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Saxon Honor Pin Recipients



Hanz and Barbara Hermann, Managing Editors of the Saxon News Volksblatt being awarded the Saxon Honor Pin by ATS President Denise Aeling Crawford.



ATS Trustee Barbara Spack being awarded the Saxon Honor Pin by ATS President Denise Aeling Crawford.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson



ATS Trustee Jacob F. Spor being awarded the Saxon Honor Pin by ATS President Denise Aeling Crawford.

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Just a short note to our members since we did not meet last month on May 16 as the meeting was cancelled. Many of our regular members contacted President Monica Gilles about their absence at that evening's meeting. Pre dinner plans were also cancelled due to an early closure by the restaurant we were going to attend. Our next meeting will be at the American Slovak Club June 20 at 7:00 p.m. No new dinner plans have been made for that evening.

Reports from delegates that attended the 2022 ATS National Convention on May 21 and 22, 2022 along with business missed from last month will be the main topics of the evening.

There are no members that have reported as being on the sick benefit list as of this writing, thankfully.

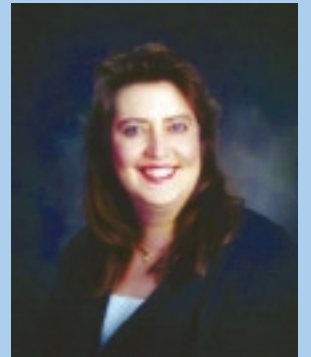
Celebrating Birthdays this month of June are Brother Paul Kirschner, Sister Arleen Gilles, Junior Member Kayla Ali, and our eldest member, blessed with her 92nd birthday, sister Shirley Mitoff!

May you all have a happy birthday the way you can enjoy it the most.

Until next time, start enjoying your summer while staying safe and healthy!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Congratulations go out to Hanz & Barb Hermann, the Managing Editors of the Volksblatt. They were awarded the Saxon Honor Pin at the ATS Convention. The month of May was their 35th Anniversary of editing the newspaper. Congratulations to ATS Trustees Jake Spor and Barbara Spack who also received the Saxon Honor Pin at the Convention. Both of them have served on the ATS Board of Directors any many Board Committees for the past 14 years. Thank you, all four, for your dedication in serving the Saxon people.

Thank you Branch 33 - Cleveland East for a wonderful weekend. They did a great job hosting the 107th ATS Convention. During the Convention sessions, reports were given, ideas were passed around and upcoming events were discussed. Branch Sharing checks were passed out, as well as the Subsidy Grants to our four Cultural Groups. The ATS Scholarship winners were announced. We hope that the local Branch of these recipients will invite the winners to their upcoming Branch Meeting to receive their certificates. The Saxon Handicraft winners were announced on Sunday morning. Thank you to everyone who submitted an item. The Exhibit room included a wonderful display of our Saxon heritage by the Exhibit Directors, too. During Saturday evening's program, the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and the Children's Dance group performed. I believe everyone enjoyed seeing them dance. It was great that the out of town people who do not get to see them very often, had the chance to see them that night. All in all, it was a very productive and pleasant weekend with lots of Gemütlichkeit.

We welcome Sue Guip to the ATS Home Office staff. Sue will be working on a part-time basis with us. Welcome aboard, Sue! She is a member of Branch 33 – Cleveland East.

To all of the High School and College students who are graduating this year – Congratulations and Good Luck. May you have much success in your future!

The TSBA Convention will be held on Saturday, June 11th in New Castle, PA. Remember that all Branches are entitled to send three people. Bring your calendars and be prepared to schedule the upcoming 2022-2023 TSBA bowling season.

Between this issue and the next one will be Father's Day on June 19th. To all of you out there who still have their Dad, make sure he knows you love him. To all of

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the Dads out there, enjoy your day!

The ATS is looking for a Branch to host the 2023 North American Heimattag. The suggested weekend is July 7, 8, and 9, but could be something different. If your Branch would like to host this event, please let the ATS Home Office know by the end of June. We are also looking for a Branch to host the 108th ATS Convention in 2024. Please let us know by the end of August if your Branch is interested. Thank you.

Did you know the month of June has three birthstones? They are moonstone, pearl, and alexandrite. Moonstone stands for new beginnings, pearl stands for purity, and alexandrite stands for health and longevity. June is considered the luckiest month for marriage. Perhaps this is because some say that the month was named after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. The month of June includes Father’s Day, Flag Day, and the first day of summer (or winter if you are down under). June is Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, Cataract Awareness Month, National Dairy Month, National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month, National PTSD Awareness Month, National Steakhouse Month and National Zoo and Aquarium Month. Other fun days in the month of June include: Flip a Coin day, Go Barefoot day, Leave the Office Early day, Doughnut day, Egg day, National Repeat Day, National Repeat Day, Hug Your Cat day, Cheese day, Gingerbread day, Yo-Yo day, Chocolate Ice Cream day, Corn on the Cob day, Peanut Butter Cookie day, Smile Power day, Onion Rings day, and Sunglasses day. Whatever your favorites are, enjoy the month of June!

Until next time....

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

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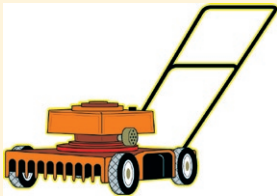
BRANCH 4,
CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

As I am enjoying a California trip, I do not want to be remiss to remind our members that the next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 20 at 7:00 pm.

An upcoming event at the Sachsenheim is the Summer Patio Pilsner Party on Wednesday, June 22. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. The Gemütlichkeit Clevelander Musikanten will play from 7 - 10:00 p.m. Great music, delicious food, refreshing drinks and good friends make for an enjoyable evening at the Sachsenheim.

Well, I am off to do some whale watching and visit another winery!

Give that
mower a new
lease on life



If your lawn mower is a few years old and not running as it did when it was new, don’t give up on it yet.

The average life span of a mower in the U.S. is just three years. If an owner takes care of a mower, however, it can last far longer. Here’s how to start:

Change the spark plug. Plugs can erode, but replacing one will ensure a quick start.

Then get the blade sharpened. To remove it, always start by removing the spark plug. Usually the blade is held by only one bolt. Sharp blades make grass look nice and reduce engine strain.

Lubricate all the moving parts with a silicone spray. Spread a little oil on the wheels where they turn at the axle and on any moving parts on the handle.

If the mower has carburetor problems, take it to a repair shop. For about \$100, they will take it apart and clean it out so it will last you another season or three.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022	FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022

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One Hundred and Seventh Convention of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons

May 21 - 22, 2022Cleveland, Ohio

First Day’s Session

Convention Called to Order

President Denise Crawford called the 107th Convention of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday May 21, 2022 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sister Margarete Ziegler, President of Branch #33, Cleveland East, wished all Delegates and Officers a nice weekend and an enjoyable Convention. She thanked the convention committee for their hard work.

Invocation

Rev. Donald Beaumont, Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church in Willowick, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Delegation stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then sang the National Anthem and Siebenbüergen.

Opening Remarks

President Crawford thanked all the Delegates for being prompt and asked them to vote on the Handicraft Exhibit items before 9:00 p.m. Delegates were asked to stand to be recognized and to state their name and their Branch when called upon. Delegates were reminded to silence their cell phones and asked that no one text during the meeting session.

Special Greetings

Past President Joan Miller-Malue sent greetings for a productive convention and weekend filled with Gemuetlichkeit.

President Crawford extended greetings from John Werner, Chairman of the Landsmannschaft in Canada wishing a successful convention.

First Vice President Robert Cunningham wished all of us a successful and productive meeting. He asked to be excused from the weekend due to his current medical condition. He gave consent to be nominated for his re-election.

Second Vice President Monica Weber is excused because she is in England for work. Trustee Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson asked to be excused because she was exposed to Covid this week. Ingrid has also given consent to be nominated for her re-election.

Report on Delegates’ Credentials

Trustee Barbara Spack reported that the Delegates’ credentials were verified at the ATS Home Office and all present were eligible to be seated as Delegates.

