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The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to thank the following children for coloring and submitting the Valentine's Day picture found in recent issues of the Volksblatt. They all did a wonderful job of coloring!

Christopher Kauffman	Camden Jackson
Fatima Kauffman	John Ameser
Isaac Schaef	Joseph Ameser
Claire Cunningham	Chelsey Cunningham
Colby Cunningham	Noah Murray
Quinn Murray	Elise Fogle
Jenna Peters	Kellie Webb
Zella Morgan	Eugene Morgan

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

We still are open three days a week with business picking up after the Virus. We are open Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with Wednesdays and Fridays, open from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

We welcome our new cook who is a master with delicious pies.

We invite ATS members, sixteen years and older to join the Saxon Club at the half price of \$17.50, student rate and juvenile fifteen years and younger. This is a lovely gift to give your child and grandchild as it makes them a part of a fine heritage.

Scholarships to YSU are available through Branch 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 at least a 3.0 average grade. Contact Julaine Gilmartin, 330-799-5171,

3173 Timberlaine Trl, Canfield OH 44406. The deadline is April 15th for applications.

Take pride in paying your membership dues on time; they can be sent in to the office c/o Val Thomas.

The second Saturday in the month is "Clean Up the Club". We need help to prepare the yard and grounds for Spring, please.

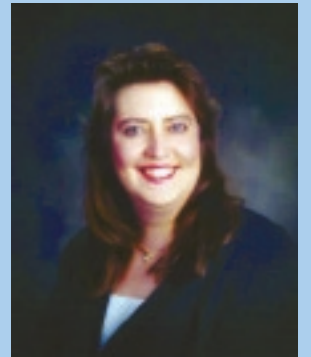
The next meeting is Sunday, 2:00 p.m. April 10th. Mothers' Day Banquet will be May 15th as well.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to presentation of the draft of the amendments to the Br. 30 Constitution.

Happy Springtime, everyone!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



The Board of Directors met on Saturday, March 19, to review the year-end reports and make some plans for the upcoming year. At December 31, 2021, total admitted assets reached \$101,451,991, an increase of \$3.3 million from the year before. Our net income for the year was \$727,156 and our surplus increased to \$13.7 million. These figures show the financial stability of the ATS and you can be proud to be a member of our Saxon organization.

Committees reported on meetings held and upcoming events. The Cultural Promotion Committee is busy planning the ATS Saxon Day to be held in July in lieu of the North American Heimattag. They will also be getting back to the "Your Stories" Saxon Memoirs soon. We will let you know when this project is complete.

Don't forget, there is still time to contribute to your ATS Traditional IRA or Roth IRA for the 2021 tax year. Don't have an IRA account? There is still time to open one. Contact your local sales Deputy or the ATS Home Office and we will get you all set up. You can also open one up for the current 2022.

High School Seniors and College Students: Remember to return your Scholarship paperwork to the ATS Home Office. Deadline for the completed application is April 15th. The Fraternal Events/Scholarship Committee will be meeting at the end of April to select the winners. This year there are 40 scholarships available. Scholarships are one of many benefits of being an ATS member. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the ATS Convention in May.

Did you know that the biggest source of scholarships come from colleges and universities? One study showed as much as 73% of scholarships to students come directly from the school. Future college students may want to carefully target which schools to apply to so that they have an increased chance of receiving an award. The most prestigious, competitive, highly ranked colleges may not provide any merit-based scholarships. They very often provide generous need-based financial aid. Families need to file the FAFSA form to demonstrate financial need. Private colleges provide the most money. Most students end up paying about the same for a private college as they would a state college due to the generous scholarships from the private school. The chance of getting a sports scholarship is not too good. A study showed that only 3.3% of high school senior basketball players actually played basketball in college. That is the percentage that played; even fewer will get a sports scholarship. When applying for scholarships, do not apply to everything under the sun. Focus on three to five per month that really interest you. When picking one to apply for, consid-

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monthly
meetings
of your Branch.
Help make
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a healthy Branch.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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er applying for those that require more work. More work means that fewer students will apply for it and increase your chances of winning. Some scholarships let you apply prior to your senior year of high school. Also, keep applying right through your final semester at college. There are many scholarships available through your college for existing college students.

Until next time....



“I think I’ve reached that awkward age where I’ve forgotten more passwords than I remember.”

