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Volksblatt

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The ATS Youth Activities Committee wishes to thank and acknowledge our Junior Members who colored the Valentine picture that appeared in the Volksblatt. Each was sent a Valentine along with some Valentine treats.

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Evan Trimble, Br. 29, Monaca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



In spite of the fact that our wintry season started later this year, we are quickly catching up with our share of snowstorms and very frigid temperatures. Lake Erie is still not frozen in our area so we are more liable to get lake effect snow. The ice fishermen in our area were just recently able to get out onto our frozen bay and set up their little fishing huts and I understand that they are catching a lot of fish. I prefer to go to the store and buy my fish. I am not as brave as they are to go out onto the ice.

This is a reminder to our High School seniors who plan on attending college next fall to apply for one of the many ATS Scholarship Awards that are available. Scholarships are also awarded for those who are continuing their college education. The Request Form for Scholarship Applications has been printed in the Volksblatt and your request must be received by March 15th. Completed Application Forms must be submitted to the Home Office before April 15, 2016. With the cost of college tuition and fees, every bit of help is appreciated by students and their parents.

With the month of March upon us, as always, there are important dates we should be aware of. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13th. Make sure you set your clocks ahead one hour. St. Patrick's Day is March 17th. It seems that everyone is Irish on that day and they all enjoy drinking green beer and eating Corned Beef and Cabbage. Palm Sunday is March 20th and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Good Friday is March 25th and March 27th is Easter Sunday, which is a very special day for Christians everywhere.

Quote of the Day: CARE FOR YOUR BODY "What fools indeed we mortals are to lavish care upon a Car, with ne'er a bit of time to see about our own machinery." Sometimes our lives get unbalanced. We all know people who put more time into the care of their possessions than into care for themselves. There are times when we've done it, too. It's not a bad thing to take pride in the things we care about, but it's more important to give our physical bodies TLC.

Take care until next time and may God bless the members of the ATS.

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

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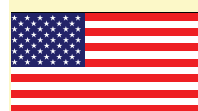
TSBA Bowling

Next Session in Youngstown
March 6, 2016
11:00 am.
Holiday Bowl
777 Youngstown-Poland Rd.
Struthers, Ohio 44571
(330) 755-1444

Dinner following
@ Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
(330) 793-7973
Any meal cancellations
please call Tom Simon
no later than March 1, 2016
(330) 720-7988

SAVE THE DATE!

**NORTH AMERICAN
SAXON HEIMATTAG**



**YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
JUNE 24-26, 2016**



Help celebrate Johannestag and Heimattag
at the Youngstown Saxon Club.

Meet old friends and make new ones!

Details coming soon!

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2016

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-one 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
\$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	Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
\$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
\$ 750	Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship
\$ 750	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 400	Donzella Herman 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 15th. 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 15th.**

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code
Tele: _____
E-mail: _____
Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Requests must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:

ATS Home Office 5393 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2016

Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship
Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE
CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code
Tele: _____
E-mail: _____
Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering twelve 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.

\$1,000	Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$ 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

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, 2016.

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.



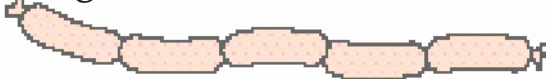
The Salem Saxon Club

will host its six annual Lenten public fish fries beginning on Friday, February 12 thru March 18, serving from 5-7 pm.

Dinners include choice of baked or fried ocean cod, or breaded pork chops, escalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce or

coleslaw, homemade cake, coffee/tea, iced tea or punch. The cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Carry outs available by calling (330) 222-1770 after 4:30 pm. Cash bar open to the public.

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's



Spring Sausage Sale

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

All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links or 5lb bulk packages (each with a little overage). The price is \$3.50 per pound

Saturday,
March 5, 2016

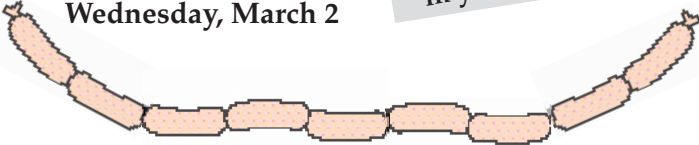
Pickup is from
9:00 to 3:00
in the pavilion.