Roll Call of Officers and Delegates

The Roll Call of Officers and Delegates was held and the following were present:

Board of Directors:

President Denise Crawford, Alliance, Branch #8	
1st Vice President	Robert B. Cunningham, Cleveland, Branch #1, excused
2nd Vice President	Monica Weber, Cleveland, Branch #4, excused
3rd Vice President	Randall Floyd, Merrillville, Branch #26
Secretary	Monica F. Gilles, Lorain, Branch #5
Treasurer	Michael Teutsch, Jr., Youngstown, Branch #30
Trustees	Jacob F. Spor, New Castle, Branch #25
	Barbara Spack, Salem, Branch #18
	Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, Detroit, Branch #37, excused
	Margarete Ziegler, Cleveland, Branch #33
	Michael Bachinger, Youngstown, Branch #30

Delegates:

Branch 1 Cleveland	Robert Hanek, August J. Botsch, Henry Botsch, Horst Hebrank, David Leifer
Branch 3 Alliance	John Aeling, John Esterly
Branch 4 Cleveland	Edith Hebrank, Diane Hum (Saturday only), Stephanie Miller (Saturday only), Christine Roppelt
Branch 5 Lorain	Virginia Romes, Jane E. Mowery, Deborah Tomusko, Robert Tomusko
Branch 7 Farrell	No Delegates Represented
Branch 8 Alliance	Helen Aeling, Barbara Esterly
Branch 9 Chicago	Diethild Thut, Margarete Mahltig, Claudia Schmidt, Georg Thut
Branch 10 Columbus	P. Michael Roth, Christine Oehlman
Branch 14 Canton	No Delegates Represented
Branch 17 Canton	Pauline Siffit
Branch 18 Salem	Barbara Spack, Mary Lou Weingart
Branch 19 Salem	Glenn Spack, George Spack, Sr.

Branch 25 New Castle	Joshua Stelle
Branch 26 Merrillville	Randall Floyd, Brigitte Floyd, Daniel Schuffert, Michele Schuffert
Branch 27 New Castle	Marie Benedict, Dolores Both, Helen Burick
Branch 29 Monaca	No Delegates Represented
Branch 30 Youngstown	Candance Crum, Michael Bachinger, Kathleen Eberth, Michele Eberth, Julaine Gilmartin, Tammy Hahn, Donald Hoelzel, June Hoelzel, Michael Teutsch, Jr., Rose Marie Zamary
Branch 32 Ellwood City	No Delegates Represented
Branch 33 Cleveland	Michael Bretz (Saturday only), Donna Foisel, John Foisel, Barbara Hum, Henry Hum, Ema Litschel, Bruce Schneider, Arline Suts, Lisa Deaton (Sunday only)
Branch 37 Detroit	No Delegates Represented
Branch 45 Ellwood City	No Delegates Represented
Home Branch	Monica Gilles, Jacob Spor, Margarete Ziegler

Past Officers’ Recognition

The following Past Officers of the ATS were introduced:

Sister Helen Aeling, Alliance, Branch #8

Sister Ema Litschel, Cleveland, Branch #33

Brother Hanz Hermann, Cleveland, Branch #1

Introduction of Guests

The following guests were introduced to the Convention:

Brother Glenn Spack, Salem, Branch #19, President of the Transylvanian Saxons Bowling Association (T.S.B.A.)

Sister Christine Roppelt, Cleveland, Branch #4, President of the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group.

Brother Horst Hebrank, Cleveland, Branch #1, President of the Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor

Brother Hanz Hermann and Sister Barbara Hermann, Cleveland, Branch #1 and #4, Editors of the Saxon News Volksblatt.

Visitors

All visiting ATS Members were welcomed to the Convention. There were no visitors present that were not ATS members.

Memorial Service

Pastor Beaumont conducted the Memorial Service in remembrance of our departed Saxon Sisters and Brothers.

Convention Committees

The following members were appointed by President Crawford to fulfill Convention duties:

Registration Committee:

Sister Lisa Deaton, Cleveland, Branch #33

Sister Cindy Schneider, Cleveland, Branch #33

Chaplain:

Rev. Donald Beaumont, Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church in Willowick

Sister Maria Foisel Phillips, Cleveland, Branch #33

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Brother Nicholas Ziegler, Cleveland, Branch #33

Saxon Handicraft Exhibit Directors:

Sister Maria Foisel Phillips, Cleveland, Branch #33

Sister Kathie Brusk, Cleveland Branch #33

Parliamentarian:

Brother Glenn Spack, Salem, Branch #19

Reading of the Minutes from the 106th Convention

Whereas each Delegate had been provided with a printed copy for reference, a motion was made by Sister Arline Suts, Cleveland, Branch #33, seconded by Sister Helen Aeling, Alliance, Branch #8 to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 106th Convention. Motion carried.

Special Recognition

The Ehren Nadel, or Saxon Honor Pin, was presented to Sister Barbara A. Spack, Salem, Branch #18, Brother Jacob F. Spor, New Castle, Branch #25, Brother Hanz Hermann, Cleveland, Branch #1, and Sister Barbara Hermann, Cleveland, Branch #4. Sister Spack and Brother Spor have served as Trustees on the Board of Directors for the past 14 years and have served on many committees. Brother and Sister Hermann have been the managing editors of the Saxon News Volksblatt for the past 35 years.

Induction or Dissolution of Branches

ATS Branch 22, Youngstown, merged with their Brother Lodge Branch 30, Youngstown, as of July 1, 2019. ATS Branch 2, Erie dissolved effective March 31, 2021.

Board of Director’s Reports

The Delegates were asked to hear all reports and act upon them collectively.

President’s Report

President Crawford gave the Presidents’ Report. She appreciates the members that have accepted leadership positions in their local branches as well as on the national level.

President Crawford reported the ATS assets have grown to over \$100 million. Our net income for 2021 was \$727,156. Our Solvency Ratio has increased to 115.63%, which indicates that a company has enough assets to cover all their liabilities and to meet all obligations as they become due.

The past year has brought changes. The ATS Home Office moved to a new building. Unfortunately, we lost Branch 2 – Erie last year due to a declining active membership. We need to work harder to get our family and friends to join our fraternal organization and be take an active role in our local branches. Working together, we can accomplish our goals and keep our traditions alive.

President Crawford expressed sadness by the deaths of Past ATS Trustees Peter Karsti, Youngstown, Branch #30 in October 2020 and Sofia Froom, Youngstown, Branch #30 in February 2022.

Lastly, President Crawford would like to thank everyone for the continued support and cooperation in maintaining a fraternal benefit society of which we can be proud.

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Gilles reported on the Membership and Insurance Activity for 2021. We started 2021 with 6,458 members holding 7,716 certificates. We added 20 new members with 23 life insurance certificates and 54 new members with 76 annuity certificates. We had a total of 124 deaths throughout the year. Our current membership total, as of December 31, 2021, is 6,451, which is a decrease of 7 from the end of 2020. There are 2,369 life certificates and 5,240 annuity certificates. The total life insurance value, as of December 31, 2021, is \$26,211,483, reflecting an increase of \$121,794. The total annuity value, as of December 31, 2021, is \$70,725,973, which is an increase of \$1,496,018.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Teutsch reported on the financial condition of the ATS for the year ended December 31, 2021. Total assets of the ATS were \$101,451,991, which is an increase over the prior year of \$3,344,708. Included in the assets are approximately \$92.3 million in Bonds. Common stocks, other Invested Assets, and Short-Term investments total approximately \$5 million. Cash, Receivables, Certificate Loans, and the ATS building make the rest of the \$4 million of assets. Surplus at December 31, 2021 was \$13,712,427. Premium and Annuity income totaled \$4,712,767 for the year, while Investment income was \$4,561,881. Benefits paid to members totaled \$5,429,437. Net income from Operations was \$727,156 for the year ended December 31, 2021. Treasurer Teutsch also mentioned the annual and quarterly filings with the State of Ohio and the NAIC.

