

#### THE SAXON NEWS

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#### **BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN** By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events:

Thursday nights 6:30 p.m. Bar Bingo, open to members and guests, food available.

March 4, Officers Meeting 5:30 p.m. March 10, Branch Meeting 2:00 p.m.

May 12, Mothers Day Dinner, Ballroom Kravitz Catering

We invite you to visit our website: https://yosaxonclub.com

Pork/Kraut Dinner resumes on the third Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m., \$12.00 ea.

Pay your dues immediately so you do not lose your death benefits through Br. 30; benefits are paid according to how many years you are a member.



### **TSBA Bowling**

**Next Session** Youngstown March 17, 2024 11:00 a.m. **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 12,2024

(330) 720-7988

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to: MAILED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 5323 Pearl Road Cleveland OH 44129-1503

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY

Reminder, please:

honor, fraternal member \$20.00 fraternal member \$40.00 social member \$50.00

Your card can be cancelled if you are not paid up so please don't forfeit the pleasure of enjoying our Club and its members.

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.

Scholarships to YSU are available through Br. 30 for men and women of any age for full time attendance. You need to be a member for two years to apply and have at least a 3.0 grade average. Contact, for information, Julaine Gilmartin (330) 799-5171, 4173 Timberlaine Trl, Canfield, OH, 44406. With tuition prices, this is a wonderful opportunity for you. As a former YSU faculty member, I encourage you to take advantage of our help.



**Attend the** 

monthly

meetings

of your Branch.

**Help make** 

your Branch

a healthy Branch.



**SEE PAGE 3 FOR** 2024 ATS SAXON **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** AND **APPLICATIONS** 

#### PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE**

By Denise Aeling Crawford **ATS Nat'l President** 



The 2024 ATS Convention is fast approaching. At least for the ATS Home Office it is. The 108th Convention will be held May 18th and 19th and hosted by Branch 30 at the Youngstown Saxon Club. The Constitution Committee of the Board of Directors has proposed some changes to the ATS Constitution. These proposed changes have been mailed out to all of the Branches for discussion at your meetings. The changes are posted in this issue of the Volksblatt. They will be included in the next two issues as well. In addition, each Branch should have received their Delegate forms. These forms will need to be returned to the ATS Home Office by April 3rd (45 days before the Convention). Each form shows the number of Delegates that Branch is entitled to send to the Convention (minimum of 2, with a maximum of 12).

Have you been working on your Handicraft item for the Convention? In addition to reports from the ATS Board of Directors, Subsidy and Branch Sharing checks being distributed, each Convention has a contest for different types of handiwork. You still have time to start on that project and get it completed be-

College students: please do not forget about the deadlines for the ATS Scholarships. Request forms need to be received by the Home Office by March 15th. Completed applications need to be returned by April 15th. The ATS will be awarding over 40 scholarships again this year. We are very proud to offer this benefit to our ATS members!

The Eastern European Congress of Ohio is hosting a Bar Crawl on Saturday, April 6, 2024 in the Cleveland area. One of the stops will be at our own Westside Sachsenheim. Participants will catch the bus at the ATS Home Office. See the EECOH website or Facebook page for more information. The annual Eastern European Month Celebration Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 22, at the Cretan Banquet Center on W. 168th Street in Cleveland. For details, see the EECOH website or Facebook page.

Did you know that apparently not a whole lot has happened on February 29 in history? Since this year is a leap year, I thought I would check out this onceevery-four-years date. Other than Buddy Holly's glasses being found in 1980 after being lost since his death in 1959, and two ships sinking in the North Sea Battle during World War I, the only other fact I found interesting was that Hattie McDaniel became the first African American actress to win an Oscar. She played Mammy in the 1939 movie *Gone With The Wind*. Eight different Oscars were awarded for the classic film on February 29, 1940.

February, being such a short month, is full of interesting facts and holidays. It is the second month in our Gregorian calendar today, but it was the last

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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

NameAddress	
City	_State
Zipcode	-
Amount Donated \$	

Please indicate if donation is in memory or honor of someone



"Of course you did better in history. There was a lot less of it when you were my age."