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

YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON RETIREES
By Ro Dundon

HELLO EVERYONE: Our group is back again. And it’s Spring - maybe. Spring one day, rain the next and sunshine the next. Well, it is Ohio!

Austintown’s Eat and Park was our destination on March 10th. We were all sights to behold. Everyone looked great and felt great.

Conversation went from family to friends to the Club. Those who have recently dined there were very complimentary about the service and the food at the Club. They were pleased.

This month our Birthday babies are Rosemarie Zarmary and Barry Garhammer. Happy, happy Birthday and many more. Hope your day was or will be great.

Maybe there is no more snow in the forecast so that could mean Spring is almost here. With Spring comes Easter, warm weather, trees turning green and beautiful flowers.

Our next get-together will be April 14th, again at Eat and Park, again at noon. Should that change, our President, Diana Kommel, will call all and also remind us of the date—as she always does. Thanks to her for her caring.

Everyone please stay safe and healthy and happy. Here’s hoping we all have a wonderful and spiritual Easter, surrounded by friends and or family. If you gave up sweets for Lent beware of your intake of chocolate and the jelly beans—many calories. I usually don’t practice what I preach so probably will have to expand the slacks.

This note should appear in the coming issue—if I remember to hit the right button.

Till we meet again, as usual it’s RO

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AND COLORFUL
HISTORY AND
HERITAGE!
DO YOUR PART
TO KEEP IT ALIVE!
BECOME A PROUD
AND ACTIVE
MEMBER!

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022	FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022	FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022	FRIDAY, MAY 13, 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

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2022.

1. At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
3. Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com. Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
College/University: _____
Year: circle one
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name: _____



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

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 9, 2022
ATS Saxon Day
Host: Branch 30 Youngstown
July 23, 2022
ATS Family Day
Waldameer Park, Erie PA

LOCAL EVENTS

April 9, 2022
Cleveland/Lorain Children’s Easter Party
April 16, 2022
Salem Saxon Club Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.
April 24, 2022
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction
May 7, 2022
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
May 15, 2022
Cleveland East Br. 33 Krapfen Making
St. John Lutheran Church
Youngstown Br. 30
Mothers’ Day Banquet
July 17, 2022
Chicago Br. 9 Annual Picnic

Longest migration of any creature: The Painted Ladies arrive in March

By mid-to-late March, people in California and along the southern U.S. border should begin to see the world’s most persistent and breath-taking traveler: the Painted Lady butterfly.

The Painted Lady makes the longest known migratory journey of any animal, even longer than its celebrated cousin, the monarch, according to a study published in the Journal of the National Academy of Sciences (June 2021).

Found on every continent except Antarctica and Australia, the abundant Painted Lady makes a striking migration from Africa’s Sahara Desert to the Arctic Circle. Like the monarch, the migration spans generations. At least six generations are required for the butterfly to make the 9,000 mile trek. Similar generational journeys take the butterfly from southern roosts in Mexico to Canada.

But how do these delicate creatures cross such long distances? Scientists say they fly high (up to 2,000 feet) to catch and drift on



favorable winds for long distances. In the late 1990s, weather radar in Denver detected a 70-mile wide swarm of these butterflies migrating in the fall -- drifting north, not south -- on the winds, according to the University of Colorado Boulder Museum of Natural History.

The numbers of Painted Ladies making the migration varies dramatically, and research has found it depends on the rainfall and resulting abundance of plants.

This butterfly is abundant because it feeds on lots of plants -- up to 300 host plants are known. It is constantly breeding, laying eggs and flying, with each new generation taking up the trek according to season.

ATS BRANCH 4 – 2022 FUND RAISER

CHINESE AUCTION/SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, April 24, 2022

WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM

7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Sausage Dinner Starting at 1:00 p.m.
Serving until 2:00 p.m.

Admission by prepaid reservation only!

