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## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

We still continue to be open three days a week: Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., with Wednesdays and Fridays, open from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Come and join us!

Your fee for membership is due now for this year: \$35.00 per person, ladies and gentlemen alike for this small amount to retain your membership. Please, do not wait to have a card sent you to remind you of your dues. Make your checks out, please, to: The Youngstown Saxon Club c/o Val Thomas, 5947 Tippecanoe Rd. Youngstown, OH, 44406. The address of the Saxon Club is 710 S. Meridian Rd. Youngstown, Oh., 44509 where you can also send your fee and thank you. Your card can be invalidated by the February meeting if it is not paid on time.

We welcome into membership four new members: Emily Reutzel, Matt McGivern, and Jody and Richard Spencer.

We invite ATS members, sixteen years and older, to join the Saxon Club; it costs only \$5.00 per year for our younger members. Contact an officer or the office for information and procedure to begin.

Scholarships to YSU are possible through Br. 30 for men and women of any age for full time attendance. You need to be a member for two years to apply and have a 3.0 grade average or better. Contact, if you can, Julaine Gilmartin, 330-799-5171, 4173 Timberlaine Trail, Canfield, OH 44406.

We wish each of you, a very happy and healthy New Year.

## BRANCHES 14 AND 17,

CANTON

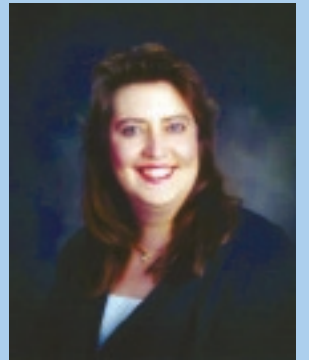
By Cheryl Schnebelen

We hope that you all have had a good holiday season and are doing well over the winter months. The Canton Branches continue to meet for lunch meetings and will be having another in person meeting on Sunday, February 6, at 1:00. We will be meeting again at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza between Big Lots and the barber shop. The Covid pandemic seems to have made things difficult for most of us whether you have gotten it or not, 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 was founded on a 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 February 6, at 1:00 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Attention high school seniors and undergraduate college students: It's ATS Scholarship time! In this issue of the Volksblatt are the instructions to receive an application. The deadline to request an ATS Scholarship Application is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for the return of the completed ATS Scholarship Application is April 15<sup>th</sup>. For the High School senior application, two parts need to be returned: the student portion and the High School Guidance Counselor portion. Both parts must be returned to the ATS Home Office by the April 15 deadline. For those students in their first, second, or third year of college, you can apply for the Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Grant. This official application only has one part. These students will need to submit a college transcript with their application. All applications are for undergraduate studies only; no Masters degrees. I think it's wonderful that the ATS can offer so many scholarships to its young members. Some of these scholarships were from individual donors, some are from our Branches, and some were created by the ATS. We will be awarding 40 scholarships this year! This is just one of the many benefits of membership in the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

For those parents or grandparents who have children or grandchildren who are not members of the ATS, you may want to get them signed up soon. Students must be an ATS member for at least two years to be eligible for one of our many scholarships. Call your local ATS Deputy or the Home Office today for a membership application.

The ATS Home Office is busy with forms this month. All annuity account holders will receive a statement showing their account activity for the previous year. In addition, all annuity account holders who withdrew funds during 2021 will receive a Form 1099 at the end of the month. Others who receive a Form 1099 will include those who have a life insurance policy with dividends on accumulation. Those dividends earn interest and a Form 1099 will be issued if the interest is over \$10.00. Remember, you can stop getting a 1099 for that interest if you change your dividend option to purchase additional paid-up insurance. Feel free to call the Home Office if you would like to change your dividend option going forward.