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Rd

PORK & KRAUT DINNER

MARCH 17, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12.00

TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN PUBLIC WELCOME

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont'd from Page 1

added to the Roman calendar. The calendar was originally 10 months, because winter was considered a dormant, month-less period. January and February were added by the Roman King Pompilius to better align with the lunar year. Why is February usually 28 days? The Roman King Numa had originally made all months 29 days, since Romans believed that even numbers were unlucky. However, adding up 12 months of 29 days, the sum is an even number. So, February, a month for honoring the dead, was chosen as the unlucky month to consist of 28 days.

Over time, many changes have been made to the calendar, but the 28 figure has remained (mostly) for February. The month includes Groundhog Day, Lunar/Chinese New Year, the Super Bowl, President Lincoln's birthday, Fat/Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras Day, Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day, Susan B Anthony's birthday, President Washington's birthday, and of course, Leap Day. Some fun observances include: Tater Tot Day, Ukulele Day, Carrot Cake Day, Golden Retriever Day, Homemade Soup Day, Pay a Compliment Day, Send a Card to a Friend Day, Fettuccine Alfredo Day, Bubble Gum Day, Pizza Day, Read in the Bathtub Day, Clean Out your Computer Day (I totally missed that one!), Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day. Drink Wine Day (I got that one!), Sticky Bun Day, Tell a Fairy Tale Day, and Love Your Pet Day.

Until next time....

#### Fun is fattening

A 2016 study found that among one-week vacationers, about 61 percent gained about a pound of weight on average -- and some up to seven pounds, according to Science Daily.

Cruises may be even more fattening. According to Cruise Critic, the average weight gain on a two-week cruise is between 6.6 and 8.8 pounds.

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#### **SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:**

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com POSTAL MAIL: Saxon News Volksblatt 29076 Fall River Dr Westlake, OH 44145

Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

#### **DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:**

DEADLINE ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 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.

Four Year Renewable Grant from the

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\$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
\$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	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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	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 <u>completed official</u> 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
R	equest must be received by March 1

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 <u>undergraduate program</u>.

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	\$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 <u>official</u> 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 <u>official</u> 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

 $\boldsymbol{\cdot\cdot}$  Scholarship winners will be notified by mail.  $\boldsymbol{\cdot\cdot}$ 

#### **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
Tele:	City, State, Zip Code
E-Mail:_	
Br. No	Cert. No
F	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

 $\cdot \cdot$  Scholarship winners will be notified by mail.  $\cdot \cdot$ 

### 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.

WE HAVE A RICH AND COLORFUL
HISTORY AND HERITAGE!
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP IT ALIVE!
BECOME A PROUD AND ACTIVE MEMBER!

#### FRATERNAL CALENDAR

#### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

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**

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

Lorain Br. 5 Bowl where You Are Party

March 16, 2024

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Sausage Sale March 23, 2024

Cleveland West Chiildren's Easter Party New Castle Br. 25 German Meat Seminar and Tasting March 30, 2024

Salem Saxon Club Easter Egg Hunt

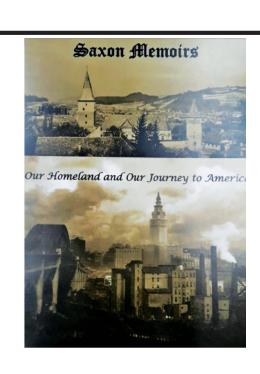
**April 12, 2024** 

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 May 12, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim Mothers' Day Brunch



#### 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, OH 44129 Call the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 for more information.



## **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 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

#### MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE 550 Officenter Place Gahanna, Ohio 43230 March 18, 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.

#### **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 (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

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

# YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES By Ro Dundon

Hi Everyone:

We have not had a meeting since our Christmas Luncheon. This is a note to let you all know we are still here.

I hope you all had wonderful holidays. Soon we will be looking forward to Spring and Easter.

I had a conversation with our President, Diana (as always it was a looong conversation). Here's new information concerning our next luncheon

DATE: March 14, 2024

Place:Denny's Restaurant— Mahoning Ave.—Austintown.

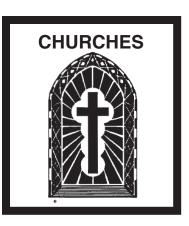
TIME: 11:30 a.m.

