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## BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

We met on December 1st at the Club House at Hunters Woods for our annual Christmas party. We had a delicious dinner catered by The Hill House Restaurant.

President Marie Benedict called the meeting to order after dinner. The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved as read. Judy Both read her new original poem "God's Christmas Gift" which was truly enjoyed by all.

We then proceeded with the "surprise" part of the evening. Our three retiring officers, President Marie Benedict, Treasurer Helen Burick and Financial Secretary Gertrude Tizak were honored for their many years of dedicated service as officers of Branch 27. Marie served in various positions for 41 years and Helen held various positions for 39 years. Gertrude was Financial Secretary for 46 years. This totals 126 years of dedicated service. Applause, Applause!!! We thank these ladies and honor them from the bottom of our hearts. In addition to the beautiful corsages the ladies wore, we had a special gift for each one from August Wendell Forge. Each lady gave us a thank you and shared their thoughts, experiences and what it has meant to be an officer for Branch 27.

Denise Aeling Crawford, ATS National President, was our special "surprise" guest of honor. Denise gave Marie, Helen and Gertrude Certificates of Appreciation from the ATS. Congratulations Ladies!

Our anguish regarding the future of Branch 27 has been put to rest. Denise Crawford swore in the new officers for 2023 and they are: President Judy Both, Vice President Jane Fishovitz, Secretary Dolores Both, Treasurer Linda Stoops, Financial Secretary Katy Hudak, and Trustees Doris Shenker, Rosemarie Montini and Debbie Herman. Congratulations ladies.

Instead of exchanging gifts, we donated money, which was matched by our treasury, to be gifted



## SAXON NEW YEAR'S WISH

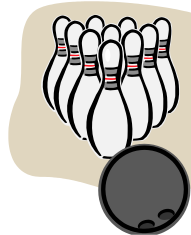
*Ich wünsch Ech  
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än jedem Äck  
en gebrodan Fäschchen,  
än der Mättent  
en Liter Wenj.  
Êr sellt long liewen  
uch gesôngt blêiwen.*

*I wish for you a golden table,  
at every corner a fried fish,  
in the middle a liter of wine.  
Live long and  
stay healthy!*

to the Kinderchor. Santa Claus visited the club house shortly before everyone arrived and left gifts for all by the Christmas tree. The table arrangements made of snowmen and their sleighs were the door prizes won by Katy Hudak, Marie Benedict and Sherry Fenske.

There will not be any meetings in January and February. This is for the safety of our members.

A friendly reminder – 2023 dues are now due. Send your check to Katy Hudak at 4097 County Line Road, New Castle, PA 16101. In order to be eligible for the activities at the club, dues must be paid up. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



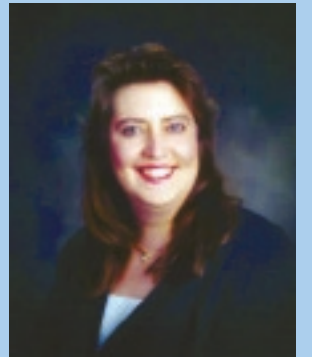
**The next ATS  
Bowling session  
is hosted by  
CLEVELAND EAST  
on Sunday,  
January 15, 2023  
at North Woods Lanes  
10435 Valley View Rd.  
Macedonia Ohio.  
Bowling later start -  
at 11:30 AM.  
NO Meal.  
Any questions call  
Wayne Suts  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford  
ATS Nat'l President



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. I know the cold front that came through the northern part of the United States tried to play havoc with our holiday, whether you were traveling or just trying to get to the grocery store. Everyone's furnace was put to the test trying to keep up with the negative temperatures and the wind chill. I think all of us have had enough winter already and now want spring to come! One dose of it, and we are all ready to move on.

Welcome 2023! It is now a new year. Most people think of the start of a new year as a clean slate. You close the book on the old year. Keep the items from the old year that you like and start the new one with any changes that you would like to make. Whether you call those changes resolutions or not, it is a good time to begin. Maybe it's walking ten minutes a day more than before, or calling or emailing someone who you haven't kept in touch with. Do something that makes you feel good. When you feel good, it spills over to everyone you come in contact with.