Did you know that white cats with blue eyes are usually deaf? I had a cat just like this years ago. She overcompensated for her lack of hearing by meowing very loudly! Other fun animal facts include: cats have a peripheral vision of 285 degrees and have over 100 vocal cords. They can also jump

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## TSBA BOWLERS



### NEXT BOWLING SESSION

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

**HOSTED BY  
NEW CASTLE BOWLERS**

**TEN PIN ALLEY  
3825 E. State Street  
Hermitage, PA 16148**

**Luncheon to follow:  
SHARON ELKS LODGE #103  
260 E. Connelly Blvd.  
Sharon, PA 16146**

**Cancellations by Tuesday,  
February 1, 2022 to**

**Rich Baker  
(724) 854-0149**

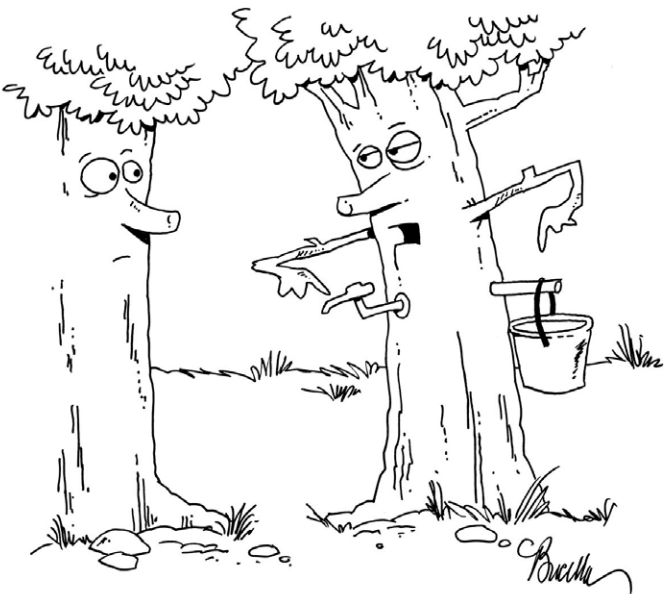
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up to seven times their tail length. Elephants are the only mammal that cannot jump. Bats are the only mammal that can fly. Cats spend 66% of their life sleeping, while Koalas sleep an average of 18 hours a day. Elephants only sleep about 4 to 5 hours a day. Hummingbirds cannot walk, but they are the only bird that can fly backwards. A group of frogs is called an army, while a group of rhinos is called a crash. Lastly, a person is more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider. Yikes!

Until next time....



“That one’s for sap. This is hand sanitizer.”

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  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read this before you  
shovel snow

Shoveling snow is a job for an athlete, even though people tend to think it is a routine activity that anyone can do.

In fact, shoveling snow takes a huge toll on the heart and back. One shovel of wet snow weighs 16 pounds. If you shovel 12 loads a minute, then in 10 minutes, you’ve moved 2,000 pounds, according to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

About 100 Americans on average die each year because of snow removal exertion, according to the Denver Post. About 12,000 suffer injuries that require a trip to the emergency room, according to a 16-year study reported in PubMed.

One key is to keep ahead of the drifts. Push snow several times while the snow is feathery, cold and shallow before it becomes heavy, wet and deep.

If you must shovel:

- Keep your spine in an upright, neutral position.
- Whenever you can, push the snow -- don’t shovel it. You can use your large muscles in the hips and legs for pushing.

If you do have to lift:

- Take small bites of the snow with the shovel only about a fourth full.
- Use your leg muscles to lift the load.
- Keep the load low to the ground and close to your body.
- Avoid throwing the snow if you can. If you must throw it, throw light loads.

Breaks are critical

How long you can work depends on how heavy the snow is, your physical condition and how cold it is outside.

- If you feel fatigue, pain or shortness of breath, rest until you feel normal again. If you experience shortness of breath for a prolonged period, see your doctor immediately.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022	FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 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



FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

To be eligible for a Freshman Academic Scholarship Grant you must be a high school senior with an accumulated grade point average in high school of 2.8, or better.

Twenty-two Scholarship Grants will be awarded to freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States and three renewable grants to present recipients of the Victor Deptner Scholarship.

