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## BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE

By Dolores Both

Our November 3, 2021 our monthly meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag led by President Marie Benedict. Reports were approved as read. Get well wishes are sent along to Carol Schlumberger and Mary Normington. A welcome goes out to new members Rosemarie Montini and Terri Quinn.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, at Kings Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be on your own. We will have a short meeting at the party. Instead of exchanging gifts, it was decided to donate \$5.00 each towards the Orphans Fund. This amount will be matched by Branch 27. Call Dolores Both at 724 658-7407 to make your reservation. Please leave a message if I'm not home. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, November 27.

Door prize winner was Debbie Hermann.

Don't forget – 2022 dues are due at this time.

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Dues will be collected at the Christmas Party or you can send your dues (\$7.00) to either Marie Benedict, PO Box 25, Edinburg, PA 16116 or Gertrude Tizak, 241 Cambridge St Apt 401, New Castle, PA 16105.

There will not be any meetings in January or February due to weather concerns. Don't forget to call me with your Christmas Party reservation by November 27. We plan on enjoying our dinner and having a great time visiting and partying the night away.

Till next year, we all wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May 2022 see the end of the pandemic.

## BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON

By Cheryl Schnebelen

We wish you all well while we get ready for the chillier months of the year. Despite our weather bouncing around a bit, the Canton Branches continue to meet for lunch meetings and will be having another in person meeting on Sunday, December 12, at 1:00 p.m., at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza between Big Lots and the barber shop.

These last couple of years have been difficult for many of us, so 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. The lodge would like to be able to continue in the tradition of supporting members and their families, so if there is a need, please let us know. 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 and please feel free to join us for our next meeting at Meyers Landing on December 12, at 1:00 p.m.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Happy Thanksgiving to all. Thanksgiving Day seems to get bypassed as a holiday anymore. People put their Christmas Trees up early, their outside holiday lights are turned on at night already, and, of course, the stores are all having Christmas sales and Christmas music playing. But we need to celebrate Thanksgiving for what it is. A time to reflect and be thankful for what we have. We are thankful for family, friends, and good health. Enjoy the day. Wait until Friday to put up that Christmas Tree!

On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of attending my own branch Christmas Dinner. Branches 3 and 8 (Alliance, Ohio) enjoyed dinner at Hart's Mansion Restaurant in Minerva. The food and service is always excellent. The atmosphere and conversations were wonderful. We have already rebooked there for next year.

The 2022 ATS Date Log Books have been mailed to all members. You should have received them by now. This is just one of the many little benefits of being a member of the ATS.

The Christmas season is fast approaching. If you or your local branch are in a charitable frame of mind, please think about donating to the Saxon Relief Fund or Schloss Horneck. Checks can be mailed to the ATS. We will forward them on to Germany.

Did you know that TV Dinners were a result of a Thanksgiving accident? Back in 1953, an employee of Swanson accidentally made a mass order of Thanksgiving turkeys. Actually, the order was for 260 tons of turkeys. In order to sell all of them, a salesman drew on the idea of how airplane food was served and thought of the idea to package a full meal on aluminum trays. The idea was approved by the company and 5,000 trays were filled with turkey, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes. The dinners were sold for 98 cents each. They were a hit. Since then, TV dinners and other types of ready-made frozen meals have become a normal staple for people on the go, in a rush, or on a budget. Also, did you know that cranberries are one of only three fruits native to North America? (Blueberries and Concord grapes are the other two.) Native Americans were the first to reap the many benefits of cranberries. In addition to eating them, Native Americans used the red juice from cranberries as a dye for clothing, rugs, and blankets. They also included cranberries in medicine to treat arrow wounds and other ailments. Native Americans believed in the medicinal use of cranberries long before scientists discovered their health benefits. Nowadays, cranberries are a common side dish at our Thanksgiving table.

Until next time....

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YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES  
By Ro Dundon

The Youngstown Saxon Retirees met at the Austintown's Eat and Park on November 11th at our regular hour—noon. After orders were taken and lunch was served we all joined in the conversations. I think we all had an enjoyable time. In fact some of us stayed much longer than usual after the meeting.

We had a very pleasant surprise. Barbara Wertz joined us as our newest member. She has been a long time member of Branch 30. We are so glad she is with us.

