



## ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2010

### 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 of 2.8, or better.

Twenty Scholarship Grants will be awarded to freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States and three renewable grants to present recipients of the Victor Deptner Scholarship.

- \$1,000 Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Branch 10 - Columbus Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Branch 14 - Canton Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
- \$1,000 Award in honor of Honey Wolff's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (3<sup>rd</sup> of four Annual Awards)
- \$1,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 John & Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship Award
- \$1,000 Branch 5 - Lorain Scholarship Award
- \$ 750 Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship Award
- \$ 750 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 400 Donzella Herman Scholarship Award

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<sup>th</sup>. 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 Scholarship Application Form** must be returned to the ATS Home Office **before April 15th**.

**REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip Code

Tele: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:

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

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

### CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering eight Academic 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.

- \$1,000 Award in memory of Past-President David P. Bokesch
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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- \$1,000 Award in memory of Marie Stirner
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award

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

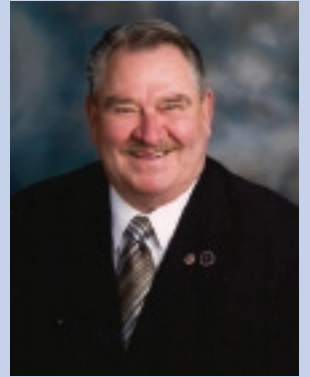
Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university in the United States.

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

Completed official ATS applications for scholarship grants must be submitted to the ATS Home Office before April 15th. Academic Continuing Education Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



In my last column I wrote that here in Erie we had only 20 inches of snow when I wrote my column on December 28th in order to meet the deadline for Volksblatt articles. Well -- I spoke too soon. As of January the 11th, we have over 52 inches of the snowfall and we can hardly wait for spring to come. My good friend, and past ATS Trustee, Neil Stertzbach, called from Youngstown, Ohio, Branch 30, to remind me of this fact. I owe you one, Neil. Yes, we have plowed and shoveled and grumbled as the city plows clog our driveway apron time and time again, and I am certainly getting more than my share of exercise.

I have been watching the wild card football playoffs and what a disappointment they have been. Hopefully, when the playoffs are over and the Super Bowl is played, the two very best teams can make it a real contest and keep us on the edge of our seats to the very last second. Of course, I am disappointed that my New York Giants are out of the running, but I also feel the pain of the fans of the Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers. Maybe we will have better luck next season.

The ATS has recently received an ATS Scholarship Grant Award from the family of Gertie and Ernie Gottschling to establish a perpetual annual academic scholarship grant with the first scholarship to be awarded in 2011. It will be named the "Gertie and Ernie Gottschling Memorial Scholarship". The ATS Scholarship Committee will choose the recipient. Gertie and Ernie were very active in Branches 1 and 4 in Cleveland West for many, many years. They not only dedicated their service to their own Branches, but also bowled in the TSBL and were active in many other ATS functions. They are certainly missed by those of us who knew them. We thank the family for the donation in honor of their parents.

**Quote of the Day:** "Plan ahead with a goal in mind." Imagine preparing to hit a golf ball with no idea of where we want it to go, or how hard we need to hit it. Even the best golfers would fail miserably with such a handicap. In fact, the best golfers prepare to hit a golf ball by doing just the opposite: making the shot in their mind first. They see their shot and feel it in their bodies first before they even hit the ball. Having the image in their head allows their body to do what is needed to make the image real.