Plan to be more active in your local Branch this year. Attend a meeting if you don't normally do so. The Branch can always use your input and help. On a National level, plan to attend an event this year that you haven't attended in the past. The TSBA has a few more bowling sessions left. The Bowl Where You Are tournament for the youngsters will begin soon. Saxon Summer Camp is back on the agenda for the end of June for the young members. The North American Heimattag will be in July in New Castle, PA. The Cultural Exchange Program with Germany, Austria and Canada is back on schedule with a band from Traun, Austria coming to us this summer. They will perform at the Heimattag, as well as in Cleveland and Salem. ATS Family Day at Waldameer will be in July, as usual.

It will soon be ATS Scholarship time. Look in future issues for instructions on how to apply for an ATS Scholarship. We will have a couple of new scholarships to award this year, thanks to members and Branches who have donated funds to the ATS Scholarship program. The ATS offers two types of scholarships: one for high school seniors and the other for college students still working on their undergraduate degree. In addition, some of our local Branches offer scholarships to their members. Just one of the many benefits of being an ATS member!

Did you know that many historical events happened in the first week of January? According to the History.com website, on January 1, 1942, FDR and Winston Churchill issued a declaration, signed by representatives of 26 countries, called the "United Nations", which vowed to create an international postwar peacekeeping organization. Also on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary

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ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



Help us help  
Helft uns  
Helfen!  
Help us help

We petition our Saxon fraternal community - members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

The need is still great and we ask our members and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Fund program with generous contributions.

Please send your contributions to our ATS office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Write checks payable to the "ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND". Thank you for your help!



**NOTE:** Gift packages can be ordered for delivery to a specific relative or friend in Transylvania for a minimal cost of **\$40.00**. Send your check payable to the "ATS Saxon Relief Fund" and the **exact name and address** of the recipient to our ATS Office. Please print or type for clarity. The package contents include non-perishable items such as: Coffee, Milk, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Margarine, Soup, Chocolate, Cheese, Sausage, Yeast, etc.

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenb rger 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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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if donation is in memory  
or honor of someone

\_\_\_\_\_



Long-term  
planning for  
long-term care

It's a new year and for many Americans, it's smart to consider expanding or modifying insurance plans to better suit your needs.

One thing folks should consider is long-term care (LTC). These plans typically help cover the costs for services like in-home care, stays at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and adult daycare programs. Traditional insurance plans and Medicare/Medicaid often cover only limited aspects of LTC and may prove inadequate.

When people need care over time, it's often because they're seriously ill, recovering from an operation, or have an impairment. It's smart to prepare for such hardships by enrolling in an LTC health insurance program. Yet, as of 2020, only 7.5 million Americans had LTC coverage.

Without LTC insurance, people have to pay out of pocket for care. That can cost more than \$50,000 a year in an assisted living facility or more than \$100,000 in a nursing home. Medicare covers only short-term stays. Long-term care insurance can protect your nest egg.

How about costs? A LTC plan will cost a 55-year-old male about \$950 a year and a female about \$1,500. For a 65-year-old, the plan would cost \$1,700 and \$2,700, respectively. If you select a plan with inflation adjustments, costs go up.

Keep in mind, these are only averages. Like traditional insurance plans, you can select more basic LTC plans that offer more affordable premiums. Likewise, you may be able to add LTC coverage to existing health insurance plans and save money.

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Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

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**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**  
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Shelley's "Frankenstein" was published in 1818 and Johnny Cash had a concert at San Quentin State Prison in 1958. Attending the concert as a prisoner was Merle Haggard, who credited Johnny Cash with giving him the inspiration to launch a career after prison.

On January 2, 1890, President Benjamin Harrison welcomed Alice Sanger as the first female staffer to the White House. Also on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Georgia became the fourth state in the US in 1788. In 1974, President Nixon signed the national speed limit into law. This was during the oil embargo with OPEC and Nixon lowered all national highway speed limits to 55 mph. On January 2, 1965, quarterback Joe Namath signed with the New York Jets. The contract was reportedly for \$427,000, the most lucrative signed by a rookie in any sport.

