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BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE

By Brigitte Floyd

Ready or not 2024 is here. We welcomed 19 members who attended the meeting held on January 7, and it was so good to see those who came. Thankfully, there wasn't any inclement weather to hamper our travels especially since many of us were going home afterwards to watch the Chicago Bears finish the season. I'm sure many of you follow a sports team and root them on in support no matter how they do. Same here, Randall and I follow most of the Chicago teams, but mostly football from the comfort of our recliners with snacks in hand. We are either cheering or groaning...lol. There is always next year. Cubs are next.

Anyhow, our meeting this year starts off with some new faces on the board. Our new president is Randall Floyd, our new recording secretary is Brigitte Floyd, and our new trustee is Pat Jarmuszka. We want to thank our outgoing president, Jeff Szostek, for all the hard work and dedication that he has put in these past 3 years, but he hasn't gone far as he will be representing our club as the ATS secretary. Thanks Jeff. We also want to thank Jamie Connor for her work these past 3 years as recording secretary. She came into her position as a relatively new member, which can be a bit daunting, but she did an outstanding job. Thanks Jamie.

Our most recent article writer for Branch 26, Helen Brooks, is unfortunately no longer able to attend meetings due to her health and is now living in an extended care facility. We know how much she loved contributing to our club in any way she could. She wrote our columns and sent cards to our members for birthdays. I doubt anyone can fill her shoes. This article will come out well after Helen's 97th birthday, which was January 7th! Happy birthday to our dear Sizzle Sister!

Willard Schuffert, our sick committee chairperson, gave a report of our members who are ill/recovering. Our love and prayers for strength and healing go out to Kathleen M., Will C., and Helen B. We also are thinking of our shut-ins, and those that are unable to attend and just want to say a big hello and we miss you: Jackie S., Regina R., Judy S., and Mike G.

Our meeting was relatively short. The minutes

from November will be read at the February 4th meeting. We had correspondence that was read which included a sick slip, a thank you card from Monica (Home Office), information on the Jugendlager, and a check from the Home Office. Linda Smith read the treasurer's report, Pete Guip read the special committee report, and Zita Palyok reported on the dues that were collected.

Following our meeting we had a delicious assortment of pizza from Maxims. (that is a local establishment with great pizza) Thanks to Jimmy Smith for going to pick up the pizza. Thanks also need to go out to our bakers for their yummy desserts. They were Pat Jarmuszka and Judy Andrews. There was a Texas sheet cake, an almond bundt cake, apple pie, and an oatmeal cake. Needless to say, no one should have gone home hungry.

Our next meeting will be Sunday February 4th. Hope to see many there!

I know January is a time in which many make resolutions. Personally, I have never kept one that I have made. I found a quote though that might just be appropriate enough that anyone can take heed.

"Treat every day like a new year because it is!"- Temitope Ibrahim

TSBA Bowlers

Next Bowling session

February 18, 2024.

Start time 11:30 a.m.

Cleveland East

hosting at

North Woods Lanes

10435 Valley View Rd

Macedonia Ohio

No Meal

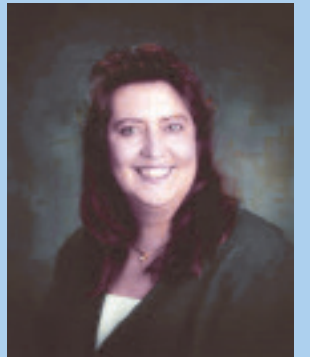


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2024 ATS SAXON
SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION
AND
APPLICATIONS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Grandparents, are all of your grandchildren ATS members? During these first few months of the year, it is ATS Scholarship time. One of the requirements is that students must be an ATS member for at least two years prior to applying for a scholarship. In addition to gifting them with an insurance policy or annuity that can last their lifetime, you can ensure that they are eligible for a scholarship when the time comes.

Have you visited the ATS website lately? Videos from the July 2023 Heimattag in New Castle, PA are now on the website. All of the cultural dance and choir performances from that day are there. You can hear the Youngstown Culture Group's Brass Band playing during the Auf Marsch, which is also on the website. Unfortunately, the videographer was not in attendance for the evening performance of the Traun band and dance group. You'll have to rely on your memory for that performance.

Speaking of Heimattag, which Branch wants to host the 2025 Heimattag? The ATS works with you and handles most of the little details. The Branch needs to secure a venue, the date, and meals. The ATS Home Office handles the reservations. Branches do not have to have a clubhouse to host the event. Talk about it at your Branch Meeting and submit your bid.

