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## BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

February is here, the short month, but one day longer in 2024 with Leap Day on the 29th. Lent, the 40 day period of penance in preparation for Easter, starts on Ash Wednesday

February 14, (it is also Valentine's Day). Branch 33 will NOT have a business meeting in February since our usual date coincides with Ash Wednesday. Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 13. However, Messiah Lutheran Church, our usual meeting place, will be holding church services with dinner following on Wednesdays during Lent. Therefore, our March 13 meeting will be at a DIFFERENT venue for this meeting only. We are all set for the Branch 33 meeting on March 13 at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Dr., Lyndhurst. It can be reached off Parkview (north off of Mayfield Rd just west of the GET-GO Station) or off of Richmond Rd via Thornbury Dr. (Thornbury becomes Parkview at the corner by the city pool.) We will be in Community Room B and C. Reminder that Mora Ziegler

and Karyn Schmidt volunteered to bring pastry for coffee hour.

The ATS Bowl Where You Are event has begun for junior members. Br 33 has planned a Bowling pizza party for juniors and adult members, on Saturday February 24 at Wickliffe Lanes in Wickliffe at 2pm. Sharon Volpe is taking reservations, call (440) 428-0373. Free for Branch 33 members.

The next ATS regular bowling league session will be at North Woods Lanes in Macedonia on February 18. Start time is 11:30 a.m. No meal that day.

Don't forget, no February meeting. The March meeting will be at Lyndhurst Community Center. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## BRANCH 9, CHICAGO

By Rose-Marie Hauer

Welcome February! We now start with Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday! Our meeting was held on February 5, with great attendance. The Hauer ladies treated everyone to warm Krapfen before the meeting began. President Thut brought the meeting to order and welcomed all the attendees. All the reports were read and accepted. President Thut reminded the members of all the important dates such as ATS scholarship applications that are due March 15. The Convention in Youngstown May 18-19, the Heimattag July 12-14 in Canada, the International Jugendlager July 5-19, and the Bowling Tournament October 12-13 in New Castle, PA.

**\*\*Branch 9 will be hosting a Bowling Party on March 3, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Arlington Lanes 3435 N Kennicott, Arlington Heights, IL. All children ages 6-17 with ATS polices are free and bowling for non members children/adults cost is \$20. This includes three games, shoes, pizza and a drink. Reservations must be made by February 28, to Liz Hauer 847-685-9821. Come join us for a**

### fun afternoon!

The **Picnic** is planned for June 30, 2024 at Linne Woods in Morton Grove, IL. More information to follow.

We are also planning our annual Banquet in September. More details to follow.

If you have a suggestion for an event please contact Dede or Rose.

Sister Claudia Schmidt reported that Sister Erika Prado is recovering, and Brother Daniel Reif is doing great. We send a hello to Sister and Brother Morgan and Sister Klein.

Thank you to Sister Roth and Sister Thut for the delicious cake we ate after the meeting. Delicious! Yes, we were spoiled at the meeting!

Best wishes to everyone, and see you all at the Bowling party, and the next meeting on March 4, 2024.



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2024 ATS SAXON  
SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION  
AND  
APPLICATIONS**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



In addition to participants for the Jugendlager in Canada this summer, the ATS is also looking for a **Group Leader**. Candidates must have a valid passport and medical insurance, be interested in sharing their family's Saxon traditions, be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the ATS, and have knowledge of foreign travel. German language skills are a plus. Preferred age is between 25 and 35. The dates of the Jugendlager are July 5 – 19, 2024. Please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or [Office@ATSaxons.com](mailto:Office@ATSaxons.com) if interested in being our Jugendlager Group Leader.

We have a few more seats available on the bus trip to Transylvania this summer. If your passport is up to date and you wish to travel with us, please call the ATS Home Office before March 1. Our travel dates are July 31 to August 10. The highlight of the trip will be the Sachsentreffen to be held in Hermannstadt on August 2 – 4.