You can call in orders to
Maria Bachinger 330-792-4005
Walter Benesch 330-398-5449
Andy Kuthy 330-792-4846
email: akuthy@ymail.com

All are welcome
to join us for
German music,
beer and
sausage sandwiches
the day of the pickup,
March 5.

We will take your
phone orders through
Tuesday, March 1 and
email orders through
Wednesday, March 2

Please mark this
in your calendar.



BRANCH 26,
MERRILLVILLE
By Helen Brooks

The meeting of Branch 26 was held on February 14 at 2 p.m. In spite of the snow and bitter cold we had a very good turnout.

President Randall Floyd opened the meeting and we said the pledge to the flag.

Roll call of officers was called – two were absent.

Secretary Sam Palyok read the minutes and they were accepted. Treasurer's report was read by Pete Guip. It was accepted. The expense report was read and accepted. Zita Palyok also read her report for financials – there are no delinquent dues.

We had a discussion on delegates to go the ATS Convention on May 21 and 22 in Salem, Ohio.

We will be going to the Railcats game on June 12. Other activities are on hold.

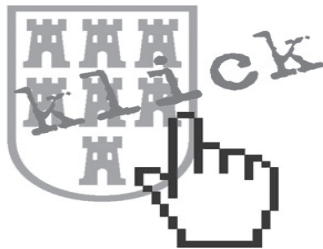
The Sick Committee informed us that Bertha Schuffert and Karen Gazdich are ill. We send them good wishes and prayers for a quick recovery.

It was great to have Betty Mucha with us and Erika Sumichrast was visiting from Nevada.

The raffle was won by Betty Mucha and attendance prize by Pete Guip.

Meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed a chicken dinner with all the trimmings, and of course, the talents of our many bakers.

Til we meet again.



Ich bin ein
SiebenbuergeR.de

YOUNGSTOWN
CONCORDIA CHORUS
EMERITUS
By Flora Pamer

Please know that we have set our next get-to-gether date for March 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the Saxon Club. If you missed our last party we hope that you can join us this time. Please make your reservation by calling either Barbara Wertz, 330-533-6283, or Kay Monroe, 330-505-1271, and please let them know if you plan to bring a guest as we have to give the club a count. We will welcome our guests who used to be and are still now, our "Friends of the Chorus". Let's come and enjoy another great evening at the Saxon Club on March 5th, this time with Peter Karsti, what a bonus!

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- May 14 - 15, 2016
ATS Convention
Hosted by Br. 19 Salem - Celebrating 125th Anniversry
- June 24 - 26, 2016
North American Saxon Heimattag
Hosted by Br. 30 Youngstown
- July 30, 2016
ATS Family Day at Waldameer Amusement Park Erie PA
- August 13, 2016
ATS Golf Outing
Hosted by Youngstown Br. 30

LOCAL EVENTS

- February 26, 2016
Salem Fish Fry (3) 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- March 2, 2016
Youngstown Special Fish Dinner
Salem Saxon retirees 11:30 a.m.
- March 3, 2016
Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.
Salem Bar Open 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- March 4, 2016
Salem Fish Fry (4) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
- March 5, 2016
Youngstown Culture Group Sausage Sale
- March 7, 2016
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- March 9, 2016
Youngstown Special Fish Dinner
- March 10, 2016
Youngstown Retirees Meet
Salem Bar Open 6 p.m.-8 p.m
Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.
- March 11, 2016
Salem Fish Fry (5) 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m
- March 12, 2016
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-off
- March 14, 2016
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- March 16, 2016
Youngstown Special Fish dinner
- March 17, 2016
Youngstown St. Patricks Day at the Saxon Club
Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:00 p.m.
Salem Bar open 6p.m.-8 p.m.
- March 18, 2016
Salem Fish Fry (6) 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 19, 2016
Youngstown Presidents Goulash Dinner, Ballroom
Cleveland/Lorain Children's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- March 20, 2016
Youngstown Branch 22/30 meet at 2 PM
- March 23, 2016
Youngstown Special Fish Dinner
- March 24, 2016
Salem Bar Open 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m
- March 25, 2016
Youngstown Regular Friday Fish Dinner
- March 26, 2016
Salem Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.
- March 27, 2016
Youngstown Easter, watch Volksblatt for Dinner Arrangements
- March 31, 2016
Salem Bar Open/Peanut Night 8 p.m.-10 p.m.
- April 4, 2016
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Salem Sausage Orders Due
- April 6, 2016
Salem Retirees 11:30 a.m.
- April 7, 2016
Salem Bar Open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.
- April 8, 2016
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Youngstown Flea Market set up
- April 9, 2016
Salem Sausage Sale 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Youngstown Flea Market, Ballroom
- April 10, 2016
Youngstown Branch 22/30 meeting, 2:00 PM
- April 11, 2016
Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- April 14, 2016
Salem Bar Open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.
Youngstown Retirees meet