\$1,000	Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
\$3,000	Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
\$2,000	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$1,000	Past ATS Officers’ Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Henry Schindler Scholarship
\$1,000	Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
\$1,000	Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
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\$1,000	Branch 10 – Columbus Scholarship
\$1,000	Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
\$1,000	Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
\$1,000	John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Branch 5 – Lorain Scholarship
\$1,000	Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
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\$1,000	Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
\$1,000	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$1,000	Donzella Herman Scholarship
\$ 750	Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 15th. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, an official ATS Scholarship Application Form will be mailed to you. The completed official ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th.

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-Mail:

Br. No. Cert. No.

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:  
ATS Home Office  
5323 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503  
Request Forms must be received by  
March 15, 2022  
Please note:  
Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms  
will be accepted for consideration.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering Eighteen Academic Undergraduate Continuing Education Scholarship Grants to our members who are not current year high school graduates and are not entering college in their freshman year of study but are in an undergraduate program.

\$1,000	Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1,000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$1,000	Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
\$1,100	Memory of Elmer P. Schneider
\$1,000	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
\$ 500	Farrell-Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	Award in memory of Gerard Slusny

Applicants must be ATS members in good standing, with continuous membership for a minimum period of two (2) years. They must have a grade point average of at least 2.8. They may be any age; however, they cannot be a current year high school graduate or entering their freshman year of college.

Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate program as a full-time student at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Requests for official ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 15, 2022.

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th. Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee

REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-Mail:

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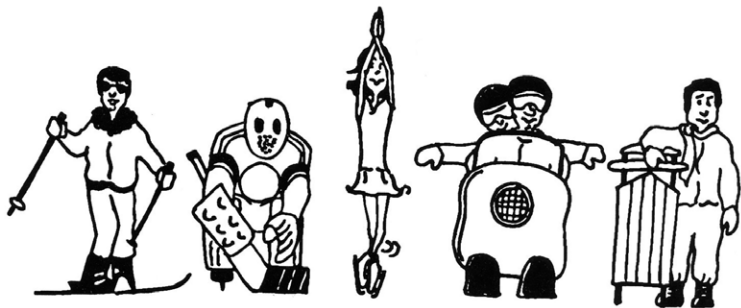
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ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2022  
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

•• Scholarship winners will be notified by mail. ••

It matters not  
where you were born,  
or where you live,  
but what’s in your HEART.  
Be Proud to be  
Transylvanian Saxon!



Winter sports combine fun with calorie burn and strength building

Winter sports such as ice skating, snowboarding and snowshoeing are enjoying a boom, in part because they’re a perfect way to have fun and make friends.

Ice skating: This is a sport that can be adapted to almost any age and level of ability. Whether you like to skate in pairs, race or play ice games, you can have a good time learning and improving your skills. Women account for 60 percent of skaters.

It can be an inexpensive, family-friendly sport that makes you feel graceful and athletic, especially when skating to music. Basic skating can burn 225 calories in 30 minutes. As you naturally bend your knees and lower your center of gravity to glide forward, you firm your legs, hips, buttocks and abdominals.

Learners can wear flexible knee pads to avoid bruised knees from falling.

Snowboarding: A little like downhill skiing, but

it’s easier because your feet are locked in and there are no ski poles to worry about. Seven million people tried snowboarding last year, about two-thirds of whom were men.

To begin, it’s important to take a lesson or two. You’ll learn how to lean your weight forward, push up off your butt to a standing position to start and maintain balance on the downhill.

Snowboarding burns 260 calories every 30 minutes and tones thighs, calves and glutes.

Snowshoeing: If you can walk, you can learn to snowshoe, which probably accounts for the growing popularity of the sport. Men and women try showshoeing in roughly equal numbers. It’s fun because you take in the beauty of the snow and great view as you trek solo or with friends. It burns 260 calories in 30 minutes and tones thighs, calves and glutes.

Winter is a great time to get a jump on spring gardening

January is the off-season for most gardens, but the work still continues, with plenty of tasks to be accomplished before the heavy lifting begins in the spring.

