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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

We have sent out the invitations to the Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner that will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m. This is our fundraiser that helps defray the expenses of our children's parties and other expenses at the Sachsenheim. We are thankful for the items and monetary contributions that enable us to hold the event and are grateful to all that attend to make our fundraiser a success. Reservations are a must and there are no admission tickets sold at the door. Invite your friends to come along and enjoy a delicious meal and an afternoon of fun for all ages. There is a reservation form printed in this issue of the Volksblatt. **Deadline for reservations is February 18.** Let's get together and raise some funds for our Club.

It's time to perfect your chili recipes and take the challenge to enter the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's Chili Cook-off that will be held on Saturday, March 11. This event gives participants a good opportunity to have fun and show their skills while helping raise some funds for the cultural group. There will be raffle items bid on and live music by The Dirty Franks. If you want to enter your chili, email csdg7001@yahoo.com for details. Look for details in the Volksblatt ad.

We welcome the invitation that Lorain Branch

5 has extended to our Junior Members to attend a bowling party for the ATS Bowl Where You Are Tournament. The bowling party will be held on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Rebman's Recreation Bowling Lanes, 5300 Oberlin Ave, Lorain. There is no charge for this event. Each bowler will enjoy pizza and pop. Please call Monica Gilles at 440-309-7894 to make reservations. Monica must receive your reservations before March 5. It will be great to get together with the Lorain kids for an afternoon of bowling fun.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON

By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone is doing well throughout the winter months and will be able to attend our next luncheon meeting on Sunday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m. We continue to meet at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza between Big Lots and the barber shop.

Since the past few years have been difficult for many of us, we are continuing to offer help to any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies lodge who need financial assistance. Please let us know if there is a need so some help can be provided. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text or phone at 330-312-5112, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and please feel free to join us for our next meeting at Meyers Landing on Sunday, February 12, at 1:00.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Attention all Branches and Cultural Groups: Please make sure that your Secretary has sent in the 2023 Branch Roster to the ATS Home Office. This form is what we use to print contact information in the back of the Volksblatt for your Branch or Group. You should include someone for each position: Officers, ATS Secretary, Dues Secretary, Youth Rep, meeting time and place, etc. Mailings from the Home Office are sent to different people in your Branch or Group, depending on the nature of the mailing. Thank you to those Branches and Groups who have already submitted theirs.

On Monday, January 16th, I had the pleasure of attending the Branch 10 – Columbus monthly meeting and lunch. I enjoyed meeting some new people and catching up with those I already knew. It was a nice day and an easy drive, as the sun was shining all day. Thank you for your hospitality, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Heimattag in July.

We have had a few phone calls recently at the ATS Home Office asking if we will be raising our interest rates on our annuities. The short answer is maybe. The long answer is maybe in the next couple of months. With rates starting to rise, we are seeing CD rates at the bank increasing. However, please remember that those bank rates may require a large deposit and you will pay tax on the earnings. There could also be fees involved that you do not have here at the ATS. Even though interest rates are rising, the ATS has not been able to purchase too many bonds out in the market yet at these increased rates and yields. Until we can purchase a few more quality investments at higher rates, we will maintain the current interest rate on what we pay out. The ATS tries to maintain a spread of 1.5% to 2.0% between what we earn on our investments and what we pay out on our annuities. That spread is what the ATS operates on. It covers the office, benefits to our members, subsidizing Saxon Summer Camp, hosting a Heimattag, etc. On a slightly different note, however, our new annuity contracts as of the first of the year, now have a 3.0% guarantee. This is up from the 1.75% guarantee that we had at the end of last year. That means any new annuity contract that is opened cannot go lower than 3.0% if the rates come back down.

Did you know that Super Bowl Sunday is the second-highest food "Holiday" in the United States, following Thanksgiving? Game day goes hand in hand with pizza, wings, and various kinds of chips and

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**SEE PAGE 3 FOR
2023 ATS SAXON
SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION
AND APPLICATIONS**

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

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5323 Pearl Road Cleveland OH 44129-1503

Happy Valentine's Day! Share the love!



February 14

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone



“How long have I had hand cramps? It started after I filled out your new patient forms.”