By the way, everyone is welcometo attendour meeting. If you are considering, call Diana - (330) 799-1738 so she will know to expect you.

To all, please be careful, safe and healthy.

Till we meet again. As usual, It's RO.





#### 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

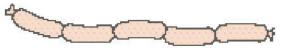
Coffee following service Senior Circle

# New ovarian cancer treatment heads to clinical trials

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted fast-track designation to a new therapy for aggressive ovarian, fallopian tube, and peritoneal cancer, according to Targeted Oncology. Developed by the Chinese firm RemeGen, RC88 is designed for patients with treatment-resistant cancers and poor prognoses. Phase 2 clinical trials are slated to begin soon.



Saturday, March 30
1:00 p.m.
Includes:
Easter Egg Hunt
Visit from the Easter Bunny
Snacks
RSVP Number of Children
Dawn Jackson (330) 222-1548



Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Spring Sausage Sale Saturday, March 16th, 2024

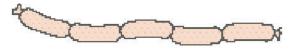
We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage.

All flavors come in 3 lb and 5 lb links or 5 lb bulk packages (each with a little overage).

The price is \$4.00 per pound

You can call in orders to Michael Bachinger 330-540-5168 Walter Benesch 330-398-5449 Robert Bachinger 330-980-0911 You can also email your order to bman1017@gmail.com

Pick-up is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pavilion Orders will be accepted until March 11th, 2024



#### **Alliance Branch 8 Outing**



Ladies from Branch 8 Alliance attended the local community production of Oklahoma on February 18th.

#### BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

After two months of not meeting due to the holidays and frigid temperatures, it was good to catch up and get current with the business of the Lorain Saxons. After the reading of the minutes and hearing the financial report we moved onto other business. The 2024 ATS Convention will be held the weekend of May 18 - 19, 2024 in Youngstown, Ohio. If you would be interested in going to the ATS Convention as a delegate representing Branch 5, let President Monica Gilles know by contacting her before our meeting next month at (440) 309-7894 or e-mail gillemo76@hotmail.

Our next meeting will be on March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.at the American Slovak Club. Auditing of the books will begin at 6:00 p.m. for those who need to be there for that. 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, please submit your dues by mail this month so as not to be in arrears. Make your check payable to: ATS Branch 5, Lorain, OH and mail your check to: Michael W. Johnson, 41868 Earlene Ct., Elyria, OH 44035.

Brother Brian Gilles will be participating this year in the American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb with his team the Avon Lake Fire Fighters in full gear on March 3, 2024 at Key Tower in downtown Cleveland. You can make a donation to Brian through <a href="https://www.lung.org">www.lung.org</a> and scroll down to "Find Participant", enter his full name and it will take you to the donation

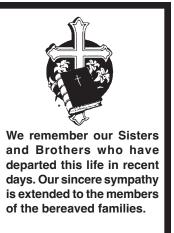
page. Scroll down till you see his name and click on it and it will take you to his donation page.

On Sunday, March 10, 2024 Branch 5 will host a "Bowl Where You Are" party at Rebman Recreation Inc., 5300 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, Ohio for Junior members. For more details contact President Monica Gilles at (440)309-7894 to reserve your spot.

At the time of this writing there are no members sick or receiving benefits.

Members celebrating their birthdays this month of March are Sisters June Nau, Betty Ralph and junior member Rhys Berlin. Happy birthday to you all and a belated birthday to Brother Thomas Ralph who celebrated in January and I missed in my article.

Until next time enjoy the spring like weather and don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on March 10 for daylight savings time.



#### Elisabeth Scott

Age 86

Died: October 14, 2023 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

#### Michael Grail, Sr.

Age 97

Died: December 11, 2023 Home Branch

#### **Heidi Candia**

Age 85

Died: February 13, 2024 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

# Study: Blood test may detect Alzheimer's earlier

A simple blood test may revolutionize screening for Alzheimer's disease. According to a new study in the journal JAMA Neurology, elevated levels of a biomarker called p-tau217 can predict key characteristics of Alzheimer's disease as accurately as more advanced tests and imaging. Researchers hope that the blood test will make early screening more costeffective and accessible for everyone.