The 2024 USA-Canada Heimattag will be in Kitchener, Canada on July 12-14, 2024. The ATS is looking to have a bus take us to visit our Saxon friends to the north. The bus will leave during the day on Friday and return Sunday evening. If you are interested in riding the bus, please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or email us at Office@ATSaxons.com. We'll start a list and contact you when we know the details.

Also in 2024, coinciding with the Heimattag in Kitchener, the Saxons in Canada are hosting the International Saxon Jugendlager. This event generally occurs every two years. One of the five Federation countries – Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania and the USA, hosts it. 5 young ATS members and a group leader will travel to Canada for two weeks of Saxon history, sightseeing, and fun. See the ad in the Volksblatt, and let us know if you are interested. This is a great way to meet lifelong Saxon friends!

Did you know the first official Groundhog Day was celebrated in 1887? According to History.com, a newspaper editor, belonging to a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters known as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, declared that Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America's only true weather-forecasting groundhog. Tradition has it that if a groundhog comes out of its hole on February 2 and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather. No shadow means an early spring. That inaugural groundhog saw his shadow and became the bearer of bad news.

Falling midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, February 2 is a significant day in several ancient and modern traditions. The Celts celebrated Imbolc from February 1 through sundown

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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

BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON
By Cheryl Henning Schnebelen

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's and are staying warm and well this winter. The Canton Saxons will be meeting again for lunch and short meetings on Sunday, February 11, at 1:00, so please come and join us. We will again be meeting at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza. With heating and food prices being as they are, we understand that there is a need of financial assistance

for many people. If you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies lodge who are in need, please let us know. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text or phone at 330-312-5112, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. We are looking forward to hearing from you and please join us at Meyers Landing on Sunday, February 11, at 1:00.

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

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Rd

PORK & KRAUT DINNER
FEBRUARY 18, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
\$12.00

TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN
PUBLIC WELCOME

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE
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on February 2. This was a pagan festival marking the beginning of spring. As Christianity spread through Europe, Imbolc evolved into Candlemas. This ancient Christian tradition was when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. It was also an ancient purification holiday and a celebration of the return to light after the winter's darkness. In certain parts of Europe, Christians believed that a sunny Candlemas meant another 40 days of cold and snow. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal, a badger or hedgehog, as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition. However, they switched from hedgehogs to the native groundhog, which were plentiful in the state.

Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, typically weigh 12 to 15 pounds and live six to eight years. They eat fruits and vegetables, whistle when they are frightened or looking for a mate, and can climb trees and swim. They go into hibernation in the late fall. During this time, their body temperatures drop greatly; their heartbeats slow from 80 beats per minute to 5 beats per minute and can lose 30 percent of their body fat. In February, male groundhogs emerge, not to predict the weather, but to look for a mate. They head back underground again and come out of hibernation for good in March.

Currently, the yearly festivities in Punxsutawney are presided over by a group of local dignitaries known as the Inner Circle. The members wear top hats and conduct the official proceedings in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect. The movie Groundhog Day popularized the usage of "groundhog day" to mean something that is repeated over and over. That movie, however, was filmed in Woodstock, Illinois, and not Pennsylvania. How accurate is Phil? Apparently, he has a dismal success rate of just 40 percent. Ohio's Buckeye Chuck has a much better accuracy rate of 80%. Let's all hope for an early spring!

Until next time....

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024	FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024	FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

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

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-THREE 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
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\$1,000	Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
\$1,000	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$1,000	Donzella Herman Scholarship
\$1,000	George R. Spack Sr. Appreciation 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 15. 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 15, 2024.

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 15

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503
Request Forms must be received by
March 15, 2024
Please note:
Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms
will be accepted for consideration.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering TWENTY 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, OH Scholarship
\$2,000	Branch 37 - Detroit, MI Scholarship
\$1,000	Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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\$1,000	Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
\$1,000	Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
\$1,000	Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
\$1,000	Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 750	Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
\$ 750	Award in memory of George H. Schneider
\$ 500	ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
\$ 500	Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
\$ 500	Farrell - Branch 7 Scholarship
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	ATS Scholarship Award
\$ 500	Award in memory of Gerard Slusny

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

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

Requests for **official** ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 15, 2024.

