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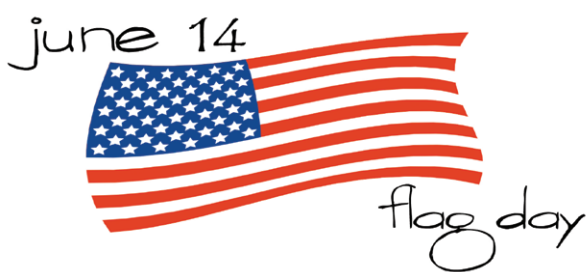
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## ATS Branch Presidents' Meeting



Above: Group photo  
Left: Michael Teutsch and Monica Gilles, Sales Award recipients  
Below: New Branch President pin to Judy Both



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford  
ATS Nat'l President



On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the ATS Board of Directors met in Salem, Ohio. Topics discussed included the planned ATS activities and events for this summer as well as reviewing our first quarter financial statements. Our net income for the first three months of the year was \$288,391. During the week leading up to the meeting, the Investment Committee met with our Investment Counselor, as we do prior to every Board Meeting. Our advisor evaluates our portfolio and monitors the ratings of our bonds and stocks on a continuous basis. He reassured the Committee that the ATS investment portfolio is well positioned and he does not foresee any issues with our investments. With the recent troubles in the market place, I want to reassure our members that their investment in the ATS is safe and secure.

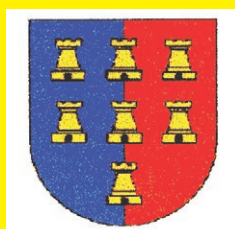
Following the Board of Directors meeting, the ATS Branch Presidents met. The 2022 year-end financials and investments were discussed. Reports were also given on Cultural and Youth events. Scholarship awards were announced, with the Presidents of the recipients' branch receiving a certificate to forward to the winning students. The ATS Subsidy Grants were presented to the Cultural Groups and the Branch Sharing checks were distributed. Judy Both from New Castle, Br. 27 received her Branch President pin. Sales deputies Michael Teutsch and Monica Gilles received awards for their Insurance and Annuity sales efforts. Congratulations to all.

On Tuesday following those meetings, I had the privilege to go to Germany for the Heimattag celebration in Dinkelsbühl. I will write about my trip and provide some pictures in the next issue of the paper.

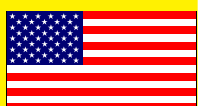
Please remember to make reservations for our North American Heimattag to be held in New Castle, PA on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. All meals at the Heimattag are on a pre-paid reservation basis. We are looking forward to the band and dance group from Traun, Austria performing as well as our own cultural groups and dance groups from Canada. If you cannot attend the Heimattag, plan to attend one of the three other performances of the Traun band. The band is part of the Cultural Exchange program that the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons sponsors. The Federation consists of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany, Austria, Transylvania, Canada, and the United States.

Between now and the next issue is Father's Day, on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make the time to reach out to your Father if he is still in your life and let him know how much he means to you. If your Father has passed

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**Countdown to our**  
**North American Saxon Heimattag**  
**New Castle PA July 7-8, 2023**  
**28 days left!**  
**See Page 4 for Reservation**  
**and Hotel Information**





Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

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Youngstown ATS Branch 30



With Honored Guests  
the Traun Austria Cultural Group

In the Pavilion

Sunday, July 9, 2023

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Food from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saxon Sausage Sandwich with or without Kraut  
Shredded Beef Sandwich with Peppers, Onions, and Cheese  
Pasta Salad or Pasta with Tomato Sauce  
Dessert

Prepaid Reservations \$15.00 Tickets at the Door \$20.00  
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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on, remember the good times that you had with him. Happy Father's Day!

