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Dr. Fritz Frank, Honorary Federal Chairman of Austria, has died at 99

The honorary federal chairman of the Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Austria, Consultant Dr. Fritz Frank passed away peacefully on February 2nd at the age of 99. The funeral took place on February 10th at St. Barbara Cemetery in Linz. Dr. Frank was born on September 15, 1923 in Klausenburg, and was the bearer of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Austria, the State of Upper Austria and the Republic of Romania.

Federal Chairman Schuller: "We Transylvanian Saxons in Austria are losing a great person, a personality who leaves a big gap!"

**Honorary Federal Chairman
Cons. Dr. Fritz Frank (1923-2023)**



Dr. Fritz Frank (1923-2023)

It is with deep regret that we have to acknowledge that our esteemed honorary federal chairman, Kons. dr Fritz Frank was called home by God on February 2nd at the age of 100. He left us peacefully after a long, treacherous and patiently endured suffering.

We, his compatriots, look back with gratitude because we were allowed to walk with him for a part of his long life. He was our role model, our teacher and mentor, his experiences, his life wisdom, we could draw from the full, no one was more influential and responsible than him. A piece of history is lost with Fritz, as a contemporary witness he was busy all his life pass-

ing on the Transylvanian cultural values.

His work for the Transylvanian Saxons would fill pages, he not only worked for us in Austria, but also beyond all borders. His cultural far-sightedness was valued, as was shown in his many projects, fruitful and successful. We remember Fritz with great respect and esteem. But now it is we who have to carry on his legacy; in all the decades of his work he has sown, harvested and passed on the seeds.

Our condolences to his family and we wish him rest in peace.

Federal Chairman Cons. Manfred Schuller, Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Austria

**Federal Chairman Lehni
comments on the passing of
Dr. Fritz Frank:**

With Dr. Fritz Frank, the Transylvanian Saxon community loses one of its most prominent representatives. His decades of commitment to our compatriots in Austria will never be forgotten. As federal chairman and later honorary chairman of the Federal Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Austria, he was a long-standing and valued contact for our association in Germany. The cross-border cohesion of our community within the framework of the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons was always a major concern for him. We will always remember his numerous visits to the home days in Dinkelsbühl with his inimitable, charming manner. The entire Transylvanian Saxon community has lost a valuable person and friend in Dr. Fritz Frank's passing. I extend my deepest condolences to the grieving family. Dear Fritz, may you rest in peace.

Rainer Lehni, Federal Chairman, Transylvanian Saxons in Germany

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Congratulations to the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group on their 50th Anniversary. Their celebration on January 28th was a beautiful evening. Approximately 200 people enjoyed a great dinner along with dancing. The dancing started out with the Aufmarsch, with close to half of the audience participating. The Dance Group, both children and adults, danced splendidly, as usual. The group should be proud of their accomplishments over the last 50 years. The ATS is very proud of this cultural group and we thank them for all of their activities and performances over the last 50 years and hope for another 50 years! Again, congratulations!

Transylvanian Saxons around the world mourned the loss of two wonderful men recently. Dr. Fritz Frank from Austria passed away on February 2nd. Dr. Frank would have turned 100 later this year. Rainer Lehni of the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons stated that Dr. Frank's decades of commitment to the Saxons in Austria will never be forgotten. Manfred Schuller, Chairman of the Transylvanian Saxons in Austria, stated that a piece of history is lost with his passing as Dr. Frank was always passing along the Transylvanian Saxon cultural values. On the same day, Michael Paulini from Canada passed away. He was 97 years old. Many of you will remember his late wife, Mrs. Käthe Paulini, who was the Chairperson of the Transylvanian Saxons in Canada for many years. The two traveled to the U.S. many times to help us celebrate our Heimattag and other ATS events. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families at this sorrowful occasion.

In this issue, you will see some pictures from what I am calling "A Tale of Two Scholarships". Two ATS members, one from Youngstown and one from Columbus, received a scholarship in the same year. They both attended the same university and, as they were both pursuing the same degree, met each other while being students. Fast forward a few years, and they are now married. Congratulations to Caroline, Branch 10 – Columbus and Justin, Branch 30 – Youngstown on your marriage!