**Branch Secretaries:** Did you mail your 2024 Branch Officer roster to the ATS Home Office? Every Branch and Cultural Group is required to complete and mail this form to the office. This form is what we use to print contact information in the back of the Volksblatt for your Branch or Group. You should include someone for each position: Officers, ATS Secretary, Dues Secretary, Youth Representative, etc., and your meeting time and place. Mailings from the Home Office are directed to different people in your Branch or Group, depending on the mailing. Thanks to those Branches and Groups who have already submitted theirs.

Did you know that on February 15, 1898, the USS Maine exploded in Cuba's Havana harbor and was the beginning of the Spanish American war? An immense explosion of unknown origin sunk the battleship, killing 260 American crewmembers aboard. The USS Maine was one of the first American battleships. It weighed 6,000 tons and cost more than \$2 million to build. The Maine was on a friendly visit to Cuba to protect American interests and civilians after a rebellion against Spanish rule broke out in Havana in January of 1898. According to History.com, an official US Naval Court of Inquiry ruled in March 1898 that a mine blew up the ship, without directly blaming Spain.

Sensationalist newspaper articles and advocates of war galvanized the American public with the rallying cry "Remember the Maine". This was a time referred to as "yellow journalism" when the reporting style from the press helped fuel not only the Americans' enthusiasm for the conflict abroad, but also fervent nationalism on the home front. The term grew out of a feud between two prominent newspaper publishers, William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer, both from New York City. One publisher created a comic strip featuring a boy in a yellow nightshirt entitled "The Yellow Kid". The other publisher poached the Yellow Kid, and it continued showing up in both publications. Both newspapers were abundant with highly embellished reports, many focusing on Spain's alleged

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**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
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atrocities, throughout the Spanish American War. The American public, as well as Congress, had little doubt that Spain was responsible and a declaration of war was called for. Subsequent diplomatic attempts to resolve the matter of the USS Maine failed, along with the US’s indignation over Spain’s brutal suppression of the Cuban rebellion and continued losses to American investments. President William McKinley reluctantly signed a resolution supporting Cuban independence and threatening Spain with military action, leading to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in April 1898.

Within three months, the United States had decisively defeated the Spanish forces on land and sea. In August 1898, an armistice halted the fighting. On December 12, 1898, the United States and Spain signed the Treaty of Paris, officially ending the Spanish-American War. This Treaty granted the United States its first overseas empire with the ceding of former Spanish possessions such as Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines. During the Spanish-American War, another “yellow” item played a big part. The War claimed the lives of 3,000 Americans, but only a small portion of these soldiers died in combat. Yellow

fever and typhoid decimated entire units, spreading swiftly through camps in the Caribbean and the southeastern United States. Illness had already ravaged the Spanish forces even before the conflict began, leaving only 55,000 of the 230,000 Spanish troops healthy enough to fight. After the war, the US Army set up a commission to investigate the yellow fever problem, which continued to plague thousands of men still stationed in Cuba. Overseen by Walter Reed, scientists conducted experiments outside Havana that proved for the first time that mosquitoes spread the potentially fatal sickness, rather than direct physical contact. The Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, (now known as the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD) was named after this US Army physician. By the way, in 1976, a team of American naval investigators concluded that the USS Maine explosion was probably caused by a fire that ignited the ammunition stockpile, rather than a Spanish mine or act of sabotage. Until next time...

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.  
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Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Amount Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if donation is in memory  
or honor of someone  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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

**BRANCH 27,  
NEW CASTLE**  
By Dolores Both

Our winter hiatus has come to an end and Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early Spring, so let’s get out and come to our first meeting of 2024 on March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Soni’s Restaurant. We will update members on our winter activities and have two interesting speakers address our group. Karl Hermann, President of Branch 25, will bring us up-to-date on the club’s plans for the new year and Kathy Chirdon will tell us about her grandmother and her aprons. It’s going to be an interesting evening, don’t miss it! Be sure to note March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Soni’s on your calendar. Winter felt like it would never end; it will be so nice to see everyone again and share some good food and Gemütlichkeit.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:	
DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024	FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024	FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024	FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 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

**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**



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
\$1,000	Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000	Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
\$1,000	New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
\$1,000	Donzella Herman Scholarship
\$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

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

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

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

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

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:  
ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2024  
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Forms will be accepted for consideration

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

Wanted: Group Leader  
Jugendlager 2024  
Canada  
July 5 – 19, 2024

The Youth Activities Committee of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for candidates to be the Group Leader for the U.S. participants on the 26<sup>th</sup> International Jugendlager. The trip will be hosted by the Transylvanian Saxons of Canada.

