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ATS 107TH CONVENTION
May 21 – 22, 2022
HOST: BRANCH 33 – CLEVELAND EAST

CONVENTION SCHEDULE
Cleveland Marriott East
26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio

Friday, May 20, 2022
2:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 21

9:00 A.M. Delegate Registration
10:00 A.M. Convention Opens
Noon Lunch
1:30 P.M. Convention Resumes
4:00 P.M. Recess for the Day
6:00 P.M. Social
7:00 P.M. Dinner
8:00 P.M. Program – Dance

Sunday, May 22

9:30 A.M. Convention Resumes
Noon Lunch
1:30 P.M. Convention Resumes
(if necessary)

CONVENTION DELEGATES

BR. 1 CLEVELAND WEST

Robert Hanek
August J. Botsch
Henry Botsch
Robert B. Cunningham III
Horst Hebrank
David W. Leifer

BR. 3 ALLIANCE

John H. Aeling
John L. Esterly

BR. 4 CLEVELAND WEST

Edith Hebrank
Diane E. Hum
Stephanie A. Miller
Christine S. Roppelt

BR. 5 LORAIN

Jane E. Mowery
Virginia A. Romes
Deborah S. Tomusko
Robert M. Tomusko

BR. 7 FARRELL

BR. 8 ALLIANCE

Helen E. Aeling
Barbara J. Esterly

BR. 9 CHICAGO

Diethild Thut
Margarete Mahltig
Claudia Schmidt
Georg Thut

BR. 10 COLUMBUS

P. Michael Roth
Christine D. Oehlman

BR. 14 CANTON

BR. 17 CANTON

Pauline Siff

BR. 18 SALEM

Marilyn McNutt
Barbara Spack
Mary Lou Weingart

BR. 19 SALEM

Glenn Spack
Arthur L. Maroscher
George Spack, Sr.

BR. 25 NEW CASTLE

Joshua W. Stelle

BR. 26 MERRILLVILLE

Brigitte Floyd
Randall B. Floyd
Daniel Schuffert
Michele Schuffert

BR. 27 NEW CASTLE

Marie A. Benedict
Dolores A. Both
Helen M. Burick

BR. 29 MONACA

BR. 30 YOUNGSTOWN

Candace L. Crum
Michael Bachinger
Kathleen M. Eberth
Michele M. Eberth
Julaine E. Gilmartin
Tammy J. Hahn
Frances A. Hinerman
Donald E. Hoelzel
June L. Hoelzel
Michael Teutsch, Jr.
Rose Marie Zamary

BR. 32 – ELLWOOD CITY

BR. 33 – CLEVELAND EAST

Michael N. Bretz
Donna J. Foisel
John Foisel
Barbara S. Hum
Henry Hum
Ema Litschel
Bruce E. Schneider
Arlene Suts
Alt: Lisa Deaton
Nicholas W. Ziegler

BR. 37 DETROIT

Debbie K. Ferguson
Karin Weihs

BR. 45 ELLWOOD CITY

HOME BRANCH

Monica Gilles
Jacob F. Spor
Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson
Margarete I. Ziegler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



The Fraternal Activities/Scholarship committee met on Saturday, April 30 to select the 2022 scholarship winners. This year, we are awarding 22 scholarships to high school seniors and 18 scholarships to college students continuing their studies for a total of \$38,850. The scholarship winners will be notified after the Convention.

Also on April 30th, several of our ATS Board Members attended the Eastern European Congress of Ohio celebration dinner. The month of April was Eastern European Month in Ohio. It was a great evening with people from many ethnic backgrounds in attendance. Over 25 nationalities are involved with the EECOH and its purpose to culturally unite the many people of Ohio whose ancestry and heritage are from Eastern Europe.