Completed **official** ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15, 2024. 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 15

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503
Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2024
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.
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VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The ATS is offering scholarships for eligible Vocational & Trade School education programs. Applicants may attend a vocational school, trade school, technical school, certification training program, or credential program. Eligible fields of study include, but are not limited to, advanced manufacturing, automotive technology, computer technology, construction, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical, HVAC, health care, industrial maintenance, machining, plumbing, or welding.

Applicants for this scholarship must be an ATS member in good standing, with a minimum of two (2) years’ continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 15. Applicants can be a high school senior or any adult.

Requests for official ATS Vocational & Trade School Scholarship applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 15, 2024

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15, 2024.

REQUEST FOR ATS VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele:

E-Mail:

Br. No. Cert. No.

Request must be received by March 15

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
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Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2024
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

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

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN
By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events:
February 5 Officers meeting 5:30 p.m.
February 14 Branch meeting 2 p.m.
Superbowl Sunday, all day order from the menu.
Since May 12th is Mother’s Day Dinner in the ballroom, there will not be a meeting but instead there will be a meeting in June.

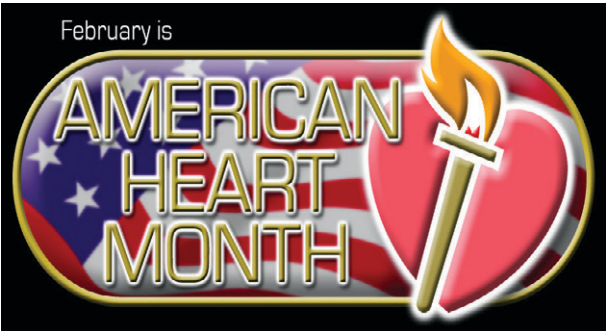
Since for the first time there was no quorum, this was an informational meeting and the business will be covered at the next meeting. Sorry, Bowling Tournament hurt as well as the weather.

Dues are to be paid ASAP! If your fraternal membership is terminated, many of you will lose available death benefits through Branch 30. Benefits payable upon death according to years of membership are as follows:

10+ \$50.00; 15+ \$100.00; 20+ \$150.00; 25+ \$200.00; 30+ \$300.00; 35+ \$400.00

Reminder, please: Honor, fraternal member dues are \$20. Fraternal member \$40. Social member \$50. Your card can be cancelled this month if not paid up.

We are proud of our Saxon Club and the people who serve it as officers and employees. We invite you to be a part of it as often as you are able. Check our website <https://yosaxonclub.com>
A very Happy New Year to each of you!



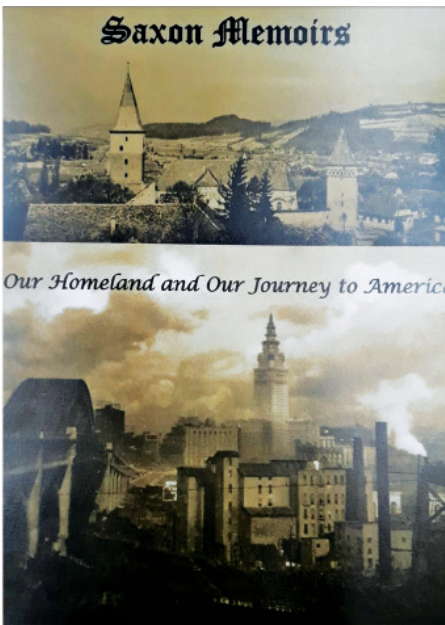
FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- February 18, 2024
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland East
- March 17, 2024
TSBA Bowling - Youngstown
- April 6 - 7, 2024
TSBA Season End Tournament - New Castle
- May 18 - 19, 2024
ATS Convention Host: Youngstown, OH
- June 16 - 21, 2024
Saxon Summer Camp Camp Frederick Rogers, OH
- July 5 - 19, 2024
Federation International Jugendlager Host: Canada
- July 12 - 14, 2024
North American Saxon Heimattag
Kitchener, ON Canada
- July 27, 2024
ATS Family Day at Waldameer
- October 12 - 13, 2024
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: New Castle Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

- February 11, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Super Bowl Party
- February 13, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Fat Tuesday Buffet
- February 18, 2024
Youngstown Saxon Club Porl/Kraut Dinner
- February 24, 2024
Cleveland East Br. 33 Bowling Party (BWYA)
Wickliffe Lanes
- February 25, 2024
Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction / Sausage Dinner
- March 2, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim/Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer
Musikanten JägerNacht
- March 9, 2024
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-Off
- March 23, 2024
Cleveland West Children's Easter Party
- April 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim 250 Club Banquet
- April 20, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Wild Game Night
- May 4, 2024
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
- May 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Mothers' Day Brunch
- June 26, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim /GCM



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FEDERATION OF THE TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS'
INTERNATIONAL JUGENDLAGER
JULY 5 – 19, 2024
HOST COUNTRY: CANADA

Five of our ATS Members will have the chance to attend the 2024 Jugendlager, which will be held in Canada starting on Friday, July 5 and ending on Friday, July 19. Announcements and applications have been mailed to our ATS Members ages 16-20.