Did you know that the nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington? However, two years earlier, on July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event strictly in honor of fathers. A Sunday sermon in memory of 362 men who died the previous December in an explosion at the Fairmont Coal Company mines occurred. This event, however, was a one-time commemoration and was not an annual holiday. The following year, a Spokane, WA woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, tried to establish an official equivalent of Mother's Day for male parents. She was one of six children raised by a widower. She drummed up support from local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials. The first statewide Father's Day was in 1910. The holiday started to spread slowly across the nation. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, DC. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. During the 1920s and 1930s, there was a movement to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day and create a "Parent's Day". The rationale behind this movement was that both parents should be loved and respected together. This effort was derailed during the Great Depression. During World War II, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor the American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, the day still was not a federal holiday, but it was a national institution. In 1972, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday. This was 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official.

Until next time.....

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DEADLINE	ISSUE
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023	FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023	FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

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**BRANCH 5, LORAIN**  
By Michael Johnson

We began our meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of the passing of one of our members of Branch 5. We wish to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Brother George S. Drop who passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2023. He was the son of the late Steven and Agnes (nee Binder) Drop.

President Monica Gilles will be attending the Transylvanian Saxon Bowling Convention on June 10. The TSBA league play will again resume in the fall and Branch 5 is always looking for new people for the team. Meeting others and having a good time in the spirit of competition with other branches is the goal of the TSBA. If you think you'd like to be a part of this year's group, contact Monica at 440-309-7894 or by email at [gillemo76@hotmail.com](mailto:gillemo76@hotmail.com)

Sister Arlene Gilles is now off the sick list and doing well. Sister Betty Ralph is now home from her rehab at Anchor Lodge, but still remains on the sick list. We're hoping for better days ahead for her.

Despite the small turnout for our May meeting, we collected a good amount of non-perishable foods for the American Fraternal Alliances Fraternal Food Drive. That which was collected will be given to The First Lutheran Front Door Ministries here in Lorain and the Greater

Cleveland Food Bank will receive a financial gift from Branch 5.

We have a new junior member, Violet E. Piller who's 1 ½ years old and the daughter of Sister Juliana and Brother Nicholas Piller, granddaughter of myself and great granddaughter of sister Elaine Johnson. Contact our branch sales deputy Monica Gilles at (440) 309-7894 if you know of a family member that you would like to be a part of the Transylvanian Saxons Branch 5 through the purchase of a fraternal life or annuity product through the ATS.

We wish to say Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday this month of June; sisters Arleen Gilles, Lesley Hochevar, brother Paul Kirschner, and our most senior member sister Shirley Mitoff who will turn 93 on June 13! Also, a happy birthday to Junior member Kayla Ali.

I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend to make summer now official. Enjoy whatever plans you may have for this season of all things under the sun. There are certainly many activities offered in your Volksblatt. Remember to join us for our next monthly meeting held at the American Slovak Club on Monday June 19th, 2023 starting promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Buenos días!  
Bonjour!  
Guten Morgen

**Bilingualism  
may ward off  
dementia**

A recent study published in the journal Neurobiology of Aging found that older adults who reported speaking at least two languages every day scored higher on cognitive tests than patients who only spoke one language. According to the New York Times, the study is the latest in a growing body of research that explores how bilingualism can stimulate the aging brain.



**Brass Band  
and Dance Group  
from Traun, Austria**

**Dinner and Concert**

**Monday, July 10, 2023  
6:00 p.m**

**Cleveland Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Ave**

**Rouladen Dinner  
with Spätzle and Red Cabbage**

**\$25.00 for Dinner and Concert**

**Prepaid reservations to:  
August Botsch  
12606 Arliss Dr  
Lakewood OH 44107**

**Please make check payable to  
ATS Br. 1**

**Deadline for reservations July 1**



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



**2023  
GOLF OUTING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joe Kraus  
Memorial Golf Scramble**

**8:00 am|Sylvan Heights Golf Course  
4 Man Scramble|7:15 Check-in  
\$300 Per Team/\$75 Per Person**

**All Proceeds Benefit: Eintracht Singing Society**

Enjoy 18 holes of golf (including cart),  
Breakfast, Hot Dogs, 50/50, Catered Dinner,  
Cold Drinks, Skins/Mulligans, Prizes, ETC.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Sylvan Heights Golf Course - 2661 Ellwood Rd - New Castle, Pa 16101 - Phone: 724-658-8021**

**CONTESTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cash Prizes
- Longest Drive Contests
- Closest to the pin challenges
- Longest putt Challenges

**PAYMENT:**

Checks Payable to: Eintracht Singing Society OR  
Forms and Checks can be Mailed to:  
Rose Montini 1324 Chapin Rd, New Castle Pa 16105

Venmo: @rose1165



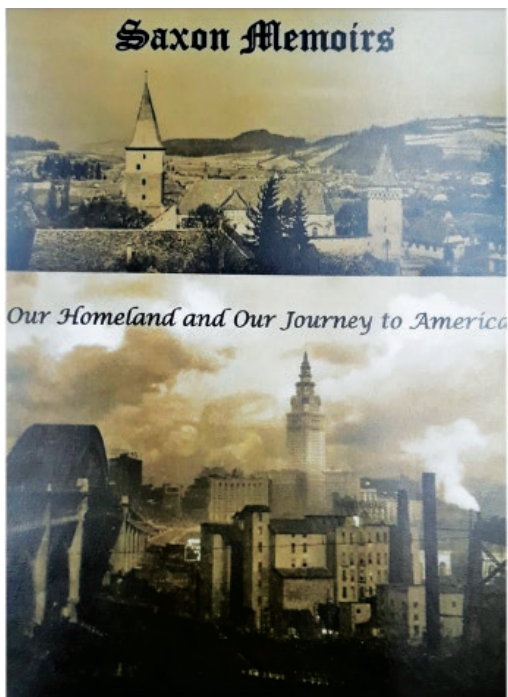
Please Register by June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**All Questions: Contact Nick Montini at 724-674-9339 or Hans Kraus at 724-651-0806**

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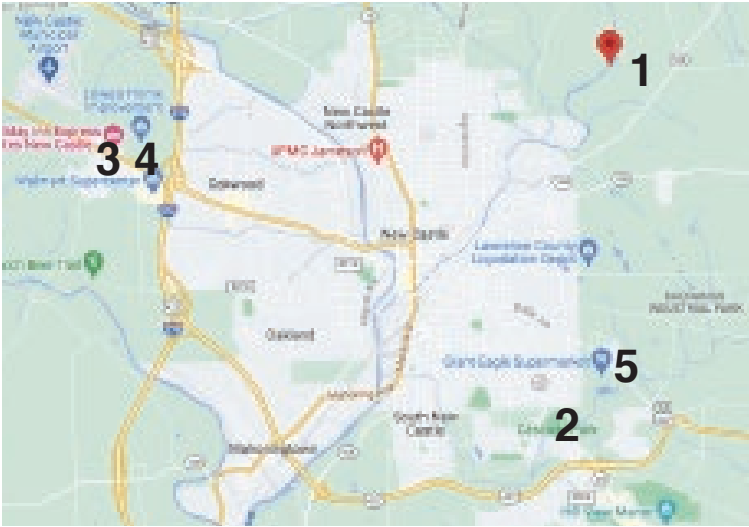
FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- 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

- June 28, 2023  
Cleveland Sachsenheim  
Summer Patio Pilsner Party
- July 9, 2023  
Youngstown Br. 30  
Saxon Day Picnic  
with Traun Austria Cultural Group
- July 10, 2023  
Cleveland West - Traun Austria Cultural Group  
Dinner and Concert
- July 12, 2023  
Salem - Traun Austria Cultural Group  
Dinner and Concert
- July 13, 2023  
Detroit - Traun Austria Cultural Group  
Dinner and Concert
- July 14, 2023  
Salem Saxon Club Scholarship Joint Social
- July 23, 2023  
Chicago Br. 9 Annual Picnic, Morton Grove IL
- August 20, 2023  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Picnic, Penitentiary Glen
- August 26, 2023  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Summer Oktoberfest
- September 17, 2023  
Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree Manor
- 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



- 1. Eintracht Picnic Grounds
- 2. Cascade Park
- 3. Holiday Inn Express
- 4. Hampton Inn & Suites
- 5. Quality Inn New Castle

ARE YOU PROUD TO  
BE A SAXON?