#### **Proposed changes to ATS constitution**

The following changes to the Constitution of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons are presented by the ATS Board of Directors for Convention consideration and approval. The following changes are being presented to update and modernize our Constitution, our business policies and procedures, and comply with new corporate governance requirements and regulator recommendations.

ARTICLE III - Rights of the Alliance

Currently reads:

SECTION 3. It shall collect dues and payments as its Constitution, rules, laws and by-laws provide, elect its own officers, and have the right and duty to regulate and supervise the activities of individual Branches in matters affecting the Alliance.

Proposed change: Remove the words "dues and"

Proposed wording to read: SECTION 3. It shall collect payments as its Constitution, rules, laws and by-laws provide, elect its own officers, and have the right and duty to regulate and supervise the activities of individual Branches in matters affecting the Alliance.

Reason for change: The ATS no longer collects any dues from its members on behalf of local Branches.

ARTICLE IV – Governing Body

Proposed change: Add new Section 3

**Proposed wording to read:** Section 3: Authority of the Convention is suspended in the event of an authorized control level Risk Based Capital (RBC) event (insolvency of the ATS) as required under Ohio Revised Code Sec 3921.102, and in such event, all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code apply, including, but not limited to, authority of the Board to approve a transfer or merger, and requirements for notice to members.

Reason for change: The State of Ohio has enacted new solvency rules for Fraternal Benefit Societies. This is their requested wording to be added to Constitutions of Fraternals. (The Ohio Department of Insurance can intervene and possibly take over a Fraternal Benefit Society if their RBC ratio falls below 200%.)

ARTICLE VIII – Election of Officers

Currently reads:

SECTION 5. A Branch nominating committee must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the Convention. The nomination must include a short description of the candidate's background and qualifications, and written permission from the candidate to let his or her name stand for election. The candidate must be elected as a delegate and must attend the Convention. When the nomination date has passed, the Board of Directors will provide the Alliance Branches with the list of nominees and their qualifications. Incumbent Officers of the Alliance are eligible for reelection and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a "consent to be nominated."

Proposed change: Remove the words "nominating committee"

**Proposed wording to read:** SECTION 5. A Branch must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the Convention. The nomination must include a short description of the candidate's background and qualifications, and written permission from the candidate to let his or her name stand for election. The candidate must be elected as a delegate and must attend the Convention. When the nomination date has passed, the Board of Directors will provide the Alliance Branches with the list of nominees and their qualifications. Incumbent Officers of the Alliance are eligible for re-election and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a "consent to be nominated."

Reason for change: Not all Branches utilize a nominating committee to select a candidate for an ATS Board of Directors position.

ARTICLE IX – Duties of Officers

Currently reads: SECTION 8 subsection a. He (Chief Medical Examiner) shall carefully examine all applications for membership in the Alliance and have full power to accept or reject same.

Proposed change: Insert the words "life insurance"

Proposed wording to read: SECTION 8 subsection a. He shall carefully examine all life insurance applications for membership in the Alliance and have full power to accept or reject same.

Reason for change: The ATS Chief Medical Examiner only reviews and approves life insurance applications. Annuity applications are not sent to him for review.

ARTICLE XIV – Duties and Rights of Members

Currently reads:

SECTION 1, subsection b. Certificate premium payments or any other monies due the national Alliance may be paid by the member to the ATS Secretary of the local Branch in which he is a member or paid directly to the ATS Home Office.

Proposed change:

Remove the words "may be paid by the member to the ATS Secretary of the local Branch in which he is a member"

Proposed wording to read: SECTION 1, subsection b. Certificate premium payments or any other monies due the national Alliance must be paid directly to the ATS Home Office.

Reason for change: For years now, no members have paid their insurance premiums at their local Branch meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – Duties and Rights of Members

Currently reads:

SECTION 2. Local Branch Dues Payment. At the option and subsequent request of the local Branch, the ATS Home Office will incorporate the handling of local Branch Dues in the ATS Direct Billing procedures and accept local dues payments under the following stipulations:

- a. Members must pay their local dues according to the same payment mode in which their certificate premium payments are made.
- b. Local dues payments may be paid by member to the local Branch Financial Secretary or paid directly to the ATS Home Office.
- c. A record of local dues received and the monies involved will be forwarded by the ATS Office to each Branch monthly.