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Rd
PORK & KRAUT DINNER
FEBRURY 19, 2023
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
\$12.00
PUBLIC WELCOME
DRIVE THRU / CARRY OUT ONLY

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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dips. Pizza tops the list for the day. One out of every seven people order carryout on Super Bowl Sunday and the majority of those orders include pizza. Sausage is the third most popular pizza topping. (We Saxons can relate to the appeal of sausage!) Chicken wings are the second biggest food item. According to the National Chicken Council, Americans consume more than 100 million pounds of chicken wings on Super Bowl Sunday alone. That equates to about 1.25 billion wings. 11.2 million pounds of potato chips, 8.2 million pounds of tortilla chips and 4 million pounds of pretzels will also be consumed during the big day. One other Super Bowl fact relates to all of this food. Sales of antacid relief products increase 20% on the day after the game. No doubt due to all of that food listed above.

Until next time....

**A diplomat is a
person who thinks
twice before
saying nothing**

**BRANCH 1,
CLEVELAND**
By Robert Hanek

As we end January our March sausage sale is right around the corner. March 4th will be the sale date and orders can again be placed with myself (440-356-5582) and Gus Botsch (216-221-2556). Our price for both garlic and non-garlic will be \$5.00 per pound. We have had many new helpers and we appreciate everyone who volunteers their time and hard work to make our sausage sales successful.

Many people noted how lean our sausage was at our last sale. Incredibly, Speck, or fat, was nowhere to be found. We have taken steps to make sure this never happens again.

We will be taking orders until March the 1st, and you can contact myself, or Mr. Botsch if you wish to help out. I am glad to see many of our members old and new are helping to make our club a place we can enjoy.

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IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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5323 Pearl Rd
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Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023	FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023	FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2023

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

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

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

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

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 17th. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, an official ATS Scholarship Application Form will be mailed to you. The completed official ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 17th.

**REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

E-Mail: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503
**Request Forms must be received by
March 15, 2023**
Please note:
*Only official ATS Scholarship Application Form
will be accepted for consideration.*

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

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

\$2,000	Branch 18 - Salem Scholarship
\$1,000	Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1,000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$1,000	Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
\$1,000	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 750	Award in memory of George H. Schneider
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
\$ 500	Farrell - Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	Award in memory of Gerard Slusny

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

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

Requests for official ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 15, 2023.

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

**REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE
CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

E-Mail: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2023
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application
Forms will be accepted for consideration

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

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

Attention Branch 30 Members:

Please read the following two suggested changes to Branch 30's Constitution. These changes will be voted upon during the March 12th, 2023 general meeting. If ratified, the voting change will go into effect this year. If ratified, the change in dues will go into effect for 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Kiki Eberth (330)-509-8443."

Proposed Change to Branch 30 Constitution: Article VI. Election of Officers; Section 8.

Section 8. In order to qualify for voting, a member must be in good standing for at least five (5) months. Members may vote in person the day of elections or via absentee ballot. If voting via absentee ballot, the following rules shall apply:

- ☐ Absentee voting shall commence after the October scheduled meeting for the nomination of officers and trustees and to end prior to the November scheduled election of officers and trustees.
- ☐ Ballots will only be accepted during regular business hours.
- ☐ Ballots must be signed by voter and sealed in a white business envelope.
- ☐ The envelope containing the ballot is to be signed by voting member in presence of an officer or trustee with membership card and valid state or federal identification. Envelope is also to be signed by said officer or trustee and placed in a locked and sealed ballot box.
- ☐ The ballot box is to be kept in a locked and secure office.
- ☐ A voter transaction log is to be recorded by said officer or trustee.
- ☐ The locked and sealed ballot box is to be opened and counted on election day by the nomination committee. The ballot count must correspond to the voter transaction log.
- ☐ If there is a discrepancy: ballots not on the log will be discarded.
- ☐ The ballot count is to be given to President and recording secretary to be added to the ballot count of that day.
- ☐ The ballots are to be saved and put in a sealed container for one year.
- ☐ The ballots are to be destroyed after one year.

*This proposed change, if passed in the March general meeting, shall be implemented for the 2023 elections of officers.

Proposed change to Branch 30 Constitution: Article VIII. Duties and Rights of Membership; Section 1; Second bullet point.


Shall read as follows:

- A member in good standing for forty (40) years shall be required to pay \$20.00 in annual dues.