2023 SAXON HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM  
July 7 – 8, 2023  
New Castle, Pennsylvania  
Host: ATS Branch 25 - Eintracht Singing Society



	Ticket Price	Number Tickets	Total
FRIDAY EVENING (Food served 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)			
Eintracht Picnic Grounds			
586 McKee Crossing Rd.	Adults \$20	x _____	\$ _____
New Castle, PA 16101	Free for Children		
Barbecue, Food, Music and Fun!	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
SATURDAY LUNCH (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)			
Cascade Park			
1928 E. Washington St.	Adults \$20	x _____	\$ _____
New Castle, PA 16101	Vegetarian \$20	x _____	\$ _____
Ham/Turkey Sandwich & Salad Buffet	Free for Children		
Vegetarian option: Grilled Veggie Wrap	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
Church Service, Lunch, Cultural performances all afternoon			
SATURDAY DINNER (6:00 p.m.)			
Cascade Park			
Schnitzel & Bratwurst Buffet Dinner	Adults \$40	x _____	\$ _____
Vegetarian option: Eggplant with Ricotta	Vegetarian \$40	x _____	\$ _____
Cultural performances &	Free for Children		
Dancing to Trachtenkapelle Traun	Ages 12 & Under	x _____	
GRAND TOTAL			\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid Reservations Only

Deadline for Reservations: June 20, 2023

All tickets will be held at the door

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Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 minimum)  
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Heimattag Hotels

<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 2732 W. State Street New Castle, PA 16101 (724) 714-0000 or IHG Callcenter at (877) 424-2449 Group Block: Eintracht Group Deadline for discounted rate is June 6 2 Queen Beds - \$135 + tax per night 1 King Bed - \$130 + tax per night Smoke Free Hotel Breakfast included Indoor Pool	<b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</b> 2608 W. State Street New Castle, PA 16101 (724) 656-0000 Group Block: Eintracht Group Deadline for discounted rate is June 6 2 Queen Beds - \$135 + tax per night King Bed - \$130 + tax per night Smoke Free Hotel Breakfast included Indoor Pool	<b>Quality Inn New Castle</b> 1740 New Butler Road New Castle, PA 16101 (724) 658-7700 Group Block: Eintracht Group Deadline for discounted rate is June 6 2 Queen Beds - \$104.49 + tax per night 1 King Bed - \$104.49 + tax per night Smoke Free Hotel Breakfast included
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**10:00 Service**  
**Nursery**  
**Coffee following service**  
**Senior Circle**

**BRANCH 1,  
CLEVELAND**  
By Robert Hanek

Thanks to all our members that attended our last meeting. We had a long list of topics to discuss and many good ideas were put forward. The next meeting will be held June 19th before we break for the summer.

If you are interested in buying an annuity with the ATS and becoming a Branch 1 member, contact myself or Gus Botsch and we'll point you in the right direction.

Heimattag will be held after a 3 year break, in New Castle PA this coming July. Please plan to attend if you are able and support our cultural traditions. Over the last few years everyone has been forced to keep apart. Now we are finally able to come together and see our brethren from across the sea and the lake. Let's keep this tradition alive.

The band and dance group from Traun, Austria will be performing on Monday, July 10 at the Sachsenheim. It will be a fun filled evening for everyone. Tickets for the Rouladen meal and concert are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance. The deadline is July 1st. Checks can be made out to ATS Branch 1 and mailed to: August Botsch, Treasurer ATS Branch 1, 12606 Arliss Drive Lakewood Ohio 44107.

As the kids are now getting out of school and the nights grow longer, try to make time without technology and A/C and get outside. Look at the stars and tell them about your family's traditions. Here's to a safe and happy summer!



**Fathers Day,  
June 21**  
**Thanks, Dad,  
we know how  
important you are**

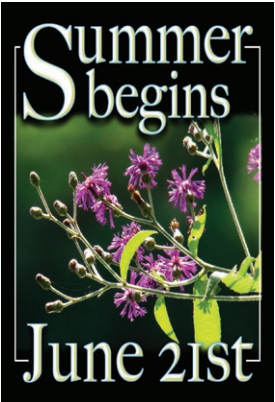
There's more to being a dad than earning a living. According to researchers, meaningful time with dad is crucial for child development. Researchers now know that interactions with your infant or toddler influence how your kids will relate to other people later in their lives and how they will view the world at large.