\$12.00 - Adults Children 10 and Under - \$6.00

Auction Tickets: \$8.00 (Sold day of Auction)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: April 16th

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Make your prepaid reservations by completing the Form below:

SAUSAGE DINNER/CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday, April 24, 2022

By Prepaid Reservation Only

_____ Adult Dinners @ \$12.00 each \$ _____
_____ Children’s Dinners @ \$6.00 each (Ages 10 and under) \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Check or Money Order payable to: ATS Branch 4

Mail check and Reservation Form to: Donna Jankow
7663 Ragall Pkwy.
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. () _____

Meal Tickets will be held at the Door

We will have assigned seating --- please indicate below if you wish to sit with specific individuals:

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: APRIL 16th

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

On Sunday, March 20, our Cleveland TSBA bowlers traveled to Youngstown for the last bowling session for the season. As always it is great to visit with our Saxon friends from the various ATS local branches. After our bowling we all enjoyed a delicious pork and sauerkraut dinner at the Youngstown Saxon Club. The cooks got the cutest compliment from Quill Suts, age 4, who publicly announced he loved the pork! He was so sincere and when Jenny King told him she loved the pork, he retorted I love it more! We thank our Youngstown hosts for a great day of Gemütlichkeit. The season will end with the Tournament that will be held in Salem the weekend of April 2-3.

With the pandemic lessening, it is great to see that the Sachsenchor is back to practicing on a regular basis and the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group, both the adult and children’s groups, are again having their practices on Friday evening. The Sachsenchor and the Dance Group always welcome new members. If

you are interested in joining the choir call President Horst Hebrank at 440-888-6094 and if you are interested in joining the Dance Group call President Chrissy Roppelt at 216-647-3229. Horst and Chrissy would love hearing from you.

Spring has officially arrived and we hope that means our snow days are over. Our first spring event will be Breakfast with the Easter Bunny that will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. Children can make an Easter craft and after breakfast they will be entertained by a magician before enjoying an egg hunt that will be held on the third floor. So whether rain or shine (or snow) we will be prepared for a fun day. To make reservations call Patty Cunningham at (216) 398-7520 (if you reach the answering machine, leave your name and phone number. Patty will call you back) or email her at prscunn@yahoo.com. Deadline for reservations is April 1st.

We have sent out the invitations to the Chinese Auction/ Sausage Dinner that will be held on Sunday, April 24 at

1:00 p.m. This is our fundraiser that helps defray the expenses of our children’s parties and other expenses at the Sachsenheim. We are thankful for the items and monetary contributions that enables us to hold the event and are grateful to all that attend to make our fundraiser a success. Reservations are a must, there are no admission tickets sold at the door. Invite your friends to come along and enjoy a delicious meal and an afternoon of fun for all ages. There is a reservation form printed in this issue of the Volksblatt. Deadline for reservations is April 16. Let’s get together and raise some funds for our Club.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.



CHURCHES



St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

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

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

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

**Rev. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service

Flowers are key to attracting hummingbirds

Want
to see
more
hum-
ming-
birds
in your
yard?

Lots of bloom-
ing flowers -- especially tu-
bular varieties -- help attract
nesting residents.

A good hummingbird
habitat has more than just a
sugar-water feeder.

It should have some small
deciduous trees and dense
shrubs for nesting. There
should be places to perch
around your feeder, too. Re-
member, a hummer has to
feed every 15 minutes while
awake. It will visit 2,000
flowers each day.

A drip fountain or mist-
ing device provides a water
source. A hummingbird will
not visit a bird bath.

Finally, keep sugar water
feeders clean and fresh!



BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

I want to begin by say-
ing Happy Spring to all our
Saxon friends and mem-
bers. We finally were able
to meet on March 7, for our
first meeting of the year. It
was so nice to finally see
everyone in person at our
new location. Every member
should have received a letter
with information on the new
location.

President Thut brought the
meeting to order. The mem-
bership discussed various
activities that we could plan
so we can all get together.
Please mark your calendars
for the annual Picnic on July
17, 2022.

Members on the sick list
are Sister Katharina Thut,
Sister Katharina Roth, and
Sister Rosemarie Morgan.
Please say a prayer for these
members.

Branch 9 sends deepest
sympathy to Brother Rein-
hard Krestel (Sister Ilse) and
his family on the loss of his
mom Elisabeth Krestel. Mrs.
Krestel was very well known
in the club singing in the choir



Elisabeth Krestel

and baking delicious treats.
She will be missed and may
she rest in peace.

Elisabeth Krestel, nee
Schuller. Age 93. Beloved
Wife of the late Andreas Kres-
tel. Loving Mother of Andreas
(Gaby) Krestel and Reinhard
(Ilse) Krestel. Cherished
Grandmother of Steffi (Thor-
sten) Litfin, Mareike Krestel,
Reinhard (Joann) Krestel,
Anita (Christopher) Franz
and Great Grandmother of
Andrew, Luke, Mark, Ryan,
Jonathan, Matthew and Pat-
rick.

