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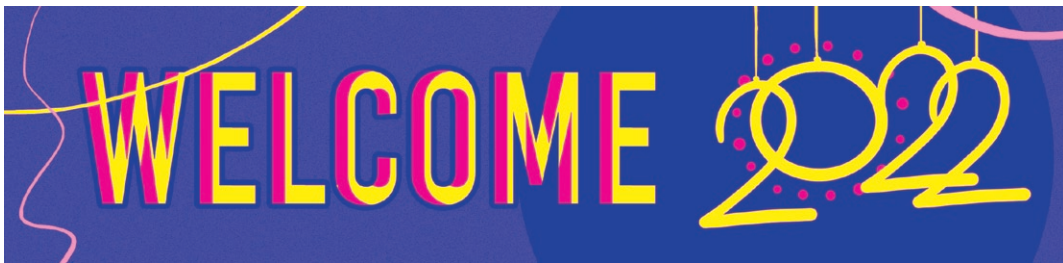
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Issue 1



Update Your Personal Records and Family Protection

Address changes?

Have you notified the ATS Home Office of your new address? Have your adult children changed their addresses?

Beneficiary changes?

Was there a marriage, divorce, death, etc., in your family which would require you to make a change of beneficiary on your Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts? Take care of it right away! Senior citizens tend to neglect this, so remind them!

Did the stork visit you recently?

Did a new son or daughter arrive recently? Congratulations! Don't forget to make him/her an ATS member by purchasing a Life Insurance or Annuity plan so the he/she can benefit from our fraternal programs.

Do you need more life insurance?

Do you have enough life insurance protection for yourself and your family? Chances are you should have better coverage! Call you Local ATS Deputy.

How about an ATS Annuity or IRA Plan?

Are you saving for your retirement needs? ATS Annuity Plans offer you a safe way to increase and protect your savings while providing tax sheltered growth. Call your Local ATS Deputy and strengthen your financial future.

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

At New Year's there is a saying, "Out with the old and in with the new," but for 2022 after two long years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still find ourselves in the midst of global widespread of this virus. So it is important that we do our part by getting vaccinated and wear a mask when in public to stop this horrid disease. It's hard to tell when there'll be an "end" date to COVID, however, we are going to start the New Year with a positive attitude and are sending warm greetings of peace, love, good health and happiness to all our members and friends!

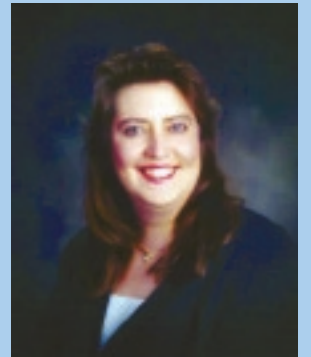
Our first meeting in 2022 is scheduled for Monday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. We will hold a memorial service for our members who passed away during the last two years. We ask that everyone attending wear a mask.

Let's look forward to 2022 in sharing our Saxon Gemütlichkeit with our fraternal friends and within our local communities. We need our members' support and volunteerism to continue with our various activities. We are very appreciative to all that have helped in the past year and look forward to your support in 2022.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Welcome 2022! Let's hope for the best this New Year. Some people make resolutions while others do not, as they know they will not keep them for long. Here is a resolution for all of us for 2022: Be more active in your local ATS Branch! Attend a meeting or volunteer at an event. Attend an event at a different Branch to support them. Also, plan to attend an ATS national event in 2022 such as the Heimattag or ATS Family Day at Waldameer.

Upcoming national events for the 2022 year include the remaining TSBA bowling sessions and tournament, the ATS Convention to be held in May, and the Heimattag and ATS Family Day in July. We are still waiting to hear whether the cultural exchange group from Traun, Austria will be able to attend the Heimattag and tour the US. We are hoping to put the ATS Saxon Summer Camp back in the line-up for the younger members in June. The ATS Bowl-Where-You-Are contest will be held during the months of February and March. Those Branches who will have a bowling party should let the Home Office know. We can put an invitation along with the score sheet that is mailed out to those members in the appropriate age group.

It will soon be ATS Scholarship time. Look in future issues for instructions on how to apply for an ATS Scholarship. We will have a couple new scholarships to award this year thanks to members and Branches who have donated funds to the ATS Scholarship program.