Roger and Lisa came, both looking really good. Lucy, on the other hand looked good but her arm didn't. It was operated on and is coming along. Eileen and Kay are both having problems. We all hope things get better. Dom was not in attendance but promised to be at the next get together (providing it doesn't snow).

Our Christmas meeting for December was discussed. Our President Diana took a vote and it was agreed that we would meet at Austintown's Ruby Tuesdays on Thursday December 9th at 12 Noon. It should put us into the Christmas spirit, not that this group needs more spirit. Should the place and or time for that meeting change, Diana will notify everyone by phone.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving (this probably won't get to print before). I'm sure we all have things to be thankful for. I know I do. Please stay safe and healthy. Get your booster shot if you already had the first two and distance yourself in crowds.

As for Halloween and the candy—no trick or treaters—only 3 1/2 lbs increase for me. All of us are awaiting winter weather. While I was writing this report, off and on, it first snowed, came the wind then rain, then sun, then hail, ending with snow. So everyone button up and stay warm—the preview to winter is here.

Until we meet again.  
As usual it's RO


### Instagram is damaging to teen mental health

According to a recent Wall Street Journal report, the social media giant Facebook has repeatedly found that its own photo-sharing app Instagram can be harmful to the mental health of teenage users, with teen girls at particular risk.

The app provides a quick and accessible tool for social comparison, according to the Verge. Users who scroll through their feeds or use the “Explore” function receive a megadose of idealized bodies through advertisements and carefully curated professional accounts. According to CNET, Facebook's own internal analysis has found that the experience is damaging for many young users, who frequently report feeling worse about their bodies after using the app.

BRANCH 1,  
CLEVELAND  
By Robert Hanek

### 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.

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or honor of someone  
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As we enter the holiday season, everyone is planning to have “normal” events again. Branch 1's Sausage Sale is being held on December 11th. We are always in need of volunteers on both Friday and Saturday. If you are interested in helping, give me a call at 440-356-5582 or Grumpy at 216-577-7727. Both garlic and no garlic is available in 3 and 5 pound increments at \$4.25 per pound. The order DEADLINE is December 4th so don't delay. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. and social distancing is still in effect.

Krampus Night at the Sachsenheim will also be held December 11th in the evening. You can order tickets on EVENTBRITE for this event that is sure to be a great night of fun!

The following day, Sunday December 12th, I've heard Santa will be visiting our club at the Children's Christmas Party. What a busy weekend!

The next branch meeting will be held on January 17th. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy the company of family and friends once again! We forget how important the little things in life are until we don't have them.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE ISSUE  
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021 FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

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



We met on November 3rd, 2021 with 14 present. Our President, Lois Whitacre, hit the gavel and Helen Aeling gave the invocation, and we all said the pledge of Allegiance. We had such a good lunch, chicken sandwiches with all the trimmings, with potato salad, and cauliflower and broccoli salad. Very healthy and yummy, and as usual a great dessert, baked by Beverly and Cheryl.

Then, a call to order for our meeting to begin. Our Secretary Dianne Kuttler read her minutes from October, which included welcoming our new member Jenny Jackson. Katie Lederle gave the financial report.

The 50-50 drawing was held by Dora Lee Sandoe for \$22, and won by (yours truly). Thank You!

November birthdays were read by "Nancy" Stumperth: Mary Weingart and Tony Rothbrust! We sang Happy Birthday.

Helen Aeling came up with some cuties about the sand dunes of Minnesota and the birthday of the Pillsbury Doughboy.

We all said the Lord's prayer and then decided we would not play Bingo today. We miss Tony!

The next time we meet, December 1st, Thanksgiving will be over and we will be eating those wonderful leftovers, sandwiches, pumpkin pie, etc.

Take care and stay well. See you then! Toodle-ooo

2021 HOLIDAY  
GIFT IDEAS



Looking for a unique way to pass on your Saxon heritage to someone on your Christmas list? Why not check out the exclusive items offered for sale at the ATS Home Office. Prices are very affordable and these items won't be found at your local department or book stores. Some supplies are limited. Order today!