Auditing Report

Brother Randall Floyd, Merrillville, Branch #26, Chairman of the Audit Committee, stated that the Trustees examined the ATS financial records at the Annual Trustee Audit. In their opinion, all controls and procedures were followed, and all records were accurate and in good order.

During 2021, James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc. conducted an independent audit for the fiscal year 2020 and in their opinion, our financial statements present fairly the financial condition of the ATS. The Auditor’s Report is filed with the State Insurance Departments and the NAIC. Annual and Quarterly Financial Statements are filed each year with the NAIC and the State Insurance Departments of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan.

A motion was made by Sister June Hoelzel, Youngstown, Branch #30, seconded by Brother John Foisel, Cleveland, Branch #33 to accept the Board of Directors reports as given. Motion carried.

Report on the Committee on Rules

The Board of Directors, represented by Trustee Michael Bachinger, presented the following Budget Proposals for each of the next two years (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024) for the Convention consideration and approval:

Salary Budget	\$400,000
Sales Promotion	\$ 60,000
Fraternal Activities	\$ 75,000

Trustee Bachinger reminded the Delegates that they would vote on these proposals at a later time.

Reports by Standing and Special Committees

The Delegation was asked to hear all reports and act on them collectively.

Investment Committee

Treasurer Michael Teutsch reported on the activities of the Invest-

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ment Committee. During the year 2021, 41 issues of bonds were purchased in the amount of \$16,484,370. Fourteen issues of bonds were sold, called, or matured with proceeds of \$17,427,046 and a net loss of \$44,673. The loss is the result of the currency exchange rate between the United States and Canada. The interest rate earned on the ATS securities portfolio at December 31, 2021 was 4.95%.

The Investment Committee relies on the advice of our Investment Advisor, Mike McLaren from BPS Capital. The Committee consists of President Denise Crawford, Robert Cunningham, Monica Gilles, Randall Floyd, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, Michael Bachinger and Michael Teutsch.

Orphan Fund Committee

Third Vice President Randall Floyd gave the Orphan Fund Committee Report. The Orphan Fund program provides monthly financial assistance in addition to the premium payments of the children’s ATS insurance. During 2021, the program supported twelve children representing six families. Total cash benefits paid during 2021 totaled \$9,200. At Christmas, each child receives a monetary gift. The Orphan benefits are paid out of the ATS General Fund. Profits derived from the sale of history books and cookbooks are credited to the Orphan Fund and thereby assist in the financing of this program.

The Orphan Fund Committee consists of the three Vice Presidents: Robert B. Cunningham, Monica Weber, and Randall Floyd.

Fraternal Events/Scholarship Committee

Chairman Jacob Spor gave the Fraternal Events/Scholarship Committee Report. Twenty-two Freshman academic scholarships and eighteen adult continuing scholarships were awarded this year for a total of \$38,850.00. The Academic Scholarship recipients are as follows:

- Four-year \$1,000 per year renewable Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
Samuel Richardson, Cleveland, Branch #1
- \$3,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
William Krew, Cleveland, Branch #33
- \$2,000 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
Hudson Schneider, Cleveland, Branch #33
- \$1,000 Past ATS Officers’ Scholarship:
Paige Deloy, Chicago, Branch #9
- \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship:
Julia Weihs, Detroit, Branch #37
- \$1,000 Michael Schassburger Memorial Scholarship:
Olivia Greger, Cleveland, Branch #4
- \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship:
Addyson Jones, Alliance, Branch #8
- \$1,000 Branch 33 National Scholarship:
Matthias Fabian, Cleveland, Branch #1
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Scholarship:
Brooke Gerst, Youngstown #30
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Scholarship:
Ethan Clark, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 Branch 10 Columbus Scholarship
Faith Fandl, Chicago, Branch #9
- \$1,000 Branch 14 Canton Scholarship
Michael Ivanov, Cleveland, Branch #1
- \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship
in Honor of ATS and Branch 33 & 34
Lauren Reesman, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
Sebastian Temple, Cleveland, Branch #1
- \$1,000 John & Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
Emma Ulrich, Salem, Branch #18
- \$1,000 Branch 5 Lorain Nation Scholarship
Grace Botsch, Cleveland, Branch #4
- \$1,000 Dale and Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
Andreas Angiolelli, New Castle, Branch #25
- \$1,000 Dale and Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Joki, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship
Ian Schuller, Chicago, Branch #9
- \$1,000 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
Alec Bosnjak, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 Donzella Herman Scholarship:
Erika Miller, Salem, Branch #18
- \$750 Niles, Branch 20 Scholarship:
Catherine Leprich, Detroit, Branch #37

It was noted that John Krew, Cleveland, Branch #33 will be receiving his fourth year’s \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship Award, Matthew Leach, Cleveland, Branch #1 will be receiving his third year’s \$1,000 scholarship award, and Aurora Estabrook, Ellwood City, Branch #45 will be receiving her second year’s \$1,000 of their four-year Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship.

The Adult Continuing Education grants were awarded to:
\$1,100 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship

- in Memory of Elmer P. Schneider
Elissa Scheel, Cleveland, Branch #4
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Marie Stirner
Nadine Kauntz, Cleveland #4
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Marie Stirner
Jillian Mott, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Marie Stirner
Heidi Partlow, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Marie Stirner
Ivan Bosnjak, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
Colleen Rooney, Chicago, Branch #9
- \$1,000 Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
Braedon Gilles, Lorain, Branch #5
- \$1,000 Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
Emily Scheel, Cleveland, Branch #4
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Donald G. Miller
Derek Sletvold, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
Megan Arkwright, Youngstown Branch #30
- \$750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
Jennifer Weihs, Detroit, Branch #37
- \$500 ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
Brennan Satola, Cleveland, Branch #33
- \$500 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
Jason Zayac, Cleveland, Branch #1
- \$500 Farrell Branch 7 Scholarship
Haley Jones, Alliance, Branch #8
- \$500 ATS Scholarship
Jennifer Zayac, Cleveland, Branch #4
- \$500 ATS Scholarship
Logan Clark, Youngstown, Branch #30
- \$500 ATS Scholarship
Samuel Kuhn, Cleveland, Branch #33
- \$500 Academic Continuing Education Scholarship
in Memory of Gerard Slusny
Dalton Cantrell, Lorain, Branch #5

The 2021 ATS Open Bowling Tournament was held October 23-24, 2021 hosted by Branches 1 and 4 Cleveland West. There were 15 teams, 21 double teams, 13 women for singles, and 23 men for singles. The team from Youngstown won the team event. A bid from Youngstown, Branch #30 to host the 2022 ATS Open Bowling Tournament has been accepted. The 2022 ATS Open Bowling Tournament will be held the weekend of October 29-30.

The ATS is planning a perch fishing charter from Wildwood Marina located east of Cleveland on Saturday, August 20, 2022. This will be a 16-passenger boat, so first come, first serve. The cost will be \$30 per person plus the cost of a fishing license and fishing pole rental, if needed.

Chairperson Spor asked if any branch would like host the 2023 Golf Outing. Please contact ATS Home Office if interested.

The Fraternal Activities/Scholarship Committee consists of Jacob Spor, Michael Bachinger, Randall Floyd, Barbara Spack, Michael Teutsch, and Monica Weber.

Cultural Promotion Committee

Chairperson Margarete Ziegler gave the Cultural Promotion Committee Report. The 2022 Heimattag had to be cancelled this year. Instead, we will be sponsoring ATS Saxon Day on Saturday, July 9, 2022. The event will be hosted by Youngstown, Branch #30. Please check in the Volksblatt for more details.

In 2023, the United States will host the North American Heimattag. The suggested dates are July 7-9, 2023. If your branch would be interested in hosting this event, please contact the ATS Home Office by the end of June.

In 2024, the Sachsentreffen will happen again in Transylvania. Start planning now to attend.