Did you know that there is more than one St. Valentine? St. Valentine's Day was named after its patron Saint, St. Valentine. However, there is some confusion about which St. Valentine the holiday actually honors. The most recognized St. Valentine was a priest in Rome who helped people get married. This was against the law at the time, because Roman Emperor Claudius II (also known as Claudius the Cruel) was trying to build up his army and felt that single men made better soldiers. After realizing the injustice of the decree, the priest continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. Legend has it that while in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter who was his friend, and signed it "From your Valentine."

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

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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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



ATS Bowling Next Session
Youngstown
March 5, 2023
11:00 am.
Boardman Lanes
7524 Market St.
Boardman, Ohio 44512
(330) 755-1444



Dinner following @ Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
(330) 758-5781
BYOB

Any meal cancellations
please call Tom Simon
no later than February 28, 2023
(330) 720-7988

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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This St. Valentine, from Rome, was executed on February 14 around the year 270 A.D. for his disobedience. The priest was named a saint after his death. Some say another saint named Valentine during the same time-period was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, Italy). This Bishop was also credited with secret weddings and martyrdom after he was beheaded on February 14. A third St. Valentine was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa. Anyone hoping for a nice, tidy, romantic backstory to the holiday is doomed. Scholars who have studied the origins say that there is very little basis for these early accounts, which are typical martyrdom stories, stressing the saints’ miracles and gruesome deaths. There is not one word of romance in those stories!

St. Valentine’s Day only became associated with love and romance in the late Middle Ages, thanks to English poet Geoffrey Chaucer. In the 1370s or 1380s, Chaucer wrote a poem called “Parliament of Fowls” that contained the line “For this was on Saint Valentine’s Day, when every bird comes there to choose his mate”. By the 1400s, nobles inspired by Chaucer had begun writing poems known as “valentines” to their love interests. It was at this point that stories began to appear linking St. Valentine to romance. Here’s hoping everyone had a wonderful St. Valentine’s Day!

Until next time....

Getting a Better Grade

A high school student received his theme paper back and was dismayed to see that he was given a B minus. He was hoping to bring up his grade when he decided to try to bribe his English teacher with a box of chocolates. Printed on the box was the inscription, “BE MINE!” The following day, he received a valentine in an envelope from his English teacher. Opening it, he read, “Thank you for the chocolates, but it’s still BE MINE-US!”

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POSTAL MAIL:
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5323 Pearl Rd
Cleveland OH 44129

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 22, 2023	FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023	FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023	FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 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
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\$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
\$1,000	Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
\$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 Marie Stirner
\$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 Zamarly
(330) 509-9625
by February 20, 2023
to reserve a spot or with questions.**

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- 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



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

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

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING
HICKORY HOUSE
550 Officenter 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 timeATS 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.
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 interested 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 ColumbusBranch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your

Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

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

After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

CHURCHES



St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
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stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle



CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP

By Christine Roppelt

Hello everyone! Well, our 50th Anniversary event is over and what a great event it was! I would personally like to express my appreciation to all the current dance group members and their family members who were part of the planning, setting up, cooking, fixing of the hall, etc., that needed to happen to make that night so special. We even had a former dancer, George Ovar, come out of retirement to help in the kitchen. It truly was a fantastic group effort and we could not have done it without each and every one of you so thank you again. As for the guests that night, thank you all for attending and supporting our group. I have heard nothing but great feedback from those who were there. Everyone was so happy to have come and reconnect with those they hadn't seen in a long while. That is what we had hoped for! Perhaps we should do more informal reunions more often. If you are willing to help plan such events, please let

me know!

Special thanks also to groups that came to support us: the DMV, Schuhplattler and Trachtenverein Bavaria and Youngstown Saxon Culture Group all had a number of members in attendance. YSB, the national ATS, ATS Branch 1 and State Representative Mike Skindel all gave us wonderful tokens and awards for our special anniversary. Erika and John Botsch had also sent a beautiful letter of congratulations that was read at the event. All these things made the event even more special and will be cherished for a long time to come.

If you enjoyed the event, why not consider joining us for our Annual Chili cookoff March 11 or Trachtenball on May 13? Look for ads for these events in upcoming Volksblatt editions or contact me at tantechrissy68@gmail.com for more information.

In Saxon love,

Christine Roppelt
CSDG president

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

Branch 27 ladies will meet Wednesday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m. at The Grill on the Hill for dinner on our own and our regular monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the changes suggested on the survey. It's not too late to fill in your suggestions and mail the survey to President Judy Both in the enclosed envelope. We welcome your feedback.