A study at the University of Regensburg in Munich, Germany, found that children whose fathers played with them in a sensitive, supportive and challenging way at age two tended to form closer and more trusting relationships with others at ages 10 and 16.

By age 16, fathers' play proved even more powerful and predictive than the mother-child bond. The researchers found that dads' play made a pivotal and unique contribution to kids' growth.

Telling stories of family history and how your parents and grandparents overcame adversity has an influence on how kids handle difficult times. An Emory University study showed that among children aged 14 to 16, the ability to retell parents' stories is linked with a lower rate of depression and anxiety.

Your stories, told with eye contact about how you and others overcame problems, can help your children view the world with optimism.



**BRANCH 30,  
YOUNGSTOWN**  
By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming 2023 events at the Saxon Club, Youngstown:  
June 25 - 30: Saxon Summer Camp for our youth  
July 7-8 : Heimattag in New Castle

July 9: Saxon Day Picnic with the Austrian guest musicians

August 13: General meeting at 2:00 p.m. (no general meetings until August 13)

Any Saturday Morning: Take a Saturday to help maintain the club

Our Flea Markets have started on June 6; every Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost \$10.00

Our restaurant and bar are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for Bocce players. The restaurant will be serving its Dog Days of Summer menu hotdogs and Bratwurst.

**BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE**  
By Lesley Reed



**Alliance Branch 8's Food Pantry donations**

Our latest formal meeting was held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This month we tried pizza from a different pizza place and it seemed to please everyone! Thanks go out to the Esterlys for taking care of ordering and pick up, as well as providing the various dessert items. We had eight members present with five excused.

Last month, the Alliance Men's and Ladies' lodge members met for dinner at Chives restaurant. That night our presidents let us know of the upcoming ATS food drive so we ended up with a nice collection of canned and boxed foods donated by our members. It was decided we would donate everything to the Paris Israel Church, which organizes a food pantry in our area. We also had a suggestion to make a monetary donation to the Alliance YWCA which was discussed and the motion carried.

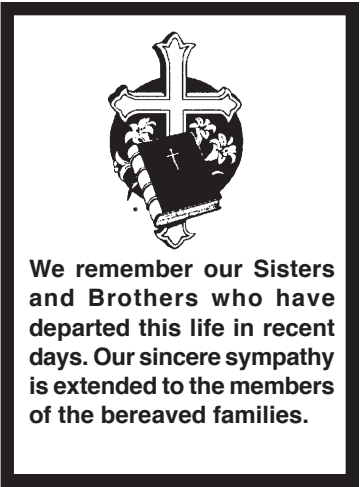
Ladies having May birthdays are Barb Esterly and Helen Aeling. Hope you both

We welcome new members Stephanie Frank and Emery John Martini and correction of the spelling of Anthony Mehle. Thanks, Anthony!

A highly qualified language teacher has volunteered to start German language classes meeting at our Saxon Club. If you are interested sign up behind the bar or contact Rosemary Zamary, 2158 Cranbrook Dr., Youngstown, OH 44511, phone number (330) 792-0388. Other Saxon Clubs in other cities are also welcome to join. If you are interested at any age to learn or improve your German language (not Saxon dialects) come and join the class!

Students who want to earn two hours of service credit, both at the high school or YSU level, are invited to apply at our Youngstown Saxon Club office. Working at our club helps both ways.

May you have a beautiful spring!



**Joyce Markota Vitikas**  
Age 88  
Died: April 1, 2023  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

**Marglee G. Naymick**  
Age 92  
Died: May 18, 2023  
Home Branch

**Carole E. Scott**  
Age 75  
Died: May 22, 2023  
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH

**William G. Davis**  
Age 76  
Died: May 26, 2023

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

Our Next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. We invite our local members of Branches 1 and 4 to join for a BBQ that evening at 6:00 p.m. Our meetings will be held following the BBQ.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023 the Sachsenheim will host a Summer Patio Pilsner Party at 7 p.m. The Gemütlichkeit Clevelander Band will perform and there will be food and drinks to enjoy that evening on the Sachsenheim's patio.