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

### REQUEST FOR ATS ADULT SCHOLARSHIP

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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip Code

Tele: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
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## LORAIN BOWLING SESSION Rebman's Recreation

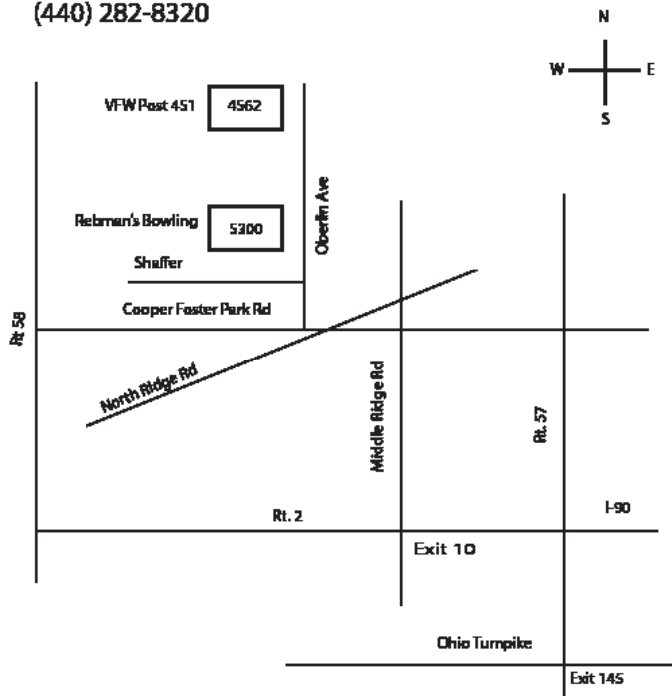
5300 Oberlin Ave Lorain OH 44053

(440) 282-6761

## LUNCHEON VFW Post 451

4562 Oberlin Ave Lorain OH 44053

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### TSBA BOWLERS

The next bowling session will be held by Lorain on Sunday, January 31 at the Rebman's Recreation Bowling Lanes located at 5300 Oberlin Avenue. Bowling will start at 11 am with the luncheon immediately following at the VFW Post 451 located at 4562 Oberlin Avenue (1 1/2 mile down the road from the lanes).

To cancel meals or to order extra meals, please contact Monica Gilles at (440) 989-8180 or (440) 309-7894. Cancellations must be made by Tuesday, January 26. See you in Lorain!

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## BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

We wish to express our sympathy to Sister Theresia Handel and son, Herman, on the loss of their beloved Gustav Handel who died on December 20, 2009. Gus was a fixture at the Sachsenheim for many years. He and his wife were hard workers for the Sachsenheim and supported all fraternal activities. We have missed seeing them for the last few years as Gus felt ill and was unable to get out. He was loved by his Saxon Brothers and Sisters and will be missed. May Theresia and Herman find comfort in knowing that they are in the thoughts and prayers of their many friends.

We are ready to get together and enjoy some great Saxon Gemütlichkeit at the Sachsenheim's Annual Winterfest on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by a performance of the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and then dancing to music of Hans Schobel and the Bergvagabunden. Admission is \$18 for adults and children ages 5 - 12 \$7 and children ages 4 and under are free. Come join us for the New Year by sending in your reservations to Robert Cunningham, 9005 Memphis Villas, Brooklyn, Ohio. Make checks payable to ATS Branch 1. For additional information give him a call at (216) 398-7520. Let's have a good showing and start 2010 out right!

We wish to congratulate our junior member, Abigail Richardson, on being a winner in the ATS Christmas coloring contest. Also, we wish to congratulate all our junior members who participated in the contest, they all did a nice job.

Reminder to call your sausage order in for the Sachsenheim's sale that will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. To place your orders please call Maria Fischer at (216) 741-1398 or the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888. This is the last sale till next December!

We ask for your support in

attending Branch 4's Annual Fundraiser, the Chinese Auction and Sausage Dinner, on Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children age 10 and under. We only take prepaid reservations. Please send your reservations to Donna Jankow, 7663 Ragall Parkway, Middleburg, Hts., OH 44130 by February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have assigned seating, so please indicate as to whom you wish to be seated with. This event helps us defray expenses at the Sachsenheim, so please give us your support. Members or friends making a new item donation may bring it to the Branch Meeting on February 15, or drop it off at the Sachsenheim. It is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Please invite your friends to join us for a delicious meal and have fun taking chances on winning some lovely items. Get your reservations in today!