*This proposed changed, if passed in the March general meeting, shall be implemented for the 2024 dues payment.

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Youngstown Br. 30's

 **Bowl Where
You Are** 

Sunday February 26, 2023
1:00 pm
Boardman Lanes
7524 Market Street
Youngstown, Ohio

Please call Kiki Eberth
(330) 509-8443
or Rosemarie Zamary
(330) 509-9625
by February 20, 2023
to reserve a spot or with questions.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

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

February 19, 2023
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork Kraut Dinner
February 25, 2023
Youngstown Br. 30 Saxon Schnitzel Dinner
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
April 22,2023
Cleveland Sachsenheim
Eastern European Congress of Ohio Banquet
May 7, 2023
Cleveland East Br. 33 Membership Banquet
May 13, 2023
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
July 10, 2023
Cleveland West - Traun Austria Cultural Group
Dinner and Concert
July 23, 2023
Chicago Br. 9 Annual Picnic
Morton Grove IL
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

Bad ideas for Valentine’s Day

- * Don’t give the same Valentine you gave last year.
- * Don’t buy a size too big. When in doubt, buy smaller.
- * Don’t forget your wallet for that romantic Valentine’s Day dinner.
- * Don’t leave your date alone with your parents, siblings or pet. Too much reality, too soon.
- * Don’t give household appliances for Valentine’s Day.
- * Don’t give your partner a ring that was meant for someone else. At least get the inscription removed.

ATS BRANCH 4 – 2023 FUND RAISER

CHINESE AUCTION



and SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, February 26, 2023

WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM

7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102



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

Admission by prepaid reservation only!

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

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

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: February 18th

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Make your prepaid reservations by completing the Form below:

SAUSAGE DINNER/CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday, February 26, 2023

By Prepaid Reservation Only

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

Make Check or Money Order payable to: ATS Branch 4
Mail check and Reservation Form to: Donna Jankow
7663 Ragall Pkwy.
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone No. () _____

Meal Tickets will be held at the Door

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

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: FEBRUARY 18th

On Valentine’s Day, beware of lovers bearing potions

In the “be careful what you ask for” category, consider the love-lorn Welsh maiden, Dwyn.

Dwyn was a fifth century teenager inclined to romance. She was smitten with a young man named Maelon. Alas, they had a fight, and he must have demanded his letter jacket back, because Dwyn was heartbroken and beseeched the heavens to tell her why this should happen.

In answer to her plea, an angel appeared and bid her to drink a potion. Unfortunately, this potion did nothing



for Maelon’s affections, but it did turn her beloved into stone. This was not Dwyn’s desired result, so she asked for and was granted

ed three wishes. First, Dwyn asked that Maelon be restored to life. Second, she asked that all true lovers who invoke her name be united with their love or, failing that, get over it quickly. Third, she wished that the desire to marry be taken from her and that she would never marry. All those wishes were granted. She became a nun and the abbess of a convent at Llanddwyn in Wales. Modern-day visitors can find a spring that is said to cure sick animals and help people predict the future.

CHURCHES



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German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**
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Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE
550 Offcenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Monday, February 20,
2023

Time 12:00 noon

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

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

PRAYERS

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

CONDOLENCES

Please join me in wishing
sincere and heartfelt con-
dolences to Liz and George
Lassel. Liz's mother, Helen
Stevens, passed away on
January 3rd and her sister,
Patricia Golladay, passed
away on January 6th. Her-
zliches Beileid, aufrichtige
Anteilnahme und Gottes
Segen!

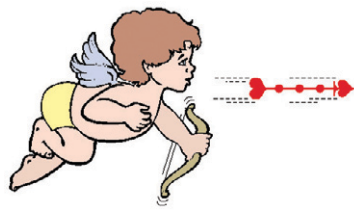
CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing
Mike Roth (March 21) a very
happy birthday. Alles Gute
zum Geburtstag!

Please join me in wishing
Marlene and Rob Betts a very
happy anniversary (March
22). Frohes Jubiläum!