On January 3, 1925, Benito Mussolini declared himself dictator of Italy. In 1973, a group headed by George Steinbrenner purchased the New York Yankees for \$10 million from CBS. In 2004, the Mars Exploration Rover "Spirit" safely landed on the planet and surveyed the surface for the next seven years. Also on January 3, 1521, Pope Leo X excom-

municated Martin Luther from the Catholic Church. Alaska was admitted into the Union as the 49<sup>th</sup> state on January 3, 1959.

On January 4, 1896, Utah entered the Union as the 45<sup>th</sup> state. Earlier, in 1847, Samuel Colt sold his first revolvers to the US Government. On January 4, 1999, the Euro made its debut, as 11 European nations adopted the single currency.

On January 5, 1933, construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge over San Francisco Bay. It opened in 1937 and was the longest bridge span in the world at that time. On January 5, 1643, the first legal divorce in the colonies was granted to Anne Clark of the Massachusetts Bay Colony from her absent and adulterous husband. In 1920, the New York Yankees announced the purchase of Babe Ruth for the sum of \$125,000 from the Boston Red Sox. In 1972, President Nixon launched the space shuttle program.

On January 6, 1838, Samuel Morse unveiled the telegraph, which revolutionized communication. In 1975, Wheel of Fortune premiered. Also on January 6, 1412, Joan of Arc was born and in 1919 Theodore Roosevelt, the 26<sup>th</sup> president, died. In 1912, New Mexico was admitted to the Union as the 47<sup>th</sup> state. Wow! That's a lot of history!

Until next time....

**Flavonols may slow cognitive decline**

Higher dietary intake of flavonols -- antioxidants found in tea, wine and certain fruits and vegetables -- may help preserve memory and cognitive abilities among older people, according to a new study published in the journal Neurology.

Researchers followed 961 study participants whose ages ranged from 60 to 100 years old for an average of 6.9 years, tracking their intake of flavonols called quercetin, kaempferol, myricetin and isorhamnetin. None of the participants showed symptoms of dementia at the beginning of the study, and all participants underwent annual cognitive and memory assessments.

The study conclusion: People whose diets were highest in flavonols, particularly kaempferol, displayed measurably slower rates of cognitive decline



compared to people who consumed flavonols in lower quantities. You can find kaempferol in apples, grapes, tomatoes, green tea, and several types of berries, among other foods.

Though the results are promising, researchers aren't jumping to conclusions or recommending flavonol supplements yet, according to CNN. Flavonol-rich diets typically include larger quantities of fruits and vegetables, which provide an array of health benefits. More research is needed to determine whether the cognitive benefits were a direct result of flavonol consumption or due to healthy diets

# Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

## 50th Anniversary

### January 28th at 5pm

**Sachsenheim Hall**  
**7001 Denison Ave**  
**Cleveland, OH 44102**

**5:00 pm Wine and Cheese Cocktail Hour**  
**6:00 pm Dinner**  
**7:00pm Program**  
**8:30 Dancing to Fred Ziwich**

*The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will be holding their 50th Anniversary Celebration! We are hoping all past dance group members, family, and friends will be able to join us in celebrating!!*

*Tickets:*

<https://50th-anniversary-celebration-reservations.cheddarup.com/>  
\$40 by December 31. \$45 thereafter.  
Deadline for reservations is January 14, 2023  
OR you can mail a check made payable to Cleveland Saxon Dance Group  
Christine Roppelt 8905 Fernhill Avenue Parma, Ohio 44129  
Cocktail attire or Trachts are requested

**BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND**  
By Joan Miller-Malue

Wishing a very blessed and beautiful New Year to all our members and their families. May you all have a healthy, joyful and memorable year ahead. Let's work together to prepare for a very eventful year at the Sachsenheim.

The first special event will be the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that will be held on Saturday, January 28. The group has been working hard to present an unforgettable memorable event. Deadline for making reservations is January 14. You can make your reservations online: 50<sup>th</sup>-anniversary-celebration-reservations.cheddarup.com/.

Come February we will hold our annual fundraiser, the Chinese Auction/Sau-

and other factors.