Proposed change:

Remove wording related to the ATS Home Office handling the billing, collection, and remittance of local Branch Dues

Proposed wording to read: Section 2. Local Branch Dues Payment. All local dues are to be paid directly to their local Branch.

Reason for change: The ATS no longer collects any dues from its members on behalf of local Branches.

ARTICLE XVI – Duties and Rights of Branches

Currently reads:

SECTION 6 - Every Branch shall be responsible for all funds collected by its Secretary for the Alliance and must see to it that all such funds are delivered to the designated depository within the specified time. When a Branch, without explanation, neglects to send in the funds and reports promptly, it shall receive a warning from the Secretary of the Alliance. Should the Branch neglect to fulfill its duties within ten days of the receipt of the warning, the Alliance shall compel the Branch to comply with these requirements by any necessary procedures including court action and recommend suspension of the Branch and denial of the right to send Delegates to the Convention.

Proposed change: Delete the entire Section 6 wording.

Proposed wording to read: Section 6 removed in its entirety. Section 7 would become Section 6 and Section 8 would become Section 7.

Reason for change: There are no funds being collected by the Branch to be remitted to the ATS Home Office any longer.

ARTICLE XVII – Duties of Branch Officers

Currently reads:

SECTION 3. The Branch ATS Secretary is responsible for the financial collections and records of the Alliance within his Local Branch.

- a. He shall collect all payments due the Alliance from members at each regular meeting of the Branch and remit them to the Alliance Home Office within five days after the meeting.
- b. He shall complete and forward to the office of the Alliance all required reports within five days after the meeting.

Proposed change:

Replace the words "financial collections and" with "membership". Delete sections a and b

Proposed wording to read: The Branch ATS Secretary is responsible for the membership records of the Alliance within his local Branch. Sections a and b removed in their entirety. Sections c, d, and e would become sections a, b, and c.

Reason for change: There are no funds being collected by the Branch to be remitted to the ATS Home Office any longer.

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### ATS BRANCH DIRECTORY

Cleveland, OH Br. 1 Mtg. 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m. Sachsenheim 7001 Denison Ave Cleveland OH 44102 (216) 651-0888 PRES: Robert M. Hanek 22677Peachtree Ln Rocky River OH 44116 (216) 385-9932 rhanek8@yahoo.com SEC'Y. Same as President ATS SEC'Y. Same as President LOCAL DUES to August Botsch 12606 Arliss Dr Lakewood OH 44107

Alliance, OH Br. 3 Mtg. 3rd. Wed.- 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 166 141 W Main St Alliance OH PRESIDENT John H. Aeling 15590 Georgetown St. NE Minerva, 44657 (330) 862-3706 JDAll852@yahoo.com SEC'Y. John Esterly 2940 Cedarwood Dr Alliance Oh 44601 (330) 821-8766 ATS SEC'Y. Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 SICK NOTICES & LOCAL DUES to John Aelina Address shown as President

Cleveland, OH Br. 4 Mtg. 3rd. Mon. 7:00 p.m. Sachsenheim 7001 Denison Ave. (216) 651-0888 PRES. Monica M. Weber (440) 356-5936 SEC'Y. Joan A. Miller-Malue 17105 Hilliard Rd. Lakewood OH 44107 (216) 233-8631 miller-malue@cox.net ATS SEC'Y Donna Jankow 7663 Ragall Pkwy Middleburg Hts OH 44130 (440) 826-0773 SICK NOTICES to Joan A. Miller-Malue Address as above LOCAL DUES to Donna Jankow Address as above

Lorain, OH Br. 5 Mtg. 3rd Monday of month 7:00 p.m. American Slovak Club 2915 Broadway, Lorain PRES. Monica Gilles 3520 Beavercrest Dr. #107 Lorain OH 44053 (440) 309-7894 gillemo76@hotmail.com SEC'Y. Brian Gilles 244 Ashwood Dr Avon Lake OH 44012 (440) 315-5214 bgilles74@yahoo.com ATS SEC'Y. Ginger Romes 1507 West 39th St Lorain OH 44053 (440) 989-8424 dgromes@roadrunner.com SICK NOTICES to Jane Mowery 3600 Jaeger Dr Unit 3101 Lorain OH 44053 (440) 246-3004 janie.e.mowery@gmail.com LOCAL DUES to Michael W. Johnson 41868 Earlene Ct, Elyria OH 44035 (440) 324-2534 mikjo79@gmail.com