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND by Joan Miller-Malue

At our last meeting we held our annual Memorial Service to honor our Sisters and Brothers who died during the past year. We wish to thank Director Andrea Ball and the Sachsenchor for always making this memorial service special by them singing several songs. We are so lucky at Cleveland-West that we have an active choir that are always supportive of our events and concerns at the Sachsenheim.

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group is holding their Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 12th. Doors open at 7 pm. They still looking for a few more chili entrants for the evening's competition. We are happy for the Dance Group that this has become a great fundraiser for them as well as providing a fun evening for our members and friends. If you want to enter a chili, please contact Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229. Cost is \$20 per entry which includes one admission ticket. Prizes will be awarded for the top best entries based on ballots cast by attendees. Tickets are \$10 in advance which you can get from any Dance Group members and \$12 at the door. Children under 12 are half price. Give your support to the Dance Group!

It is hard to believe that the Junior Committee is already preparing for the Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny which will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am. Invitations have been sent out to the Junior Members of ATS Branches 1, 4, 5 and 33. Following the breakfast we will "Porgie" entertain us with some magic and balloon twisting and after his performance we will hold the Egg Hunt. Reservations are a must. Please

**Diplomacy is the art
of letting someone
else have your way.**

BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Shari Edwards

We had our January meeting on the 20th of the month.

We spent time remembering our four ladies who had passed in 2015. Theda Schneider, Lena Kunkle, Helda Grainer and Ann Mae Schuller. Anna Mae was a 70 year member of our Saxon Lodge. She served as president for six years. Our ladies are very much missed by our members.

We received a thank you card from Jody Zeedrick for scholarship money presented to her.

Meeting was adjourned and we had dinner of pizza.

call Patty Cunningham at (216)398-7520 or email her at prscunningham@yahoo.com before March 14th. If you call her and reach the answering machine, leave your name and telephone number and she will return your call. The event is free for the ATS Junior members, Adults are \$4 and non-member children are \$10. We are asking for those attending the party that they bring a canned or non-perishable item to be donated to a local food bank.

The ATS Convention will be held in Salem, Ohio the week-

end of May 14 – 15, 2016 hosted by Branch 19 who will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary. We will elect our Delegates at the March meeting.

This year's North American Heimattag will be held at the Youngstown Saxon Club hosted by Branches 22 and 30 the weekend of June 24 – 26th. We are encouraging our Cleveland members to attend and help celebrate our Saxon heritage. So, please keep this date in mind and detailed information on the meals and motels will be in the *Volksblatt* shortly. I know that Youngstown is working on the preparations to guarantee a festive weekend for our members and Canadian Landsleute.

CLEVELAND SACHSENHEIM OPENS AT 2:00 PM ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY



**Corned Beef Sandwiches
With Irish Potato Salad
\$6.95**

**After 5:00 pm—Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
with Colcannon potatoes \$9.95**
(The true Irish Soul Food)



**Of course, there will be
German Beer available to
top off your meal.**

**Everyone is Irish on St. Pat's Day
Celebrate it at the Sachsenheim
with great food & drinks**

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016
10:00 A.M.,
WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM
7001 DENISON AVENUE**

All ATS Junior Members
of Branches 1, 4, 5 and 33
are invited to attend
"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" at no charge.

Breakfast will be served starting at 10:00 a.m. Following breakfast "Porgie" will entertain us with some silly magic and balloon twisting. After the entertainment is over you will be invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. And, all Children will have the opportunity to make a craft.

Make your reservations by calling or e-mailing:

Patty Cunningham – (216) 398-7520
(If you reach the answering machine, leave your name and telephone number – Patty will return your call)
E-Mail: prscun02@yahoo.com

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: MARCH 12th



ATS Junior Members	PRICE
Adults	\$ 4.00
Non-Member Children	\$10.00

All attending the party are asked to bring
a canned or non-perishable item to be
donated to a local food bank.