**HUMOR (Submission by
Mike Roth)**

A teenage boy had just
passed his driving test and
inquired of his father as to
when they could discuss his
use of the car. His father said
he'd make a deal with his
son, "You bring your grades
up from a C to a B average,
study your Bible a little, and
get your hair cut. Then we'll
talk about the car." The boy
thought about that for a mo-



Love in bloom

When we give flowers on
Valentine's Day, we follow
a tradition that dates back
thousands of years.

Folklore tells us, for ex-
ample, that when Cleopatra
gave a feast for Marc Ant-
ony, she covered the entire
floor with a carpet of fresh
roses.

Poets use the connection
between love and flowers in
their work. In his plays and
sonnets, Shakespeare men-
tions the rose more than 60
times.

ment, decided he'd settle for
the offer, and they agreed
on it. About six weeks later
his father said, "Son you've
brought grades up and I've
observed that you have been
studying our Bible, but I'm
disappointed you haven't
had your hair cut." The boy
said, "You know, Dad, I've
been thinking about that and
I've noticed in my studies of
the Bible that Samson had
long hair, John the Baptist
had long hair, Moses had
long hair, and there's even
strong evidence that Jesus
had long hair."

(You are going to love the
Dad's reply!) "Did you also
notice they all walked every-
where they went..?"

FACEBOOK PAGE

**Alliance of Transylvanian
Saxons, Columbus Branch
10 (Facebook Group)**

Please invite people to join
our Facebook Group, that
is open to all people inter-
ested in sharing or reading
about our Saxon Heritage.
We will continue to modify
and improve the Facebook
page as needed. While we
welcome you to join the Co-
lumbus Branch 10, you do not
need to be a member to join
the Facebook Group. You
are invited to join our Face-
book group and share your
Saxon history or just enjoy
what others post. If you are
interested in becoming part
of the Facebook group you
can request an invitation or
send me your email address
(donaldcblum@prodigy.net),
and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we
continue to add Saxon/Ger-
man heritage individuals to
the Facebook Group. Some
of the new members include
people from Europe. We
encourage you to spread the
word about our group.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

Welcome to 2023
everyone! By the time you
read this article, one month
will have already raced past
us. Of course depending
upon where you are in life
can determine just how
fast that was. Forward
momentum, being willing
to change, to learn, and to
grow will dictate the speed
with which you travel and
help make you live each
day this year as a new
beginning.

Our first meeting of the
year was attended by mostly
those who come regularly.
To help encourage more
members to be involved
we sometimes schedule
pre-meeting dinners like
the one planned for this
month. Members will meet
at 5:00 p.m at The Blue Sky
Restaurant at 917 N. Leavitt
Rd. (Rt. 58) in Amherst
on Monday February 20
and then assemble at the
American Slovak Club,
2915 Broadway, Lorain, OH
at 7:00 p.m for our monthly
meeting. Please contact
President Monica Gilles by
phone, 440-309-7894, or
email gillemo76@hotmail.com
to let her know you'll
be attending.

We thank the parents for
the encouragement of the
involvement of their children
as junior Saxons by having
them participate in the
many ATS Youth Activities
made available throughout
the year. We're hoping that
as they grow older and
learn about their ancestry,
that they better understand
who they are and desire to
become active members of
our local branch.

The ATS Scholarship
Grants should not be
overlooked by parents of high
school seniors who meet
the qualifications underlined

in the application(s) printed
in last month's issue of your
Volksblatt, nor by students
already in an undergraduate
program. This very attainable
money can go a long way
in helping with your son or
daughters first year of college
or continuing education.
Another fun activity enjoyed
by junior members under
the ATS is "Bowl Where
You Are". Parents, be on
the lookout for the mailing
announcement for this
family fun event. Branch
5 will be hosting a BWYA
party for our participating
junior members. Details
about time and place will
be mailed along with the
scoresheets from the ATS
Youth Activities Committee.

Once again we'd like
to recognize one of our
own Branch 5 member's
achievements. Brother
Nicholas E. Piller finished
his barber training from
Allstate Hairstyling & Barber
College and passed his State
Barber's Examination a few
weeks ago in Columbus,
Ohio. He is currently
putting his professional
barber skills to work at
The Railway Barbershop
(www.railwaybarbershop.com)
in Avon, Ohio. Con-
gratulations!

Sisters Betty Ralph and
Robin Johnson have come
off of the sick benefit list and
there are no other members
collecting at this time.