Farrell, PA Br. 7 Mtg. 3rd Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Farrell Lions Den 810 Lions Club Lane Farrell PA (724) 981-7130 PRES. Karen Zaborowski 1715 Shady Dr Farrell PA 16121 (724) 346-0373 SEC'Y.Same as President ATS SEC'Y. Bonnie Gregorich 55 Oak Tree Ct West Middlesex PA 16159 (724) 528-0309 SICK NOTICES to Karen Zaborowski LOCAL DUES to Kathy Schuller PO Box 834 Andover OH 44003 (440) 293-6973

Alliance, OH Br. 8 Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 166 141 W Main St Alliance OH PRES. Denise Crawford 9415 Elsmere Dr Parma OH 44130 (330) 257-0267 dcrawfordcpa@outlook.com SEC'Y. Lesley Reed 611 N. Market St Minerva OH 44657 (330) 868-3816 ATS SEC'Y. Helen E. Aeling 15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed Same address as above SICK NOTICES to: Barb Esterly 2940 Cedarwood Dr Alliance 44601 (330) 821-8766 jackprint@sbcglobal.net

Chicago, IL Br. 9 Mtg. 1st Mon. 8:00 p.m. Donauschwaben Club 625 E Seegers Rd, Des Plaines IL PRES. Diethild Thut 923 E Slayton Dr Palatine IL 60074 (847) 414-2660 dedethut11@yahoo.com SEC'Y. Elfi Sanderson 1425 London Lane Glenview IL 60025 (847) 998-0939 elfisanderson@gmail.com ATS SEC'Y: Claudia Schmidt 8550 Niles Center Rd Skokie IL 60077 (847) 899-8663 Schmidtc274@gmail.com LOCAL DUES AND SICK NOTICES TO: Claudia Schmidt Address as shown above

Columbus, OH Br. 10 Mtg. 3rd Mon. 1:00 p.m. all months Hickory House, 550 Officecenter Place Gahanna OH PRES. Mike Roth 8063 Ivory Gull Cir Pickerington OH 43147 (614) 834-2277 rothpmr@aol.com SEC'Y. Christine Oehlman 8333 Shade Maple Dr Canal Winchester OH 43110 (614) 419-7485 chris.oehlman@yahoo.com ATS SEC'Y. P. Michael Roth 8063 Ivory Gull Cir Pickerington OH 43147 (614) 216-0008 SICK NOTICES to Don Blum 6436 Lakeview Cir Canal Winchester OH 43110 (614) 837-1915 donaldcblum@prodigy.net LOCAL DUES to: Marlene Mueller 310 Jericho Rd Apt 220 Pickerington OH 43147 (614) 834-1060 marlenemueller69@gmail.com

Canton, OH Br. 14 Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies PRES. Thomas J. Rowinsky 1656 Dunkeith Dr NW, Canton, 44708 (330) 478-9333 ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com SICK NOTICES to Thomas Rowinsky Address as shown above

Canton, OH Br. 17 Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies PRES. Rosanne Miller 3624 Harris Ave NW Canton OH 44708 (330) 413-1773 SEC'Y. Mary Rowinsky 1656 Dunkeith Dr NW Canton OH 44708 (330) 478-9333 ATS SECRETARY: Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky LOCAL DUES to: Rosanne Miller

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#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM** Branch No.\_\_\_\_ Certificate No. SS# Date of Birth Name Old Street Address was\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip New Street City/State/Zip THIS CHANGE IS FOR: HOME OFFICE RECORDS & VOLKSBLATT VOLKSBLATT ONLY Signature of Person Making Change

Salem, OH Br. 18 Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7:00 p.m. Saxon Club 1980 St. Rt. 9 Salem, 44460 (330) 222-1770 PRES. Marilyn McNutt 1721 State Route 9 Salem 44460 (330) 337-8940 Cell (216) 410-7291 SEC'Y. / ATS SECRETARY Barbara Spack 1389 Brookview Dr Salem, 44460 (330) 501-1491 babrayn@sbcglobal.net SICK NOTICES to Theresa Spack 384 W Pershing Salem OH 44460 (330) 831-4119 LOCAL DUES TO: Helen Aeling 15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva

Salem, OH Br. 19 Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd Salem OH 44460 (330) 222-1770 PRES. Glenn Spack 943 Stewart Rd Salem OH 44460 (330) 332-8174 SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr. 973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460 (330) 881-3346 mvcobra27@gmail.com ATS SEC'Y Glenn Spack Address and phone as above SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack address above LOCAL DUES to Richard Vogt, Sr. c/o Salem Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460 (330) 222-1770

(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com

New Castle, PA Br. 25 Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m. Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., New Castle PA 16101 (724) 652-7221 PRES. Karl E. Hermann 1650 Union Valley Rd Wampum PA 16157 (724) 732-3426 karlhermann@comcast.net SEC'Y. Jacob Holzhauser 764 Rose Point Rd New Castle 16101 (724) 971-1260 newcastleeintracht@gmail.com ATS SEC'Y: Danual Forsberg 385 Trihaven Ln New Wilmington, PA 16142 (724) 971-3448 danualforsberg@gmail.com Local Dues: Joshua Stelle 10 Ludwig Rd New Castle, PA 16105 (724) 699-3039 Stellejw1@comcast.net

Merrillville, IN Br. 26 Meeting first Sunday at 2 p.m. Slovak Club - 6920 Broadway (219) 756-5101 PRES. Jeff Szostek 625 Lake Shore Dr Hobart IN 46342-5017 (219) 313-7854 219szos@gmail.com SEC'Y. Jamie Connors 1035 Garfield St Hobart IN 46342 (312) 758-6341 Weebee052277@vahoo.com ATS SEC'Y. Randall Floyd 1806 E 73rd Ave, Merrillville IN 46410 (219) 798-6908 LOCAL DUES to Zita Palyok 724 E. 25th Pl, Lake Station IN 46405 (219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net Sick Notices to Jamie Connors Listed above

New Castle, PA Br. 27 Mtg. 1st Thurs. 6:00 p.m. Soni's Restaurant 3209 Wilmington Rd, New Castle PRES. Judith Both 1512 Drespling Ln New Castle PA 16101 (724) 654-0573 iboth1512@comcast.net SEC'Y. Dolores Both 3512 Hunters Woods Blvd #1 New Castle PA 16105 (724) 658-7407 doloresboth@verizon.net ATS SEC'Y. Judy Both 1512 Drespling Ln New Castle 16101 (724) 654-0573 LOCAL DUES to Katy Hudak 4097 County Line Rd New Castle PA 16101 (724) 924-9286 katyb26@hotmail.com SICK NOTICES to Judith Both

Mail to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Monaca / Rochester PA Br. 29 Mtg. 2nd Monday 7 p.m. Saxon Club 112 Simes Ave Rochester, PA 15074 PRES. Cristy Roberts (724) 601-2047 SEC'Y Tiffiane Smilek (724) 709-1891 ATS SEC'Y Donald Ash (724) 777-9059 All correspondences should be mailed to Saxon Club - address

Youngstown, OH Br. 30 Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m. Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian Youngstown OH 44509 (330) 792-7973 PRES. Ernie Roth Sr. 6280 Morningside Rd Hubbard OH 44425 (330) 501-1110 djera@netzero.net SEC'Y Fran Hinerman 4535 Mellinger Rd Canfield OH 44406 (330) 507-1340 ATS SEC'Y Julaine Gilmartin 4173 Timberland Trail Canfield, OH 44406 (330) 799-5171 LOCAL DUES Val Thomas 5947 Tippecanoe Rd Canfield OH 44406 (317) 373-0797 SICK NOTICES to Rosemary Zamary 3202 Starwick Ct Canfield OH 44406 (330) 792-0388 rzamary@yahoo.com