Candidates must have a valid passport and medical insurance, be interested in sharing their family’s Saxon traditions, be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the ATS, and have knowledge of foreign travel. German language skills are a plus. Preferred age is between 25 and 35.

Please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or Office@ATSaxons.com if interested in being our Jugendlager Group Leader.



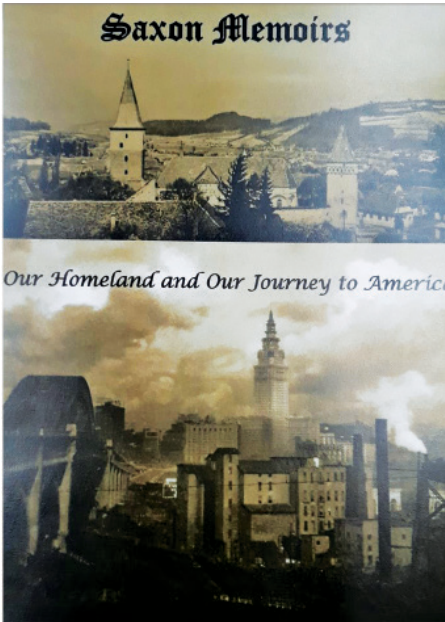
FRATERNAL CALENDAR

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 18, 2024  
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/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 3, 2024  
Chicago Br.9 Bowling Party Arlington Lanes  
Cleveland West Bowling Party Roll House Parma
- March 9, 2024  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-Off  
New Castle Eintracht Maennerchor Beer and Wine  
Tasting
- March 10, 2024  
Salem Family Bowling Party
- March 23, 2024  
Cleveland West Children's Easter Party  
New Castle Br. 25 German Meat Seminar and Tasting
- April 12, 2024  
Cleveland Sachsenheim 250 Club Banquet
- April 20, 2024  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Wild Game Night  
New Castle Br. 25 Halfway to Oktoberfest
- May 4, 2024  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball



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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, February 25, 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





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www.stpeterswarren.org

**10:00 Service**  
**Nursery**  
**Coffee following service**  
**Senior Circle**

**BRANCH 25,  
NEW CASTLE**  
By Jacob Holzhauser

Eintracht Branch 25 held its monthly meeting on February 8th with President Karl Hermann presiding. During the report of special committees, several events were announced. Danual Forsberg announced that on March 23 at 4 p.m. a German meat seminar and tasting will occur. The demonstration will examine the different varieties of traditional German meat and offertasting samples. Danual also announced later in the spring on April 20th a Halfway to Oktoberfest will be held in the Saengerhalle. Next, Jonathan Baisch reminded the members about the Maennerchor's beer-tasting event on March 9th. The events are open to the public and details will be shared via the phone tree.

Also at the meeting, the trustees reported multiple improvements to the Saengerhalle on Taylor St. General maintenance and cleanup of the floors, men's bathroom, kitchen sink, and kitchen have all been completed. Thank you to those who have contributed to the completion of these projects.

This spring the Saengerhalle will also see improvements with a new roof.

Finally, the club is pleased to announce developments for offering German language classes at the club.

In closing, all members are reminded that their annual dues are now past due.

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

Reminder to our members and friends that our Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner's deadline for reservations is February 17<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful for your support with this annual fundraiser. This event is by prepaid reservations only. Hope to see you on Sunday, February 25. Also, let's remember our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

March events start 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 Jägermeister food inspired menu. Tickets are to be purchased on line @ eventbrite.com.