**The next meeting will be
April 11, 2022 at 8 pm in-
stead of April 4, 2022.**



**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.**

Richard C. Friesenhengst

Age 76

Died: February 2, 2022
Branch 5, Lorain, OH

Jewell Kuzmik

Age 93

Died: March 3, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Edward R. Hallmen

Age 87

Died: March 13, 2022
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Clara A. Weber

Age 92

Died: March 15, 2022
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Joanne D. Shutrump

Age 82

Died: March 16, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Walter Szostek

Age 95

Died: March 17, 2022
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

With no unfavorable
weather, Covid, Omicron
or Influenza to prevent us
from meeting on Monday
evening March 21, it was a
good evening to take care of
business, do our yearly au-
dit, and enjoy a pre-meeting
dinner of some local pizza.

Unfortunately, we again
began our meeting with a
moment of silence for mem-
ber sister Eleanor Northheim,
who passed away on March
1. She was a 50+ year
member first in the Ladies
Branch 11 and then main-
tained her membership after
the merger with the Men's
Branch 5. I wish to extend
on behalf of our members
sincere condolences to her
family as they go through
this time of grieving.

The trustees were able to
audit the financial records
and found all to be in order.
Other business discussed
was about the ATS National
Convention hosted by ATS
Branch 33 May 21 and 22,
2022. We are able to send
four delegates. Any member
in good standing who would
like to be considered to rep-
resent Branch 5 will have
their meals and one night
hotel stay covered for at-

tending. If you are interested
please let sister Monica
Gilles know by either calling
her at (440) 309-7894 or by
email at gillemo76@hotmail.com,
by our next meeting
which will be at 7:00 PM on
April 18, 2022 at the Lorain
Slovak Club.

Our own brother Brian
Gilles will be participating in
the American Lung Associa-
tions "Fight For Air Climb",
a nationwide campaign to
help fund research, educa-
tion, and advocacy for better
lung health and clean air.
A motion was made and
passed to donate money to
this event which will be
held at Progressive Field in
Cleveland on May 14.

There were no members
reported on the sick list
which is always good to
hear.

Happy Birthday to those
celebrating this month of
April. Hoping a special day of
happiness to sisters Ginger
Romes, Debbie Tomusko,
Barbara Gilles, and jr. mem-
bers Sofia Ali and Mackenzie
Smith.

Until next time, have a
blessed Easter and enjoy the
start of spring and the hope
of good things to come.



Salem Saxon Club Saturday, April 16 1:00 pm

Easter Bunny will be in attendance

**For children and
grandchildren of Members**

**Outside weather permitting
Plenty of eggs with games,
snacks, and drinks after**

*Almost everything will work
again if you unplug it for a
few minutes, including you.*

Anne Lamott, writer

*The key is not to prioritize
what's on your schedule, but
to schedule your priorities.*

Stephen Covey, author

*Our anxiety does not come
from thinking about the fu-
ture, but from wanting to
control it.*

Kahlil Gibran, writer

*When one door closes, an-
other door opens; but we
so often look so long and so
regretfully upon the closed
door, that we do not see the
ones which open for us.*

Alexander Graham Bell

*A good way to overcome
stress is to help others out
of theirs.*

*Dada J. P. Vaswani,
Indian spiritual leader*

*Someone I loved once gave
me a box full of darkness. It
took me years to understand
that this, too, was a gift.*

Mary Oliver, poet



CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S
TRACHTENBALL

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, OH

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Doors open at 5:30pm Schnitzel Dinner served at 6:00pm
Performances by adult and child members of the
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Dress in Tracht and join in the Aufmarsch
Try your luck at our TOMBOLA

Dance music by Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine

Adults \$22.00 Children ages 4-10 \$12.00

To ensure social distancing,
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.
by April 29, 2022

Send reservations to:

Christine Roppelt
8905 Fernhill Avenue
Parma, Ohio 44129
216-773-9375

Make checks payable to: The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Or pay in advance with a credit card at

<https://trachtenball-may-7-2022-reservations.cheddarup.com>

No additional seats will be sold at the door

We will do our best to accommodatel seating requests but cannot guarantee all requests can be honored

Adult tickets @ \$22.00 per ticket _____

Child tickets at \$ 12.00 per ticket _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I would like to sit with the following people.



BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE
By Lesley Reed

We held our March, 2022 meeting on the evening of the 16th with nine members present. Our hostesses were Jan Ossler, Penny Zeedrich, and Lesley Reed. When we meet again on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Alliance, the hostesses will be the Crawford ladies, Casey, Courtney, and Denise.

Attendance awards were presented to Karen Kinsler and Helen Aeling. We also gave two scholarship awards, one to Evan Hertel and one to Sadie Zeedrich. Two communications were received since our last meeting in October. One from the ATS Directors office, which included a holiday donation and one sent from the ATS convention committee asking us to nominate attending delegates from our branch.

Minutes from the last meeting were read, with one addition/correction noted. The highlights of our "old business" included appreciating the new American flag and pole that was donated by the Esterlys for display during our meetings, the total amount of money we have

given since the start of our scholarship award program, and possible destinations for a day trip we could take as a group. Under "new business," topics included nominating Barb Esterly as our delegate to the May convention, a decision to attend a play at the Alliance Firehouse Theater on May 1st as our group day trip, the ordering and payment of floral arrangements to be donated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Alliance on the second Sunday in April, also the cancellation of this summer's Heimattag, but addition of an ATS Saxon Day to take place in Youngstown on July 9th. The last piece of business was the reading of our Treasurer's report, ending with voting to accept it as reported.

Please remember that we will not be having an April meeting. Our next formal meeting will take place on May 18th. If you were not in attendance this evening but would like more information about our day trip to the Firehouse Theater on May 1st, please contact Barb Esterly.

Cyberattacks hit medical records

Electronic health records (EHRs) are the most valuable type of stolen personal data, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Cybersecurity Coordination Center in a recent threat brief. EHRs contain a wealth of protected health information that can include names, birth dates, social security numbers, addresses, account numbers, email addresses and more -- information that can be used to open credit cards or obtain fraudulent loans. HHS estimates that about 40 million patient records were compromised in 2021.

Nothing's impossible for those who don't have to do it.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

March ends and April cometh - Remember, "No matter how long the winter, Spring is sure to follow" (unknown). Rain plus sunshine, bring forth the Blooms!

My dear fellow Branch 33 members, We are hosting the ATS National Convention in May. The Delegates' reservation form you will find in the Volksblatt. In addition, **Branch 33's Annual Spring Membership Banquet** honoring our members will coincide with the convention. *All Branch 33 members are invited to attend the Dinner-Dance Banquet on Saturday, May 21* at the Cleveland Marriott East, 26300 Harvard Rd. in Warrensville Heights Ohio. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing to the Fred Ziwich band. Please come to enjoy an evening out with fellow ATS members; we would truly love to have all members, near and far, attend. It is an evening to honor your years of membership and we hope to have an outstanding attendance of Branch 33 members and guests. There is no cost for members, guests' price is \$40. Please call Ema Litschel to reserve your place at the banquet (440)479-9334. If you would like to reserve a room for the night, the Volksblatt has details, and a block of rooms have been discounted under the "ATS May 2022" request.

Also to consider, the convention holds a handicraft exhibit and contest. You do not have to be a delegate to participate. If you have a handicraft -- crochet, knit, needlework, photography, carpentry, painting, etc. - that you would like to display or enter in the contest, please let us know. The exhibit starts Saturday morning. I can arrange to pick up your entry if needed, or bring item(s) with you to the May meeting. You all have to have been doing something while shut in and isolating during Covid!

Branch 33 will be making Krapfen on Sunday, May 15th at St John Lutheran Church 1000 Ford Rd., Highland

Heights Ohio. Any members who would like to come, your help would be much appreciated.

Junior members please remember the Westside Sachsenheim has invited you to attend Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. ATS Junior members are free, make your reservations with Patty Cunningham (216) 398-7520.