CHURCHES



St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

Rev. Waldemar Gies
Pastor
pastorgies@sbcglobal.net

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery School
Coffee following service.
Bible Study, Senior Circle,
Sunday School, Church
Choir, Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
Rev. Roberta Davis-Newhouse
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service



SALEM SAXON CLUB
BAR IS OPEN
EVERY THURSDAY.
PLEASE CHECK
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR TIMES.

SALEM SAXON RETIREES By Nancy Stumperth

Well, here we are again! Where does the time go? It's time to think about the Salem Saxon Retirees March meeting on March 2nd. We haven't had a meeting since December, so we will all have to make reservations for the March meeting by calling Katy at 330-533-5154. Tony usually sets up the room for us. He will need an idea of how many will be there. With the weather unpredictable in March, it was decided to have a covered dish for this meeting. Please bring a covered dish and your table service. There is no committee this month so if you desire, you can also bring a snack for the snack table. Let's wish for good weather so that we can all get together again!

Birthdays for March are: 1st - Cathy McLain, 12th - Hermine Henriss, 11th - Dorothy McLane, 18th - Lois Whitacre and Leah Nemenz, 19th - Gloria Judy, 24th - Bob Kekel, and the 30th - Gert Hardy. Happy Birthday to all. Anniversary for March is on the 23rd - Trudy Ehrhart. Happy Anniversary to you.

It's Fish Fry time again. Everyone always enjoys the fish or pork chops with all of the sides that go along with it. Where else can you get your meal, beverage and desert for \$11.00, \$6.00 for children??? They are serving from 5:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent. Carryouts are available by calling 330-222-1770 after 4:30 p.m.

Since our membership is getting smaller, how about bringing a guest along with you

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 3, 2016, Officers Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 2016 Sausage Sale, Culture Group, Pavilion
Thursday, March 19, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m. Retirees
Sunday, March 13, 2016, Br. 22 Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 16, 2016 Presidents' Goulash Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (tickets available in the office or from officers & presidents)

Every Sunday @ 6:45 p.m., Bingo in the Ballroom
(we need volunteers, please)

Sunday, April 24, 2016 Mother/Daughter Banquet tickets
\$14.00 ea. Tickets available from Betty Garhammer,

Anyone interested in entering a child, ages 6-17 years old in the young people's bowling tournament, contact Julaine Gilmartin or June Hoelzel. The exact date will be established later upon entry. Must be an ATS member in good standing.

May 14, 15, Convention in Salem (reminder of date early)
Birthdays are Shirley Maries at 80 years one (bravo!), Christine Schneider at 88 years (congratulations), Shirley Hahn, Janet Sharp, and Shelly Sizer.

No Pork/Kraut Dinner in March because of the Easter holiday calendar.

Those in good standing with the ATS may apply for Br. 22 scholarships (Br.22 and Br.30) to Julaine Gilmartin, 4173 Timberland Trail, Canfield OH 44406 or to Bev Myers or Rosemary Zamrey, too. This is open to any age for attendance, full time, to YSU. You need a 3.00



to the March meeting? Just let Katy know who is coming along. Hope to see everyone on March 2nd.

For caregivers: Random acts of kindness

A caregiver might be a man taking care of his disabled wife, an employed woman who cares for her dad with in the evening, or a full-time caregiver who really needs a lift. You could help in one of these ways.

- Deliver a ready meal for the person and patient.
- Offer to pick up prescriptions and deliver them.
- Deliver cookies, then stay and chat for a pleasant break.
- Help with yard work of hire someone to do it.

• If children are involved, offer to pick them up or take them to events.

• Take him out to dinner or give gift cards for him and a friend to go out.

• Sit in for the caregiver while she goes to an appointment or to dinner.

• Send a geek over to help her get her devices going.

Advisors quoted in the AARP Bulletin recommend hiring a massage therapist to visit him or her.

GPA to apply. Thank you. This is a fine opportunity for tuition help. Also, see ATS scholarship opportunities in the *Volksblatt*.

Dues are \$24.00 and need to go to Betty Garhammer 969 Canfield Rd. Youngstown OH 44511, phone 330-788-4274. If annual dues are not paid by April 1, a \$5.00 fee will be charged to cover the cost of reinstating your key card. This involves your entrance into the Saxon Club.

Please support the ATS Saxon Relief Fund thru your financial aid. Thank you, and have safe winter days.