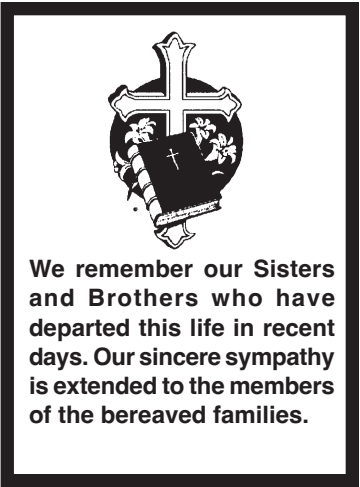
On Sunday, March 3 the Juvenile Committee will hold a Bowling Party for the ATS "Bowl Where You Are" Tournament. Eligible members have been sent invitations. The event is at 2:00 p.m., at the RollHouse Parma Bowling Lanes, 12859 Brook Park Road. Please plan to arrive at the Bowling Lane early to select your shoes and bowling ball. Each bowler will receive Pizza and Pop. Remember to bring the score sheet which was mailed out with the invitation. Reservations are a must by calling Stephanie Miller at 216-647-3229. If you reach a recording, leave your name **and** telephone number.

The following weekend on Saturday, March 9 the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will host its 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

We have a busy schedule for March and we hope that you will be able to enjoy our upcoming events.



**Beverly A. D'Amico**  
Age 87  
Died: November 25, 2023  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

**Regina Litschel**  
Age 100  
Died: January 5, 2024  
Home Branch

**Mari Ann K. Staley**  
Age 89  
Died: January 7, 2024  
Branch 18, Salem, OH

**Frieda T. Pitelka**  
Age 93  
Died: January 14, 2024  
Branch 32, Ellwood City, PA

**Leona R. Hasen**  
Age 91  
Died: January 25, 2024  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

**Helen M. Brooks**  
Age 97  
Died: January 27, 2024  
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

**Rita Brenner**  
Age 88  
Died: January 27, 2024  
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

**Elisabeth Celizic**  
Age 96  
Died: January 29, 2024  
Branch 4, Cleveland, OH

**Counterfeit  
Ozempic found in  
U.S. drug supply**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seized thousands of units of fake Ozempic that are difficult to distinguish from the real thing, according to CBS News. Fraudsters have taken advantage of an ongoing Ozempic shortage to pose as medical wholesalers and sell bogus products to pharmacies. Five illnesses have been linked to the counterfeit medication, which carries the lot number NAR00074 and the serial number 430834149057.



**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.**

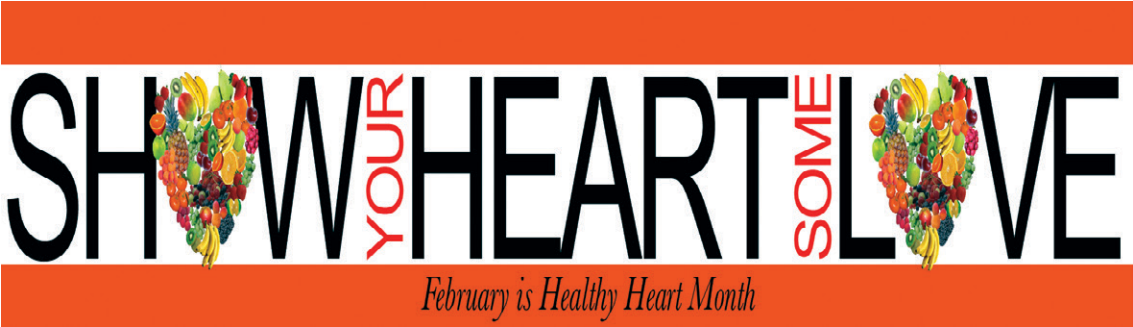
**Juvenile members age 6 – 17 bring your ATS Bowl-Where-You-Are scoresheet**

**RSVP by**

**March 5, 2024**

**Barbara Spack**

**330-501-1491**





**BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE**  
By Brigitte Floyd

This past week we lost a dear member, Helen Brooks, who was 97 years young. She had been a member since 1945! Helen was quite active in life; working until the age of 82 at the jewelry counter of L.S. Ayres, she volunteered at the hospital as a “pink lady”, she was an active participant at the local senior center, and she was active with our club. She had been an officer with the now defunct ladies Branch 40, she wrote our articles for the Volksblatt, she was responsible for reaching out to our members with birthday cards and “thinking of you” cards, she baked, she volunteered, and she brought her smile and warmth every time she came to meetings. Her son said that she loved her Saxon family. Who can forget, if you are a bowler, that she was one of our original “Sizzle Sisters”. We will miss her, and our deepest sympathy to her loving family. Rest in peace dear Helen.