Ellwood City, PA Br. 32 Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview St. (724) 758-3268 PRES. Laura Goehring 113 Mahony Ave Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 971-2040 SEC'Y Johanna Jenkins 909 Old Zelienople Rd. Ellwood City PA 16117 ATS SEC'Y Lori Berendt 2260 Cherry Hill Rd Ellwood City 16117(724) 714-1217 SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans 197 Portersville Rd Apt 3 Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33 Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:00 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church 5200 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst OH 44124 PRES. Margarete Ziegler 38047 Parkway Blvd. Willoughby OH 44094 (440) 488-6421 margarez@aol.com SEC'Y. Arline Suts 413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024 (440) 279-3330 asuts@windstream.net ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt 4979 Anderson Rd Lvndhurst OH 44124 (216) 382-7397 SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts Address and phone as above LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz 388 East 317th St. Willowick OH 44095 (216) 392-6241 meb3172@att.net

Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:00 p.m. St. Peters Lutheran Church 11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, MI (586) 978-3850 PRES. Susanna Fleischer 11060 Furbush Rd. Holly MI 48442 (810) 694-1860 beetlebugsue7@peoplepc.com SEC'Y. Trudy Kalvin 2448 Orpington Troy MI 48083 (248) 925-9995 ACTING ATS SEC'Y. Susanna Fleischer Address as above LOCAL DUES to Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson 11711 Lancer Dr Sterling Hts MI 48313 iwferguson@aol.com

Detroit, MI Br. 37

Ellwood City, PA Br. 45 Mtg. 3rd Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview St. (724) 758-3268 PRES. John Dengel 305 Stamm Hollow Rd. Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724) 622-1593 SEC'Y Dawn Dengel Same as President (724) 622-0152 ATS SEC'Y Cathie Bender 801 Park Ave. Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724) 544-7232 LOCAL DUES to Kathy Carsele 318 Golf Ave. Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724) 758-3002 Sick Notices to Cathie Bender Same as ATS Secretary





# It's Tax Time!

The ATS wants to remind our members that it is not too late to make a contribution to either your Roth IRA or your Traditional IRA for the 2023 tax year. You have until the tax filing deadline of Monday, April 15th to make a contribution for last year. If you do not have an ATS Traditional or Roth IRA and you have earned income (generally wages or self-employed income), we recommend that you start one now.

An ATS Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) is a smart way to save, combining two incredibly powerful forces: compounded interest and tax savings. Both the Traditional and Roth versions allow you to enjoy tax advantages while saving for your future.

With an ATS Traditional IRA, investment earnings are tax-deferred, so you pay tax only when you withdraw funds after retirement. Contributions to the Traditional IRA may be deductible on your Federal income tax return. (Please consult your tax advisor.)

With an ATS Roth IRA, all withdrawals are tax free, including the earnings, for withdrawals after five years and attaining age 59 1/2. Contributions are not deductible on your tax return, but the tax free withdrawals in the future will usually make up for that. (Please consult your tax advisor.)

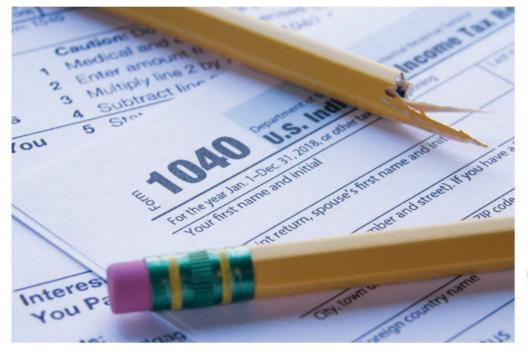
The ATS has no administrative charges on your accounts. No annual fee, no statement fee, no service fee. (There could be a surrender charge if you make a withdrawal in the first five years.) Contact your local sales deputy or the ATS Home Office if you are interested in opening a tax-advantaged IRA.

For those of you with existing ATS Traditional or Roth IRA's, you can always contribute as little or as much as allowed (see contribution limits below) into your IRA account for each tax year. Even a contribution of a few hundred dollars a year will make a difference in your retirement years.

For those who have an IRA account elsewhere, please check out your earnings rate and the fees that you pay for that account. It might make sense to transfer your IRA account to the ATS.

#### Annual Contribution Limit for Traditional and Roth IRAs:

**Current Annual** Tax Year: Under Age 50 Age 50 and Over Interest Yield 2023 \$6,500 \$7,500 2024 \$7,000 \$8,000



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