BRANCH 11, LORAIN By Monica Gilles

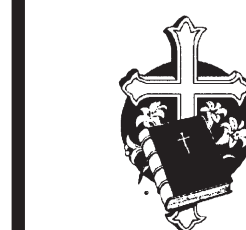
The February meeting was held on Saturday, February 6. It was nice to see so many members in attendance.

We will be support Brother Brian Gilles by making a donation to the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb. He and his team will be climbing the stairs at the Terminal Tower on Saturday, March 5. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Brian Gilles at 440-315-5214. Brian is a firefighter with Avon Lake Fire Department and will be climbing the 800+ stairs in full firefighter gear. Best of luck to Brian and his team.

The merger committee will be meeting to count the ballots. They will report on the outcome at the next meeting.

Reminder to please pay your local dues. Dues should be mailed to Sharron Powell; 1704 N. Urban Circle; Lorain, OH 44053 or drop them off at the next meeting.

The children's Bowl Where You Are tournament is happening February through March. We will be having a bowling party for our juvenile members on February 28 at Slovak



We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

John H. Leonhardt

Age 90

Died: February 13, 2016
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

An entire sea of water can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. Similarly, the negativity of the world can't put you down unless you allow it to get inside you.

Goi Nasu,
author of
inspirational quotes

Home Bowling Lanes. Bowling will start at 1:30. Pizza and pop will also be provided.

Juvenile member Kailey Hochevar will be performing with the Olmsted Performing Arts production of "Beauty and the Beast" March 18-20 at the Parma Snow Library Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchasing by visiting www.olmstedperformingarts.com. Tickets are also available at the door. For show times, please visit their website.

Sharron Powell is celebrating a birthday this month.

Heidi Theiss, who was not present at the meeting, was drawn for the attendance prize. Betty Ralph won the door prize.

Please mark your calendar that the April meeting will NOT take place on the first Saturday. Due to many of our members participating in the TSBA bowling tournament that weekend, we have rescheduled the April meeting to the second Saturday, April 9.

Our next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5 starting at 8pm at Slovak Home. Hope to see everyone there.

Join us for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's 6th Annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue Cleveland, OH



**Saturday ,
March 12, 2016**
**Doors open
at 7 p.m.**

Tickets \$10 in advance
from any Dance Group member
or \$12 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

Contact Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229
with any 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)
and prizes will be awarded for the top two entries
based on ballots cast by attendees.

Youngstown Saxon Club



In our Main Ballroom Sunday Evenings
DOORS OPEN @ 5PM ~ BINGO STARTS @ 6:45PM
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Your Horoscope

ARIES: Sometimes you're slow to get started, but you're a force to be dealt with once you get moving. So check your to-do list and jump right into it. Do it right away.

TAURUS: You have good reasons for welcoming spring. The winter may not have brought the results you expected. An Easter buffet can bring smiles.

GEMINI: You might discover a talent for a different field and wonder if you should pursue it. It could sound attractive, but think of how you fought for the job you have now.

CANCER: If you dig your heels in before a course is clear, you might have to backtrack. Make a greater attempt for deep knowledge of an issue before giving it your support.

LEO: You will be pleased with the effort you put into your home life this spring. The love and respect you exchange will bring pleasure to all other aspects of your life.

VIRGO: You interact well with your co-workers and can influence the decisions you reach together. Those decisions are likely to lead to a successful outcome.

LIBRA: Your celebration of Easter Sunday will give you that deep relaxation that you crave now. But the Easter bunny won't bring it. You will create the joyful time yourself.

SCORPIO: Keep your social schedule as loose and easy as possible until you have a better sense of the time involved. Keep time in mind before making workplace promises.

SAGITTARIUS: You really don't need to prove anything to anyone, Sagittarius. Some projects, especially those that require creativity, simply can't be rushed.

CAPRICORN: Any stress from the recent past is noticeably diminishing. Your confidence is high now, so you can move forward with any project that's in the offing.

AQUARIUS: Don't worry about what the future holds in store for you. Instead, tackle your workload today so you can be ready for the challenges of tomorrow.