The Cultural Promotion Committee is still editing the "Your Stories" Saxon Memoirs. The plan was to have them all edited by the end of the year. It has been slow going as everyone on the Committee is busy working. We should have them completed soon, and then they will be bound into a booklet. I will keep you posted on the status.

Did you know the month of January was named for the Roman god Janus? Janus is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before and the other to look forward to the New Year. Some historical names for January include "Wulfmonath" which came from the Anglo-Saxons because it was the month starving wolves would scavenge towns and villages in Britain for food. King Charlemagne called it "Wintermanoth" meaning "winter/cold month". Generally, January is the coldest month of the year in the northern hemisphere. Following are some other January special days and fun facts. If it is a leap year, January always starts on the same day as April and July. The dianthus caryophyllus is the birth flower for January – more commonly known as

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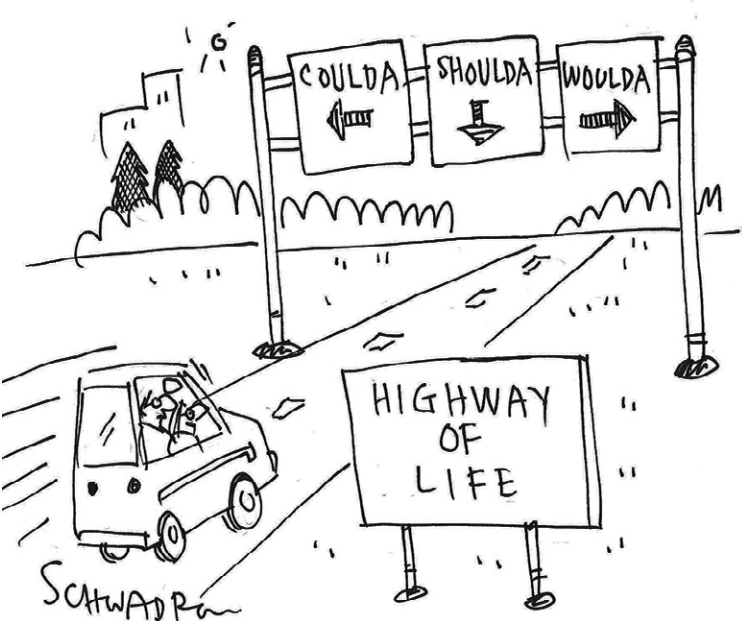
Siebenbürgische Neujahrs Spruch

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är selt long liewen
uch geseangt sen!*

Submitted by Brigitte Hurley
Chapel Hill NC

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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the carnation. January is National Clean Up Your Computer month. It is National Hot Tea month and National Soup month (probably because it is the coldest month!). The month has a National Chocolate-Covered Cherry Day, a Houseplant Appreciation Day, a Dress Up your Pet Day, a National Answer your Cat’s Questions Day and a National Penguin Day. George Washington unfurled the Grand Union Flag, America’s first national flag, on January 1, 1776 during the American Revolution. Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892, allowing for the immigration of over 20 million people, including many of our Transylvanian Saxon ancestors.
Until next time....



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

COVID-19 relief
may leave some with
tax bills

Each year, millions of people receive unemployment benefits. And each month, billions are paid out in benefits. Yet many folks fail to realize that they’re required to pay taxes on unemployment benefits, as the federal government and many states consider it taxable income.

The tax bills, both from the individual and government’s perspective, are no small matter. In September 2020 alone, the American government shelled out over \$13 billion as people lost their jobs amid the global COVID-19 pandemic. While the government paid out \$2.7 billion in September 2021, that’s still a large chunk of cash and will generate considerable tax liabilities.

During the pandemic, the government provided expanded unemployment benefits. However, those, too, could inflate your tax bill. The \$600 expanded unemployment benefits provided by the CARES act and the \$300 benefits from the later relief packages are considered taxable income.

There’s an important caveat, however. The American Rescue Plan offered a tax break on the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits so long as your (single or couple) adjusted gross income was less than \$150,000. Keep in mind that this is a federal tax break, and you may need to pay state taxes.

How about the stimulus checks offered through the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan? Those are not taxable as they are actually tax credits.

Taxes are (ideally) pay as you go. You should have been paying taxes on your income by sending money to the IRS while receiving benefits. You can pay monthly or make estimated quarterly payments. Waiting until tax day to pay may result in penalties.