<u>Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries</u>		CD "Glück Auf" by Eintracht Männerchor	\$ 5.00
by Rev. John Foisel	\$15.00	Saxon Apron - "I ♥ Saxon Cooking"	\$15.00
<u>Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy</u>		Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon)	\$ 7.00
by Barbara Ohler Weber	\$14.00	Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon Plus choice of Canadian or German)	\$ 9.00
<u>Flucht aus Siebenbürgen</u> (German Text)		ATS Navy Knit Cap with ATS Logo	\$10.00
by Monika Görig/Maria Schneider	\$20.00	Baby Knit Cap in Pink or Baby Blue	\$10.00
<u>Ant People</u> Children's book		Black T-shirt with Saxon Wappen	\$20.00
by Anne Junesch	\$10.00	Navy Sweatshirt with ATS Logo	\$25.00
<u>Saxon Cookbook</u> (third edition)	\$12.00	ATS Cloth Face Mask	\$5.00
<u>Why Can't Somebody Just Die Around Here?</u>	\$24.95		
by Gerhard Maroscher			

HOLIDAY ORDER FORM

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<u>Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy</u>	_____	_____		Blue	_____
<u>Flucht aus Siebenbürgen</u>	_____	_____	Black T-shirt	Small	_____
<u>Ant People</u>	_____	_____		Med	_____
<u>Saxon Cookbook</u>	_____	_____		Large	_____
<u>Why Can't Somebody Just Die Around Here?</u>	_____	_____		X-Large	_____
CD "Glück Auf"	_____	_____		XX-Large	_____
Saxon Apron "I love Saxon Cooking"	_____	_____	Navy Sweatshirt	Small	_____
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LED Christmas lights beat incandescent for safety

Nothing beats LED Christmas lights for safety and cost.

First, there is no comparison between the power drawn by incandescent lights and LED lights.

One thousand incandescent mini lights draw 408 watts. The same number of LED mini lights draw 69 watts, according to Christmas Lights Etc.

This can be a very important difference. For one thing, the LEDs are less likely to overload the typical household circuit. A 15-amp household circuit supports 1800 watts. Nearly every household circuit has several plug outlets running appliances or lights. Adding 400 watts to that circuit might trip the breakers.

Unlike incandescent bulbs, many strings of low-power



LED lights can be daisy-chained with zero safety issues.

For example, suppose you need 300 feet of lights for the roof line. Traditional incandescent C9 & C7 lights come on 25-bulb, 25-foot strands. Only two strands can be safely connected end-to-end, so you would need six different plugs

on different household circuits.

The same project with LEDs allows you to connect all the strings end-to-end into the same outlet. In fact, you could connect 40 strings of LEDs without a problem, according to Christmas Lights Etc.

In addition, LED lights:

- \* Use 75 percent less energy.
- \* Stay cool to the touch.
- \* Survive cold weather.
- \* Are more durable than incandescent and burn longer.

LEDs got a back reputation early on for being harsh. But newer designs offer choices between warm or bright white.

One drawback of LEDs? There is some evidence that blue LED lights make people feel sick or depressed.



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

Sold only in 3 and 5 lb. packages

Deadline for orders December 4th.

Orders being taken by

Rob Hanek (440) 356-5582 rhanek8@yahoo.com  
Grumpy at the Sachsenheim (216) 577-7727.

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



# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## NATIONAL EVENTS

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

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 Party 6 p.m.  
December 19, 2021  
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party  
Donauschwaben Club, Des Plaines



"I could never. Too much pressure."

## 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)

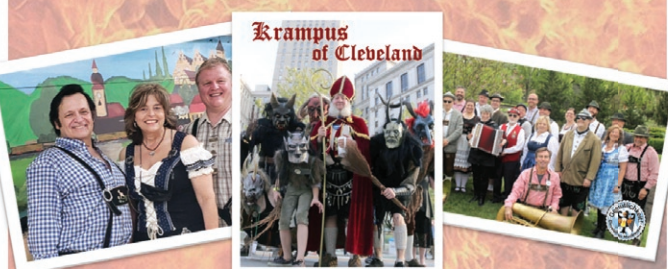
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## Krampus of Cleveland, the Frank Moravcik Band,



& the Gemütlichkeit Musikanten

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue



Santa will be visiting the Westside Sachsenheim on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and you, along with the other girls and boys from Branches 1,4,5 and 33 are invited to join him.

The party will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the making of a craft, followed by performances by our Junior members, and entertainment will be The Magic of J.R.

**SANTA CLAUS** will arrive following the entertainment with holiday wishes (and gifts for all the good boys and girls).

After visiting Santa, a light meal will be served to all.