Our meeting was well attended with 23 in attendance, this included Regina Rempler and her daughter, Anne, and son-in-law, Randy. Regina was able to reminisce about the clubs past and present members and doings. She had a lovely time, and it was a joy to see her. We also had our vivacious member from Nevada, Erika Wolozanski. She will also be here for our meeting in March. We always look forward to her visits.

Jamie Connor’s daughter, Abby, is selling Girl Scout cookies and an order form was available for all of those needing that cookie fix. I know thin mints have always been my favorite.

We had sick slips presented from three of our members and a motion was made to accept and pay these members. We also want to send our love and prayers to Kathleen. We miss you!

Thank you to Ethel Schuffert for donating greeting cards to be used to send to our members for their birthdays or just for keeping in touch with shut ins. There was a call out at our last meeting for cards and

she brought many!

Remember to pay your dues to Zita Palyok, our financial secretary, if you haven’t already done so. There will be a board meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss our plans and calendar happenings for the upcoming year.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by Willard Schuffert for \$75. Way to go Willard. Our attendance raffle was won by our lovely Heidi Spence.

When our lengthy meeting of 36 minutes ended, we visited each other and dined on sub sandwiches and a home-made pasta salad. There was a yummy dessert table with pineapple upside down cake and cherry cheesecake made by Zita, and a raspberry cheesecake made by me (I grow raspberries).

Our next meeting will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, @ 2 p.m. Hope to see many of you there. Spring is coming early according to the groundhog’s prediction here in the Chicagoland area. Fun fact: he is only right 39% of the time. We can only hope he is right this year.

February is a busy month, full of special days and observances: Valentines Day, Groundhog Day, Heart Health Month, Lunar New Year, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Presidents Day, Black History Month, Superbowl Sunday, just to name a few. And yes, I said a few because there are so many more observances, so I thought I will share a few of my favorite:

February 11: Don’t Cry Over Spilled Milk Day (Always look for the bright side)

February 16: Do a Grouch a Favor Day (Not talking about Oscar)

February 16: Random Acts of Kindness Day (We can create a more caring and compassionate society, let’s make the world a better place)

February 20: National comfy day (We don’t have to have an excuse to wear jammies all day)

February 28: National tooth fairy day (Share that with the littles in your life)

February is also National Canned Food Month - Please donate goods today – Everyone deserves a warm meal!

**BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS**  
By Donald Blum



**CELEBRATION**

Happy Anniversary to the Erster Siebenbueger Sachsen- Gesang & Kranken Unterstuetzungs Verein (First Transylvanian Saxon Singing & Sick Support Association) (Today the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10). On January 23, 1910, a group of Transylvanian 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 Siebenbuerger, 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 travel 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 January meeting in the best interest of the members due, to weather.

**HICKORY HOUSE**  
550 Officenter Place  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
February 19, 2024

Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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.

**CONDOLENCES**

Steve Stephenson, husband to Mary Stephenson and Son-in-Law to the late Susie and John Karst. Steve was a kind, warm man that was a friend to everyone he ever met. We will miss Steve very much. Our condolences and prayers to Mary and her family. Gott Segne!

**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.

**HUMOR**

A cowboy, who just moved to Montana from Texas, walks into a bar and orders 3 mugs of Beer.

He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, “You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would be better if you bought one at a time.”

The cowboy replies, “Well, you see, I have 2 brothers; one in Arizona, the other in Colorado.

When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we’d drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So, I’m drinking 1 beer for each of my brothers, and 1 for myself.”

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it at that.

The cowboy become a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way.

One day, he comes in and only orders 2 mugs.

All the regulars take notice and fall silent.

The bartender says, “I don’t want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss.”

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light comes on and he laughs.

“Oh, no, everybody’s just fine,” he explains. It’s just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking.”

It hasn’t affected my 2 brothers though.”