The 107th ATS Convention is rapidly approaching! The ATS Home Office and Branch 33 Cleveland East are busy preparing for next weekend. The Board of Directors will have their quarterly meeting on Friday afternoon. The Convention starts Saturday morning. The Board will review our financial and fraternal activities with the Delegates at the meeting. The Convention Delegates will vote on budget items and the election of the ATS Board of Directors. The Convention Delegates will also vote on the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit items and determine the winners in each category and an overall winner. Scholarship winners will be announced, and Cultural Group subsidies and Branch Sharing awards will be distributed. Branch 33 has a wonderful program lined up for everyone on Saturday evening. The Convention will resume on Sunday morning. We will also be accepting bids to host the next Convention, which will take place in 2024. Safe travels to all who will be joining us for the weekend.

Did you know that fears of Friday the 13th really do not have a specific origin? The superstition of Friday the 13th refers to the idea that when the 13th day of the month falls on a Friday, the day will be unlucky. While most western cultures have historically associated the number 12 with completeness (12 days of Christmas, 12 months, 12 gods of Olympus, and 12 tribes of Israel), the next number, 13, has a long history as a sign of bad luck. In addition, Friday gets a bad rap in lots of examples. Some say the number 13 being unlucky can be traced back to the Babylonian era and the ancient code of Hammurabi. The code reportedly omitted a 13th law from its collection of 282 legal rules. Though this was probably a clerical error, superstitious people sometimes point to this as proof of 13's longstanding negative connotations. 13 guests attended the Last Supper held on Maundy Thursday (Jesus and his 12 apostles). The next day, was Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. It is said that Eve gave Adam the apple on a Friday. Cain also killed his brother Abel on a Friday. The Temple of Solomon toppled on a Friday and Noah's Ark set sail on a Fri-

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BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE
By Helen Brooks

There was a meeting of the board prior to the regular monthly meeting of Merrillville Branch 26 held on May 1. We started to the pledge to the flag. Roll call of officers – three were excused.

There was a moment of silence held for departed member Marge Skorupa.

It was voted upon to not pay for guests in upcoming events.

Randall and Brigitte Floyd

will be going to the convention.

We would like to wish all mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mothers Day.

The raffle was won by Andy Gazdich and the attendance prize by Heidi Smith.

The meeting was adjourned and a variety of pizzas and friendship was enjoyed.

Stay safe and healthy. Till we meet again.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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day. Norse mythology tells the story of Loki, the god of mischief, crashing a banquet in Valhalla bringing the number of gods in attendance to 13. Deceived by Loki, the blind god Hodr was tricked into shooting and killing his brother Balder, the god of light, joy, and goodness. On Friday, October 13, 1307, officers of King Philip IV of France arrested hundreds of the Knights Templar on charges of various illegal behaviors. (Actually, the king wanted access to their financial resources.) Some cite this link with the Templars as the origin of Friday the 13th superstition, but like many legends involving the Templars and their history, the truth remains murky. The novel “Friday the Thirteenth” was published in 1907. The book’s plot takes place in New York City and follows a stockbroker who plays on the superstition to create chaos on Wall Street to his advantage and make a killing on the financial market. And let us not forget the movie series with the same title. Although, we wish we could forget that! Modern day examples of how the number 13 is sometimes perceived includes hotels with no rooms available on the 13th floor and some airplanes not having a 13th row. Why did I write about Friday the 13th for this issue? That’s the date of this issue of the Volksblatt. You may be glad to know that this is the only Friday the 13th for the entire year 2022. The next Friday the 13th will occur in January 2023.

Until next time....

Travel Tip

Rainy weather can quickly ruin a vacation. To help protect yourself, you need some raingear. But instead of buying specialized clothing, simply remember to bring along some plastic bags. Large trash bags can be used as a raincoat by cutting holes for your head and arms in the top and sides. Small zip-top bags are perfect for protecting your camera, phone, and wallet. These bags don’t take up much room and can be quickly utilized in the event of a sudden downpour.