Don’t have the cash to pay for your taxes? In some cases, the IRS offers taxpayers payment plans. However, you may face penalties and fees.

Even if you can’t pay your taxes, you must report the income and file tax returns. The federal government can charge you with crimes for failing to file taxes, and obviously, falsifying your tax returns can also result in charges.

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

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

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
July 23,2022
ATS Family Day
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

LOCAL EVENTS

February 27, 2022
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson

Let me begin first by saying again, our next and first meeting of 2022 will be held at the American Slovak Club 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio on January 17, 2022 starting at 7:00 p.m. If you are a dues paying member, please come prepared to pay your dues by either cash or check payable to: ATS Branch 5, Lorain, OH. If you are not going to be attending, you can submit your dues by mailing your check to Michael W. Johnson, 41868 Earlene Court, Elyria, OH 44035.

At the time of this article, we'll have entered into the new year with anticipation of a productive and prosperous year. Looking back at our last event of 2021, our

Christmas Dinner held at the Erie Steak and Seafood Company was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Our thanks to sister Jeannie Petty for all of her hard work toward making this celebration a success. We'd also like to thank Branch 4 for inviting our junior members to their Christmas Party on December 12, 2021. We had one junior member, Addison Long, attend.

Happy Birthday to those members celebrating birthdays this month of January: sister Carolyn Mroski, brother Russell Gilles and junior member Kylie Weber.

Until the next time, have a Happy New Year, stay safe and stay healthy.

Warm up with picadillo and fried plantains

Picadillo is a classic comfort food across Latin America, the Caribbean and the Philippines, and on a cold winter night, a hot bowl of this fragrant beef stew makes a fantastic meal that everyone will enjoy.

Ingredients are easy to find, the prep is simple, it reheats well and tastes even better the next day. Sweet fried plantain slices are a perfect accompaniment.

Ingredients:
About 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 yellow onions, diced
2 ounces dried chorizo, diced
4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1-1/2 pounds ground beef
Salt and pepper to taste
1 28-ounce can whole tomatoes, drained and crushed
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 bay leaves
Pinch ground cloves
Pinch nutmeg
2/3 cup raisins
2/3 cup pitted olives
2 ripe sliced plantains (look for a yellow peel with black spots)
1 cup vegetable oil for frying plantains



New Year’s resolutions:
How to put change ahead of comfort

The urge for self-improvement is strong at the start of a new year. It’s a time for looking back to see what kind of person we have been and a time for looking forward and visualizing ourselves as the person we want to be.

Here we come to a big question: Is the urge for change more powerful than the drive to fall back on what is comfortable to you? At first, change seems manageable, but as time goes on, we may tire like a runner in a long race. Then, as difficulties of our daily lives surround us, returning to the comfort zone could seem more important than making the change.

Keep these points in mind when making resolutions:

- When one resolution involves an important lifestyle change, don’t make any others. If you want to quit smoking, lose weight and learn a foreign language, you won’t be able to do all three things at once.
- Study the obstacles to your resolution and de-

termine ways to deal with them. If you want to lose weight, for example, decide to skip the ice cream and have a low-calorie popsicle instead. Tell friends you are not eating rich desserts so they won’t tempt you.

- Think about professional help. Medical assistance could be valuable if you want to break an addictive habit.
- Keep your focus and monitor your progress. Keep a notebook and record how often the behavior you want to change occurs, who you were with and how you felt. You’ll see a pattern that you can avoid in the future.
- If you break a resolution, don’t give up on the effort. See it as an opportunity for self-compassion. Treat yourself kindly.

New Year’s resolutions are supposed to make you feel good about yourself. If not keeping them makes you think badly about yourself, they aren’t worth the effort. Work at it, but prioritize your wellbeing.



Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium-high heat until the oil shimmers. Add onions, chorizo and garlic and saute until the onions have started to soften. Add the ground beef use a fork to crumble the meat while it browns. Add salt and pepper to taste after the meat is cooked. Add tomatoes, vinegar, cinnamon, cumin,

bay leaves, cloves and nutmeg, stir to combine. Cover the pan and let simmer for about 30 minutes, then add the raisins and olives. Simmer uncovered for another 15 minutes or so. Meanwhile, fry plantain slices in hot oil for two to three minutes per side. Serve stew and plantains over white rice.

YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON RETIREES
By Ro Dundon

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, well...feels like.. no snow yet. This will probably get into print after the holidays.

On Tuesday, December 9th we all met (except for Marge) at Austintown’s Ruby Tuesday. We had good atmosphere, good food, good conversation and good company. Everyone was in the holiday spirit so it made for a very pleasant afternoon.

Dom was able to make the meeting. He was also our Birthday Baby, that day being the first day of winter, December 21st.

Our President Diana reminded us we will not be meeting in January or February, 2022.

We will meet again in March. I know we will miss seeing and being together. Of course we all know the telephones work (not always in Ashtabula) so we can keep up with this, that and ours. Diana will call everyone with the place. The time is always 12 Noon.

I hope everyone had the happiest, wonderful Christmas and New Year. If you made a New Year’s resolution, do try to keep it. I have a habit of forgetting I even made them and so they aren’t kept.

Everyone stays safe, healthy and warm. Be careful of the snow and ice, should it ever come, and wear a mask in crowds.

Here’s praying that all who are distressed or not in good health really improve.

Love to everyone.

Until we meet again, as usual it’s RO

New Year’s
resolutions you
can really keep:

Eat more pie
Don’t waste time ... with exercising.
Watch more TV.
Put it off. Who needs it.
Less laundry, more deodorant.
Drink some more.
Stop buying worthless junk. Go expensive.
Start being superstitious.
Spend more time at work.
Stop bringing lunch from home. Eat out more.

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

New Year

They say New York has the best New Year's Eve party ...
I'd say it's overrated -- every year they drop the ball.

My New Year's resolution is to procrastinate.
But I will wait till tomorrow to start.

What is a New Year's resolution?
Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Winter

Winter is the most beautiful time in Florida, really ... all the license plates start changing colors.

What do snowmen call their offspring?
Chill-dren.

Why was the snowman sad?
'Cause he had a meltdown.

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place

Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Monday, January 17, 2022

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.

MEMORIAM

Dorothea Hesch

April 22, 1940 –

December 20, 2021

Dorothea (Barth) Hesch, 81 of Pickerington, Ohio passed away December 20, 2021. She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Martin (past president of the Columbus Branch); parents Emil and Elizabeth (Diez) Barth; in-laws Martin and Maria (Hendel) Hesch. Dorothea is survived by her children Christine (Todd) Oehlman, Steven (Johnna) Hesch; her grandchildren Kathryn and Caroline (Justin Fotiuk) Oehlman and Andrew (Andrea Bacho) and Justin Hesch. She is also survived by her family throughout Germany: Eberhard Barth, Sieglinde (Barth) Fünfschilling, Reinhold (Gerta) Barth, Friedliese (Barth) Winter, Martin (Gudrun) Barth, Walter (Giesela) Barth and many nieces and nephews in Central Florida, South Carolina, Kitchener, Canada and throughout Germany.

Born in 1940 in Waldshut-Tiengen, West Germany, she came to the U.S. in 1959 to be an au pair. Here she met Martin and they were married in February 1961. Her greatest joy was her family. She loved them with her whole heart.

She made the grandkids "Oma noodles", strawberry smoothies, and enjoyed going to breakfast at Panera. She drove them around town for their activities, taught Caroline to sew, made popsicle stick houses with Andrew, enjoyed puzzles and card games. She was an excellent cook and baker. Her Sauerbraten and Spaetzle and New Year's Kraut Knoedel as well as many Christmas cookies will be missed.

She was an avid crafter. She taught many to sew and knit at Sears's fabric department. She crocheted and knitted for many family and friends, including a personalized blanket for each grandchild. She also knitted premature baby hats and booties for Touching Little Lives.



**Dorothea Hesch †
1940 - 2021**

She loved music and sang in the Columbus Sachsenchor as a member of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons Branch 10 and the Columbus Damenchor. Church was also very important to her. She was an active member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Columbus and then at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington.

She is fondly remembered for being bubbly and always wanting to help out. She was a blessing to every life she touched. She will be deeply missed by family and friends. God receives a very special angel in Dorothea.