Sister Ziegler would like to thank the Cleveland Saxons Dance Group for hosting their Trachtenball the previous weekend and for performing at the dinner celebration on that night.

The Cultural Promotion Committee consists of Margarete Ziegler, Michael Bachinger, Barbara Spack, Michael Teutsch, and Monica Weber.

Youth Activities Committee

Chairperson Monica Gilles presented the Youth Activities Committee report. She reported that ATS Family Day will once again be held at Waldameer Amusement Park and Water World in Erie, PA on July 23, 2022. Tickets will be \$15.00 for ATS members and \$30.75 for non-members.

The Bowl Where You Are Tournament was back in 2022 for juvenile members ages 6-17. The winning bowlers will receive a plaque and

all participants will receive a t-shirt.

Throughout the pandemic, the ATS held coloring contest for juvenile members ages 3-10 for Easter and Christmas. In addition, we held special contests during the summer and there were various coloring pictures in the Volksblatt for different holidays.

The ATS will for hosting another Family Weekend at Camp Fitch in Erie, PA, the weekend of September 23-25. More details will be in the Saxon News Volksblatt. The Committee is also looking to have a day field trip at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo on Saturday, August 6th.

The Youth Activities Committee consists of Monica Gilles, Barbara Spack. Jacob Spor, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, and Margarete Ziegler.

Upon completion of these reports, a motion was made by Brother Joshua Stelle, New Castle, Branch #25, seconded by Sister Virginia Romes, Lorain, Branch #5, to approve the Standing and Special Committee reports as given. Motion carried.

Special Presentation

Jim Kerr, President of CRU Solutions, Inc, gave a presentation on what his company does for the ATS and gave information to the delegates on how to protect themselves from cyber-attacks.

Reports of Affiliated Organizations

T.S.B.A. Report
Brother Glenn Spack, President of the T.S.B.A. reported on the 2021-2022 bowling season. The League had 69 bowlers forming 18 teams. The League champions for the year were Youngstown #2. Tournament team winners were New Castle #6 team. The T.S.B.A. Convention will be held on June 11, 2022 in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Brother Spack urges any person interested in joining the T.S.B.A. to contact him or their local branch representative.

Upon completion of this report, a motion was made by Sister Kathleen Eberth, Youngstown, Branch #30, seconded by Sister Donna Foisel, Cleveland, Branch #33, to accept the Report of Affiliated Organizations as given. Motion carried.

Action on Charges and Grievances

There were no official charges or grievances to report.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the last Convention. However, one order of business from the Branch Presidents’ meeting last year was a suggestion to update our marketing information to gear towards younger people and families. We are happy to report that this is in the works.

Filing of Communications

No official communications to report.

Action on Budget Proposals

A motion was made by Brother David Leifer, Cleveland, Branch #1, seconded by Sister Edith Hebrank, Cleveland, Branch #4, to accept the proposed salary budget of \$400,000, the proposed sales promotion budget of \$60,000 and proposed fraternal activities budget of \$75,000 presented by the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

The following Offices were open for election in 2022:

1st Vice President	4-year term ending 2026
3rd Vice President	4-year term ending 2026
Treasurer	4-year term ending 2026
Three Trustees	4-year terms ending 2026

President Crawford reviewed the Election of Officers section of the Constitution with the Delegates. The ATS did not receive any new nomination forms from local Branches, other than the incumbents for each office, all of whom have accepted to run again for their respective offices.

As there were single nominations only for each of these six positions, a motion was made by Sister Julaine Gilmartin, Youngstown, Branch #30, seconded by Brother Donald Hoelzel, Youngstown, Branch #30, to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Robert B. Cunningham, Cleveland, Branch #1 for 1st Vice President, Randall Floyd, Merrillville, Branch #26 for 3rd Vice President, Michael Teutsch, Youngstown, Branch #30 for Treasurer, Michael Bachinger, Youngstown Branch #30, Margarete Ziegler, Cleveland, Branch #33, and Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, Detroit, Branch #37 for Trustees. Motion carried.

Installation of Officers

Past ATS Trustee Ema Litschel, Cleveland, Branch #33, installed all Officers to their respective Offices.

Convention Recess

President Denise Crawford adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Second Day’s Session

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

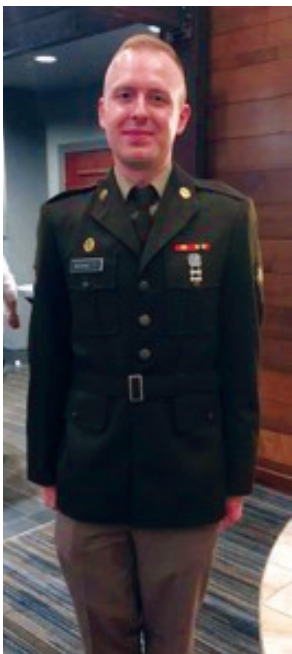
Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

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

**Rev. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service



**Austin Bonnet, Cleveland
East, at the Saturday
evening Dinner.**



**Home Office Manager Lisa Deaton and Handicraft
Exhibit Director Maria Foisel Phillips.**

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

An unprecedented four years in the making, but another Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons convention is history. So, what makes an event like the convention successful? Lots of planning, time, work, phone calls, site visitation, discussion; the cooperation of the venue and committee members who rise to overcome obstacles and diligence spent before, during, and after. But most of all, it's people. Not only the planners, but the people who attend; a crowd of people of all ages who participate and celebrate and mingle. Speaking for Branch 33, We would like to thank everyone who attended the ATS convention on May 21-22. As a participant, I felt honored to be a delegate and it was a very successful convention. I hope everyone who attended the banquet had a good time. Fred Ziwich's band played a great variety of music – thanks to Ema Litschel for arranging. The convention tote bags and the engraved banquet beer glass gift was orchestrated by Cindy Schneider. The handicraft exhibit was run by Maria Phillips and Kathie Brusk. The Krapfen and Strudel was ordered and delivered by Donna Foisel and Holly Prankus. I could go on and on with even more detail and mentioning our helpers such as Lisa Deaton and Cindy Schneider at check-in, Nick Ziegler Sergeant at arms, Glenn Spack, the Convention Parliamentarian... And so much credit goes to our Branch president, Margie Ziegler, who led us all and brought everything together so seamlessly. Of course, we could not have organized and fulfilled this undertaking without the tremendous support

of the ATS Board. Our sincerest appreciation to President Denise Crawford, the ATS office and Board of Officers. Thank you to all officers, delegates, Branch members and guests; we hope you felt the warm Gemütlichkeit and left the weekend with good memories.

I am sure the Volksblatt will have much of the convention details. Just a few things I'd like to mention. Heartfelt congratulations to Hanz and Barbara Hermann, Barbara Spack and Jacob Spor on receiving Saxon Honor pins... Much deserved!

Congratulations to all the ATS scholarship winners including Branch 33 members Hudson Schneider - \$2000, William Krew - \$3000, Samuel Kuhn - \$500 and Brennan Satola - \$500. It was nice to have the tradition of a group photo of the Officers and delegates renewed for posterity. Branch 33 does have additional convention tote bags and beer glasses available for purchase. If you are interested call Cindy Schneider (216) 410-8851.

Branch 33's next meeting, June 8, is prior to this Volksblatt's mailing and upcoming events will be reviewed. The Lake County Captains' baseball game is Saturday, July 16, including meal and fireworks. Please call Barb Hum to reserve your ticket (440) 336-5290. Volksblatt will have details about the ATS Family Day at Waldemeer Park in Erie and Saxon Culture Day in Youngstown - We encourage all members to try to attend. Branch 33 annual summer picnic at Penetentiary Glen will be Sunday, August 28. You can call me, Arline Suts, for reservations, \$5 members \$10 guests (440) 867-6103. Scan your Volksblatt for all the other summer events being held.