Participants from Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania, and the United States will enjoy two weeks of learning about our Saxon history and culture as well as sightseeing in the beautiful country of Canada. Housing will be provided by the host country and participants will be housed with Saxon families and motels during their stay in Kitchener-Waterloo and in Aylmer. Details of the itinerary are not yet completed.

Participation in this Jugendlager will be limited to five young people from each country, along with one Group Leader. Participants from the USA must be ATS members in good standing between ages of 16-20. Each participant will bear the cost of their transportation to and from Canada and personal daily incidental expenses. The ATS will pay the Participation Fee for each of the USA participants.


Participants must have a valid passport or passcard and provide proof of medical insurance coverage.

All applicants should be interested in learning about our Saxon culture and traditions and be familiar with their Saxon background. They should also be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the national organization, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.


This is a two-week program that offers an individual a chance to share their family history with others, to learn about our Saxon heritage, and to make friends that will last a lifetime.

If you wish to be considered, please return the application that was mailed to you no later than March 1, 2024. Applications should be mailed to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

ATS BRANCH 4 – 2024 FUND RAISER



CHINESE AUCTION/SAUSAGE DINNER
Sunday, February 25, 2024
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!
\$13.00 - Adults Children 10 and Under - \$6.50
Auction Tickets: \$8.00 (Sold day of Auction)
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: February 17
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Make your prepaid reservations by completing the Form below:



SAUSAGE DINNER/CHINESE AUCTION
Sunday, April 24, 2024
By Prepaid Reservation Only

Adult Dinners @ \$13.00 each	\$ _____
Children's Dinners @ \$6.50 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 17, 2024



**St. Peter's
German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**
11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts



Installation of 2024 officers

Hope everyone is staying safe and warm during this January cold snap! Thanks to everyone who came to our January meeting. We started the evening with a sausage and sauerkraut

supper which was delicious- Thank you Ema Litschel. Branch 33 officers for 2024 were installed at the meeting: President Margarete Ziegler, Vice president Maria Phillips, Secretary Arline Suts, Treasurer Lisa Deaton, financial secretary Mike Bretz, ATS secretary Karyn Schmidt, and Trustees Nick Ziegler, Wayne Suts, Sue Guip, Barb Hum.

Welcome to our newest Branch member, Sandra Maurer. She is the daughter of our dear former trustee Peg Maurer who passed away several years ago. Sandra has been active Bowling with our Cleveland East ATS team for the past three years as well.

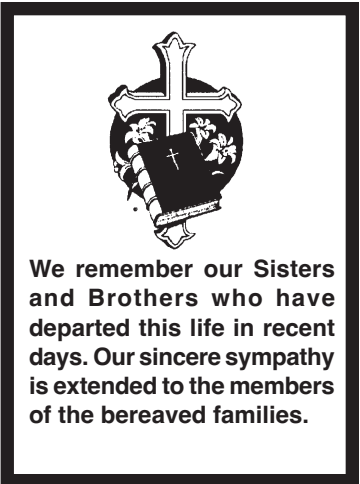
I am sad to report that long-time member Jean Schneider passed away January 18th. Until a few years ago,

Jean was always active at our meetings and events and picnics; our sincerest condolences to her family. I hear that a memorial service will be planned for the Spring. Please keep all our members who have been ill in your prayers. We send Goodwill wishes to Inge Mahn, Bette Schmidt, the Mahters, Kathie Brusk and Joan Blaha. Evelyn Keefer just celebrated her 101st birthday; she was recently hospitalized but recovering back at Senior facility- Cindy Schneider did visit her and said she was up and watching Hallmark movies, Yay Evelyn!