Members celebrating
birthdays this month are
brother Brian Long and
junior members Conner
Hochevar, Jenna Peters,
Piper Simon and Michael
Simon. May you all enjoy
your special day. Happy
Birthday!

Until next month, stay
warm and safe through
these wintery days.



**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 R. Borgia
Age 91

Died: December 19, 2022
Home Branch

Hilda A. Borgia
Age 94

Died: December 26, 2022
Home Branch

Docia J. Jacobs
Age 75

Died: December 28, 2022
Branch 32, Ellwood City, PA

Theodore G. Bennett
Age 86

Died: January 4, 2023
Home Branch

Mary L. Latisi
Age 96

Died: January 15, 2023
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Richard J. Stamp
Age 69

Died: January 16, 2023
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Carol L. Woolf
Age 85

Died: January 23, 2023
Branch 8, Alliance, OH

Walter Thalgott
Age 96

Died: January 24, 2023
Home Branch

*Love makes your soul crawl
out from its hiding place.*

Zora Neale Hurston

*Tell me, what is it you plan
to do with your one wild and
precious life?*

Mary Oliver

*If you do nothing unexpect-
ed, nothing unexpected hap-
pens.*

Fay Weldon

*It is a simple matter of what
you will do when the chips
are down, my friend.*

Zadie Smith

*The simple act of paying at-
tention can take you a long
way.*

Keanu Reeves



**Brother Nicholas E. Piller with his Professional
Barbers Certificate in Columbus, Ohio**

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Hello ATS members and readers, and Happy New Year! 2023 started with Branch 33 meeting on January 11. Officers for 2023 were sworn in by former President Ema Litschel: President Margarete Ziegler, Vice president Maria Phillips, Treasurer Jeffry Krestel, Recording Secretary Arline Suts (here!), Financial secretary Michael Bretz, ATS secretary Karyn Schmidt, Membership Chairperson Cindy Schneider, Trustees Barb Hum, Kathie Brusk, Nick Ziegler, Wayne Suts. Before the meeting we shared a sausage and sauerkraut supper, yes it was our homemade sausage made in December. Ema Litschel did a fabulous job as cook. Delicious!

To review, in December we had our annual Branch Christmas dinner at Pine Ridge country club. Cindy Schneider did a great job with arranging, ordering the food, the seating. Santa Claus did attend and he brought gifts for our 12 children. Thank you to Donna Foisel and Holly Prankas for contacting Santa and helping him with gifts. And Cindy is already planning for next December's Christmas dinner.

President Ziegler reported on the new Transylvanian Saxon displays at the ATS Home office. Many people including our members have donated items brought from the homeland, most handmade. Recently Maria Thellmann donated Saxon bedding to display. The cultural displays are really magnificent and I encourage everyone to try to tour the Home Office.

January meeting did run quite long because there was a lot to review for the 2023 proposed budget, and reviewing year 2022 officers' reports. Treasurer Jeff Krestel does such a good job explaining monthly income and expenses, and Mike Bretz reviewed the totals of adult and Junior membership. As of February we do have another 50 year member - ME! So really I do have to thank my parents, Fred & Ingeborg Krestel, for making sure I was signed up as an adult member at age 16, and kept track of yearly dues (like most parents of us baby boomers).

There are multiple charities

Branch 33 plans donating to in 2023, including several of the ATS cultural groups, various food banks and churches in the area, Salvation Army, the USO, as well as some random picks during the course of the year.

We are busy planning summer events such as the picnic and the annual Lake County Captains baseball game. Cindy Schneider is busy working on the Spring Membership banquet, for May 7 at Saint Noel's Banquet Center in Willoughby, 1 to 5 p.m. Also - mark your calendars now. We are planning a "Bowl Where You Are" party for members, especially the juniors, on March 18th at Wickliffe lanes. We will have pizza and snacks and FREE to members. Cindy's phone number is (216) 410-8851 to reserve your lane.

Karyn Schmidt handles the Branch 33 scholarships. This is for Branch 33 members who are heading to and/or continuing undergraduate university studies. There will be an Ad posted in future Volksblatt with details on applying.