We invite you to participate in the program by reciting a poem, singing a song, playing a musical instrument, etc. If you would like to be included in the program, please let Patty Cunningham know when you make your reservation.

In order to be sure that Santa has a gift for all the children, reservations must be made before December 1st (Santa's elves need time to prepare the gifts.)

Make your reservations early by calling:

Patty Cunningham (216) 398-7520 E-Mail: [prscunn@yahoo.com](mailto:prscunn@yahoo.com)

(If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message and your telephone number. Patty will need to know the name and age of each child.)

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: DECEMBER 1st**

ATS Junior Members: Can or box of non-perishable food

Adults: \$ 5.00

Non-Member Children: \$20.00, plus a can or box of non-perishable food



PLEASE NOTE: If vaccinated, face masks are optional  
IF UNVACCINATED, FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED!

## BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

December is a busy month for most of us preparing for the Christmas celebrations with family and friends. So, we decided at our November meeting to cancel our December meeting. Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 17, 2022. We will hold our Memorial Service for our departed Sisters and Brothers prior to the start of this meeting.

We always make several donations for the Christmas season. This year we have made monetary donations to the Cleveland Food Bank and the German Language School at Lenau Park.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Trudy Schaeff and family on the recent death of her husband, Dieter. We are wishing you peace and strength during this difficult time.

We are extending healthy thoughts and wishes to Martin Schuller for a complete recovery. You are in our prayers and hope you find strength by the love of your family and friends for brighter days.

Time is running out for you to make your sausage orders! The Sachsenheim will hold a sausage sale on Satur-

day, December 11<sup>th</sup>. You can order sausage with or without garlic at \$4.25 per pound. The packages are sold in 3 lb. or 5 lb. only. Orders are being taken by Rob Hanek at (440) 356-5582 or [ghanek@yahoo.com](mailto:ghanek@yahoo.com) and the Sachsenheim's manager Grumpy at (216) 577-7727. Deadline for orders is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is on December 11<sup>th</sup> after 1:00 p.m. We are looking for some energetic volunteers to help in making the traditional Saxon sausage. If you are willing to lend a hand please call Rob Hanek at (440) 356-5582. Let's see that this Saxon culinary art at the Sachsenheim continues for many more years. It is a huge task to produce 3,000 pounds of sausage in two day period!

The deadline for making reservations for the Children's Christmas Party is December 1! The party will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. It will begin with the making of a craft, followed by performances by our Junior members, and entertainment will be The Magic of J.R. **SANTA CLAUS** will arrive following the entertainment with

holiday wishes (and gifts for all the good boys and girls). After visiting Santa, a light meal will be served to all. We always look forward for the children to participate in the program by reciting a poem, singing a song, playing a musical instrument, etc. Anyone that would like to be included in the program, please let Patty Cunningham know when you make your reservation. In order to be sure that Santa has a gift for all the children, **reservations must be made before December 1st** (Santa's elves need time to prepare the gifts.) Make your reservations early by calling: Patty Cunningham (216) 398-7520 E-Mail: [prscunn@yahoo.com](mailto:prscunn@yahoo.com) (If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message and your telephone number. Patty will need to know the name and age of each child.)

**You know you are getting older when Happy Hour is a nap.**



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Warren, Michigan 48093  
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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**

## Home remodeling costs rise ... and fall

Lots of people are doing home improvement projects this year, but there are stumbling blocks.

Prices are higher, some materials may be limited and contractors don't have enough help, but these difficulties should ease in the coming months.

A survey by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies found that 80 percent of respondents had started DIY home improvement projects as of May 2021.

Meanwhile, costs for home improvement and construction materials have risen. The petrol-chemical supply chain was disrupted by a deep freeze in the South last winter, just one factor that caused painting and coating prices to rise 10.6 percent from 2020.

Lumber prices are up, but cooling off. In May, lumber per thousand board feet surged to over \$1,600, up from \$500 in October last year. Prices have since fallen to roughly \$600 as of Sep. 23.

An Autodesk-AGC of America Workforce Survey found that 90 percent of contractors surveyed had openings for hourly craft positions.

## BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

Hey! Santa Claus is coming to town... What town? CLE-town! And I mean Cleveland East specifically!! Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, Saxons of all ages: Branch 33's annual Christmas Celebration Dinner is Sunday, December 12, Noon to 4 p.m. at Pine Ridge Country Club in Wickliffe. Members' cost \$10, non-members \$25, and Junior members Free. Dinner served at 2 p.m. We are sooo excited the jolly man himself will be joining us! You do need to make reservations with Cindy Schneider (216) 410-8851. Deadline for reservations is Friday, December 3, and with the Junior reservation, give some ideas of your Junior's interests. Donna and Holly Foisel have a direct link with the North Pole, and Santa will bring a gift to those who have been Good all year!

Branch 33's November meeting started with a potluck supper. Boy we had a great turn out with lots of delicious dishes: Venison goulash, Pfefferkraut (tarragon) soup, Palukas mit Kaese, Klausenburger Kraut, Gürkensalat, Dumplings with kielbasi, and pastries from Bruce and Mora and Maria just to name a few items shared. Branch 33 members sure can cook!

During the meeting we held election of officers. Bruce Schneider read the slate and all current officers nominated were re-elected unanimously: President Margie Ziegler, Vice president Maria Phillips, Treasurer Jeff Krestel, Recording secretary Arline Suts, Financial secretary Mike Bretz, ATS secretary Karyn Schmidt, Membership chairperson Cindy Schneider, Trustees Wayne Suts, Kathy Brusk, Nick Ziegler; and Barb Hum completing the second year of her two-year term. Thank you to all Branch 33 officers, your hard work and diligence is appreciated!

The convention committee continues to work on the 2022 ATS National Convention. Remember the Branch 33 membership dinner will be held in tandem with the ATS convention dinner on Saturday, May 21 at the Marriott so please mark your calendars!

Please keep all our members in your prayers especially those in hospital or nursing facilities, and those that are not able to get out on a regular basis. We are hoping to see Joan Blaha and the

Mahtars and Peg Maurer and George Adam and the Webers and Florence Davidson and Evelyn Keefer sometime soon, maybe Christmas? We miss your company!

Good wishes go out to Austin Bonnett who remains in basic training in Missouri. Here is Austin's address. Letters or cards of encouragement are greatly appreciated. No food is allowed, only cards and letters.

SPC Robert Austin Bonnett  
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And Happy birthday to all members celebrating in November.

Remember Branch 33 is making sausage on Saturday December 4 at St. John's, and Ema Litschel still taking orders until November 24. (440) 358-1184 Please order our delicious sausage for your holiday meals! This is a fundraiser for our branch and half the proceeds will go to support the Willowick Food Bank.

This month we also made a monetary donation to the Salvation Army.

November honors Veterans, we do thank all veterans who have sacrificed and served; during our meeting we did have 4 veterans who stood to be applauded.

The busy holiday season will be starting, so Branch 33 will have no meeting in December.

And I want to wish everyone a warm, Family-centered, loving, healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

## Be polite: Don't be this person

Here are the seven most impolite things you can do at a holiday dinner or any other dinner.

### 1. Not acknowledge the invitation. Still show up.

If you are coming, say so. Make a decision.

### 2. Bring a stranger.

If you want to bring your love interest, tell your host long before the dinner.

### 3. Come late.

Grandma spent \$200 on that standing rib roast and you are an hour late for dinner. No.

### 4. Come empty-handed.

Ask what you can bring at the time you are invited. If the hostess needs nothing, bring a bottle of wine, if appropriate.

### 5. Complain.

If you don't like cranberries, don't take any and don't point out that you don't like them. It's also rude to show up and say you aren't hungry.

### 6. Watch TV.

Sorry your football game is on, but you have to interact with humans. Don't plant yourself on the couch.

### 7. Ignore the cleanup.

At least offer and if your offer is accepted, then help.