ATS "Bowl Where You Are" event is starting in February for Junior members. We have planned a bowling party (with pizza and snacks) for Branch 33 adult and junior members on Saturday, February 24, at Wickliffe Lanes 30315 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe OH. Free for Branch members; Reservations, call Sharon Volpe at (440) 307-0268.

Reminder to all ATS Team bowlers that the next Bowling session on February 18 will be hosted by Branch 33 at Northwood Lanes in Macedonia Ohio, starting time is 11:30 a.m. (a bit later than usual).

Branch 33 will have NO MEETING in February due to conflict with Ash Wednesday. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13.



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.

Doris L. Drotleff
Age 92
Died: May 15, 2023
Branch 17, Canton, OH

Frederick Nicklas
Age 74
Died: December 13, 2023
Home Branch

Gerald R. Dew
Age 88
Died: December 19, 2023
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

William R. Miller
Age 68
Died: December 28, 2023
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Anne K. Kish
Age 77
Died: December 31, 2023
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Louise A. Horvath
Age 90
Died: January 1, 2024
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH

Carol C. Heidorn
Age 77
Died: January 12, 2024
Branch 9, Chicago, IL

Michael Bruckner
Age 101
Died: January 14, 2024
Branch 14, Canton, OH

Jean B. Schneider
Age 94
Died: January 18, 2024
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH



Welcome new Branch 33 member Sandra Maurer



MARCH 10, 2024

1:30 PM

Salem Saxon Club Branches 18 and 19

**FAMILY BOWLING
PARTY**

HUNT CLUB LANES

188 Railroad Street Salem OH 44460

A family bowling party will be held at the Hunt Club Lanes in Salem on Sunday March 10, 2024 at 1:30 pm. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. All members of Branches 18 and 19 and guests are invited to bowl. The club will provide free shoe rental and 3 games of bowling to all branch 18 and 19 members. Non-member guests are welcome to bowl at their own expense. Juvenile ATS members ages 6 to 17 may participate in the Bowl-Where-You-Are tournament. Don't forget to bring your official ATS tournament score sheet.

Please RSVP by calling 330-501-1491 by March 5, 2024

Free Bowling

Free Shoes

Pizza

Soft Drinks

**Free for Branch
18 and 19
Members**

**Non-Member guests
are welcome to join
the party. Bowling
and shoes will be at
guest expense.**

**Juvenile members
age 6 - 17 bring
your ATS Bowl-
Where-You-Are
scoresheet**

**RSVP by
March 5, 2024
Barbara Spack
330-501-1491**





The Sachsenheim is preparing for several events during February and March to make your winter brighter and more enjoyable. First, we are going to celebrate the coming of the Lenten season with a Bockfest/Mardi Gras Buffet on Fat Tuesday, February 13. The Bockfest will feature different styles of Bock beers that are traditionally brewed during the winter months and served throughout the spring. The Mardi Gras Buffet will include Jambalaya, Gumbo, Red Beans and dirty rice, Crawl fish balls, Gator stew, Kings bread and much more. The buffet will be one pass for \$14.95 a person. Tickets are

to be purchased in advance by calling the Sachsenheim at 216-651-0888 or stop in and purchase your tickets at the bar. Now you ask, What about Taco Tuesday? We will still have Taco Tuesday menu for those that want to celebrate Fat Tuesday with some tacos or a burrito or quesadilla along with a frozen margarita. Grab your beads and join us for Fat Tuesday celebration.

Branch 4's Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. This is our fundraiser that helps defray the expenses of our children's parties and other expenses at the Sachsen-