Every month Maria Phillips reviews members who are not able to attend meetings, are in the hospital or a facility. We send prayers and good wishes to Joan Blaha, George Adam, Don Weber, Florence Davidson, Don and Nancy Mahter, and all members ill, recovering, near and far. Maria reads names of all members who have a birthday in the month. January had an extra special birthday. Evelyn Keefer (nee Romisher) turned 100 years old on January 3. We hear she is doing very well at a senior living apartment. Evelyn has been an Adult Branch member since 1939, and very rarely misses a meeting or outside event! Born in 1923, I thought I'd end this article by sharing some world events that happened the year that Evelyn was born to give some appreciation and perspective. 1) In Egypt, King Tut's burial chamber was first opened. 2) Walt and Roy Disney started Disney Inc. and the Warner Brothers established their film studio. 3) Yankee Stadium was finished and opened for baseball ("The house that Babe Ruth built"). 4) The first issue of Time Magazine came out. 5) Adolf Hitler led a failed

coup attempt in Munich, the Beer Hall Putsch. 6) Insulin was produced and sold to the public to treat diabetes (a fatal disease previously!). 7) A Royal wedding, Albert Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon were married (the parents of Queen Elizabeth II who just passed away). 8) Radio started being used for commercial use, providing news and entertainment to people in their homes - cost \$10! 9) Jazz was the music of popular choice - best known musicians were Duke Ellington, Al Jolson and composer George Gershwin. 10) Prohibition was in its third year, as was the Roaring 20's era, with Speakeasies, Al Capone and gang wars, and the Flapper girls with shorter skirts, dropped waist lines, and cropped hair (Gasp!). Popular toys were Teddy Bears, Tinker Toys, pedal cars, Velocipedes (tricycle).

Quite an amazing year 1923; to Evelyn a Happy Birthday/Year!

Branch 33's next meeting is Wednesday, February 8th, 7 p.m. We will start with a sing-along of German songs. Stay safe, stay warm, and see you in February.



Cleveland West Branch 1
Wurstmarkt / Sausage Sale

Saturday, March 4, 2023
Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue

Pork Sausage with or without garlic

\$5.00 per pound

Sold only in 3 and 5 lb. packages

Deadline for orders March 1

Orders being taken by

Rob Hanek (440) 356-5582 - leave message

rhanek8@yahoo.com

Grumpy at the Sachsenheim (216) 577-7727

Gus Botsch (216) 221-2556 - leave message

abotsch@hotmail.com

PICK UP AFTER 2 PM

Join us for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's
Annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue Cleveland, OH



Saturday March 11, 2023

Doors open at 6:00pm
with chili tasting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$12 in advance
from any Dance Group member
or \$15 at the door.
Children under 12 half price.

Includes admission, three chili samples,
accompaniments and desserts
Additional chili samples \$1 each
A cash bar will be available

Take a chance on various raffle items
and enjoy live music by
The Dirty Franks

Please contact us via email at csdg7001@yahoo.com
or reach out to any Dance Group member with questions
or if you would like to enter a chili for judging in the contest.
Cost is \$20 per entry (includes admission ticket for entrant).
Prizes will be awarded for the top entries
based on ballots cast by attendees.

Kirtsch / Curciu



The church in Curciu has remained almost unchanged since its construction in the beginning of the 14th century. The remarkable value of the three-aisle basilica with polygonal chancel lies in its outstanding stone masonry. In the chancel the well preserved mullioned windows with tracery can be admired as well as the typical Gothic windows in the tower. The sculptures ornamenting the portals, tower, windows, buttresses, as well as the capitals, keystones, sedilia and the door of the sacristy date back to around 1427. At the beginning of the 19th century the side aisles were heightened, thus obtaining a cross section of a hall church. At the same time both the main nave and the side aisles were covered with a flat, stuccoed ceiling. The tower's defence level was demolished and replaced in 1913 by the present, with zinc sheet covered spire. Today the ring wall with the gate tower initially used as entrance, as well as a Gothic chapel integrated in this wall still stands as part of the fortified ensemble.

Place and surroundings

A special treasure among the Transylvanian villages is Curciu. This romantic place is situated in the wine-growing region northeast of Mediaş, between hills and forests. The place owes its lush green vegetation to the location between the two rivers Târnava Mare and Târnava Mică and has been nicknamed “Mesopotamia”.