It is a new year and our cultural groups at the Sachsenheim are always looking for new members to help promote our Saxon and German culture. If you are interested in joining the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group, please give President Stephanie Miller Hanek at call at (440) 356-5582. They practice on Friday evenings. If you like to sing, the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor would love to have you join their chorus. If you are interested please call President Adolf Fischer at (216) 741-1398. The chorus practices on Tuesday evenings. And if you play an instrument and are interested in joining the Deutscher Musikverein, please give President Christine Roppelt a call at (216) 773-9375. The band practices on Monday night.

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will be performing on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the 67<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Home & Garden Show that will be held at the Great Lakes Expo Center in Euclid, Ohio. This year's theme will be "Wonderful Germany." Stop by and say hello to the group.

## Super Bowls

Having the gang over for the big game? Give yourself a break this year, so you can enjoy the day too! These dips are crowd-pleasing and are the easiest snack you can make.

### Hot Stuff

Blend one 8-ounce package of softened cream cheese and a half a bottle of hot chili sauce together in a blender or food processor. Serve with crackers.

### Baked Onion Dip

Lightly grease a 1-quart baking dish. In a bowl, mix one 8-ounce package of shredded Cheddar cheese, 2 cups of mayonnaise, and 2 cups of chopped onion.

Place in the baking dish and sprinkle the top with 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the onions are tender and the top is lightly browned. Serve with crackers.

### Beer Cheese Dip

With a mixer, whip together one 8-ounce package of softened cream cheese, one 8-ounce package of diced processed cheese food (like Velveeta), a half a can of room temperature beer, and one peeled and crushed clove of garlic. Continue whipping until smooth. Serve with crackers.

### Tex Mex Dip

In a bowl, combine one cup of shredded Cheddar cheese, one 16-ounce container of sour cream, one 4-ounce can of chopped green chile peppers, and one 1-ounce package of taco seasoning mix. Chill in the refrigerator for two hours before serving.

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## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES  
IS FRIDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

**MAIL:** PO BOX 45198,  
Westlake, OH 44145,

**FAX:** (440) 399-9339

**E-MAIL:** saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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

### Deadline Dates for articles:

| DEADLINE                  | ISSUE                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010  | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010  |
| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010 | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010 |
| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010 | FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010     |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010    | FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010    |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010    | FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010     |

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Questions?? Contact Barb or Hanz Hermann  
at (440) 892-0436.



**Excerpts from the Saxon-English Dictionary**



compiled by  
**Dan "Hoot" Schuller**  
Branch 29 Monaca, PA

Ech baan en Sox.  
*I'm a Saxon.*

Haa zahl Soxish geryaaden.  
*Here shall Saxon be spoken.*

Tsem houn ouch houn net.  
*To have and have not.*

Da meest haarlich tsayt  
foun da Gohr.  
*The most wonderful  
time of the year.*

Vaash dot lahch oowah  
dane Gezicht.  
*Wipe that smile off your face.*

Tokana = stew/goulash  
Kompest = head cabbage  
Knedel = dumplings  
Fleeshknedel = meatballs  
Shmeerkeyss = sour cream

Et geet aan een Ooyr  
ehwss det oonder.  
*It goes in one ear and  
out the other.*

Da eentzich veeach tsem houn  
en Fraynt aas tsem zen een.  
*The only way to have a  
friend is to be one.*

Lahch ouch da vaalt lahcht  
maat dir, shrooahst ouch tyaa  
shrooahst aleen.  
*Laugh and the world laughs  
with you, cry  
and you cry alone.*

Hausenfeffer = rabbit meal  
Rooyt Kompest = red cabbage  
Gehahbelt Kompest = cole slaw  
Gefaalt Paprika = stuffed peppers  
Greesknedel = farina dumplings

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**BRANCH 5, LORAIN**  
By Elmer Schneider

Branch 5 members started out the evening of January 2<sup>nd</sup> by meeting at the Chris Restaurant for their before the meeting dinner. All who attended enjoyed their choice of food and dessert. After that we traveled to the American Slovak Club for our first meeting of the new year. Our meeting started out with a moment of silent prayer for Brother Clarence Orient who passed away in December.