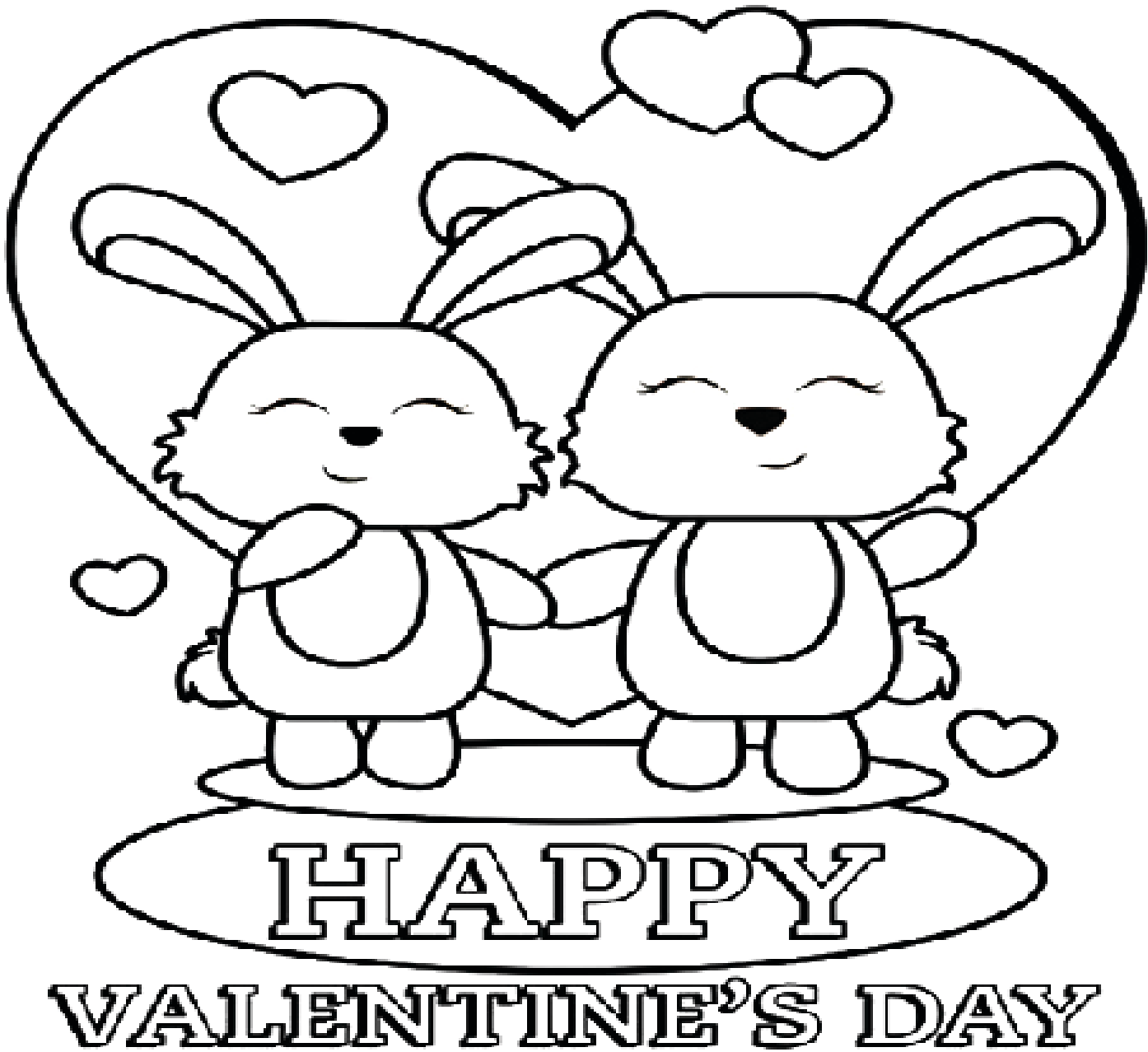
heim. We are thankful for the items and monetary contributions that enables us to hold the event and are grateful to all that attend to make our fundraiser a success. Reservations are a must, there are no admission tickets sold at the door. The event is \$13 for adults and \$6.50 for children age 10 and under. Invite your friends to come along and enjoy a delicious meal and an afternoon of fun for all ages. There is a reservation form printed in this issue of the Volksblatt. Deadline for reservations is February 17. Let's get together and raise some funds for our Club.

We start March off with the Jäger Nacht, a special celebration of Jägermeister. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and entertainment will begin at 6:00 p.m. The evening performances will include music by the Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer Musikanten, performance by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and DJ Kishka. Admission is \$10. Available for sale will be a Jägermeister food inspired menu. Tickets are to be purchased on line @eventbrite.com.

The following weekend on Saturday, March 9 the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will host its 14th Annual Chili Cookoff. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the tasting of chilis starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance from any Dance Group Member or at the Sachsenheim bar. Tickets at the door will be \$20. Admission includes three chili samples, accompaniments and deserts. Additional chili samples are \$1. The group is welcoming anyone who wishes to enter their chili for competition. If you want to enter your chili for judging in the contest, email them at csdg7001@yahoo.com for details. Prizes will be awarded for top entries based on ballots cast by attendees. All proceeds will benefit their summer 2025 Europe trip. It is a fun evening for the entire family. Let's show our support to the Dance Group and help them raise funds for their special performing trip to Europe!