Part Time Office Assistant

The ATS Home office is looking for a candidate with excellent customer service skills, general office knowledge, and experience in AR/AP and billing. Candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word, Outlook, and be detailed oriented and able to multi-task. We can offer a competitive salary and flexible schedule. Please email inquiries to office@atsaxons.com

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donations to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022	FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022	FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022	FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 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



CONGRATULATIONS!
The following are the winners
of the 2022 Easter coloring contest:

Ages 3-4

Carina Cornell
Home Office
Brady Gregorich
Br. 7 - Farrell
Flora Jones
Br. 5 – Lorain

Ages 5-6

Jillian Lewis
Br. 27 – New Castle
Emily Mackey
Br. 4 – Cleveland West
Henry Lanahan
Home Office

Ages 7-8

Raegan Lewis
Br. 27 – New Castle
Emma Camarillo
Br. 26 – Merrillville
Kendall Emerich
Br. 27 – New Castle

Ages 9-10

William Wilson
Br. 19 – Salem
Amanda Hudak
Br. 27 – New Castle
Katie Hanek
Br. 4 – Cleveland West

2022 Easter Coloring Contest Participants

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

Myra Bartell - Br. 30 Youngstown
Claire Cunningham – Br. 29 Monaca
Alice Emig – Br. 30 Youngstown
Rosie Mc Cormick – Br. 30 Youngstown
Ella Robb – Br. 18 Salem
Amelia Werner – Br. 18 Salem
Mason Brown – Home Branch
Claire Burick – Br. 27 New Castle
Jack Collier – Br. 9 Chicago
Laurel Emerich – Br. 27 New Castle
Bodhi Krahe – Home Branch
George Lanahan – Home Branch
Owen Mackey – Br. 1 Cleveland West
Noah Murray – Home Branch
Easton Robb – Br. 19 Salem
Jessa Westland – Br. 17 Canton
Ellie Wible – Br. 33 Cleveland East
Claira Yash – Br. 10 Columbus
Owen Bachinger – Br. 30 Youngstown
Cameron Brown – Home Branch

Chelsey Cunningham – Br. 29 Monaca
Mary Gelsinger – Br. 8 Alliance
Ava Gregorich – Br. 7 Farrell
Fatima Kauffman – Br. 27 New Castle
Christian Kirr – Br. 30 Youngstown
Mallory Kirr – Br. 30 Youngstown
Nikola Krahe – Home Branch
Alice Mc Cormick – Br. 30 Youngstown
Juliane Paal – Br. 27 New Castle
Alexander Poehler – Br. 1 Cleveland West
Kyle Preble – Br. 30 Youngstown
Jacob Reese – Br. 33 Cleveland East
Michael Simon – Br. 5 Lorain
Piper Simon – Br. 5 Lorain
Leah Wible – Br. 33 Cleveland East
Alex Burick – Br. 25 New Castle
Christopher Kauffman – Br. 25 New Castle
Andy Sanor – Br. 19 Salem
Cole Sergent – Br. 5 Lorain
Jenna Westland – Br. 17 Canton

**ANNOUNCING
ATS Saxon Day**



Save the date...

July 9, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Road
Youngstown, OH 44509

Bocce Tournament, get your team together to enter
Culture Group Band, Choir and Dance Performances
Lunch and Dinner Packages
Details coming soon!!

Spring is prime time for asthma, allergies

Ah, the beauty of the spring, when trees and flowers bud and bloom. And we sneeze. Or wheeze.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation estimates that 50 million Americans suffer from seasonal allergies. If you are among them, there is plenty you can do to keep symptoms under control.

Allergists at Temple University say the spring season is intense because trees ramp up their production of pollen. They release as much pollen as possible in spring so it can be spread by the wind.

Avoidance is one solution.

Pollen counts are higher in the morning. Don't jog or play golf early in the day and avoid going out after it

rains. Raindrops kick up the pollen.

If you have spent time outdoors, change your clothes and wash them.

Keep your windows closed and consider a high-quality indoor air purifier.

When none of these avoidance techniques work, over-the-counter medications can help. Newer antihistamines such as Claritin and Allegra tackle the symptoms better and don't make you sleepy.

If you have severe allergies, consider getting a skin test or blood test to determine what you are allergic to. Once you know, you could undergo a series of allergy shots. They will ultimately work, but could take a year or more to notice the effects.

Relief for Ukraine



If you wish to donate to the Ukrainian Relief Effort, send payment to the ATS Home Office.