Still, a few extra daily servings of flavonol-rich foods, like leafy greens or berries, are unlikely to hurt you, and the benefits may be greater than we know.

sage Dinner that will be on Sunday, February 26. We appreciate all the support we receive from our members and friends that have made this event very successful. Profits from this fundraiser helps to defray expenses at the Sachsenheim.

In March, we have another sausage sale planned for March 4; the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's Chili Cook-off on March 11 and the 250 Club Banquet on Friday March 31.

April 1 we will host the Children's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and on April 22 the Eastern European Congress of Ohio will hold their banquet at the Sachsenheim.

May brings the Cleveland Dance Group's Trachtenball on Saturday, May 13. June the Cleveland West Bowlers will host the TSBA convention on Saturday, June 10.

July 10<sup>th</sup> we will host the Austrian cultural group from Traun with dinner and concert.

The Sachsenheim's Summer Oktoberfest will be held

on Saturday, August 26 and come September we will plan for Branch 1 and 4's Membership Banquet.

October will provide us with the Cleveland Dance Group's Traubenfest on the 14th and the Children's Halloween Party on the 27.

November we will hold a Veteran's Dinner on Sunday, November 12 and December schedule will have a Sausage Sale on the 2nd and the Children's Christmas Party on the 16th.

You can see we have something planned for each month of 2023 and we need your help and support to make these activities successful. When we work together as a team we can accomplish so much more.

In addition to the above scheduled events there will be other special happenings throughout the year. And don't forget to enjoy Taco Tuesday, Wednesday Wing Night, Thursday burger night and Friday Fish Dinners.

Our first monthly meeting in 2023 will be held on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there to help us start off the year with your support for our fraternal family,



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- January 15, 2023  
TSBA Bowling - Host Cleveland East
- February 5, 2023  
TSBA Bowling - Host New Castle
- March 5, 2023  
TSBA Bowling - Host Youngstown
- March 25 - 26, 2023  
TSBA Tournament - Host Cleveland West
- May 20, 2023  
Branch Presidents Meeting - Host - Salem
- June 10, 2023  
66th Bowlers Convention Host Cleveland West
- June 25- 30, 2023  
Saxon Summer Camp  
Camp Frederick in Rogers, OH
- July 7-8, 2023  
North American Heimattag  
Host: New Castle Branch 25
- July 22, 2023  
ATS Family Day  
Waldameer Park, Erie PA
- October 21 - 22, 2023  
ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Host : Merrillville, IN

LOCAL EVENTS

- January 28, 2023  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group 50th Year Reunion
- February 26, 2023  
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner
- March 4, 2023  
Cleveland West Sachsenheim Sausage Sale
- March 11, 2023  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook Off
- March 25, 2023  
Youngstown Br. 30 Goulash Dinner
- March 31, 2023  
Cleveland West Saxon 250 Club Banquet
- April 1, 2023  
Cleveland West  
Children's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- May 13, 2023  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
- July 10, 2023  
Cleveland West - Traun Austria Cultural Group  
Dinner and Concert
- August 26, 2023  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Summer Oktoberfest
- October 14, 2023  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest
- October 27, 2023  
Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party
- November 12, 2023  
Cleveland West Veterans Day Dinner
- December 2, 2023  
Cleveland West Sausage Sale
- December 16, 2023  
Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party

YOUNGSTOWN  
SAXON RETIREES  
By Ro Dundon

Mea Culpa! Mea Culpa! Mea Culpa! To the Bachingers. For so long the Eberths have organized a wonderful Halloween party for the kids and I assumed this year was the same. Well, that wasn't the case. The Bachingers, with Dana in charge, put on a really great party for the kids. I'm so sorry for the mistake. Can I blame it on age?

On December 8th, at Ruby Tuesdays we retirees met for our Christmas Luncheon and the last meeting for 2022. We were all in the Holiday spirit, wearing festive attire.

Holiday cookies were the favors and candy on the tables. Diana Kommel, our President, passed out the cutest holiday spatulas and Dom passed around baskets that he crafted, filled with candy.

Everyone enjoyed their choice off the menu. I know I did and especially the fact it was served and I didn't have to bus the table. We had a lovely waitress who was very pleasant, cool, calm and collected.

The only member missing was Roger and he was truly missed. On the brighter note, Happy Birthday and many more went out to Dom.