We hope you will help us welcome a band and dance group from Traun, Austria on Monday, July 10, 2023. The group will be participating in the Saxon Heimattag that will be held in New Castle July 7 – July 8. We will have a dinner and concert at the Sachsenheim on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The dinner will be Rouladen, Spätzle and red cabbage. Admission for dinner and concert is \$25 and prepaid reservations will be taken by August Botsch. Make checks payable to ATS Branch1 and mail to August Botsch, 12606 Arliss Drive, Lakewood OH 44107. Deadline for reservations is July 1, 2023.



BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS  
By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

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550 Officenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
June 19, 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.

DONATIONS

One of the first things Mike Roth did when he became president years ago was to go back to his days of being a food pantry manager. He asked people to bring food donations so that we could help people that can use our help. The members, so graciously, bring food items, household products and beauty supplies. Additionally, it is mentioned at our Christmas party and we have received substantial cash donations to assist the food

pantries. We are proud to do this every month. You will see some of the contributions and our board members; President Mike Roth, Vice-President Olga Hesch, Treasurer Sara Alzner-Brown and Secretary Christine Oehlman, in the picture.

HEIMATTAG

We are looking forward to Heimattag-July 7-8, Host: New Castle Branch

PRAYERS

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

CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing Sara Alzner-Brown (June 22) a very happy birthday. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Please join me in wishing Sara

Alzner-Brown & Steve (June 23) and Elizabeth & George Lassel (June 25) very happy anniversaries. Alles Gute zum Hochzeitstag.

HUMOR

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud

that his daughter was so observant of his message. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

His innocent and honest daughter says, "How come He doesn't answer it?"

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 Columbus Branch 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 (donaldcblum@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.

HISTORY/HERITAGE

We are going to look at some of the lives of ATS members and where their stories began in Transylvania over the next several Volksblatt issues. The fun thing about this is I am learning a lot about Transylvania through the individuals' stories and just telling you. I will give credit to the people and their stories, as they have either already written the stories or are just telling me their stories. I am excited to tell you of their travels in life from their beginnings in Transylvania.

We will continue the members' stories in the June 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Volksblatt.



Largest vinyl collection

Jose Roberto "Zero" Alves Freitas has what is believed to be the largest collection of vinyl records, clocking in at eight million. He had 3,000 records when he was in high school. At age 68, he is quoted as saying he has gone to therapy for 40 years to try to figure out why he collects.



Branch 10 Food Pantry donations



ATS Family Day  
at  
Waldameer and  
Water World

3100 West Lake Road  
Erie, Pa.

Saturday, July 22, 2023

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

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

Free Parking

Free Admission to Picnic  
Facility and Amusement Park

Bring Your Own Picnic Basket  
Grill available by Pavilion

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

ATS Member \$16.00

Non-Member \$33.00

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

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

TICKET ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS @ \$16.00.....\$

Name and Certificate Number of Members:

Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cert No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Members @ \$33.00.....\$

Number attending that will not purchase combo pass

Amount Remitted.....\$

Mail tickets to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to ATS

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your Ticket Order to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129  
Deadline for Ticket Orders is July 7, 2023.





## Choruses

### CLEVELAND, SECTION 1 EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR

Rehearsal:  
Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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## Cultural Groups

### CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP

Rehearsal: Fridays  
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Meets: 2nd Sunday of Month  
Youngstown Saxon Club

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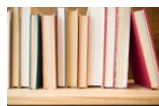
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Are your  
children,  
grandchildren,  
nieces and nephews  
members of the ATS?  
Let them benefit from  
our fraternal program  
and be a part of  
our history!



