young man she meets on the way home from the vineyard she may kiss, as he will be her future spouse.



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Knitting: Meditative, calming, interesting -- and it doesn’t have to be painful!

With knitting, you can do something productive and challenging, even while sitting in the living room.

Or you can put your mind into a meditative zone, easing your anxiety as you knit along and shed your worries.

Sadly, some give up knitting as they age. Arthritis becomes a problem and it may feel as though repetitive motions create pain.

But there are some options if you want to continue knitting.

Moderation that prevents stress injuries is one key to happy knitting. There might once have been a time when a knitter could knit for hours, but if pain becomes an issue, build in rest periods. Take a 10 minute break



every 45 minutes. Stretch your hands, stand up, drink water.

Try using a pillow under each elbow and one on your lap. The pillow on the lap can support a heavy project, like a blanket.

For arthritis pain, warmth usually helps decrease pain and increase mobility. Try soaking your hands in warm

water before beginning. One knitter with rheumatoid arthritis said she warms up her hands in the morning by holding a cup of warm coffee. She then knits for 20 or 30 minutes at night, which seems to help her hands stay nimble. If she doesn’t knit, her hands are much stiffer and more painful the next day.

You can also try a circular needle. It can help prevent dropped needles and force you to knit with a flatter posture.

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**MONTHLY MEETING**  
HICKORY HOUSE  
550 Officenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
Monday, November 15, 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.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY-LUNCHEON**  
HICKORY HOUSE  
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**Sunday, December 12, 2021**  
**Time: 12:00 pm-Noon**  
Specifics in Coming Volksblatt Newsletter

**PRAYERS**

Mike Roth is still recovering from pulmonary issues. He is home and improving. We are praying that Mike will overcome the current challenges he is facing.

Jill Blum is at home and rehabbing from knee replacement surgery. We wish her a successful recovery.

Please keep long timeATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus.

Karl Lassel is at home after a recent hospital visit. We pray that the care Karl is receiving will help to improve his medical challenges.

Please keep long time Saxon Club member, Dorothea Hesch, in your prayers. Dorothea faces daily challenges.

**HUMOR**

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, “Jesús is watching you.” He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, “Jesús is watching you.” In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, “Was it you who said Jesús is watching me?” The parrot replied, “Yes.” Relieved, the burglar asked, “What is your name?” The parrot said, “Clarence.” The burglar said, “That’s a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?” The parrot answered, “The same idiot that named the Rottweiler Jesús.”

**CELEBRATIONS**

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Lassel (November 8), Marlene Mueller (November 8) and Christine Oehlman (November 15). May your blessings and celebrations be many, and your Birthdays be filled with Happiness and Good Fortune. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

**RULERS OF TRANSYLVANIA**

We will pick up our series in the next Volksblatt edition.

**Knitting belt**

The European tradition of the knitting belt can also be very useful for knitting continental style. One double-pointed needle holding the project sticks into the belt, while the other hand is free to move. You never bear the weight of the project. A pouch holds a small ball of yarn.

**Knitting Aid**

Another helpful invention is the Knitting Aid, a device that holds the needles for you, so your grip becomes less important, while it supports the wrists and arms. At \$120, it isn’t for everyone, but it might help reduce pain -- or even make it possible to start this heritage art form.







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