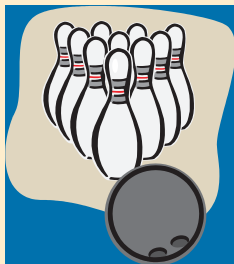
Check Payable to: ATS
Mail to: ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129

All funds will be forwarded to the Evangelical Church in Romania

Car Tip

Items in the bed of a pickup truck can damage the finish of the bed if they shift during transport. A simple trick is to use an adjustable shower curtain rod to brace the items. Load each item against the front wall of the truck bed. Then install the rod behind it, twisting to secure. If the items are small, use a cargo net to secure them.

**Attention TSBA Bowlers
65th TSBA Convention**



**RSVP: Rich Baker
(724) 854-0149
by June 6**

**Eintracht Club
108 Taylor St
New Castle, PA 16101
June 11, 2022
11 a.m.
Lunch \$10
Reminder:
Each Branch
is encouraged to
send 3 delegates**

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 21-22, 2022
ATS Convention
Host: Cleveland East Br. 33
Cleveland Marriott East Hotel, Beachwood OH

June 11, 2022
65th TSBA Convention
Host: New Castle Bowlers

July 9, 2022
ATS Saxon Day
Host: Branch 30 Youngstown

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

LOCAL EVENTS

May 15, 2022
Cleveland East Br. 33 Krapfen Making
St. John Lutheran Church

Youngstown Br. 30
Mothers' Day Banquet

June 18, 2022
New Castle Eintracht Singing Society
Joe Kraus Memorial Golf Outing

July 17, 2022
Chicago Br. 9 Annual Picnic

September 18, 2022
Youngstown Br. 30 Pork/Kraut Dinner

October 15, 2022
Youngstown Br. 30 Craft Show

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson

We met together on Monday evening, April 18 at the American Slovak Club; the same as we have been for many years for our monthly business meetings. Next month's meeting will again be there on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Members are invited to dinner at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Leavitt Rd in Amherst at 5:00 p.m. before going to the meeting that night.

Delegates to represent Branch 5 at this year's ATS National Convention on May 21 and 22, 2022 where selected. They are sisters Janie Mowery, Ginger Romes, Debbie Tomusko, and brother Robert Tomusko. We look forward to their report at the June Meeting.

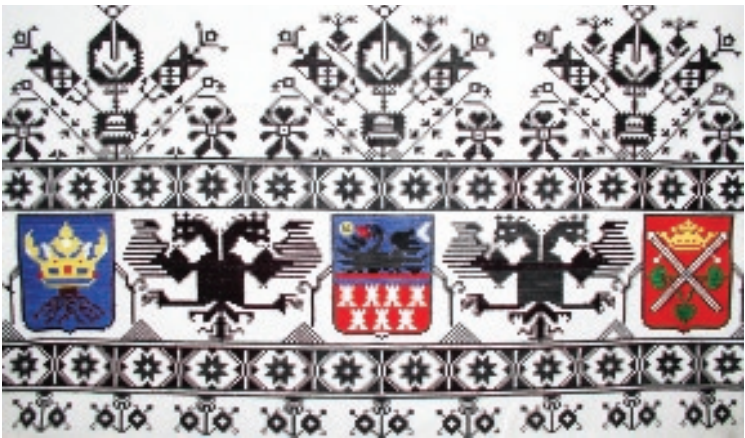
Another Branch 5 member has gone on before us at the time of this writing. Sister Ruth Pasta passed away on April 24 at her home. She

had been a 48 year member and will be missed by family and friends and those who knew her well. On behalf of the members of Branch 5 we wish to offer our condolences to these ones in their time of grieving.

Sister Jeanne Petty went on the sick list on April 27 for going into the hospital for knee replacement but no other members were collecting sick benefits at the time of this article.

Members celebrating birthdays this month are Sisters Olga Theiss, Barbara Tillman, Anne Conley, Brother Brian Gilles, and junior members Blake Henderson, Logan Ralph, and Carsen Sergeant. May you all enjoy your special day!

Until next time, continue to enjoy the spring weather as we ramp up into the hot days of summer. Have a happy Memorial Day weekend as well.



BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

We had another successful Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner this year! We had 237 enthusiastic people to be together to enjoy a delicious homemade sausage dinner prepared by our wonderful Saxon cooks. We had many wonderful items to raffle off plus side boards and a 50/50 raffle. We are so thankful for their support that day and are so very grateful to our members and friends who donated an item or monetary gift. We also want to thank our Auction Committee and everyone who helped set-up and tear-down, the cooks, those that sold tickets, raffle tickets, side boards, servers, and MC.

It was a fun afternoon that helps support the maintenance of our Sachsenheim. We can be proud in Cleveland that we have dedicated members and friends that care about our fraternal home! Our members are the heart and soul of our fraternal. Your loyalty means everything to us. Our fraternal organization only works when we support one another.

A reminder that our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you then.

Let us remember the people in Ukraine and pray for peace:

Dear Lord we pray for the horrific situation in Ukraine to end.

We pray for those who live in fear, that you may grant them peace.

We pray that voices for discernment and peaceful solutions may prevail.

Lord, we ask that you enable peacemakers on all sides to end this violence and destruction.

We pray that you that you can stop this suffering and bring peace to our world. Amen.

I used to be
indecisive.
Now I'm
not so sure.



June 18, 2022

June 18th
Sylvan Heights
Golf Course
—
Golf Outing
and Dinner
\$70 / Person
—
8 AM
Shotgun Start
—
Dinner to be
Served at the
Golf Course

All proceeds benefit The Eintracht Singing Society



Joe Kraus Memorial Golf Scramble
June 18, 2022
Sylvan Heights Golf Course
2661 Ellwood Rd, New Castle PA 16101

SHOTGUN START AT 8 AM

PLEASE ARRIVE 45 MINUTES AHEAD OF TIME TO CHECK IN

\$70/Person - Includes golf, prizes, refreshments,
lunch and dinner afterwards at the golf course

All proceeds benefit The Eintracht Singing Society

CONTEST TO INCLUDE:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners

Shortest drive, longest drive, skins, 50/50 also available mulligans

Player 1 :	_____	Phone: _____
Player 2 :	_____	Phone: _____
Player 3 :	_____	Phone: _____
Player 4:	_____	Phone: _____

Teams must be registered
and payment made by JUNE 11, 2022

Questions may be directed to:

Hans Kraus: 724-651-0806 or Rose Montini: 724-674-9327

Forms, along with money, can be dropped off at the
Eintracht Singing Society Club

108 Taylor St, New Castle PA 16101

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Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service

**Trivia Quiz:
Hamburgers**

May is National Hamburger Month. To celebrate, we've put together this beefy trivia quiz to test your burger knowledge.

1. At which World's Fair did the "hamburger" begin its popular life in America?
2. The first hamburger chain was founded in Wichita, Kansas, in 1921. What was its name?
3. Where did the first McDonald's Restaurant open?
4. What year did the first McDonald's Restaurant open?
5. A 1,000 pound steer will yield how many quarter-pound hamburgers?
6. Which chain introduced the first double patty burger?
7. How many hamburgers do Americans eat on average each week?
8. What percentage of sandwiches eaten are hamburgers?
9. How many people from around the world have graduated from McDonald's "Hamburger University?"
10. Which fast food chain created the first modern-day drive-thru window in 1970?

See Page 6 for answers

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING
HICKORY HOUSE
550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Monday, May 16, 2022
Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the third 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.

CELEBRATIONS
Please join me in wishing Susan Karst (May 23), Jill Blum (May 24) and George Lassel (May 29) Happy Birthdays. We hope they have wonderful birthday celebrations. Alles gute zum Geburtstag.

HUMOR
I went to the liquor store Friday afternoon on my bike, bought a bottle of scotch and put it in my bicycle basket. As I thought to myself, as I was about to leave, if I fall off the bicycle, I will probably break the bottle. So I drank all the scotch before I cycled home. It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on my way home.

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 Transylvania. 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, 'Seibenburgen', 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 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/Kruhnen
Meinbach/Muhlbach
Schassbrich

**Nösnerland/Nösen/
Bistritz**

The town was named after the Bistritz River, whose name comes from the word *bystrica* meaning 'fast-moving water'.