I want to wish my parents Fred & Ingeborg Krestel Happy Anniversary; 66 years on June 9. Greetings to all who have not been able to attend meetings or events, Don & Nancy Mahter, Evelyn Keefer, Elva Keefer, Florence Davidson, Debbie Lang, George Adam, Tommy Adam; and members at home, in Nursing facilities, and many out of town. You are in our prayers.

Branch meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 14, more details and upcoming articles. Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Ro Dundon

I was so excited about Dom and I going to Florida for vacation I forgot to send in April's report. Sooo, I'm including it before May's.

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter. I bought too many jelly beans and therefore, I ate not only too many jelly beans but most of the other candy.

Our group met at Austintown's Eat and Park on Thursday April 14th. The room was sunny and bright and so were we. The Saxon Convention was mentioned, also the upcoming picnic and the conversation regarding the meals at the club...how very good they are. If it wasn't Thursday and the club closed, I would have gone there for dinner.

We had a treat this meeting. Dom was able to attend. It was good to see him and he even treated us to a chocolate Easter egg.

We missed Barb, Barry and Roger. We're hoping all is well with them.

Our President Diana will be calling everyone if the next get together will not be at Eat and Park, Mahoning Ave., Austintown's. The date is May 12th. At the usual time.

Please everyone stay safe and healthy. Enjoy the beautiful weather—hopefully. We've had more rain than sunshine.

Until we meet again—As usual it's RO

MAY 2022

We had our meeting at Eat & Park. Everyone was in attendance except Dom. He decided since he vacationed for two weeks he couldn't take more time.



**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.**

Raymond E. Van Horn

Age 95

Died: December 15, 2021
Home Branch

Jean W. Kirsch

Age 96

Died: May 19, 2022
Branch 17, Canton, OH

Rosemarie A. Mehle

Age 87

Died: May 23, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

We all participated in lively conversation about the club, the good food in the lounge and how we all were doing, health wise.

I was a bit shaken—I fell flat on the sidewalk by the windows in front of the restaurant. Such a klutz. Roger offered to ride me in on his walker and Barry helped me to my car. God Bless those two guys.

Happy Birthday, and many more to Lucy. Hope it was great. When you are very young you want to be older but when you are old.....

We meet on Thursday, June 9th at noon. The restaurant will be Eat & Park. Diana will get in touch if that changes.

I hope all the ladies had a great Mothers Day and that the men will have a wonderful Father's Day.

Until we meet again—As usual it's RO



INVITE

your relatives and friends
to join the crowd at ATS.
Tell them about our fraternal society!



Hermannstadt

ern Hungarian Kingdom he acted as weapons engineer and also he started to teach at Klausenburg. He wrote a German-language treatise on rocket technology, involving the combination of fireworks and weapons technologies. This manuscript was discovered in 1961, in the Hermannstadt public records. His work also dealt with the theory of motion of multi-stage rockets, different fuel mixtures using liquid fuel, and introduced delta-shape fins and bell-shaped nozzles. Hermann Julius Oberth was an Austro-Hungarian-born German physicist and engineer. He is considered one of the founding fathers of rocketry and astronautics. Oberth was born to a Transylvanian Saxon family in Hermannstadt. At the age of 11 years, Oberth's interest in rocketry was set off by the novels of Jules Verne, especially *From the Earth to the Moon* and *Around the Moon*. He was fond of reading over them up until they were engraved on his memory. As a result, Oberth constructed his first model rocket as a school student at the age of 14. In his youthful experiments, he arrived independently at the concept of the multistage rocket. However, during this time, he lacked the resources to put his ideas into practice. In 1912, Oberth began the study of medicine in Munich, Germany, but at the outbreak of World War I, he was drafted into the Imperial German Army, assigned to an infantry battalion, and sent to the Eastern Front against Russia. In 1915, Oberth was moved into a medical unit at a hospital in Schäßburg, Transylvania, in Austria-Hungary. There he found the spare time to conduct a series of experiments concerning weightlessness, and later resumed his rocketry designs. By 1917, he showed designs of a missile using liquid propellant with a range of 290 km to Hermann von Stein, the Prussian Minister of War. In 1919, Oberth once again moved to Germany, this time to study physics, initially in Munich and later at the University of Göttingen.

Hermannstadt was initially a Daco-Roman city called Cedonia. The town was refounded by Saxon (German) settlers brought there by king Géza II of Hungary. They arrived at around 1147. The first references to the area were Cibinium and Cipin from 1191 when Pope Celestine III confirmed the existence of the Saxons in Transylvania, having its headquarters in Hermannstadt. The city also used the names Prepositus Cibiniensis (1192–1196) and Prep-

ositus Scibiniensis (1211). In 1223, it was renamed to Villa Hermann, either in honor of archbishop Hermann II of Cologne^[or] after a man who is believed to have founded the city, Hermann of Nuremberg.^[23] The actual German name of Hermannstadt ("Hermann's city") dates from 1366, while an earlier form, Hermannsdorf ("Hermann's village") was recorded in 1321.

In the 14th century, it was already an important trade center. In 1376, the craftsmen were divided in 19 guilds. Sibiu became the most important ethnic German city among the seven cities that gave Transylvania its German name Siebenbürgen (literally seven citadels). It was home to the Community of the Saxons, a network of ministers, intellectuals, city officials, and councilmen of the German community forging an ordered legal corpus and political system in Transylvania since the 1400s. In 1699, after the Ottomans withdrew to their base of power in Hungary and Transylvania, the town became capital of Principality of Transylvania.

After World War I, when Austria-Hungary was dissolved, Hermannstadt became part of Romania; the majority of its population was still ethnic German (until 1941) and counted a large Romanian community, as well as a smaller Hungarian one. Starting from the 1950s and until after 1990, most of the city's ethnic Germans emigrated to Germany and Austria. Among the roughly 2,000 who have remained is Klaus Iohannis, the current President of Romania (Klaus is a Transylvanian Saxon).

As we have learned the Seven Citadels/Fortified Castles/Towns played an important part in Transylvanian History. German settlers came to Transylvania to assist the Hungarian Empire in defense from many foreign adversaries. During the time in Transylvania, the Transylvanian Saxons became more than just a shield for the Hungarian Empire. We developed thriving trades, independent legal structure for governing, the Saxon dialect, ushered in the Reformation, created a new culture, made architectural designs and affected Transylvanian History and Present. While much of the Transylvanian population has left the area, the permanence of the Transylvanian Saxon Culture will live forever. The Seven Tower Flag will live and represent the Transylvanian Saxons and our importance to history.

MONTHLY MEETING

We are contemplating having a combination picnic and monthly meeting. You will be contacted with the specifics.

Monday, June 20, 2022

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.

Remember to bring a can 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 Sara Alzner-Brown a very Happy Birthday June 22). We hope she has a wonderful celebration. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Please join me in wishing Elizabeth and George Lassel a very Happy Anniversary (June 25). Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Hochzeitstag!

HUMOR

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

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, '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
- Nösnerland/Nösen/Bistritz
- Hermannstadt
- Klausenburg
- Kronstadt/Krühnen
- Meinbach/Mühlbach
- Schässbrich

Hermannstadt

Hermannstadt a city in Transylvania, a historical region of Romania. The city straddles the Cibin River, a tributary of the river Olt. Now the capital of the Sibiu County, between 1692 and 1791 and 1849–65 Hermannstadt was also the capital of the Principality of Transylvania. Historically, Hermannstadt has been one of the most important centres of the Transylvanian Saxons. It is called Härmeschtat in a local dialect. In German, it is called Hermannstadt ("Hermann's city"), while in the local Transylvanian Saxon dialect, it is known as Härmeschtat.

Nicknamed The City with Eyes, the city is a well-known tourist destination for both domestic and foreign visitors. Known for its culture, history, art of cooking and eating good food, and diverse architecture, which includes the iconic houses with eyes that gave Hermannstadt its nickname. The unique architecture of the dormers (window structure) resembles eyes that are peering out of the roof lines.