## BOOKS

The Saxon Cook Book - Third Edition  
Over 400 Saxon/American Recipes \$12.00 per copy (postpaid)

Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy by Barbara Ohler Weber  
A true story of the author's experiences during World War II  
and her immigration to America in the 1950's.  
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family's hardships when they had to flee from their home in  
1944 and start a new life in Austria.  
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Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries, author Rev. John Foisel  
A paperback which provides a romantic account of the customs  
and phases of intellectual development of the Transylvanian  
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story of our people based upon seventeen centuries of history.  
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Why Can't Somebody Just Die Around Here?, author Gerhard  
Maroscher. Tells the story of how his family was impacted by  
World War II. His mother fled Transylvania with two young  
sons and his father reluctantly served in three Axis armies  
and was a prisoner of war by the Russians. Family immi-  
grated to the USA to live the American dream.  
\$24.95 per copy (postpaid)

All books unless noted have English Text.

Proceeds from book sales go to the Saxon Orphan Fund Program.

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ATS ORPHAN FUND  
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## SAXON SENIORS

### YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

Meets 2nd Thursday 11:30 a.m.  
Youngstown Saxon Club  
(March - December)

#### PRESIDENT

Diana Kommel  
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Youngstown, OH 44509  
(330) 799-1738

#### SECRETARY

Rosemary Dundon  
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### SALEM SAXON RETIREES

Meets 1st Wednesday  
of the month  
Noon at 1980 NewGarden Rd

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Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ CHANGE

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THIS CHANGE IS FOR:

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ASK YOUR  
DEPUTY HOW  
A CERTIFICATE  
OF  
MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE ATS CAN  
HELP YOU TO  
SAVE!



# Discover the Difference

We are the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, a Fraternal Benefit Society, owned by and operated for the benefit of our members and their beneficiaries. The ATS is a tax-exempt organization. Our members share in our surplus earnings.

We were founded in 1902 and have shown our financial strength since that time. We are, however, well aware that neither age nor size measures real strength. Just as the height or square footage of a building is no indication of the quality of its construction, the age of an organization does not measure its strength. It is the financial strength that measures the quality of an organization as is the quality of materials and workmanship that measures the strength of a building. We keep our Alliance exceedingly strong financially for our members' safety. Discover the difference for yourself.

The following ratios were prepared by Standard Analytical Service, Inc. of St. Louis, MO. The financial comparisons are based on the December 31, 2022 statutory financial statements filed with the state insurance departments and the NAIC.

**SOLVENCY**— A high ratio of assets over liabilities is a significant safety factor. This indicates that a company has enough assets to cover its liabilities and to meet all obligations as they become due. Our assets for each \$100 of liabilities:

<b>Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.....</b>	<b>\$116.46</b>
Average of 25 of the leading life companies.....	\$107.00

**SURPLUS FUNDS**— A high ratio indicates a greater proportion of surplus to provide for the policy reserve liabilities and the ability to take financial emergencies in stride. Our surplus funds for each \$100 of policy reserves:

<b>Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.....</b>	<b>\$19.27</b>
Average of 25 of the leading life companies.....	\$15.31

**LIQUID INVESTED ASSETS**— This ratio measures a company's ability to meet its anticipated obligations to policyholders. A high ratio indicates a more liquid investment position with which an insurer can meet unforeseen emergency cash requirements that may arise. Our assets in bonds, stocks, cash and short-term investments for each \$100 of liabilities:

<b>Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.....</b>	<b>\$110.57</b>
Average of 25 of the leading life companies.....	\$ 47.54

**INVESTMENT YIELD** — This is the net percentage yield on invested assets. A high rate shows greater earning ability of the invested assets. Our ratio of Net Investment Income to Mean Invested Assets:

<b>Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.....</b>	<b>4.66%</b>
Average of 25 of the leading life companies.....	4.10%

In addition to these financial facts, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons provide extra benefits to its membership that commercial companies do not provide. The Alliance offers fellowship on the national and local levels. We have fraternal benefits such as orphan benefits, scholarships, fraternal activities that provide entertainment by dance groups, brass bands, choral groups, sporting events, youth activities, member to member contact through the Saxon News Volksblatt and more.

**We value your trust and confidence. We value your membership.**  
**Help us further our growth by inviting your friends and relatives to**  
**join our Fraternal Benefit Society.**