PISCES: Returning letters and phone calls is likely to be an avenue for really getting in touch with your current friends. Pleasant surprises are on the horizon. Look for them.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

Winter seems to be going by pretty quickly this year. Unfortunately not a good start to 2016 for some of our members. Brother Mike Adam passed away last month, and John Leonhardt passed away after illness. Please keep these Landsleute and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Many more have been incapacitated at a nursing facility or at home as well. We send our well wishes to Martha Bretz, Myron Davidson, Dorothy Schneider, the Schwenzers, Dorothy Kump as well. We haven't seen Jean Schneider since summer and hope she is doing well. Plenty coming up for Branch 33 members in the coming months. ATS National Convention is this May, with election of officers. Please read in the *Volksblatt* the slate of officers nominated, we will talk about who and what you would like our delegates to the Convention to vote on or discuss.

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group has their annual Chili Cook-off fund raiser on March 12th. Would be nice if many of our members could attend to support the group. Dolf Litschel has tickets.

Our Membership Dinner-Dance will be held on Sunday May 22nd. I have heard it's at St. Noel's Party Center in Willoughby Hills. Exciting to be trying a new Venue! More details in the next article, but mark that date on your calendars.

Branch 33 Scholarship Application will soon be posted in the *Volksblatt*. All our Members who are seniors in High school or currently in college and will be returning next year, please send in to Karyn Schmidt. Also, if you are a junior member, and turned 16 last year or will be turning 16 this year, please call us for an application to become a full Branch 33 member. You must have been a full adult member in good standing (dues paid up) for 2 years to be eligible for this scholarship.

Next meeting is March 9th. We will be having our annual Chili & Soup Cook-off as well, starts at 7pm. We would like as many members as possible to bring a pot or Crock of their favorite soup or Chili recipe to share. There is prize money involved as well! Business meeting to follow.

OK, that's all for this edition. See you at the Meeting!

Donation

A charity calls to solicit donations of clothing to starving people throughout the world.

The woman who answers the phone tells them to forget it. "Anybody who fits into my clothes isn't starving!!"

Salem Saxon Club Sausage Sale

Pick Up Orders:

April 9, 2016
9:00am – 1:00pm

Last Day to Order:
April 4, 2016

Sold in 3 lbs & 5 lbs
Portions: \$3.00/lbs.

"BULK 3 lbs. ONLY"
Plain, Garlic, Hot
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Sausage Sandwiches, Donuts, & Refreshments Will Be Sold During Pick-Up Hours

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BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

March is a great month coming up, the Branch 22 and Branch 30 meeting should be on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM. This is a great time to be there and catch up on your card dues for 2016, the last chance to keep your Club card active. Your card won't work after that until you are paid up. Don't forget about the Saxon St. Patrick's Day party in the Bar and Restaurant - you can enjoy some true Irish food and beer. Try the new Chef and test his good food preparation.

Attend the Lenten Fish Dinners in the Restaurant, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23; we are serving the Saxon regular Fish Dinners on Friday night, delicious always. After you have attended your Church Service on Easter Sunday, March 27th, come over to the Saxon Club and enjoy our Easter Dinner, RSVP call the club office to save your reservations. Dinner by reservation only.

I have it from a good source that the Ballroom on the 13th of February had a rental party of about 325 in the BALLROOM and they really had a wonderful evening. The Saxon Club enjoyed a nice time and a good meal in the Lower Lounge and the Restaurant. They also found out that the Chef can come up with some delicious meals.

The Sunday Breakfasts are well attended and the food is served well. There is no Buffet at this time. Come in before or after Church and don't worry about doing the dishes.

There is no Pork and Kraut Dinner for March, as this is a busy month. Look what we have on Saturday March 19th: the Goulash Dinner, look in the *Volksblatt* for the full details. Very good night to enjoy out and greet the Man and Woman of the year, this is their night.

SAVE THE DATE!! North American Saxon Heimattag Youngstown, Ohio June 24-25-26, 2016. Help celebrate Johannestag and Heimattag at the Youngstown Saxon Club. Meet old friends and make new ones! Details to follow. If you will you can provide some much

needed help for the weekend, a couple hours or all day, this would really help, call the office to sign up at 330-792-7973.

Not much time left, phone orders through March 1, email through March 2. The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's Spring Sausage Sale, Saturday, March 5, 2016. See their message in the *Volksblatt*. Last year I wanted some sent to Washington state; we found out it was too expensive to ship.