Hermannstadt is also known for its Christmas market. The Christmas market, also known as Christkindlmarkt (literally: Christ Child Market, but the term "Christkind" usually refers to an angel-like "spirit of Christmas" rather than literally the Christ Child), Christkindlesmarkt, Christkindlmarkt, Christkindlimarkt, and Weihnachtsmarkt, is a street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent. These markets originated in Germany, but are now held in many other countries. Christmas markets date to the Late Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe and, in many parts of the former Holy Roman Empire that included many eastern regions of France. They became a popular Advent custom during the Reformation era.

Personalities include Conrad Haas and Hermann Oberth, who were pioneers of rocketry. Conrad Haas (1509–1576) was an Austrian or a Transylvanian Saxon military engineer from Transylvania. He was a pioneer of rocket propulsion. His designs include a three-stage rocket and a manned rocket. He held the post of the Zeugwart (arsenal master) of the Imperial Habsburg army under Ferdinand I. In 1551, Stephen Báthory, the grand prince of Transylvania invited Haas to Hermannstadt), East-

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

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
August 6, 2022
Day Field Trip
Cleveland Metropark Zoo
August 20, 2022
ATS Annual Fishing Charter
Eastlake OH
September 23-25, 2022
ATS Family Weekend
Camp Fitch, North Springfield PA
October 29 - 30, 2022
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Branch 30 Youngstown

LOCAL EVENTS

June 18, 2022
New Castle Eintracht Singing Society
Joe Kraus Memorial Golf Outing
June 22, 2022
Cleveland West Sachsenheim
Summer Patio Pilsner Party
June 25, 2022
New Castle Rhythm & Brews Fest
Eintracht Picnic Grounds
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

Happy Father’s Day! Today’s dads
are present and caring

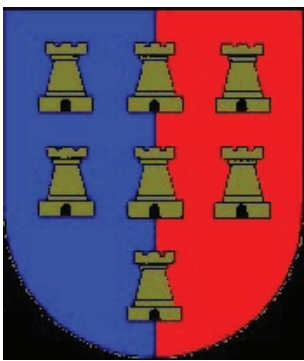
A wonderful thing has happened to fathers since the day of the “man in the gray flannel suit.” That was in the 1950s and 1960s when kids were expected to be quiet, not bother Dad, and stay out of the way. It wasn’t true of all dads, but it was for many. Their work was their primary interest and family came in a distant second.

It took a couple of decades for things to change. By the 1980s, dads were beginning to take an interest in their sons and daughters. In the next decade, they were spending more time with them, but actually raising the family still seemed to primarily be the mother’s job.

Around the time of the millennium, a transformation was taking place. The great thing about it was that fathers were becoming involved in all aspects of their childrens’ lives. That included sharing the responsibility



and pleasure of bringing up their sons and daughters. It’s a joy to watch today’s dads as they interact with their children. They are involved in their kids’ lives. They can change a diaper, take care of a three-year-old, advise a middle-schooler and give driving lessons. What’s more, they are enjoying it. A sincere Happy Father’s Day to all of the dads who work with us. The world will be a better place because of you and the capable children you are raising.



ATS SAXON DAY

Saturday, July 9, 2022
Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd
Youngstown, OH
11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Lunch served 11:30 to 1:30 Cultural Performances: Dinner served 6:00 to 8:00
12:00—1:30 Youngstown Brass Band
2:00 Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor
3:00 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
4:00 New Castle Mannerchor

Bocce Tournament 12:00 to 5:00. Call Mike Teutsch, Jr. at (330) 509-9670 to register a team or an individual for the Tournament

Dancing with Youngstown’s own 2nd Shift Band playing until 10:00 p.m.

Lunch: German Sausage Sandwich or Mici, German Potato Salad and Chips. Gluten-free and Vegetarian option available. \$17 prepaid reservations only.

Dinner: Baked half Chicken, Paprikash with Dumplings, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert. Gluten-free and Vegetarian option available. \$28 prepaid reservations only.

Reservations:		# of Meals	Total
Lunch:	Sausage or Mici	_____	_____
\$17.00	Gluten-Free	_____	_____
	Vegetarian	_____	_____
Dinner:	Baked Chicken	_____	_____
\$28.00	Gluten-Free	_____	_____
	Vegetarian	_____	_____
Grand Total			\$ _____

Name _____
Address _____ Phone Number _____
Email _____

Deadline for Reservations is June 27th
Mail reservation form and checks payable to:

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 5323 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44129
Phone: (440) 842-8442 Fax: (440) 842-5442 Email: Office@ATSaxons.com



Credit card number _____ (\$25 minimum)

Expiration ____/____ Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

HOTEL INFO

A block of rooms have been reserved at the

Fairfield Inn & Suites

Youngstown/Austintown

801 North Canfield Niles Road

Youngstown, OH 44515

Room rate is \$129 to \$144 per night (Friday and/or Saturday)

Last day to book under Saxon Club rate is June 25th.

(855) 516-1090 (330) 505-2173

Or use this link to reserve your room online: [Book your group rate for Saxon Club](#)

Hotel is a 15 minute drive to the Youngstown Saxon Club

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JUNE 25, 2022

Max Schang Trio | The Classic Rockers | Dan Buebin & The Delta Struts | Blues Attack

{ 1:30pm - 2:45pm } { 3:15pm - 4:45pm } { 5:15pm - 6:45pm } { 7:15pm - 10:00pm }

Eintracht Picnic Grounds - 586 McKee Crossing Road, New Castle, PA 16105

Beat That Headache

You know that feeling--the dull ache in your head that signals the onset of a full-blown headache. If you suffer from chronic headaches or even migraines, you know that this can mean the beginning of hours of pain. The best defense is often a good offense. There are strategies to help keep headaches from starting and to minimize the pain if they do develop. Not every technique works for every person, but these suggestions can help.

1. Try to find out what triggers a headache for you. This may mean you need to pay special attention to when you get headaches--what situations you are in, how long you've gone without eating, what your stress level is, and whether there are other stimuli involved. For example, some people are sensitive to strong odors, bright lights, or stressful work or family situations. If you have trouble identifying your headache triggers, you might find it useful to write down the details. Eventually, you will be able to see a pattern. Once you do, you can isolate those factors that trigger headaches, and work out a strategy to avoid those specific causes.

2. Lack of sleep and a general state of fatigue can contribute to headaches. It is important for headache sufferers to not only get enough sleep, but to have a regular sleep schedule, even on the weekends.

3. Watch what you eat as well. Skipping meals can cause a drop in your blood sugar levels, possibly triggering a headache. If you

wake up with morning headaches, a snack such as fruit before bedtime may help. Caffeine and alcohol can trigger headaches and can make them worse. Researchers have also found that sufficient magnesium in your diet can help. This chemical relaxes your blood vessels, helping to prevent or lessen headache pain. To get more magnesium in your diet, eat whole-grain versions of breads and pastas and add some leafy green vegetables to your meals. Other magnesium-rich foods include almonds, cashews, pumpkin seed, halibut, and soybeans.

4. Regular exercise can help with headache prevention by producing endorphins, which are your body's natural painkillers. Aerobic exercise is the best kind for headache sufferers. Twenty to thirty minutes a day can make a world of difference.

5. Stress is a known trigger of headaches. While it is impossible to remove all stress from your life, you can learn to cope better with those inevitable stressful moments and situations. Experiment until you find a technique that will help calm your mind and body quickly. This may be deep breathing, taking a walk, or talking to a loved one. You may find that the best stress reliever is to simply remove yourself from the stressful situation. If you are under chronic stress due to a relationship or a job, take some time to evaluate whether continuing in that situation is something you really want to do or whether it would be better to move onto a better situation.

Safety first when it comes to grilling

If you like to grill out, you aren't alone. Millions of people grill out on holidays and some grill all year round, but take care to handle grills safely.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), U.S. fire departments responded to 10,600 home structure and outdoor fires involving all types of grills during 2014 to 2018. An average of 10 deaths and 160 injuries occur annually, causing \$149 million in direct property damage.