We will be taking off January and February of 2023. Our next meeting will be in March at Eat and Park, regular time 12 Noon. If that changes Diana will call everyone so we all will be there.

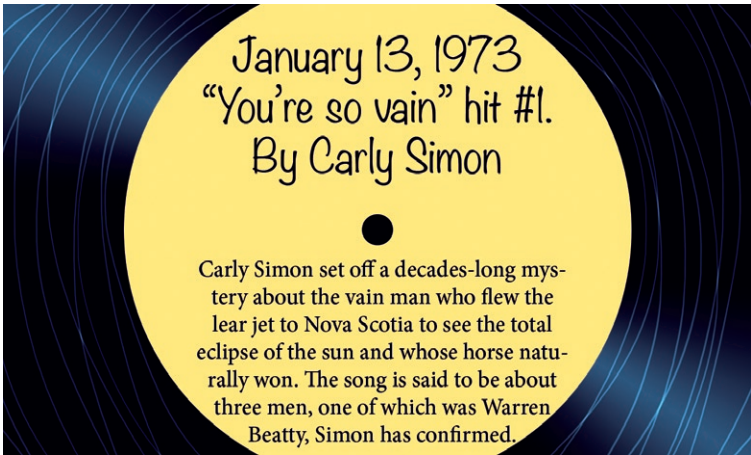
Our new President will be our old President, Diana Kommel. She graciously accepted to again to be our leader. We are all very pleased.

Everyone please have a most wonderful, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year and also a warm one.

To all the Saxons and everyone else all over the world a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Until we meet again. As usual it's RO

P.S. Again, sorry to Dana and all the Bachingers for the great Halloween party.



Hit songs by the threes

List is by Billboard. Different songs were number 1 on different weeks. Asterisks (\*) indicate crossover hits.

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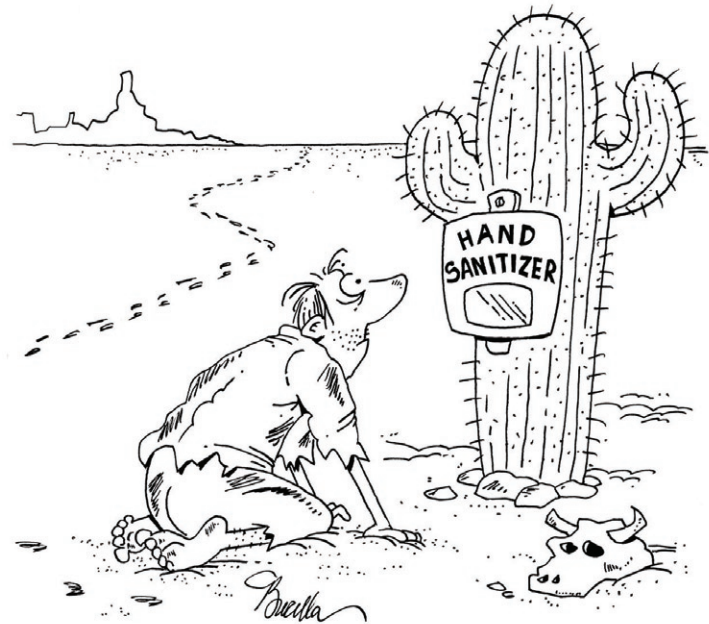
- 1953, "Song from Moulin Rouge" Percy Faith
- 1963, "Sugar Shack" Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs;  
"Surfin' U.S.A." The Beach Boys
- 1973, "Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ole Oak Tree"  
Tony Orlando and Dawn
- 1983, "Every Breath You Take" The Police
- 1993, "I Will Always Love You" Whitney Houston\*
- 2003, "In Da Club" 50 Cent\*
- 2013, "Thrift Shop" Macklemore & Ryan Lewis  
featuring Wanz\*

R&B

- 1953, "(Mama) He Treats Your Daughter Mean"  
Ruth Brown
- 1963, "Part Time Love" Little Johnny Taylor
- 1973, "Let's Get It On" Marvin Gaye
- 1983, "Sexual Healing" Marvin Gaye
- 1993, "I Will Always Love You" Whitney Houston\*
- 2003, "In Da Club" 50 Cent\*
- 2013, "Thrift Shop" Macklemore and Ryan Lewis  
featuring Wanz\*