On Saturday, March 23 we will hold the Children's Easter Party. Invitations will be mailed to our Junior Members in early part of March.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



Name: _____ Branch No. _____ Cert. No. _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Juvenile Members

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

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

Happy Anniversary to the Transylvanian Saxon Singing & Sick Support Association (Today the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10). On January 23, 1910, a group of Transylvania Saxons created our group. This became one of many German Groups formed in Central Ohio. The main difference from the other German groups was that its members were from German descendants that had left their motherland of Germany to settle in what would eventually be termed as Transylvania. Records indicate Transylvania was terra Ultrasilvana, Transylvania, which means “the country on the other side of the forests”(from the Transylvanian Saxons Book).

The region became to be known as Siebenbuergen, after the German settlers. The brave German settlers were offered the land by King Geza II of Hungary. It was called the new frontier but make no mistake it was much less than a gift of great and wonderful land of many opportunities. It was believed that 300,000 Germans decided to move to this distant Transylvanian which was nothing more than a wasteland inhabited by only bears, wolves and other wild animals.

We know the story that the Hungarian Empire wanted to provide a buffer against warring neighboring countries and empires.

So it started in Germany, immigrated to Transylvania, and eventually would move to the US in various waves. Wherever the Transylvanian Saxon would travel they would thrive and succeed, no

matter of the circumstances. And this is how Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Branch 10 found its beginnings.

So to all of us Transylvanian Saxons in Columbus, FROHES JUBILAEUM-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MONTHLY MEETING

We will try again, to have our monthly meeting. Regrettably, we had to cancel our January meeting in the best interest of the members due, to weather.

HICKORY HOUSE
550 Offcenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
February 19, 2024
Time 12:00 noon

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

Remember to bring a canned good item, household product or other food item.

“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.”

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. Paul has said that a highlight for him is to continue reading news and stories about various Saxon activities in the Volksblatt.

Please keep John Gellner in your prayers. John and his family attended our Christmas party but is not able to attend our meetings. We hope to see John surprise us with popping into a meeting once in while.

SAXON MEMOIRS

Get your copy of the **Saxon Memoirs!** Written

by your fellow Saxons- Copies are \$ 25 each-Send checks payable to ATS-5323 Pearl Road-Cleveland, Ohio 44129-Call ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 for more information. Must have, Must read Book! – I got my book and it’s a good read!

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 (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 and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

Work up a sweat to protect your brain

Harvard researchers have come to some conclusions about how much exercise will protect you from dementia. They say people engaging in moderate to heavy physical activity are 45 percent less likely to develop any kind of brain problems.

In the study, activities were categorized in three categories:

- Light: standing and walking.
- Moderate: faster walking, housework, yard chores, climbing stairs and light sports, such as bowling and golf.
- Heavy: major housework and intense activities like jogging.

One way the study was different from others: It mainly focused on older people. Other studies included people of all ages. This study shows that even for older people, moderate exercise is protective.



SACHSENHEIM FAT TUESDAY BOCKFEST AND BUFFET

Einbecker
Köstritzer
VELTINS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 5 P.M.
CAVALIER DISTRIBUTING | CAVBEER.COM | @CAVBEEROH



Jägermacht at the Sachsenheim!

New Jägermeister Tap Machine!
Music by the GCM Band!
Polka with DJ Kishka!
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group!

Saturday March 2nd 2024!
from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10.00 @ eventbrite.com
7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson

We started into the New Year with no meeting in January due to single digit weather conditions. We will be meeting instead this month of February on the third Monday the 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave. Lorain, Ohio.

If you are a dues paying member, please come prepared to pay your dues (which would be the same annual amount you paid last year) by either cash or check payable to: ATS Branch 5, Lorain, OH.. If you are not going to be attending, you can submit your dues by mail. Please make your check

payable to: ATS Branch 5, Lorain, OH and mail your check to: Michael W. Johnson, 41868 Earlene Ct., Elyria, OH 44035.

I want to conclude this brief article by wishing happy birthdays to our members who celebrated theirs in January who were Brother Russell Gilles and Sister Carolyn Mroski. Those celebrating their birthdays in February are Brother Brian Long, Sister Sharron Powell and Junior members Conner Hochevar, Jenna Peters, Michael Simon and Piper Simon. May you all enjoy your special day!



THE CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF!