The fortified church of Curciu was built on a hill in the centre of the village. The entrance leads through the gate tower. The chapel inside the fortification has an ossuary, a room in which the bones of the deceased were kept in the past.

The church of Curciu contains many typical for the Mediaş region beautiful architectural sculptures from the 15th Century. The richly decorated western façade shows a bird, a mask and a monster with a human head between the paws.



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Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Juvenile Members

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

Make Valentine’s Day dinner special with homemade red sauce

Transform basic pasta and red sauce into a thoughtful and hearty dish that your sweetie will love.

This classic Italian-American red sauce uses canned tomatoes (whole canned tomatoes provide better flavor than crushed canned tomatoes) and is ready in under an hour. For a spicier sauce, add red pepper flakes to taste. To transform it into a cream sauce, stir about 1-1/2 cups of heavy cream into the sauce at the end of the cooking process. Serve with high-quality pasta, either store-bought or homemade.

- Ingredients:
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 - 1/2 small white onion, diced
 - 4 cloves crushed garlic (add extra for more garlic flavor)
 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes (more to taste)
 - 2 teaspoons dried oregano
 - 2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
 - 1 can tomato paste (6 ounces)
 - 2 (28 ounce) cans whole peeled San Marzano-style tomatoes
 - 1 large sprig fresh basil or 1 tablespoon dried
 - kosher salt
 - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Open tomatoes, but do not drain. If you do not have an immersion blender or prefer not to use one, dump tomatoes and juices into a bowl and use your hands or a potato masher to crush tomatoes, then set aside. If you plan to use an immersion blender, skip this step.

Using a large pot, saute onions in olive oil over



medium-high heat until they soften and become translucent. Add the garlic and continue cooking until the garlic begins to sizzle, then add red pepper flakes and cook for an additional 2 minutes. When garlic turns light brown, add oregano and Italian seasoning and cook for another minute before adding tomato paste. Cook for an additional three minutes or until tomato paste softens and blends with oil. Stir in canned tomatoes and their juices, then bring to a simmer. If tomatoes were not crushed before cooking, use an immersion blender to blend until the sauce is smooth. Add dried or fresh basil and simmer for about 30 minutes to reduce the sauce slightly and allow flavors to blend and deepen. Drop unsalted butter into the sauce and stir until melted and incorporated. Taste the sauce and add salt as needed before serving.

**I have saved money for
my retirement and I am
ready to retire!**

What do I do now?

What are my options?



When you are ready to retire and are thinking about withdrawing money from your ATS annuity account, you have various options available to you. You can “annuitize” your account or you can leave it as it is. When you annuitize your account, that means that you will select a distribution option. You will need to put some thought into this option because once you make your choice, it cannot be changed. The alternative to annuitizing is you leave the account alone, and can withdraw whatever funds you may need sporadically.

One settlement option is a **Life Annuity**. This option offers a monetary payment **for your entire lifetime**. No matter how long you live, you will receive payments. A Life Annuity can be either **Straight Life** (your lifetime) or a **Joint and Survivor Life**. With the Joint and Survivor Life, a spouse is the most common person, but is not required to be. On the death of one of the payees, the survivor payee will receive either the same dollar amount or a percentage of the payment as long as the survivor is living, depending on how you set it up. Typical percentages for the survivor are 50% or 100%. A second settlement option is payment for a **Specified Period or Dollar Amount**. With a Specified Period option, a payment is made for whatever specified period you set up (ex: 5, 10, 20 years, etc.). If you pass away before that time frame is up, your beneficiary receives the remaining payments. A Fixed Dollar option will have payments set at a selected dollar amount until your account is depleted (ex: \$250 or \$500 monthly). If you pass away before the account is depleted, your beneficiary receives the remaining payments. A third settlement option combines both of the above features. A **Life Annuity with Period Certain** option guarantees that you will receive payments for your lifetime. Unlike the Straight Life option above, this option guarantees that the payments will continue to your named beneficiary if you pass away prior to the end of the set time frame (ex: 5, 10, 20 years).

Remember: an annuity is the only investment that can guarantee an income stream that you cannot outlive!

- Most retirement plans have similar options available.
- You should consult your financial planner or tax preparer before annuitizing your account.
- Call the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 for more information.