Our recording secretary Brother Jerome Powell was absent for the meeting so Brother Brian Gilles was appointed to fill in for him for the evening. We thank Brother Gilles for taking on this extra duty.

We learned that Brother George Binder of Findlay, Ohio had placed himself on the sick list after spending some time in the hospital. We wish him the very best and a quick and sure recovery.

After the meeting, the Ladies of Branch 11 joined us in our meeting room, bringing with them lunch and dessert. After the lunch we were presented with slides of Sister Julianna Johnson's trip to Austria with the Jugendlager. It was very interesting to see these slides and we thank Sister Johnson for showing them to us.

One member celebrating a birthday in January was present at the meeting so Happy Birthday greetings were sung to Brother Russell Gilles. We

wish him many more happy and healthy ones to come.

Our attendance winner for the month of January was none other than yours truly, Elmer Schneider.

Our next meeting date is set for Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> with dinner before at the Chris Restaurant. Hope to see you there!

**EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR**  
By George Schneider

Well we are experiencing real winter weather now. We have been lucky in Lorain County to not have much snow, yet! I know the Snow Belt has received as much as 36 inches. The last couple of days we have been experiencing a little heat wave with temperatures above freezing.

We all met back at the Sachsenheim for choir practice after our long Christmas vacation last Tuesday night. Everyone was glad to see each other, but no one was in the mood to practice, so we left earlier, which I couldn't believe. Hopefully we will be in a better mood for next practice.

For a snack our choir director brought chocolate covered

**BRANCH 19, SALEM**  
By Robert P. Vogt, Sr.

The 2010 Salem Br.18 /19 Event Calendar has been released and with just over eleven months to go in the year, there should be a few activities to take part in at the Salem club. The calendar is in this edition of the *Volksblatt*. Cut it out and post it where you can see it as a reminder of things going on at the Salem Club. It should be good to go, but if anyone notices incorrect dates or such, you may contact me by e-mail at rpv27@neo.rr.com. Events are subject to change occasionally, and I'll try to publish the notices accordingly.

The Salem Saxon Fish Frys are just around the corner. The first fry will be February 19th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. There will be five more on consecutive Fridays with the last being March 26th. Help is always needed, so members of Branches 18 and 19 please volunteer your services for one or more of the Friday evenings. If you can't help, come out and enjoy the very popular and well-cooked meals. Help setting up on the Thursdays before each fry is also needed.

- Other upcoming events:**  
January 30  
Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?  
February 1  
Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.  
Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
February 12  
Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
February 18  
Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  
February 19  
Fish Fry 5:00-7:15 p.m.  
February 25  
Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  
February 26  
Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  
February 27  
Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?

The club is open Thursday evenings from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Bis zum nächstemal.

pretzels to share with the choir and we thank Andrea for her kindness.

Please remember Branch 1's Winterfest to be held on January 30, 2010. Hans Schobel and his Bergvagabunden will be playing for your entertainment.

We are scheduled to sing for the Memorial Service at the Branch 1 and 4 meeting on January 18, 2010, which always turns out real nice. God grant eternal rest to all of our members that have passed away in 2009.

I hope everyone's 2010 has started out real good. I thank everyone for supporting my articles and the German Radio program on Sundays. God bless you all! Lebe wohl!