I am sad to report the passing of longtime Branch 33 member Clara Weber - also a past president of Branch 34, the former Ladies fraternal group - A dedicated ATS member who tirelessly gave time and skill on both professional and personal levels. Serving as a Branch president is a tough job that she performed with dedication and tenacity. Her humor, experience and counsel will be missed. She was a judicious steward and advocate of the ATS. Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband Don, and family; our Branch shares your loss. Please keep all members in your prayers, especially those "shut in" and ailing; I want to send a special hello to George Adam, Evelyn Keefer, Alva Keefer, Joan Blaha, Florence Davidson, Inge Mahn, Frida Halemba, and all that we are missing at our meetings and events.

Our March meeting started with a German song Sing-along and we did a pretty darn good job singing!. We got to practice the Transylvanian anthem as well as remember songs from our childhood. Thanks to all members who attended.

Branch 33's next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13 at St. John's Church. We will start at 7 p.m. with a Game Night. I promise we have a fun game planned for the evening... Hey most of you know our picnic games are enjoyed, right?! At the meeting we will be voting on convention delegates. And sending out a reminder to the volunteer bakers, Karyn Schmidt and Tony Lattur. It is so nice to meet in person again!

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

Copșa Mare / Großkopisch



On the eastern hill above the village an early Gothic basilica with tower was first erected. Around 1510 the church was fortified, thus the old chancel was demolished and replaced by a high chancel with polygonal closure strengthened by a defence level built in stone. Due to its height of almost 11 meters and its defence systems the chancel protected the ensemble against the slope. A wooden defence level was built on the tower. The chancel still preserves its stellar vault and the fine tracery on the windows originating from the construction time of the church, but the nave was rebuilt in 1795 in Baroque style. On the northern side of the chancel stands the two-leveled sacristy dated 1519. On its second level a chapel was set up. Especially valuable are the Renaissance portal of the sacristy and the Neo-classical altar.

Place and surroundings

The place was most probably established end of the 13th Century. Already at the beginning of the 14th Century the settlers have erected a stone church, whose foundations are still preserved nowadays, despite numerous renovations and enlargements. But the houses in the village were originally built with less durable materials. The wood from the surrounding forests was in the early days the most important building material. Cracks between the logs were clogged with moss and clay, while the roofs were covered with straw resulting after the wheat harvest. The windows were closed with extensive animal bladders, allowing only a faint light to pass, which could barely spread the darkness of the rooms.

Starting with the 18-19th Century it became common to build houses out of bricks. During that time the typical Transylvanian farms were erected and they still guard aligned the paths of the village.



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INVITE your relatives and friends to
join the crowd at ATS.

Trivia Teaser:
A Little Color

1. Which singer had a top 10 hit song in 1983 with “Little Red Corvette”? a-Rick James, b-Madonna, c-George Michael, d-Prince.
2. The Little White House, located in Warm Springs, Georgia, was the retreat for which U.S. President? a-Franklin D. Roosevelt, b-Dwight Eisenhower, c-George H.W. Bush, d-Herbert Hoover.
3. Which medical product is referred to as the little blue pill? a-Xanax, b-Levitra, c-Pepcid, d-Viagra.
4. The invention of the little black dress is attributed to the 1920s designs of which fashion designer? a-Elsa Schiaparelli, b-Coco Chanel, c-Christian Dior, d-Karl Lagerfeld.
5. In the tale of Little Black Sambo, which animals chased each other around a tree until they turned into butter? a-Foxes, b-Mongoses, c-Tigers, d-Deer.
6. The Little Brown Jug is an earthenware trophy awarded to the winner in which college football rivalry? a-Michigan-Minnesota, b-Alabama-Auburn, c-Army-Navy, d-Georgia-Georgia Tech.
7. According to the lyrics of the 1968 hit song “Little Green Apples,” “it don’t rain in” which city “in the summertime”? a-San Diego, b-Tallahassee, c-Indianapolis, d-Albuquerque.
8. Which literary detective credited his “little grey cells” for his ability to solve crimes? a-Hercule Poirot, b-Ellery Queen, c-Nero Wolfe, d-Perry Mason.
9. Which moral is taught in the children’s fable of The Little Red Hen? a-Every problem has a solution, b-Be happy with what you have, c-Learn from the failure of others, d-Hard work pays off.
10. While learning to read, which literary character referred to letters on the written page as “little black bugs”? a-Peter Pan, b-Tarzan, c-Oliver Twist, d-Huck Finn.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING
HICKORY HOUSE
550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Monday, April 18, 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.
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.
Please keep Susie Karst in your prayers. Susie was ill and was not able to attend our March 21st Meeting.
WELCOME BACK
We were glad to have several people back to our regular meeting on March 21st.
Olga Hesch had been enjoying her snowbird time with family in the Carolinas since November. Glad to have her back and hear about her fun times.
Jill Blum had been undergoing several different surgeries and rehabbing since October. We were happy to have Jill return and fully recovered from her time recuperating.
CELEBRATIONS
We were happy to celebrate birthdays at our March 21st meeting for Mike Roth, and catch up on birthdays for Olga Hesch and John Gellner who were not previously available for their birthdays. In addition we celebrated the 47th Wedding Anniversary for Marlene and Rob Betts.
FACEBOOK PAGE
Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10(Facebook Group)
We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook Group.