Clean up your supplies, including pots, tools and your greenhouse (if you have one) in preparation for spring. You’ll be glad you did it when it’s time to start planting outside.

Look through some catalogs and sketch out a plan. Do you want to take some perennials out? Mix up your annuals? Grow some vegetables from seed? Outline the necessary tasks and note the approximate week for each item.

If you plan to grow anything from seed, order early. Supply chain issues might mean longer shipping times, so get your seeds in advance so you can get them started at the right time.

Check your winter protection and do a little maintenance if necessary, such as adding more mulch or replacing damaged stakes or ties.

If you have a vegetable garden, it might be time to start prepping the ground for early planting -- peas, for example. Place a cloche over the ground to warm it up for a few weeks before sowing.

Shred up your Christmas tree (if you buy a live tree) and add it to the compost bin.

Check any stored bulbs, corms or tubers for signs of rot or dehydration.

Look after the wildlife. Clean and fill your bird feeders, put out a few suet cakes if you’re feeling generous and make sure to leave a few areas of the garden uncut until spring to provide winter shelter for helpful critters.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

February 6, 2022  
TSBA Bowling Session New Castle PA  
March 20, 2022  
TSBA Bowling Session Youngstown OH  
April 2-3, 2022  
TSBA Tournament  
Host: Salem  
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

When should you go  
to the emergency room?

It's easy to see that an accident victim needs emergency treatment. Judging whether a medical condition requires a trip to the emergency room (ER) is more difficult.



fractures should be evaluated promptly, except in the case of a finger or toe.

**Headaches.** Most can be treated in the doctor's office. Go to the ER if a headache is accompanied by confusion, nausea and vomiting, loss of sensation or muscle strength, fever or sensitivity to light.

**Severe abdominal pain.** Especially if there is vomiting, swelling or tenderness of the abdomen or fever. This may signal appendicitis, bowel obstruction or a perforated organ.

**Breathing difficulty.** Go quickly if you have heart or lung disease, asthma, chest pain, rapid heart beat, swelling, dizziness, pale clammy skin or swollen tongue or throat.

**Chest pain.** People with coronary artery disease or angina should get help if pain begins during exercise and persists despite 10 minutes of rest or under-the-tongue nitroglycerin. It could signal a heart attack.

**Confusion or changes in consciousness.** Sudden onset of confusion or memory loss is an emergency. Altered mental status could be a sign of stroke or other serious problem.

**Fractures.** Suspected

**Numbness or tingling.** Widespread numbness or tingling can be due to a stroke. Get help immediately if one side of the body is affected, vision is blurred or distorted or if speaking is difficult.

**Rash.** Rash accompanies many illnesses, is a common reaction to certain foods and usually does not require immediate treatment. But purple spots on the skin accompanied by fever are signs of serious illness such as meningitis. Hives that appear after an insect sting are a signal to get immediate treatment.

**Vomiting.** This is an emergency if it produces blood or material that looks like coffee grounds. These are symptoms of serious problems that should be treated immediately.

Cost is never a consideration when your life is in jeopardy. For these symptoms, get emergency room treatment as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following are the winners of the  
2021 Christmas coloring contest:

<b>Ages 3-4</b> Quinn Carlevale Br. 30 – Youngstown	<b>Ages 7-8</b> Rose Hazel Br 30 – Youngstown
Bodhi Krahe Home Branch	Kendall Emerich Br. 27 – New Castle
Carina Cornell Home Branch	Julaine Paal Br. 27 – New Castle
<b>Ages 5-6</b> Jessa Westland Br. 17 - Canton	<b>Ages 9-10</b> Ava Salinas Br. 30 – Youngstown
Noah Murray Home Branch	Kyleigh Scutella Home Branch
Owen Mackey Br. 1 - Cleveland	Sadie Weaver Br. 30 - Youngstown

2021 Christmas Coloring Contest Participants

The ATS Youth Activities Committee thanks the following junior members who sent in their colored Christmas pictures.