**BRANCH 18/19, SALEM**  
**2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



|           |       |  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| January   | 16    | Breakfast 7:00-10:00 a.m.  |
|           | 28    | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 30    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| February  | 1     | Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.  |
|           |       | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 3     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 8     | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 12    | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
|           | 18    | Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  |
|           | 19    | Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 25    | Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  |
|           |       | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 26    | Fish Fry 5:00-7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 27    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| March     | 1     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 3     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 4     | Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  |
|           | 5     | Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 8     | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 11    | Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  |
|           | 12    | Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 18    | Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  |
|           | 19    | Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 25    | Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  |
|           | 26    | Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 27    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| April     | 1     | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 3     | Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.  |
|           | 5     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 7     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 9     | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
|           | 10    | Sausage Sale 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m.  |
|           | 12    | Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.  |
|           |       | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 17    | Breakfast 7:00-10:00 a.m.  |
|           |       | Spring Clean-up (CH) 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  |
|           | 24    | Spring Clean-up (CC) 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.   |
|           |       | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
|           | 29    | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
| May       | 3     | Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.  |
|           |       | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 5     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 7     | 30 Week Drawing 6:00 p.m.  |
|           | 10    | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 15    | Breakfast 7:00 -10:00 a.m.   |
|           | 19-20 | Saxon Club Garage Sale 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.   |
|           | 29    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| June      | 2     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 3     | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 7     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 11    | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
|           | 14    | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 19    | Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  |
|           | 26    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| July      | 1     | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 3     | 4th of July Dance (CH) 2:00-6:00 p.m.  |
|           | 5     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 7     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 9     | Joint Social Dinner & Scholarship Awards 6:30 p.m.   |
|           | 12    | Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.  |
|           |       | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 17    | Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  |
|           | 29    | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 31    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| August    | 2     | Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.  |
|           |       | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 4     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 9     | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 13    | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
|           | 21    | Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  |
|           | 28    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| September | 1     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 9     | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 10    | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
|           | 10-12 | Teen Weekend - (ATS)   |
|           | 13    | Br. 18/19 Joint Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 18    | Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  |
|           | 25    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
|           | 30    | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
| October   | 2     | 50 Year Dinner 6:00 p.m.   |
|           | 4     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 6     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 8     | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
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|           | 22    | Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.  |
|           | 28    | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 30    | Sausage Sale 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.   |
|           |       | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
| November  | 1     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 3     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 8     | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 11    | Veterans Day Dinner 6:00 p.m.  |
|           | 12    | Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  |
|           | 20    | Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  |
|           | 27    | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?<br>(Decorate for Christmas - - -<br>Free drinks for all members!!!) |
| December  | 1     | Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  |
|           | 2     | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.   |
|           |       | 2011 Planning Meeting 8:00 p.m.  |
|           | 6     | Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 10    | Jr. Social/Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.   |
|           | 13    | Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
|           | 18    | Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  |
|           |       | Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?   |
|           | 30    | Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:00 p.m.   |

**Enjoy Saxon Fellowship!**



# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## NATIONAL EVENTS

### 2010

- May 15 - 16, 2010**  
**ATS Convention**  
 Cleveland, Ohio - Host Branch 33  
 Celebrating their 100th Anniversary
- June 25 - 27, 2010**  
**Saxon Heimattag Celebration**  
 Erie, Pennsylvania - Host: Branch 2
- October 23-24, 2010**  
**ATS Open Bowling Tournament**  
 Stardust II Lanes - Merrillville, Indiana