COUNTRY

- 1953, "Kaw-Liga" Hank Williams
- 1963, "Still" Bill Anderson
- 1973, "You've Never Been This Far Before"  
Conway Twitty
- 1983, "Jose Cuervo" Shelly West
- 1993, "Chattahoochee" Alan Jackson
- 2003, "My Front Porch Looking In" Lonestar
- 2013, "Cruise" Florida Georgia Line





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### St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

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stpeters\_church@sbcglobal.net  
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

## 100 years ago in 1923

\* Rosewood Massacre destroys the majority-Black town of Rosewood, Florida.

\* Southeastern Michigan received a record 6 inches of snow in May.

\* Yankee Stadium opened in the Bronx.

\* Roy and Walt Disney founded The Walt Disney Company.

\* The Hollywood sign erected in California (originally reading Hollywoodland).

\* Burial chamber of King Tutankhamun opened.

\* The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional to prosecute teachers for teaching German in Meyer v. Nebraska.

\* Great Kanto Earthquake in Japan kills 100,000 people.

## January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The speech that changed the world

This year, 2023, will mark the 60th anniversary of one of the most famous speeches in American history, and perhaps the history of the world, too.

Just 17 minutes long, Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech was a turning point in the civil rights movement. In it, King departed from his prepared text, possibly because gospel singer Mahalia Jackson urged him, "Tell them about the dream!"

Standing before the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963, King improvised the most iconic passage. His famous words:

*I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.*

*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are cre-*



*ated equal.'*

*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."*

*I have a dream today.*

## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

### MONTHLY MEETING

#### HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Monday, January 16, 2023

Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month.

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

### STORY

We will have celebrated New Year's already but I thought it would be interesting to see how they celebrate it in other cultures:

#### China

They celebrate on Lunar New Year's Eve, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commonly referred to as the Spring Festival-end of winter and beginning of spring. The celebration begins with a dinner called a 'reunion dinner.' Big families of several generations sit around round tables and enjoy the food and time together.

#### Latin America

New Year's Eve begins with a large traditional meal, with family and close friends. It is common to see fireworks throughout the night. Many meals and superstitions revolve around lentils. Lentils can symbolize prosperity and good fortune, and are a typical meal at midnight. In other places lentils are stuffed in pockets and purses to provide a new year of abundance.

Venezuelans wrap 12 lentils in a money bill to in order to provide financial wealth and well-being. If you are looking for happiness and prosperity make sure you wear yellow underwear. If you are looking for love, wear red underwear. Some

believe you should wear the underwear inside out before midnight and then when the clock strikes 12 turn them right side out. If you are looking to travel more in the New Year, take a turn carrying an empty suitcase around the house or block in order to improve your chances to travel the world. A popular tradition borrowed from Spain is the consumption of 12 grapes as the clock strikes midnight.

Chileans choose using fire to get rid of bad spirits. They write down things on paper you would like to change and then burning it. Some Chileans celebrate the occasion by spending time with dearly departed family in the cemetery.

Columbia, Peru, Ecuador and Paraguay build dolls or effigies, dressed in old clothes or with faces of unpopular cultural figures and set them ablaze at midnight. Depending on your goals you may burn a different colored candle; blue for peace, red for love and green for health. Money can be an incentive for the New Year; Ecuadorians hide their money around the house. Some believe dropping a gold ring in a flute can bring good luck and prosperity.

Argentina's New Year occurs in the summer. Their tradition is swimming at the beach, having barbecues and spending time with family and friends.

Bolivia has a tradition surrounding love. In order to make your love notice you, you must stand up and sit down 12 times. Then you must tie a red ribbon around a picture of the person you love and sleep with the pic-

ture under your pillow.

Brazil has many religious and secular traditions. One religion wears white and goes to the beach to offer flowers and gifts to Iemanjá, the goddess of water. Also, they believe 7 is a lucky number; they eat 7 grapes for abundance, chew 7 pomegranates seeds for prosperity or jump over 7 waves, making a wish after every wave.