Benson Carlevale, Youngstown, OH	Camden Jackson, Salem, OH
Claire Cunningham, Monaca, PA	Fatima Kauffman, New Castle, PA
Alice Emig, Youngstown, OH	Mallory Kirr, Youngstown, OH
Flora Jones, Lorain, OH	Nikola Krahe, Home Branch
George Lanahan, Home Branch	Raegan Lewis, New Castle, PA
Emily Mackey, Cleveland, OH	Caiden Phillips, Cleveland, OH
Sophie Randolph. Home Branch	Kyle Preble, Youngstown, OH
Claire Burick, New Castle, PA	Holden Randolph, Home Branch
Chelsey Cunningham, Monaca, PA	Dominick Salinas, Youngstown, OH
Jameson Donnellan, Cleveland, OH	Michael Simon, Lorain, OH
Laurel Emerich, New Castle, PA	Piper Simon, Lorain, OH
Samuel Floyd, Merrillville, IN	Colby Cunningham, Monaca, PA
Christian Kirr, Youngstown, OH	Christopher Kauffman, New Castle, PA
Henry Lanahan, Home Branch	Madison Mc Givern, Youngstown, OH
Jillian Lewis, New Castle, PA	Emily Roman, New Castle, PA
Alexander Burick, New Castle, PA	Jenna Westland, Canton, OH
Alexander Cornell, Home Branch	

INVITE

your relatives and friends  
to join the crowd at ATS.



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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**

## The lion's roar and other cat facts



House cats can't roar. They can be plenty loud when they feel like it, but they can't actually roar. On the other hand, their cousin the lion can't purr.

All cats can either purr or roar, but according to Live Science, they can't do both. Lots of cats species can purr, including the bobcat, ocelot, lynx, cougar and cheetah.

A cat's lovely purr of contentment is created in the larynx as the cat breathes in and out. It is a quick twitching of the vocal folds inside the voice box. Both the purr and roar are created with the hyoid system at the base of the skull. In purring cats, there is a bone in the hyoid, while roaring cats have a long, elastic ligament.

Roaring cats have long, heavy, fatty layers of tissue that make up their vocal cords. So big cats create low, loud rumbles -- loud enough to reach a human's pain threshold.

## 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month.

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

### PRAYERS

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

### HUMOR

#### ALCOHOL & FATS

(Olga Hesch)

It is a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats, and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

**Conclusion:** Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

### MEMORIAM

Julie Mckee-Reese, 61, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022. While Julie was not Saxon by heritage, she was Saxon by spirit. Julie was our long time, dedicated server for our monthly meetings and for our Christmas party at Hickory House. Her dry humor and direct approach kept things rolling in our luncheons and Christmas party. The Columbus Saxon Branch will miss her. God Bless.

### HISTORY

This is a story about the Transylvanian Coat of Arms, which depicts seven towers, castles or fortifications. We will look at a little history before we get into Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms.

It is common knowledge that King Geza II invited German settlers that would later become known as Transylvanian Saxons, to Transylva-



nia. These Saxons would be granted special status. They would form very strong communities of farmers, artisans, merchants and individuals with mining skills. King Andrew II of Hungary continued this tradition by providing territorial autonomy. We know there were ulterior motives in bringing in these German settlers, and it was not out of the kindness of the Hungarian Kings. The area was a frontier wasteland. The area was a constant path for invasions over the years by the Turkish, Tartars (Mongolian) and the Ottoman Empire.

The Hungarians who controlled this territory were wary of the invading groups. The kings decided that Transylvania could serve as a buffer from these invading groups. So the primary motive was protection or first line of defense.

In order to serve as a defense, a series of towns would construct fortifications. Some legends state that seven Magyar Chieftains erected fortifications in this region. This brings us to the Transylvanian Coat of Arms, which depicts the Seven Towers or Fortifications. Also, it brings into the discussion the name, 'Siebenbürgen',

which has been used to describe "Seven Towns" or "Seven Castles."