## LOCAL EVENTS

- January 24, 2010**  
 Youngstown Branch 30 Pork Dinner- Ballroom
- January 28, 2010**  
 Salem Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- January 30, 2010**  
 Cleveland Br 1.Winterfest, Sahsenheim  
 Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
- February 1, 2010**  
 Salem Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.  
 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- February 3, 2010**  
 Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
- February 6, 2010**  
 Cleveland Br. 1 Sausage Sale
- February 7, 2010**  
 Youngstown Super Bowl Party in the Bar & Lounge
- February 8, 2010**  
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- February 11, 2010**  
 Youngstown Retirees meet
- February 12, 2010**  
 Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- February 13, 2010**  
 Youngstown Dinner & Show in the Ballroom
- February 14, 2010**  
 Youngstown Branch 22 and 30 meet
- February 17, 2010**  
 Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner-Lounge
- February 18, 2010**  
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- February 19, 2010**  
 Salem Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:15 p.m.
- February 21, 2010**  
 Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner  
 Youngstown Branch 30 Pork Dinner - Ballroom
- February 24, 2010**  
 Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner – Lounge
- February 25, 2010**  
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.  
 Salem Br. 19 Officer's Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- February 26, 2010**  
 Salem Fish Fry 5:00-7:15 p.m.
- February 27, 2010**  
 Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
- March 1, 2010**  
 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- March 3, 2010**  
 Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner - Lounge  
 Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
- March 4, 2010**  
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- March 5, 2010**  
 Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- March 8, 2010**  
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- March 10, 2010**  
 Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner - Lounge
- March 11, 2010**  
 Youngstown Retirees meet  
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- March 12, 2010**  
 Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- March 13, 2010**  
 Youngstown Culture Group Sausage sale
- March 14, 2010**  
 Youngstown Branch 22 & 30 meet
- March 17, 2010**  
 Youngstown St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Lounge  
 Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner
- March 18, 2010**  
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.

## BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Our next upcoming event is the Pork Kraut Dinner on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$8.50 a dinner. It's good, so come and taste!

Branch 22 Officers Meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup> and the next Branch Meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome Carmella Markel as our new Financial Secretary and express our deepest thanks to Nora Campbell for serving in that capacity these past years so faithfully.

We wish to thank so very much Ann and Red Stertzbach for once again making our ballroom, bar and upper lounge so beautiful with Christmas decorations. Ann and Red are special members to the Saxon Club and "thanks" doesn't say quite enough, we appreciate you.

With our new Financial Secretary, please direct your dues to: Carmella Markel, 12075 Sandy Lane, North Jackson, OH 44451. Please enclose a self-addressed return envelope with your dues. All dues are to be directed to the Financial Secretary, not the President or Corresponding Secretary, if you kindly will do so. Dues for each year are due the December before the new year; I pay a few years at a time so I don't forget. That might be helpful. Thank you so much.

Birthdays are being celebrated by Darlene Nischwitz, Eileen Mauch, Marie Bachinger, Andrea Spencer, Herta Trinks, Mary Ann Sawicki, Katie Benesch and belated birthday wishes to our beloved past president Helen Fotiuk. Anniversaries are celebrated by Robin Fotiuk and Eva Karsti. The Audit Committee will meet February 10<sup>th</sup> and

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO BRANCH 22 CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 3. Candidates for office must have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year.

Change Section 3. A candidate for President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President must have been an elected officer for at least three (3) years.

### Article IX – ALLIANCE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section 3. The President, Recording Secretary, ATS Secretary, Deputies and all Past Presidents go automatically and the remaining Delegates shall be elected.

Add in Section 3. The maximum limit of twelve (12) Delegates.

### BY LAWS

#### DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. a/b/c

Add in d. The Treasurer shall handle all special funds of the Society.

#### DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Section 4. Delegates to the Convention shall consist of the President, ATS Secretary, Recording Secretary, ATS Deputies, remaining elected Officers and the delegates nominated and elected from the floor to fill the quota by the ATS.

Change Section 4. Delegates to the Convention shall consist of the President, Recording Secretary, ATS Secretary, ATS Deputies, all Past Presidents and the delegates nominated and elected from the floor to fill the quota by the ATS.

the Scholarship Committee will remain the same as last year, with the Restoration Committee remaining the same as well. We thank these committees for the jobs they do.

Gina Teutsch, Jr. thanked the New Year's Committee for that success and announced the February 13<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Party, which was a huge success last year, again, with the Elvis impersonator. This is an event for which you want to get your reservation in early because the tickets are in demand. Tickets are only \$25 per person and the receipts will go towards paying our required taxes for the half year. Also,

a new maintenance raffle has been begun for only \$5 per ticket to be announced at the monthly meeting for the winners.