The earliest sign of settlement in the area of Bistritz is in the final division of the Stone Age, with a wide-ranging set of developments that appear to have arisen independently in several parts of the world. It is first seen about 12,000 years ago when the first developments of farming appeared after the glazier age, and later in other parts of the world. After the Mongol invasion (1237), many sought asylum in the Kingdom of Hungary, as many Cumans (Nomadic Turkish people) had settled in Hungary, the Second Bulgarian Empire playing an important role in the development of the state, and Anatolia before the invasion. Transylvanian Saxons settled the area in 1206 and called the region "Nösnerland". Situated on several trade routes, Bistritz became a flourishing medieval trading post.

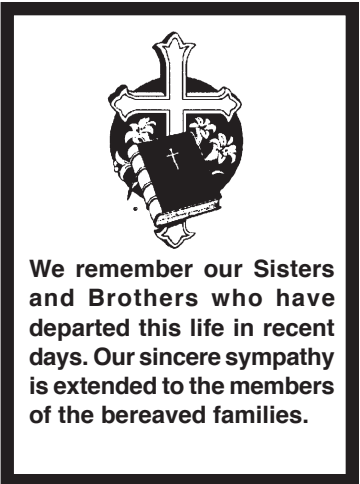
Bistritz became a free royal town (this meant the king granted certain privileges to rule out the possibility of control by the Hungarian Nobels-hence free from royals) in 1330. In 1353, King

Louis I of Hungary granted the town the right to organize an annual 15-day fair on Saint Bartholomew day, as well as a seal containing the coat of arms of an ostrich with a horseshoe in its beak. The town developed markets throughout Moldavia, and its craftsmen travelled extensively. It was given the right to be surrounded by defensive walls in 1409.

In 1465, the city's fortifications had 18 defensive towers and bastions defended by the local guilds. It was also defended by a Kirchenburg, or fortified church. In 1713 the Romanian population was expelled by the Saxon magistrates, but they returned later. The town was badly damaged by fire five times between 1836 and 1850. The church suffered from fire in 1857, when the tower's roof and the bells were destroyed. The roof was rebuilt after several years. Fires in the nineteenth century also destroyed much of the city's medieval citadel.

The Minorite Monastery (The earliest mention of Franciscans in the town dates to 1268, when the area was part of the Kingdom of Hungary). Around that time, the order built a church and monastery dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

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Age 65
Died: December 18, 2021
Branch 33, Cleveland

Thomas Varley
Age 76
Died: April 18, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Vanetta J. Mohney
Age 96
Died: April 21, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Marjorie M. Skorupa
Age 91
Died: April 24, 2022
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Branch 5, Lorain, OH



Cooper's Tower



Minorite Monastery

The choir was begun in the mid-13th century, while the western facade was finished last, around 1270. Around 1444, the damage caused by attacks in 1438 during the Ottoman–Hungarian wars was repaired. Around 1520, the wooden ceiling was replaced by a Gothic vault. The current buttresses were built to support the vault. Several years later, the transition from Gothic to Renaissance was in motion, as seen from stones surviving into the 20th century. In the same period, the church was painted in fresco, fragments of which also lasted until the 20th century. Among the figures depicted were Saint George, the Archangel Michael, Saint Emeric of Hungary, Saint Ladislaus and presumably a donor.

Under pressure from the Protestant Reformation, the Franciscans left the town between 1540 and 1542. The church then became Lutheran, while the town took over the monastery buildings. In 1724, as part of the Counter-Reformation led by the Holy Roman Empire, the Franciscans regained the church. By 1788, it was a Catholic parish church. During the 18th century, Baroque features were added. The ceiling was replaced around 1772 and stairs were built into the western facade. The choir was heightened and given windows, as well as a Baroque altar dedicated to the Holy Trinity. A Baroque cornice was placed all along the facades. A triangular pediment was added to the western facade, as well as a bulb-shaped belfry. The sundial dates to the same period. Other repairs date to 1847, when the first western portico was likely built).