NOW FOR THE REST OF THE NEWS :

Remember the Bingo on Sunday nights in the Ballroom. They offer specials, some spaghetti and meat balls, other food available. The Queen of Hearts game. Specials in Bingo, The workers are doing their best to please everyone, they are doing a good job, the only thing they can use is some additional helpers to give them a spell, you know a break. Call the office or come on down on Sunday about 5 PM and see Barry.

Do you have a student that is graduating? Read the *Volksblatt* and or contact the Club for information on where and when to apply for a scholarship. ATS requests must be in by March 15, 2016. Check with Branch 22 for the date.

The Scholarship is just another reason for you to buy or make sure that your children and grandchildren are members of the ATS. The local Branch and the Home office only present scholarships to members only. This is only one of the perks offered by the club and the ATS. Call Jim Mauch to get the rest of the story 330-792-8484.

Garry Como, Branch 30 member, had a heart attack on February 16, 2016, and is presently in St. Elizabeth Hospital, North Side. Our thoughts and Prayers are with him.

I am open for your calls or email with something for the *Volksblatt*; I would be glad to hear from you. Our best to everyone at Youngstown and the ATS.

So goes the News.

**It's never too early to start
saving for your retirement years**

Eintracht Singing Society Semi Annual Sauerkraut Dinner



Sunday, March 6, 2016
Served from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Eintracht Hall New Castle, PA
Adults \$10 Children \$5

Take outs available
**Dinner includes, sausage, pork loin,
mashed potatoes & gravy,
vegetable, dessert, coffee.**
Call 724-652-7221
for more information.



Choruses

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

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Cultural Groups

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Meets: 2nd Sunday of Month
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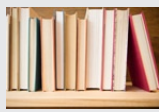
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Let them benefit from

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IT'S TAX TIME



It is that time of year that we remind our members that it is not too late to make their 2015 contribution into their ATS IRA. Deposits must be made by this year's tax filing deadline of April 18th. If you do not have an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA and have earned income, we recommend that you start one now! Both the Traditional and Roth IRA allow you to enjoy tax advantages while saving for your future.

Traditional vs. Roth

With a Traditional IRA, you contribute pre-tax money, reducing your taxable income for the year, and thereby reducing your taxes, too. (Taxable Income of \$60,000 and a \$5,000 contribution? Presto -- \$55,000 in taxable income for the year.) The money grows in your account and is taxed at your ordinary income tax rate when you withdraw it in retirement.

With a ROTH IRA, all withdrawals are tax free assuming you are over 59 1/2 years old and your IRA has been open for at least five years. Contributions must be made with earned money. There's no minimum age for opening a Roth, but whoever funds one, whether child or adult, must do so with earned income. For kids, allowance or birthday money doesn't qualify, but cash earned through babysitting or odd jobs can. For adults, qualified earnings include wages, commissions, and even alimony payments, but not inheritances, pension or disability income, or Social Security benefits.

IRA contribution limits

The IRA contribution limits are the same for both the 2015 and 2016 tax years: \$5,500 -- plus an extra \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution for those age 50 or older.

Eligibility limits

The IRS has specific rules regarding who can contribute to an IRA. Traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs base certain eligibility guidelines on the taxpayer's Modified Adjusted Gross Income, which is calculated when you file your taxes.

Roth IRA limits for 2015 and beyond include income limits, too, as the ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced or eliminated for high earners. Single filers with modified adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$116,000, and married couples who file jointly and have AGIs of less than \$183,000, are safe. Partial contributions for a single filer limits are 116,000—131,000 and joint filers partial contribution limits are \$183,000—\$193,000.

Roth IRA 2016 contribution limits for a single filer are up to \$117,000 and for partial contributions \$117,000—\$132,000. For joint filers the limit is up to \$184,000 and for partial contributions limits are \$184,000—\$194,000.

With traditional IRAs, people earning any level of income can contribute to them, but there are income-based limits on how much one can *deduct* for contributions to a traditional IRA. Thus, the overall effect is similar to Roth IRA income limits, reducing the usefulness of these tax-advantaged retirement accounts for wealthier folks.

If you're thinking that it's February 2016 and it is too late to make a contribution to your IRA for 2015, you're in luck: The deadline for IRA contributions is actually the same as your tax-filing deadline, April 18. Thus, if you didn't make a contribution in 2015, you can make two in 2016, as long as you specify that one is for 2015 and you make it by April 18.

You Are Never Too Young to Start Saving for Retirement!