Call Judy Both at 724 654-0573 or email at both1512@comcast.com to let her know you are coming to the meeting by Friday, February 24.

A Tale of Two Scholarships

This is one of Justin and I's favorite coincidences to look back on! Our senior year of high school (2014), we both received an ATS scholarship and had our bio and photo in the Volksblatt.

Our Freshman year in college, we met at Toledo (since we were both studying pharmacy) and were acquaintances until one day we found ourselves walking together on campus talking about the scholarships we had received. Justin mentioned that he received a scholarship from the ATS, a Saxon/German group, and much to his surprise I knew exactly what the ATS

was and had received a scholarship too!

Justin being from the Youngstown branch and myself being from the Columbus branch, a friendship blossomed. While we were friends, we enjoyed the ATS Heimattag hosted by the Youngstown Saxon Club together (2016). We started dating our third year in college (2016), and then we were married on November 15, 2022. We have enjoyed many Saxon events since - Columbus branch Christmas parties, Youngstown Bingo nights, festivals, etc. and plan to attend many more!

Caroline & Justin Fotiuk



Caroline and Justin Fotiuk



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.

Edward D. Sharlow

Age 77

Died: November 20, 2022
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Richard J. Schuffert

Age 95

Died: January 8, 2023
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Barbara L. Branch

Age 68

Died: January 10, 2023
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH

Michael Teutsch, Sr.

Age 86

Died: January 24, 2023
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

William C. Haire

Age 87

Died: January 27, 2023
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Elva H. Keefer

Age 92

Died: January 30, 2023
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

On January 8, 2023 Saxon Lodge Branch 26 held its first meeting of the new year. President Jeff Szostek called the meeting to order. We recited the Pledge to the Flag.

Jeff informed us that Richard Schuffert had passed away. A moment of silence was held for our departed brother.

Roll Call of Officers: Dan Schuffert was excused.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Letters of thanks from the Cancer Society and The Angel Tree were read.

All reports were given and accepted. The raffle was won by me (Helen Brooks). Thank you!

My birthday was January 7th – it was my 96th birthday. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to me.

We then enjoyed pizza, and for dessert, my holiday Yule log was served. Robin will make dessert for the February meeting.

Til we meet again.

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Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's



Spring Sausage Sale

We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage.

All flavors come in 3 lb and 5 lb links

or 5 lb bulk packages (each with a little overage).

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Pickup is from 9:00 to 2:00 in the pavilion.

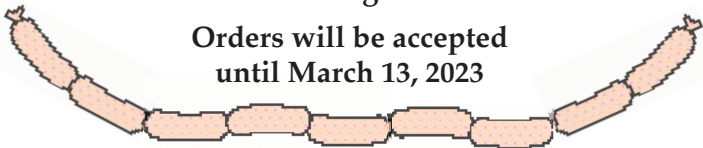
The price is \$4.25 per pound

You can call in orders to
Walter Benesch 330-398-5449
Michael Bachinger 330-540-5168
Robert Bachinger 330-980-0911

If we do not answer please leave us your name, phone number, and order. We will call you back to verify.

You can also email your orders to bman1017@gmail.com

Orders will be accepted until March 13, 2023



BRANCHES 14 AND 17,
CANTON
By Cheryl Schnebelen

Hi All!!! I was informed that February 12, is the Super Bowl. Since I pay no attention to football, I was totally unaware of a conflict with our meeting. Sooo, the date for the meeting has been changed. Our next luncheon meeting will be on Sunday, March 12, at 1:00, at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza between Big Lots and the barber shop. Same place, just a month later. See you there!

There are two reasons
for doing anything—
a good reason and
the real reason.