Visitation was held Monday, December 27th at O.R. Woodyard Funeral Home, 1346 S. High Street, Columbus. Additional visitation was Tuesday, December 28th, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 268 Hill Road N., Pickerington. The service followed at 11 am with the interment at Violet Cemetery, Pickerington. A lite luncheon followed back at church to share wonderful memories and conversation of Dorothea's life. Donations can be made in Dorothea's name to Epiphany Lutheran Church. Go to <https://www.orwoodyard.com/> for more information.

Additionally, and in tribute to Dorothea, the Damenchor of the Columbus Mannerchor sang during the Monday visitation. The songs were beautiful and celebrated the past participation of their sister Damenchor member.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Hannelore Mueller Orkis
will be having a celebration
of life for her husband, Robert "Bob" Kim Orkis.**

Robert was born in Columbus, Ohio on November 14th 1956 Died on November 22, 2021 at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Hannelore Mueller Orkis.

Celebration of Life For Robert Kim (Bob) Orkis in

Columbus, Ohio: Sunday January 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jefferson Country Club 7271 Jefferson Meadows Dr. Blacklick, OH 43004-9811 Phone: (614) 759-7500. <https://www.jeffersoncountryclub.com/>

Immediately After the Celebration at Jefferson Country Club we are having an informal gathering at **(CHANGED TO): Flannigans 3001 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road Blacklick, Ohio 43004**

In honor of Bob's memory, donations can be made at www.AmericanWarriorInitiative.com with the notation "Donation in honor and memory of Bob Orkis." Proceeds will go to a service dog for a Veteran in need. American Warrior Initiative 104 East Texas St Leesville, LA 71446

PRAYERS

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.

CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing Hedy Fleischer (January 1), Olga Hesch (January 12) and John Gellner (January 23) very happy birthdays. Alles gute zum geburstag!

HUMOR

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"
Student: "A drinking problem."

FUTURE ARTICLE

Our January 21st edition will begin the discussion of the Seven Castles/Churches/Structures/Towns depicted in the Transylvanian flag.

NEW YEAR

The New Year promises hope and challenges. We will not face whatever happens alone. Psalm 121 provides the comfort for all circumstances: *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

Gott segne!



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.

Cassandra S. Browne

Age 38

Died: October 6, 2021
Branch 18, Salem, OH

Bonnie A. Huish

Age 80

Died: October 28, 2021
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Andrew J. Thies

Age 91

Died: November 6, 2021
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Dorothea Hesch

Age 81

Died: December 20, 2021
Branch 10, Columbus, OH

QUOTES

Remember: When people tell you something's wrong or doesn't work for them, they are almost always right. When they tell you exactly what they think is wrong and how to fix it, they are almost always wrong.

Neil Gaiman

By the time I was fourteen the nail in my wall would no longer support the weight of the rejection slips impaled upon it. I replaced the nail with a spike and went on writing.

Stephen King

Rejection has value. It teaches us when our work or our skillset is not good enough and must be made better ... Rejection refines us. Those who fall prey to its enervating soul-sucking tentacles are doomed. Those who persist past it are survivors. Best ask yourself the question: What kind of writer are you? The kind who survives? Or the kind who gets asphyxiated by the tentacles of woe?

Chuck Wendig

Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy.

Ludwig van Beethoven

Life is wide, limitless. There is no border, no frontier.

Bruce Lee

Brain Content

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9. Plastic ___ Band

10. Silk with a wavy pattern

11. London lav

12. Pig out

13. Respond

15. '___ Thee I Sing'

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23. Rwandan people

25. Morse T

26. Orchestra section

27. Freudian topic

28. Swamp

29. Understand

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1. Caffeine source

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3. Lasso loop

4. Add frills to

5. Evening event

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7. Therefore

8. Snorkeling site

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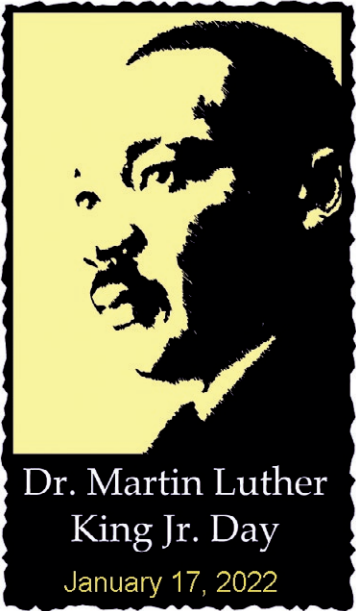
Putting words to racial justice

Like no other leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. demanded a better nation, one committed to eliminating the scourge of racism through nonviolent resistance.