**EINTRACHT SINGING SOCIETY, NEW CASTLE**  
By Danual Forsberg

The Eintracht Singing Society's Kinderchor is several weeks into the new year's rehearsals in preparation for their Spring Concert with the Männerchor in May. Rehearsal nights have been switched to Tuesday at 7 p.m. for Kinderchor and the men have moved to Monday night 7:30 to 9 p.m. Recruitment for new singers is kicking off for singers in grades K-12. We have instituted a new program to bring back former Kinderchor singers now in high school, who act as role models and receive credit from their high school for their community service to the choir. They assist the director with the young singers by providing great vocal models for developing tone, singing skills and performance practices. We hope to attract more such older, experienced singers. They will hopefully form a Youth Choir and eventually work into adult choirs at the club. As our young singers grow, their Dirndls and Lederhosen are passed down to smaller, upcoming singers. This means we need Dirndls and Lederhosen for the growing singers, both girls and boys. If any of our ATS members or friends have Trachten that they would like to donate, we would love to receive them to keep our

choir well dressed in traditional costumes. Please contact director Dan Forsberg if you have Trachten you'd like to donate. We'll make arrangements to pick them up or have them shipped. The Männerchor, like the Kinderchor, is making great headway in their rehearsals, preparing for the Spring Concert on Sunday May 5th. Recruitment is going great with three new singers up for membership. New singers are always welcome. Singers need only show up at rehearsal and try out the choir to see if it's a good fit. There plenty of help with music and language. Once a singer feels comfortable in the choir, the director will conduct an audition for singer towards membership in the historic choir. The Eintracht Singing Society continues to regroup and grow post covid with many great activities and cultural programs on the calendar. February 24 marks the annual Chili Cook-off. Always popular, members bring out their best chili recipes to compete for the Best Chili! A great time and warm Gemütlichkeit abound.

The Männerchor will host its annual Beer and Wine Tasting with a wonderful opportunity to taste the best local craft beers and wines.

A bountiful table of hors d'oeuvres will pair well with the libations, and to provide even more ambiance to the Festhall, there will be live music. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door

Also on March 23, the Club will be hosting a presentation on German meats and sausages. Participants will all enjoy a brat and a German beer and the opportunity to sample many varieties of wurst, Brats, and authentic German meats. Our guest speaker Joe Flock, food engineer and owner of Flock Food Solutions, LLC, will educate us on the various types of German meats and sausages, how they're made, prepared, and meant to be served. This event is part of the Eintracht's mission to promote our club and culture through food, music, and the arts. Please watch these pages for more information on tickets for the March 9 event. It will be held at 4 p.m in the Festhall at 108 Taylor Street New Castle PA.

One more event in the planning stage is "Halfway to Oktoberfest"! The club will assist members, guests, and the community in preparation for the real Oktoberfest later in the fall. There will be lots of food, beer, and music in true Oktoberfest style. Stay tuned to find out all the details. You won't want to miss this great event!



**Early risers can  
thank the  
Neanderthals**

Early risers may have inherited their habits from Neanderthal ancestors, according to a new study published in the journal Genome Biology and Evolution. Researchers analyzed archaic DNA from Neanderthals and the closely related Denisovans, and compared their findings to modern DNA in a medical database. Researchers found that people who described themselves as early risers were more likely to show traces of Neanderthal DNA in their genetic codes.



Eintracht Singing Society Kinderchor



Eintracht Singing Society Männerchor

**BEER & WINE TASTING**  
**March 9, 2024**  
**2-5 pm**  
**Limited Tickets Available!**  
**\*Presale: \$25    At Door: \$30**

*Eintracht*  
Live Music  
HOR D'OEUVRES  
Beer Wine Mead

\*Presale Tickets available via singers, facebook, email or at the Ratskeller

*Männerchor*

Eintracht Singing Society  
108 Taylor St  
New Castle, PA  
EMAIL: EINTRACHTMANNERCHOR@GMAIL.COM

**Jäger Nacht**  
at the Sachsenheim!

New Jägermeister Tap Machine!

Music by the GCM Band!

Polka with DJ Kishka!

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

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group!

Tickets \$10.00 @ [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)  
7001 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

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**ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF!**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 2024**

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**\$20 AT DOOR**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
CHILI TASTING STARTS AT 630PM

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