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

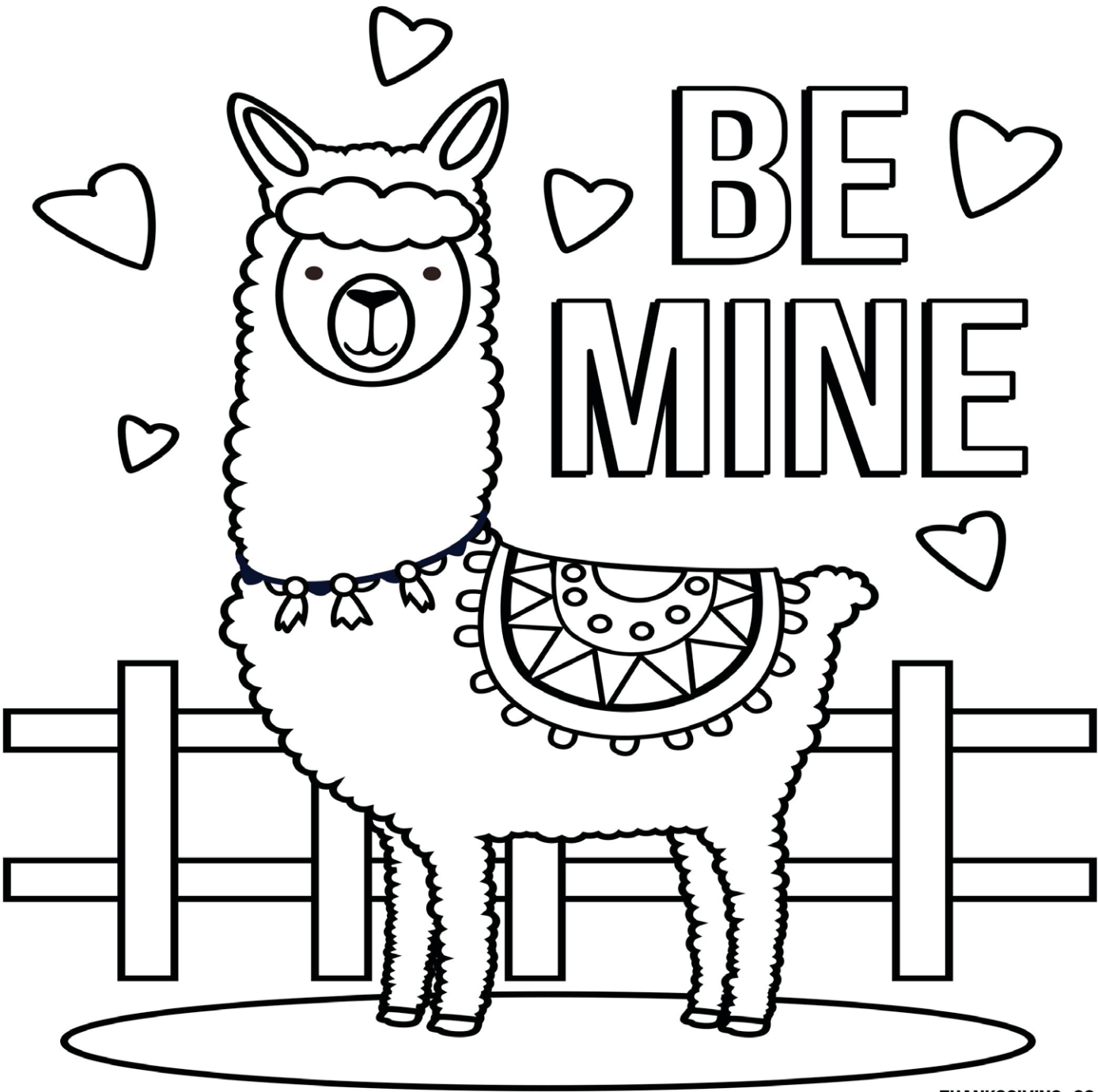


A New Reason
for the Shingles
Vaccine

Getting the shingles vaccine is more important than ever. A new study shows that seniors who develop shingles, a painful rash caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox, are at greater short-term risk for having a stroke or heart attack. More than 67,000 newly diagnosed shingles patients were tracked. The analysis revealed that the risk of stroke more than doubled in the first week following a shingles diagnosis. The risk of heart attack also increased, but not by quite as much.

A vaccine for shingles, Zostavax, was released in 2006. This vaccine can cut the risk of shingles in half and can reduce the severity of symptoms when shingles does strike. This new research helps in the treatment of patients with shingles and helps doctors monitor their patients more closely for complications from an outbreak.

While having the vaccine cannot always prevent an incidence of shingles, it can reduce the likelihood of experiencing this painful condition and helps in the treatment. That makes the vaccine a valuable ally in the prevention of heart attack and stroke in older patients.