Colombians place 12 shafts of wheat on their dinner table in order to ensure abundance of food in the New Year.

Paraguay spends their new year cruising the lakes and rivers of the country.

Peru and Colombia predict your financial situation with potatoes. They take one fully peeled, one half peeled and one unpeeled potato and throw them under the bed. Without looking grab the first potato you find. The unpeeled potato will bring good fortune, the half peeled will provide a normal year and the fully peeled potato will bring you financial problems.

Uruguayans throw a pan or glass of water out of the window to rid themselves of the bad luck from the past year.

Japan celebrates Shogatsu on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. On New Year's Eve they eat a long buckwheat noodle to symbolize long life. At the stroke of midnight, Buddhist temples ring their bells 108 times. This cleanses the individual of 108 worldly passions.

Cambodia, Korean, Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese celebrate with having feasts with friends and family.

Cuba celebrates by gathering around a doll and set it on fire, like an effigy, in order to bring good luck to the next year. Some Cubans throw hand-written notes into the sea. The notes contain wishes for what you want to happen in the New Year.

Germans usually celebrate with a lot of things that surround food. One standard thing is sauerkraut and potatoes. Also, it can include pork, sausage and potatoes prepared in what ever way desired.

On New Year's Day, we will be having Bavarian Sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and pork tenderloin. Depending on your preference there could be a libation served. We used to have plant leaves placed for every member of the family. We would then wait to see if they darkened or deteriorated. They were to



**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.**

### John Kirr, Jr.

Age 84

Died: December 5, 2022  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

### Robert L. Dahman

Age 87

Died: December 19, 2022  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

be a prediction of your health in the coming year. No one in the family remembers the types of leaves or how to interpret your health. I guess we just have to depend on the healthcare system.

Regardless of how you celebrate, we wish everyone good fortune, good health and a prosperous 2023.

### PRAYERS

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

Please keep Karl Lassel in your prayers. Karl is recovering and rehabbing from an injury. We wish him the best.

Please keep John Gellner in your prayers. John has had some challenges that made it so he could not attend our Christmas Party.

### CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing Hedy Fleischer (January 1), Olga Hesch (January 12) and John Gellner (January 23) a very happy birthday. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

### HUMOR

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Hans seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. She was concerned and she asked, "what is the matter?" Hans, remembering Sunday School, said "I have a pain in my side. I think I am going to have a wife."



Deutsch-Kreuz/ Criț



The neo-classical hall church with chancel and western bell tower was built between 1810 and 1813, after the collapse of the initial construction, first mentioned in documents from 1270. But there is no information concerning the aspect of this former church. It is, though, supposed to have been represented in a drawing on one of the church’s pews, dated 1793. The interior hosts the altar with organ gallery, the pulpit and the font, which were made partially at the same time with the construction itself, but also in 1822.

Only the ring wall and four defensive towers are still preserved from the 15th century fortification system, while the fifth tower collapsed in 1925 and was never rebuilt. On the southern side, next to the former kennel, only the ruins of the old Saxon school still exist today.

Place and surroundings

The fortified church in the village of Criț, where more than 400 years ago the first village school law in Transylvania was enacted, lies on a hill in the middle of the place. In the past this location demanded a castle guardian who was a cobbler or at least a skilled craftsman. The steep ascent to the church is arduous and paved with round cobblestones. Many women, on their way to Sunday service, broke their footwear, which were heeled with horseshoes. A cobbler was therefore needed for urgent repairs before entering the church.

The church and the most-



ly preserved historic village are surrounded by an idyllic hilly landscape, ideal for walks to neighboring villages and fortifications. Tourist accommodation is available in several lovely restored farmhouses.