book group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.
We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.
HUMOR
A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse’s owner said, “It’s easy to ride him. Just say ‘Praise the Lord!’ to make him go and ‘Amen!’ to make him stop.” Bill got on the horse and said, “Praise the Lord!” Sure enough, the horse started to walk. “Praise the Lord!” he said again, and the horse began to trot. “Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn’t notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted “AMEN!” at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff.
Relieved, Bill said, “Phew! Praise the Lord!”
We are sorry to say that is the last we have heard from Bill.
HISTORY
The story about the Transylvanian Coat of Arms, which depicts seven towers, castles or fortifications will be continued in the next issue when we discuss the town of Klausenburg.

Zinc for colds?
Researchers
are skeptical

Zinc may be a popular over-the-counter supplement to reduce the severity and duration of common colds, but according to Harvard Health, the benefits may be modest at best. In a recent study published in BMJ Open, researchers examined data from 28 different studies and found that the effects of zinc ranged from minor to none at all. The bright side: When taken in safe amounts, zinc doesn’t appear to cause any harm -- good news for those who swear by it.



It's time to Spring Clean your Finances!

Spring is here! As you spring clean your house and garage, consider doing the same with your finances. Below are a few areas to review and consider making changes:

- ♦ **Revisit your Goals.** Did you create a budget at the beginning of the year? If so, does it need revised? Do you need to rebuild your emergency fund? Is it now funded and you can move on to another goal?
- ♦ **Review your Debts and look for Opportunities.** If you're paying down debt, maybe now is a good time to review all of it. Does it make sense to take a loan to pay down that debt or refinance an existing loan?
- ♦ **Review your monthly bills.** Do you have automatic deductions for gym memberships or streaming services that you rarely use? Now is a good time to reduce the level of service or to completely cancel those memberships and save a little money each month. Use these savings to add to your emergency fund.
- ♦ **Review your Estate Planning.** Estate planning is not only for the very well-off and it does not need to be complicated. Do you have a will? If so, does it need updated? Do you have a living will or medical power of attorney? Have you reviewed your beneficiary designations on your life insurance policy? How about that 401k or HSA account from work? Now is an excellent time to review and update all of these.
- ♦ **Consider your strategy for collecting Social Security.** Will you collect early at age 62 or at full retirement age (66 or 67)? Each year that you delay collecting until age 70 amounts to roughly an 8% raise in your starting benefit. If collecting is decades away for you, consider signing up for a "my social security" account. Doing so will allow you to review your reported earnings to ensure that they are correct and understand your future benefits.
- ♦ **Save automatically.** Set up an automatic deposit from your checking account into your savings account each month. Or have your paycheck split between your checking and your savings account. Better yet, open an ATS tax deferred Annuity with an autopay feature to contribute an amount each month. Already have an ATS Annuity? Consider increasing the amount that you contribute each month.

The ATS is here to help you! If, after you have spring cleaned your finances, you find you need additional Life Insurance or a new Annuity or IRA, contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home Office to learn more about our Life Insurance products and Annuity plans!

- **Single Payment Life**—Only one premium pays this plan for life
- **Seven Payment Life**—Payments are made for only seven years
- **Twenty Payment Life**—Can complete premium payments during one's best earning years
- **Life Paid up at Age 65**—Premium payments are completed by retirement age
- **Whole Life**—Provides the maximum amount of permanent life insurance with cash value at the lowest rates
- ♦ **Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity**
- ♦ **Single Premium Deferred Annuity**
- ♦ **Single Premium Immediate Annuity**
- ♦ **Traditional IRA or Roth IRA**