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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Congratulations to the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group on their 50th Anniversary Celebration! We commend them on their hard work to present a colorful evening of our Saxon heritage. It was a memorable evening of Gemuetlichkeit enjoyed by family and friends. Thank you for your dedication in promoting our Saxon heritage and for supporting your Saxon home.

Fat Tuesday will be on February 21 and the Sachsenheim will have Bockfest 2023 and the Mardi Gras Buffet from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The one time pass buffet is \$13.95. Grumpy's famous Mardi Gras menu will include his famous Gumbo, Jambalaya, Rice and Beans, Cajun smothered chicken, Kings Bread and more! That evening there will be a Bockfest commemorating the beer that is traditionally brewed during the winter and is primarily consumed between March and May throughout Germany. Fat Tuesday at the Sachsenheim is a great pre-Lenten event.

The month of February brings our annual fundraiser, the Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner that will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m. The Committee has been working hard to provide a fun afternoon while raising funds to help with expenses at the Sachsenheim. We thank those that have made donations for this event and look forward to seeing our members and friends that day. Prepaid reservations are a must and the deadline is February 18. If you have an item to donate you can drop it off at the Sachsenheim or bring it to our February meeting.

The month of March certainly will be a busy month. First is the Sausage Sale on Saturday, March 4th. Sausage with or without garlic will be sold in 3 and 5 pound packages. Advance orders are a must. You can place your orders by calling Rob Hanek at 440-356-5582 or rhanek8@yahoo.com; our manager Grumpy at 216-577-7727 or Gus Botsch at 216-221-2556 or abotsch@hotmail.com. **Deadline for orders is March 1. Pick up of orders will be after 2:00 pm.** Please adhere to the pickup time. The workers need time to prepare the sausage and package the orders.

Then the following weekend on Saturday, March 11

the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will hold its Annual Chili Cook Off at 6:00 p.m. Chili tasting will start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance from any Dance Group member are \$12 or \$15 at the door. This price includes admission, three chili samples, accompaniments and dessert. Additional samples \$1 each. There will be raffle items and music provided by The Dirty Franks, Why not enter your famous chili and challenge the other delicious entries. If you want to enter a chili just email at csdg7001@yahoo.com for details. Let's support the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group while enjoying a great evening of Gemuetlichkeit.

The next day on Sunday, March 12 our children are invited to participate in a "Bowl Where You Are" party at Rebmans Lanes in Lorain Ohio. Our junior members have received invitation along with entry form for the ATS tournament. The party starts at 2:00 p.m. Each bowler will receive pizza and pop. Call Monica Gilles at 440-309-7894 to make your reservations. You reservations must be made before March 5. There is no charge for this outing.

The Cleveland West Bowlers will host the TSBA Tournament the weekend of March 25 – 26, 2023 at the Rollhouse Lanes on Brookpark Road. The TSBA bowlers will have their Doubles and Singles events on Saturday and then Team on Sunday followed by the awards banquet at the Sachsenheim.

Then we will end March with the 250 Club Banquet that will be held on Friday March 31 at 7:00 p.m. Members will receive an invitation for the evening banquet. We will be starting a 2023-24 Club in April and we hope that you will invite your family and friend to join this fundraiser for the Sachsenheim. More details at a later date.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you then.

Happy 100th Birthday to Evelyn Keefer!

Hi everyone. I want to share a few photos taken at Evelyn Keefer's 100th Birthday Party. As you can see a few of us Branch 33 members did make it to the lovely party that her son Bill and family organized. Evelyn is doing great and sends greetings to all ATS members!

Arline Krestel-Suts, Branch 33 Cleveland East



YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Ro Dundon

Hi to everyone. I hope you all made it through New Year's Eve (at least stayed awake till midnight) into New Year's Day safely and healthy.

I Talked to our President, Diana Kommel (for as usual, a long conversation). She informed me all plans are go for our first meeting in 2023.

So—this is a reminder we will meet at Eat and Park in Austintown at Noon on March 9th. Mark your calendars. Diana will call if plans change, give you the new location and or time.

Hope you all had a delightful Valentines Day.

Till we meet again—As usual it's. RO

Stay safe, warm and healthy

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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.

Congratulations to the Cleveland
Saxon Dance Group on their
50th Anniversary celebration!



January 28, 2023
Cleveland Sachsenheim