At one time, Transylvania had 300 fortified churches or castles. These structures served as fortresses against the invading groups.

This brings us to the Seven Towns that represent the Towers or Castles in the Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms. The fortified towns that comprised the Seven Towns are:

Medwesch/Mediasch  
Nosnerland/Nosen/Bistritz  
Hermannstadt  
Klausenburg  
Kronstadt  
Muhlbach  
Schassburg

In this series we will discuss the Seven Towns depicted in the Transylvanian Flag or Coat of Arms.

The first town we will study is Medwesch/Mediasch.

Under constant Turkish threat, the villages and small towns turned to fortifying the churches between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> century, not being able to defend their own long defense walls. The same case applies to, Medwesch/Mediasch, which in a first phase, in the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, erects defense walls with two towers. After 1400, the existing walls are heightened and reinforced by adding three towers, connected through rings and water moats in order to protect St. Margaret's Church (Margarethenkirche). This structure ensemble became known as fortified place, an enclosed structure and/or a fortress, being completed in 1450.

In the next series we will discuss one of the other Seven Towns of Transylvania.



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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.**

### Edie L. Kovacs

Age 82

Died: November 2, 2021  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### William F. Ryan

Age 72

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Age 66

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Age 74

Died: January 10, 2022  
Home Branch

## It's a thing: Look up your name

The bucket test and the soap pods have faded into history, but a new craze is sweeping social media.

Everyone is looking up the definition of their name in Urban Dictionary.

Now, name meanings have been around for ages. But the thing with Urban Dictionary is that the definitions are not traditional. Users can also add their own definitions.

One woman on social media found a fairly personal definition: The most talented girl in the world. I think I'm in love with you.

Trisha: A tiny ball of cuteness.

Matthew: A sweet and caring guy ... who will only ever love one person.



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

First I would like to wish a Happy New Year, to all our members and our Saxon friends. Hopefully, everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our meeting was held on December 6. President Thut opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of our deceased members in 2020 and 2021.

Branch 9 is saddened to report the passing of Brother Martin Hartig. Before he moved to MO, he was very active in Branch 9 activities. Branch 9 extends deepest sympathy to his family.

Branch 9 sends get well wishes to Brother John and Sister Rosemarie Morgan and Sister Hilde Schoonmaker.

President Thut thanked all the officers that assisted her in running the club this past year. Elections were held and we wish the group good luck.

The Christmas party was held on December 19, 2021. Everyone that attended had a great time. There was great food, desserts and a visit

from Santa. Thank you to Sister Elfi Sanderson and her committee for doing an awesome job. Thank you to the members and guests who brought canned goods for the food pantry. A monetary donation was also made to the Refugee 1 and the Lutheran General Children's Hospital.

The meeting scheduled for January is cancelled and we hope to see everyone on February 7. Stay safe!



**CHICAGO BRANCH 9  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**The brief history of  
the telephone  
conversation**

Odds are pretty good that when you answer the phone, “hello” is the first thing out of your mouth. But have you considered taking “ahoy” for a spin instead?

When Alexander Graham Bell received the patent for the telephone in 1876, “hello” hadn’t been in our vocabulary for very long. According to National Public Radio, the first published use of “hello” was in 1827 -- just shy of 50 years before Bell’s patent. And instead of using it to greet others, people employed it as a way to catch someone’s attention or communicate surprise, not unlike the way we use “hey” today.

So when Bell thought about the appropriate way to answer a telephone call, he landed on “ahoy,” a word with a much longer history. According to the Somerville Public Library, the idea gained some traction when the first telephone operators were trained to answer the phone with “Ahoy! Ahoy!”

Bell’s arch-rival Thomas Edison, who invented a transmitter that improved upon Bell’s original invention, encouraged users to answer the phone with a crisp “hello” instead. When the first telephone directories advised “hello” over “ahoy,” the issue was largely settled, though according to the Somerville Public Library, Bell insisted on using “ahoy” or “ahoy-hoy” for the rest of his life.







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