**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.**

### Sandra L. Oblinger

Age 80

Died: February 14, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### John C. Fening

Age 69

Died: September 17, 2021  
Home Branch

### Nicholas P. Holmes

Age 30

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

### Donald T. Mc Murray

Age 85

Died: October 25, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Keith L. Crocker

Age 88

Died: October 31, 2021  
Home Branch

### Loralee J. Weaver

Age 74

Died: November 4, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Charlotte M. Klein

Age 95

Died: November 8, 2021  
Branch 37, Detroit, MI

### Allen F. Johnston

Age 94

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

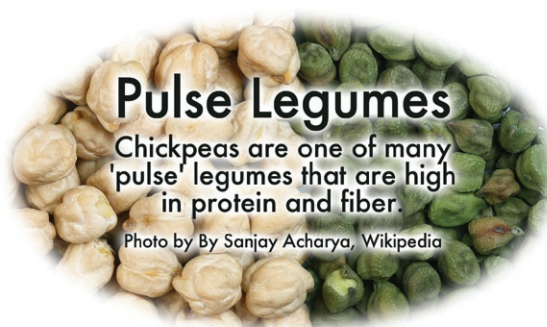
## Plant based proteins put the pulse in your diet

Pulses are in the nutritional spotlight, and we aren't talking heart beats.

Pulses -- a branch of the legume or pea family -- are harvested for their seeds. Pulses include chickpeas (also called garbanzo beans), lentils, and dried peas and beans like kidney, navy, black and lima. Some legumes are not pulses: soybeans, peanuts, peapods and green beans, for example.

What makes pulses important are their protein and fiber content, important qualities especially for those on meatless diets.

Besides being inexpen-



sive, pulses also have a low glycemic index, so they raise blood sugar levels less than other carbohydrates, according to the Harvard Health Letter.

Pulses are easily added to salads and stews to increase the protein punch, but food makers are increasingly providing new products that make it easy to add pulses to the diet. Among

the new products are flours used in mixes for brownies and pancakes. Pulse flour made from garbanzo beans or peas can be used as a coating for food you would typically drench in white flour before sautéing.

Pulse pastas made from red lentil or black beans are also new, replacing semolina or durum wheat.

There are even new pulse-based snacks such as crackers and chips made with black beans, safflower oil and sea salt.

You can also add pulses to your diet through soups. White bean, lentil chili, and pea soup are just a few.



MONTHLY MEETING

There will be **no Monthly meeting in December**. Instead we will conclude the year with our Christmas Party/Luncheon.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY-LUNCHEON-CORRECTION ON TIME**

HICKORY HOUSE  
550 Officenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

Specifics in Coming Volksblatt Newsletter

**When contacting members for the Christmas party make sure you get a list of the number of people attending and their names, and report back no later than December 1, 2021.**

HUMOR

Two guys are walking through a game park and they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the lion saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

PRAYERS

Mike Roth is still recovering from pulmonary issues. We were happy to see Mike at our meeting. We should still keep Mike in our prayers for a complete recovery.

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

Please keep long time ATS 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.

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

RULERS OF TRANSYLVANIA

As we left the last series there were still claims by Stephen Bathory, Ferdinand and the Ottoman Empire over the principalities of Transylvania, Wallachia and Moldavia. All of them had their own interests in the area.

We find a new individual, character, and character by every means of the term entering onto the scene. He would shake the entire arrangement between the three controlling factions. His name is Michael the Brave. He is a descendant from the family of Draculesti/Vlad. He would become one of the most famous individuals in Romanian history.

For years the three conflicting groups would look for reasons to attack one another and gain control of the three principalities. For 3 decades the groups did not have any major conflicts. The Ottoman Empire had just defeated the Persian Empire and decided to focus their military and political influence on Eastern Europe. The Ottoman Empire launched a military attack and they were advancing onto attack Vienna. All sudden, while on the outskirts of Vienna, the military was called back to Constantinople. The Sultan of the Ottoman Empire died.

This set of events made it obvious that trouble was brewing in the area and another confrontation was eminent.

Another set of events was occurring in the area. The principalities of Transylvania, Wallachia and Moldavia were tired of being abused by tributes, plundering and taken advantage of economically. Sigismund Bathory of Transylvania, Michael the Brave of Wallachia and Aaron the Tyrant of Moldavia decided to consolidate their efforts. They banded together and formed the Holy League. They promised allegiance to support and protect each other. They decided to attack the Ottoman Empire with the idea of freeing themselves from Ottoman control. Early, it became apparent the Michael the Brave was the military genius and would command control of the military efforts. The irony is that previously Michael the Brave, in order to gain control of Wallachia, fled Wallachia and fled to Constantinople in order to gain support from the Ottoman Empire. Michael would promise allegiance to the Sultan and the Ottoman Empire. When Michael gained control over Wallachia and was ordained as Prince of Wallachia, he would renege on his allegiance to the Ottoman Empire. The Holy League, led by Michael the Brave would lead successful attacks on

Ottoman outposts along the Danube and driving the Ottomans into retreat.