About 46 percent of the fires involved structures.

Four out of six home fires caused by grills are caused by gas, while 12 percent were caused by charcoal or another solid fuel.

One of the key reasons for gas grill fires was leaks.

- Always take the gas grill outside in the open to check for gas leaks. Make sure the grill is at least four or five feet away from the house. Get some soapy water in a



spray bottle and spray on the connections. If bubbles appear, you have a gas leak. Fix the connections before you turn on the gas.

- Checking for leaks is essential. In one case reported by the NFPA, a 48-year-old woman suffered burns to her face and hair when the gas line disconnected.
- Always lift the lid to light the grill. If you turn the knobs on the gas grill while the lid is closed, gas

can accumulate and ignite.

- If you turn on the knobs and your gas grill doesn't immediately light, then turn off the gas and wait two or three minutes. This allows the gas to dissipate. According to NFPA, this happened to a 32-year-old man who suffered burns to his face and arms when, at first, a gas grill did not ignite, but then it burst into flames.

It's not just gas grills that cause fires, either. That little hibachi or small charcoal grill can be very dangerous if not monitored.

- Never use gasoline to light a grill.
- Always tend a grill. About 29 percent of structure fires occur when a grill is used on an balcony or terrace and not watched.
- Make sure it is out of the traffic area. According to the NFPA, thermal burns from grills are not uncommon when children or adults run into them while running or playing.



ATS FAMILY WEEKEND AT CAMP FITCH N. SPRINGFIELD PA SEPTEMBER 23 - 25, 2022

Join us for a fun filled weekend at Camp Fitch. Located on the shores of Lake Erie, Camp Fitch provides safe and engaging outdoor recreational and natural experiences. We will be staying at Glenn Oaks Lodge with bunk beds, dorm style bathrooms, common spaces and our own fire circle. We will be eating breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Dining Hall.

Cost: \$50 per person

Over the course of the weekend our group can participate in the following activities:

- Rock Climbing (indoor or outdoor)
- Archery
- Candle making
- Aquatic Recreation (including Canoeing, Stand Up Paddle boarding, Sea Kayaking and Swimming in Lake Erie -- warm weather dependent)
- Fishing
- Night Hikes

ATS FAMILY WEEKEND AT CAMP FITCH Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

Tele. No.() _____ Member Br. No. _____ ATS Cert # _____

Number of additional family members _____

Names of additional family members: _____

Make Checks payable to ATS \$ _____

This form must be received at the ATS Office by August 19, 2022.
Mail check and form to: ATS, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129

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Convention Called to Order

President Crawford called the Second Day's Session of the 107th ATS Convention to order at 9:30 a.m.

Invocation

Sister Maria Foisel Phillips, Cleveland, Branch #33, gave the Invocation and a special prayer for Ukraine.

Roll Call

Trustee Barbara Spack conducted the Roll Call. All the Officers and Delegates who attended the First Day's Session were present at Sunday's session with the exceptions as noted in the Roll Call listing of names.

Reading of Minutes from the First Day's Session

Secretary Monica Gilles read the Minutes of the First Day's Session. A motion was made by Sister Rose Marie Zama-ry, Youngstown, Branch #30, seconded by Brother Robert Hanek, Cleveland, Branch #1, to accept the Minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the first day of the Convention.

New Business

President Crawford presented checks to each Branch for the Branch Sharing Program. The total amount distributed was \$13,140.00. The Branch Sharing Program acknowledges the production ef-forts by the local branches. The award is based on the number of members in good standing, the life insurance premiums paid by members, and annuity deposits received by the ATS from individual branch members. President Crawford also presented the 2022 Sub-sidy Grants to the Cultural Groups. The total amount distributed under this program was \$5,250.00. Our ATS Cultural Groups that will be performing at ATS Saxon Day will also receive a subsidy for their par-ticipation. In addition, we will pay a subsidy to the T.S.B.A. when the new season begins in the fall.

Deputy Sales Awards

President Crawford distributed the Deputy Sales Awards to Brother Michael Teutsch, Youngstown, Branch #30 and Sister Marie Benedict, New Castle, Branch #27 for their sales efforts during 2021. Mike had sales of over \$200,000 with 37 certificates and 31 new members. Marie sold 23 certificates for 15 new members.

Saxon Handicraft Exhibit Awards

Brother Jacob Spor, Chairman of the Frater-nal Events/Scholarship Committee, introduced and thanked Sisters Maria Foisel Phillips, Cleveland, Branch #33, and Sister Kathie Bruck, Cleveland, Branch #33 for their help with the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit. The First Place Winners received an ATS blan-ket. Ceramics 1st Place: Casey Crawford, Alliance, Branch #8 Crewel 1st Place: Cindy Schneider, Cleveland East, Branch #33 Crocheting 1st Place: Claudia Schmidt, Chicago, Branch #9 Cross Stitch 1st Place: Claudia Schmidt, Chicago, Branch #9 Knitting 1st Place: Kathie Brusk, Cleveland East, Branch #33 Needlepoint No Entries Quilting 1st Place: Maria Phillips, Cleveland East, Branch #33 Painting 1st Place: Courtney Crawford, Alliance, Branch #8 Photography 1st Place: Arline Suts, Cleveland East,

Branch #33 Open Class 1st Place: Barbara Esterly, Alliance, Branch #8 Youth Award 1st Place: Mora Ziegler, Cleveland East, Branch #33 The President's Award for Best of Show was pre-sented to Sister Barbara Esterly, Alliance, Branch #8 for her stained glass display.

Good and Welfare

President Crawford gave a report on the Saxon Relief Fund. This fund was created in 1982. The money is forwarded to the Landsmannschaften of Austria and Germany, who then distribute it to Sax-on causes in Romania. Since the last convention in 2018, we received donations of over \$20,000.00 for the Saxon Relief Fund. Donations for Schloss Hor-neck have amounted to \$12,800. With the conflict in Ukraine, we have started to collect donations. So far, we have collected \$3,670 and these funds will be sent to the Evangelical Church in Romania. In March, the ATS Board of Directors approved a donation of \$5,000.00 for Ukrainian re-lief in the Parma, Ohio area. This donation was split between two Ukrainian churches in Parma. A donation was made by Branch #33 Cleveland to the Saxon Relief Fund and the Saxon Orphan Fund. A suggestion was made to support and organize an accredited online German language course for both adults and children. Another suggestion was made to resurrect the Schutz Verein, the old ATS shooting society. There was also a suggestion to create a letter of acceptance for juvenile members when they accept their policies as adults and a letter of acknowledg-

ment if and when they decide to cash in their poli-cies. President Crawford recognized Sister Christine Oehlman, Columbus, Branch #10, for her handcraft-ed cards that she passed out to the delegation. Sister Barbara Spack, Salem, Branch #18, an-nounced that Salem, Branch #18 will be forming an ATS perpetual scholarship to be awarded starting next year. The members of Detroit, Branch #37 donated several Saxon Trachts to the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group for their children's dance group.

Host for Next Convention

The ATS will accept bids for hosting the 108th Convention in 2024. Please have your bids in to the ATS Home Office by the end of this August.

2023 Presidents Meeting

Salem Branch #19 will be hosting the 2023 Branch Presidents Meeting. The date of the event will be Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Important Dates to Remember

June 3-5	Heimattag in Dinkelsbuhl - Live streaming
June 11	Annual T.S.B.A. Convention New Castle, PA
July 9	ATS Saxon Day Hosted by Youngstown, Branch #30 Featuring all the cultural groups
July 23	ATS Family Day Waldameer Amusement Park and Water World Erie, PA
August 6	Cleveland Metropark Field trip Cleveland, OH
August 20	ATS Fishing Charter, Wildwood Marina
September 23-25	Camp Fitch Family Camping Erie, PA

October 15	Traubenfest Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Cleveland, OH
October 29-30	ATS Open Bowling Tournament Youngstown, OH Hosted by Branch #30

Closing

President Crawford declared the Business Agenda completed. The ATS Board of Directors expressed thanks to the Officers and Members of Branch 33 for their fine hospitality and hard work. She thanked the Convention Committees, Handi-craft Exhibit Directors, Convention Delegates and guests for their attention. She gave a special thanks to her fellow Board Members for their assistance and dedication.