During his years of activism in the 1950s and 1960s, his genius was to adapt the lessons of civil disobedience to America's core values of justice and fairness. His eloquence, combined with his unbreakable dedication to a righteous cause, helped harness peoples' fury and turn it into action.

King did not invent non-violent protest. He studied India's famed nonviolent protester Mahatma Gandhi's methods and borrowed from the teachings of Jesus. What made King a miraculous leader was that he not only understood the morality of nonviolent social change, he translated ideals into action.

He was a patriot. The Black freedom struggle, he argued while referencing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, was a way to a stronger republic. It became hard to disagree with his message.



King kept the economic basis for the cause front and center and urged Black Americans to use their dollars to push for change. Businesses were forced to recognize the purchasing power of Black customers when they boycotted public buses and refused to buy cars or groceries or clothing from hostile retailers.

By the time King was assassinated in 1968, Wall Street was hiring its first Black bankers and President Lyndon B. Johnson had signed the Civil Rights Act. The changes King helped to set in motion are still at work and progressing today.

The mysterious history of ambergris

Pretend that you're a fisherman of modest means, scraping by on a boat in the Indian Ocean. One day, as you empty the anchovies and barramundi from your nets, a waxy gray rock the size of a watermelon falls to the deck. But it's not a rock -- it's ambergris, and the chunk you just pulled from the sea is worth a fortune. That is, if the authorities don't seize it first.

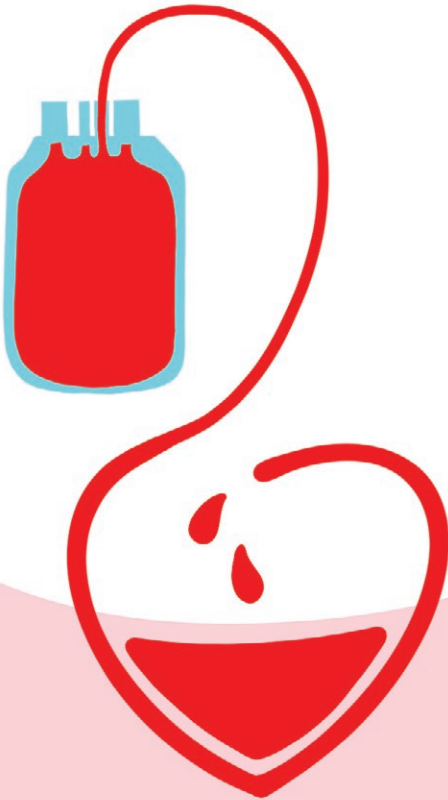
Humans have prized ambergris for untold centuries, according to Smithsonian Magazine, using it as medicine, as a food additive, as incense and, most famously, as a fixative to help expensive perfumes last longer on the skin. And its unknown origin only enhanced its value. A 15th-century encyclopedia of herbal medicines asserted that it was a type of sea foam or fungus, while 12th-century Chinese sources insisted it was drag-on spittle. It wasn't until the 19th century and the rise of large-scale whaling when we finally learned that ambergris comes from the in-



testines of sperm whales. The confusion was reasonable, according to the Natural History Museum. Fresh ambergris from a whale's carcass was described as black and viscous, with a foul smell. But left to float in the sea outside of a whale's body, ambergris hardens and dries out until it resembles a gray, brown or white rock, with a musky, marine scent. In 1820, French chemists discovered ambrein, the active compound in ambergris that made it an effective perfume fixative. Today, synthetic ambrein and other lab-created com-

pounds have replaced ingredients like ambergris and other animal products in perfume. And though a global market still exists and a high-quality chunk of ambergris is worth more than gold, you'll probably never have the chance to get a whiff of it for yourself -- it's illegal to collect, possess or sell ambergris in the United States. India is similarly strict, unfortunately for our intrepid fisherman. Indian officials recently conducted a sting operation and seized about 17 pounds of it, worth around \$1 million, according to Newsweek.

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Location varies
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