Michael's military accomplishments were much appreciated by the Habsburg Empire and The Hungarian Kingdom. Michael had succeeded in defeating the Ottomans and providing a buffer to them and weakening of the Ottoman control. Michael's was so successful that at one point the Sultan military had retreated in anticipation that Michael would soon attack the capital of Constantinople. These battles would go back and forth for years.

Michael was fully aware of what he had achieved and that in several instances promises of support from Sigismund Bathory of Transylvania and Holy Roman Emperor Rudolph II support did not materialize. Michael took matters into his own hands. Michael would battle Sigismund Bathory and win. With the support of the Habsburg Empire, Michael would become Prince and Governor of Transylvania and pledge suzerainty (independency with some limitation) to the Habsburg Empire. Michael was feeling good about his achievements and decided why stop now. A few months later, Michael would invade Moldavia in 1599. The Moldavian leader Ieremia Movila would flee to Poland and Michael was now declared Prince of Moldavia, too. During this time Michael would change his title to be Ruler of the three principalities of Transylvania, Wallachia and Moldavia. While considered to be the governor of these principalities Michael wanted to be declared ruler, which he self-proclaimed.

Michael's self-proclamation as ruler caught the eye of Habsburg, Ottoman and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. While the Habsburg and the Polish-Lithuanian group were happy that Michael had relieved the Ottoman Empire control, they became unhappy with how Michael had elevated himself and his independence. Michael would maintain control of the three provinces for less than a year when problems arose. The Hungarian nobility rose against Michael in Transylvania. The Austrian army and General Basta supported the revolt. The forces defeated Michael and caused him to retreat to Wallachia with his remaining troops. To complicate matters worse the Polish-

Natural defense:  
Goats come to the aid of firefighters



Last year's wildfires burned up over 4.2 million acres in California, racing through weedy forests and plains and on to houses and entire neighborhoods.

What can be done against raging fires?

Goats. They are at least one tool for private landowners. Goats can create firebreaks as they munch up dry vegetation. Meanwhile, they are natural recyclers as their droppings fortify the soil, making it richer and capable of holding more water.

Goats care little for terrain and frequently browse on steep hillsides or reach six feet up trees to chow down on vines and leaves -- the stuff that creates what firefighters call 'ladders' for

fire.

Cities and counties in the Western states have often used goats to trim weedy areas along highways. But this effort to put goats into firefighting is relatively new.

A whole new industry has evolved to pair goats and fire-susceptible property.

Founded in 2020, the non-profit Goatapelli Foundation can put about a thousand goats on a ranch where the rancher needs them, using dogs to move the hungry herd from place to place and electric fences to focus the browsing. It isn't cheap. Six-days of goat browsing can cost more than \$9,000, according to the New York Times. But it's cheaper than a wildfire.

Lithuanian Commonwealth forces defeated Michael and restored Ieremia Movila to the throne in Moldavia.

A strange set of twists would occur. The general who had defeated Michael, Basta had faced significant resistance to his ruling of Transylvania. The Hungarian nobility forced the reinstatement of Sigismund Bathory, who had turned his back on the support of Rudolf II and pledge suzerainty to the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Even though Michael had requested support from Rudolf II and been spurned support, Rudolf II now agreed to give Michael an audience to hear his requests. Rudolf II agreed to provide financial support to Michael to help rebuild Michael's army. Michael forces drove Simon Movila out of Moldavia. Michael was reset to regain his control, and was about to reenter Transylvania. Michael with the assistance of Basta defeated the Hungarian army

in Transylvania. Michael was set to regain control over the three principalities of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia. Then the final twist occurred. Basta, who had been driven out of Transylvanian by the Hungarian nobility, now with the help of Michael the Brave, defeated that same Hungarian nobility. He was now in the position to again take control of Transylvanian without the Hungarian nobility resistance. A few days later, Basta would assassinate Michael the Brave by order of the Habsburg ruler Rudolf II. This would end the rule by Michael the Brave over Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia from 1593 to 1601.

Michael the Brave would go down in history of Romania. He was the first ruler to consolidate the principalities of Transylvanian, Wallachia and Moldavia. This would be the precursor to the country of Romania.





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