The monastery, situated in the eastern side of the old town, close to the location of the former defensive walls, is one of the oldest buildings in Bistrița. Built between 1270 and 1280, the building has undergone several repairs and alterations, the first one being recorded in 1494. After 1541, when the Minorite order left the town, it served as a barn and wine cellar. In 1724, the Catholic Church returned to Bistrița and the church was reopened. In 1895, the Romanian Greek Catholic Church purchased the building for 35,000 florins. The church was turned into an Orthodox church in 1948, when the communist government dissolved the Romanian Greek Catholic Church and transferred its



Evangelical Church in Bistritz

properties to the Romanian Orthodox Church, and was decorated in Neo-Byzantine style in 1978–1980. In 1893, the unused property was purchased by the Romanian Greek-Catholic Church. The monastery was demolished in 1909, at which point the frescoes were discovered. The 1760 organ was probably removed around the same period. The western portico acquired its current Gothic Revival appearance in the interwar period. In 1948, when the new communist regime banned the Greek-Catholic Church, the building was transferred to the Orthodox Church. Subsequently, the Baroque altar was replaced by a screen separating the sanctuary from the rest of the church.

The city was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918. On December 1 that year, Transylvania united with Romania, and Romanian Army troops entered Bistrița on December 5.

On June 11, 2008, the tower and roof of the church caught fire when three children who went to steal copper set it on fire while playing. The main part of the church suffered just a little damage and is not in much danger, the interior being intact. It is speculated that both bells residing in the tower (one dating from the 15th century, the other from the 17th) might have melted.

The main attraction of Bistritz central square is the Lutheran church, which was built by the Transylvanian

Saxons and originally constructed in the 14th century in Gothic style. Between 1559 and 1563 it was altered by Petrus Italus and given Renaissance features. It was significantly renovated after the 2008 fire, which damaged the tower.

The final town in our series will be Hermannstadt. This will conclude the series of the towns represented in the Transylvanian Flag. We hope you enjoyed the history on these towns and fortified structures used in defending Transylvania from the groups that would try to attack our Transylvanian Saxon Homeland.

From at least the 1920s, the trend in dressing has gone one way: more casual and comfortable.

According to USA Today, public dressing in the first part of the 20th century was street proper: Men wore jackets and ties and women wore dresses and hats. First Lady Pat Nixon was the first to wear pants at a public function in 1972 and no one blinked by the time Hillary Clinton made it her uniform.

But now it is street casual and unisex: Baseball caps and soft fabrics, even in public spaces.

But pajamas? We've all seen it.

One commentator called it couch couture. While you don't see it a lot, you do see it in the most unlikely places: airplanes, the grocery store and on the street, leaving you to wonder if they could

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Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

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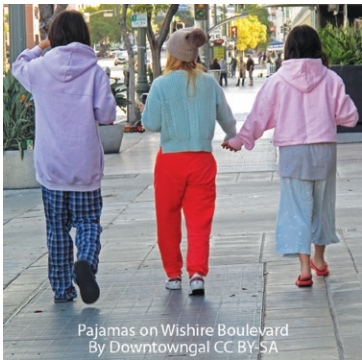
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The pajama backlash



manage to put on the bunny slippers, wouldn't another shoe be just as easy?

There has been both backlash and support for PJs in public.

In 2007, the UAE forbid workers from wearing pajamas to work (that was a problem?). In 2010, a supermarket banned customers from shopping in PJs. In 2012 in Dublin, people seeking welfare services were forbidden from wearing them.

Celebrities since have elevated PJs as street wear,

wearing silky pajamas in public -- but with heels, naturally, according to Entertainment Tonight.

Men can get away with lounge pants, but have to be aware of what they might be, um, revealing.

Still, pajamas do look sleepy, which is a short trip to lazy, and remain inappropriate attire for work.

Trivia Quiz Answers

1. The 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.
2. White Castle.
3. Des Plaines, Illinois.
4. 1955.
5. 1,000.
6. Bob's Big Boy.
7. Three.
8. 60 percent.
9. 50,000.
10. Wendy's.

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und sagt's mit
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