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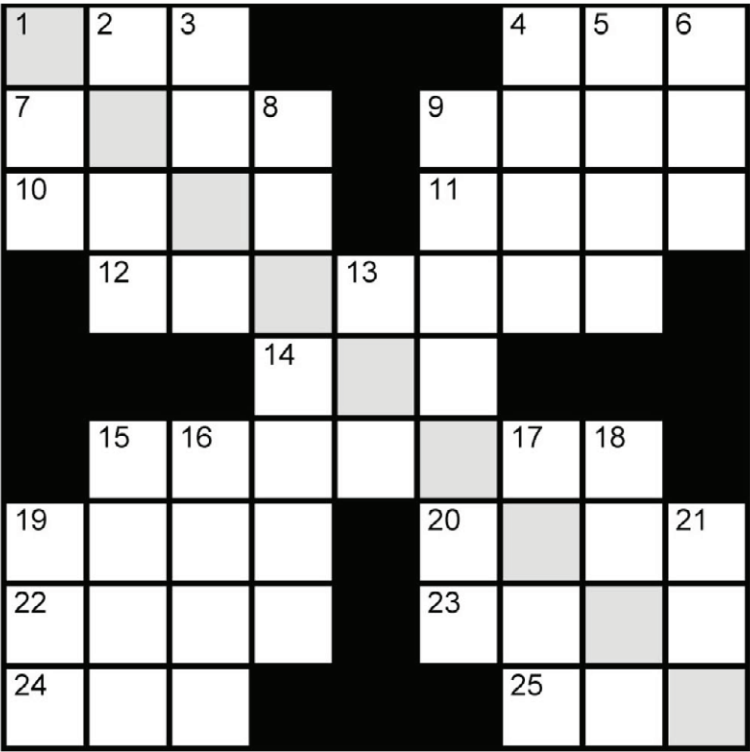
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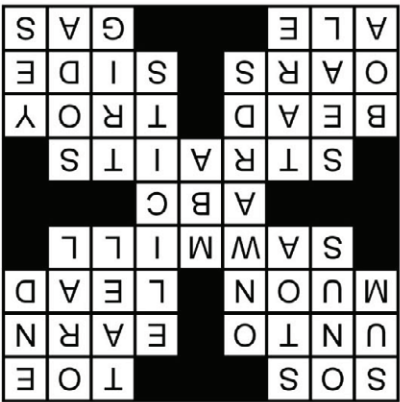
- 1. ABBA song
- 4. Stocking part
- 7. “For \_\_\_ us a child is born ...”
- 9. Be worthy of
- 10. Atomic particle
- 11. Pewter component
- 12. Lumber factory
- 14. Agatha Christie’s “The \_\_\_ Murders”
- 15. Gibraltar and Magellan
- 19. Necklace part
- 20. Helen of \_\_\_
- 22. Boat propellers
- 23. Faction
- 24. Pub pint
- 25. Fuel

Down

- 1. Total
- 2. Weight
- 3. Greek portico
- 4. Old Chinese money
- 5. Spoken
- 6. Stopping point
- 8. Moving ahead



- 9. Draws out
- 13. Wharton degree
- 15. Close, as an envelope
- 16. Weight not charged for
- 17. Math subject
- 18. Scotch’s partner
- 19. Feathery wrap
- 21. Word on a Ouija board



The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

Brighten up January with black bottom lemon pie

Sweet, tart and colorful lemon in this unique pie provides a splash of color and flavor on gray January days, with a layer of slightly bitter chocolate ganache to balance it out. Meyer lemons create an especially brilliant flavor, but regular lemons are also delicious.

Ingredients

- 1 pre-baked pie shell
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped into small pieces
- 4 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- 1-1/3 cups white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice from about 4 lemons
- 1/4 fresh orange juice
- zest of 1 lemon
- zest of about 1/4 orange

First, make the ganache. Heat 1/4 cup of the heavy cream over medium heat until it bubbles. Remove from heat, add chocolate pieces and swirl to coat the chocolate. Set aside for 2 to 3 minutes, then gently stir to combine. Spread choco-



late mixture on the bottom of the pie shell in an even layer and place in refrigerator to set.

For the lemon filling, mix eggs, yolks, sugar and salt on medium speed with a stand or hand mixer until thick and fully combined. Add lemon and orange juice, zests and the remaining 1/2 cup of cream and mix well. Strain filling through a mesh sieve into a

separate bowl. To assemble, place pie shell on a baking sheet and pour strained filling over the cooled ganache layer. Bake on center rack at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes, then rotate and bake for an additional 15 to 20 minutes. Pie is done when edges are set and center is wobbly, but not liquid. Cool for 2 to 3 hours before serving.

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