Reading of Minutes of the Second Day's Session

Secretary Gilles read the Minutes from the Sec-ond Day's Session. A motion was made by Sister Ju-laine Gilmartin, Youngstown, Branch #30, seconded by Brother Donald Hoelzel, Youngstown, Branch #30 to accept the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

Farewell

On behalf of the Officers and Members of Branch 33, Sister Margarete Ziegler, Cleveland East, Branch #33 thanked the Delegates, ATS Officers and visitors for coming and hoped that they enjoyed themselves. She also wished everyone a safe trip home.

Adjournment

The Delegates sang "Ich Bin Ein Sachs" and "God Bless America". There being no further business to come before the Convention, President Crawford declared the 107th ATS Convention adjourned at 11:45.m.

Denise A. Crawford, President
Monica F. Gilles, Secretary
Michael Teutsch, Treasurer



Name: _____ Branch No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Juvenile Members

Please color and mail to ATS Home Office; 5323 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129



The ATS Youth Activities Committee congratulates the following young people on winning their age group in the 2022 Bowl Where You Are. Each winner received a plaque with their name on it. Keep up the good work and we look forward to you bowling next year!

CAMDEN JACKSON
Branch 19 - Salem
Age 6-7

JR MSHAR
Branch 30 - Youngstown
Age 8-9

KYLIE JACKSON
Branch 18 - Salem
Age 10-11

CATHERINE SPOR
Branch 27 – New Castle
Age 12-13

RAY APPLEBY
Branch 19 - Salem
Age 14-15

WILL KREW
Branch 33 – Cleveland East
Age 16-17

The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to congratulate and thank the following juvenile members for the participation in the 2022 Bowl Where You Are Tournament.

- Harrison Hum – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Caiden Phillips – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Owen Bachinger – Br. 30 – Youngstown
- William Wilson – Br. 19 – Salem
- Lilliana Bachinger – Br. 30 – Youngstown
- Katie Hanek – Br. 4 – Cleveland West
- Carson Mshar – Br. 30 – Youngstown
- Levi Lanham – Br. 19 – Salem
- Jacob Both – Br. 25 – New Castle
- Matthew Rau – Br. 1 – Cleveland West
- Alex Spack – Br. 19 – Salem
- Sara Wilson – Br. 18 – Salem
- Joshua Rau – Br. 1 – Cleveland West
- David Deaton – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Mora Ziegler – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Cathryn Best – Br. 18 – Salem
- Lucy Deaton – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Allison Phillips – Br. 33 – Cleveland East
- Kenneth Wilson – Br. 19 – Salem
- Zach Both – Br. 25 – New Castle
- Hannah Both – Br. 27 – New Castle
- Haven Estabrook – Br. 45 – Ellwood City



DAY FIELD TRIP
CLEVELAND METROPARK
ZOO
3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, OH

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Enjoy a beautiful day at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo

Explore the Zoo, stop and observe the animals and chat with one of the Zoo's many knowledgeable Zoo Ambassadors and interpreters located throughout the Zoo's wildlife areas.

Check out the inquiry-driven educational kiosks at the Ben Gogolick Giraffe Encounter and in The RainForest at the orangutan habitat.

The ATS will be providing an All-American lunch at the Wild Wonders pavilion

All participants must meet at the Group ticket booth by 10am

Reservations and Payment must be made by July 22, 2022:

ATS Members Cost \$10.00 Non-ATS Members Cost \$15.00

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

_____ ATS Member(s) @ \$10 \$ _____

_____ Non-Member(s) @ \$15 \$ _____

Total Remittance \$ _____

Make Check payable and send to the: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129.

A close-shaven history of the beard

The beard: It's gone in and out of fashion over the millennia and alternately been associated with kings and commoners, criminals and scholars, soldiers and hippies. It can be close-trimmed or bushy, carefully waxed into impossible configurations or left wild and uncombed. Throughout the history of beards, only one thing was ever consistent: People have always had strong opinions about them.

Hair removal has been around a long time, and our collective mental image of a hairy, unkempt caveman isn't necessarily accurate. According to the Almanac.com, cave paintings from more than 30,000 years ago depict men without beards, and archaeologists have uncovered artifacts that suggest hair was tweezed with shells or shaved with blades made from flint.

Fast forward to 3,000 BC, when purpose-made metal



razors were all the rage in Egypt. In the Egyptian heat, most Egyptian men opted to remain clean-shaven, but pharaohs distinguished themselves from commoners with long false beards, usually sculpted from metal. Even Queen Hatshepsut adopted the practice after she assumed the throne, and many contemporary depictions show her in women's clothing and a long false beard.

Ancient illustrations of the Chinese philosopher Confucius (551-479 BC) commonly show him with a flowing beard and mustache to match. According to PBS, Confucius insisted that the

body was a gift from one's parents, and should never be modified, whether by shaving, cutting hair, tattooing skin or trimming fingernails.

For Norse Vikings, beards were a source of pride, expected of all men and maintained through meticulous daily grooming. Viking hygiene routines were famous throughout medieval Europe, earning the indignation of contemporary chroniclers who worried (often not unreasonably) that the bearded and soap-obsessed Vikings would seduce Christian women.

During the late 17th century, beards fell dramatically out of fashion in Europe, thanks to Peter the Great's "beard tax" in Russia. While mustaches remained acceptable, beards didn't stage a return until the end of the Crimean War in 1854, when returning war heroes all sported beards.



ATS Family Day

at
Waldameer and Water World

3100 West Lake Road
Erie, Pa.

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Over 100 Attractions and Waterpark full of Wet n' Wild Fun for Everyone

ATS has reserved a Picnic Pavilion – "Coaster #1"

Free Parking

Free Admission to Picnic Facility and Amusement Park

Bring Your Own Picnic Basket

Grill available by Pavilion

Discounted Tickets for Combo Pass – Amusement Park Rides and Water World

ATS Member	\$15.00
Non-Member	\$30.75

(Children under age 1 Free unless they want to enter Water World)

Hours for Water World	11 am – 7 pm
Waldameer Rides	Noon – 9pm

TICKET ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS @ \$15.00.....\$

Name and Certificate Number of Members:

_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____

Number of Non-Members @ \$30.75.....\$

Number attending that will not purchase combo pass _____

Amount Remitted.....\$ _____

Mail tickets to: _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Make Checks Payable to ATS

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Mail your Ticket Order to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129
Deadline for Ticket Orders is July 8, 2022.

ATS Convention Pix



ATS Sales Awards - Michael Teutsch, Jr. and Marie Benedict



Friday Evening get together



More Friday Evening get together



Saturday Evening waiting for Dinner



**ATS ANNUAL
FISHING CHARTER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022
LINDA MAE CHARTER
226 E. Island Dr.
Eastlake, OH**

Just 20 miles East of Downtown Cleveland
\$30.00 for member
\$65.00 for non-members
Pre-paid reservations
Includes fishing and bait.
Charter departs at 2 p.m.
Please arrive by 1:30

This is a great opportunity to enjoy what nature has to offer. What better way to spend the day than having a great time, relaxing and fishing on Lake Erie. And the great thing about it is it's fun for everybody, from the person who never had a rod in their hand to the professional angler.

Space is limited, So First Come, First Serve!

Additional Fees, as needed, are:

Ohio Fishing License \$14.00

Fishing Pole Rental \$10.00

No License Required for anyone under the age of 16

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____



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Mail reservation and check to ATS Home Office; 5323 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: August 5, 2022



ATS 107th Convention

Saxon Handicraft Exhibit