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 2024

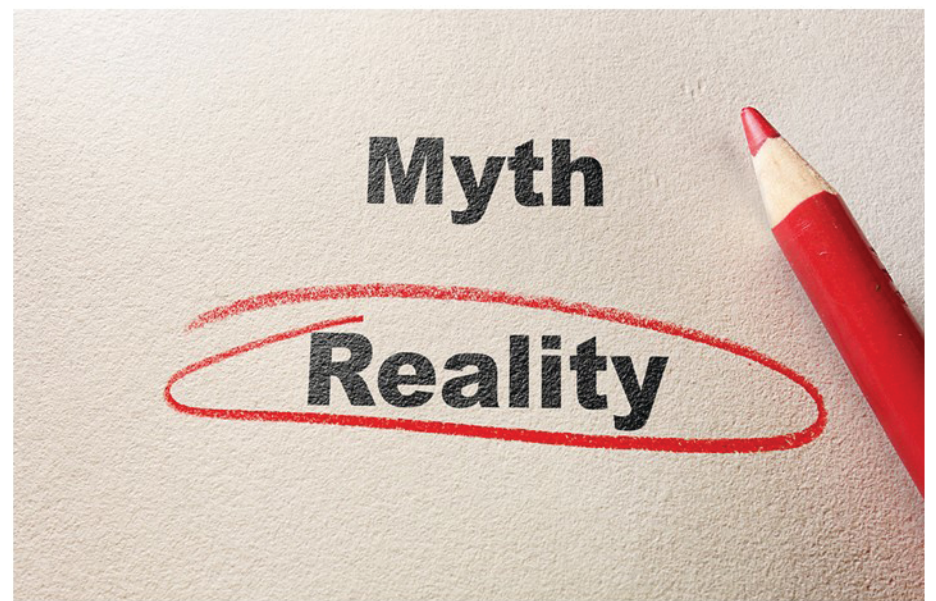
TICKETS ARE \$15 IN ADVANCE
\$20 AT DOOR

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
CHILI TASTING STARTS AT 630PM

If you'd like to enter a Chili, contact us at csdg7001@yahoo.com
Prizes awarded for top Chili based on ballots cast by attendees

WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM
7001 DENISON AVE
CLEVELAND OHIO

GET THOSE TASTE BUDS READY!!!
TAKE A CHANCE ON VARIOUS RAFFLE ITEMS!



Life Insurance: Myth vs Reality

Myth: You don't need life insurance if you're young and healthy.

Reality: While your death is not top of mind when you are young, getting coverage at that time helps you lock in a lower price. In addition, future insurability could become an issue if you develop health issues later in life prior to getting your coverage.

Myth: If you have health issues, you can't get life insurance.

Reality: Most insurers use your health to calculate rates and coverage amounts. It does not mean that you cannot get coverage. You just might need to pay a little more for it.

Myth: If you are single and have no dependents, you don't need life insurance.

Reality: Even if you have no spouse or children, someone needs to pay your final expenses. Also, ask yourself, did a parent or sibling co-sign on a loan or mortgage for you? They could use the insurance to pay it off if you pass away before it is paid off. You can also give an inheritance to your favorite niece or nephew, or a church or charity.

Myth: Life insurance is only for funeral expenses.

Reality: Life insurance proceeds can be used for anything. Your beneficiary can use the funds to pay for your funeral, pay off credit card debt, medical expenses, or use the funds for your child's education.

Myth: Life Insurance through your employer is enough.

Reality: Often, employers offer Group Life Insurance at work. This may or may not be enough coverage for you. However, if you leave that job, there goes the insurance. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average person these days will have 12 different jobs in their lifetime. Most people do not die during their working years. Because of this fact, the rate an employer pays for this coverage is very low and does not cost them much to offer the benefit. You don't want to wait until you retire to purchase your own coverage. Rates increase as you age, and you may have developed health issues that will affect coverage and rates.

Myth: The cost of my life insurance premiums will be deductible.

Reality: Generally, this is not true. Unless you are self-employed and the coverage protects the business owner's assets you cannot deduct the premiums. On the flip side, when your beneficiary receives the insurance proceeds, it is not taxable to them.

Myth: Only the breadwinner needs to have life insurance coverage.

Reality: A stay-at-home spouse provides daycare, transportation, cleaning, meal preparation and many other services that will be expensive to replace if that spouse passes away. Life insurance on the stay-at-home spouse will help cover these new expenses.



Don't have any life insurance? Don't have enough life insurance?

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons has a plan for you!

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