May the New Year bring each of you joy, health and peace. Please make contributions to the Memorial Celebration Fund for the sanitation and updating of the ladies restroom, which is so very much needed. Contributions in any amount are very much appreciated. If you have not contributed yet, please send your funds to Mike Teutsch, Sr. thank you.

IMPORTANT: meet at 2:00 p.m. on February 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss constitution changes.

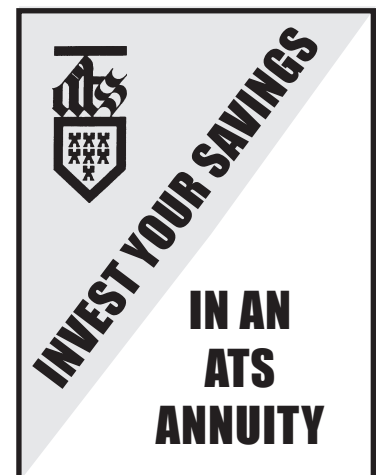
## CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP By Kristan Pechatsko

The holiday season has passed and with it another year comes to a close. We hope that everyone was able to celebrate and enjoy Christmas and New Years with their family and friends. Our group was able to have a holiday dinner before the end of the year at the Sachsenheim. Those of us that were able to attend enjoyed an appetizer made special by Tom, dinner prepared by Melanie and Scott, and dessert provided by Emma and Mel. If there are members who have not yet had the pleasure of sampling the food at our very own Sachsenheim, they are missing out and should definitely stop in for dinner sometime. The dance group favors Taco Tuesdays and Friday nights fish menu.

The dance group has some upcoming performances that we would love to see our fellow Saxons attend. Branch One has invited the group to perform at their annual Winterfest January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Winterfest starts at 6:30, tickets are \$18.00 for

adults, and \$7.00 for children twelve and under. Also, the group is performing at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleveland Home and Garden Show at the convention center in Euclid. There will be an Oktoberfest Dining Hall featuring different dance groups and bands. Our group is performing Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 and 4:00. We hope to see some familiar faces in the crowd as we carry on and show off our heritage.

Elections were held at our last meeting for the 2010 officers. First, we would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. We would like to extend a special thank you to Amanda Seiler Botch for leading our group for over thirteen years. We were sorry to hear that she would not be able to accept a nomination for president this year. New officers are as follows: President-Stephanie Miller/Hanek, Vice President-Geoffery Wittine, Treasurer-Ema Litschel,



Secretary-Kristan Pechatsko, Trustees/Auditors-Amanda Seiler-Botsh and Christine Roppelt, PR person-Geoffery Wittine. Congratulations to our new officers.

We are hoping that with the New Year we as a group have a renewed excitement to push forward with our endeavor of keeping our heritage alive. As always, we welcome and encourage new members to the dance group. We meet Friday nights at 8:00 pm at the Sachsenheim for practice. We would love to see new or familiar faces any time to help our group grow. Hopefully everyone has been able to keep their New Year resolutions so far!



**BRANCH 11, LORAIN**  
By Monica Gilles

The first Branch meeting of the New Year was held on January 2. The weather outside was frightful. However, that didn't stop our members from coming out. I would like to once again thank my mom, Sister Arleen Gilles, for filling in for me and taking the minutes.

There are currently no members on the sick list. However, Sister Betty Ralph will be having carpal tunnel surgery soon; may you have a speedy recovery. Please remember to notify Sister Jane Mowery if you should be placed on the sick list. You, or someone in your family, should call Jane as soon as you become eligible. If you wait until after you have recovered, it makes it difficult for the branch to determine when benefits should begin or finish.

On January 31, the TSBA will be hosting a session. Bowling will start at 11am at Rebman's Recreation on Oberlin Avenue. There will be a luncheon immediately following at the VFV Post 451. We could use the help with selling 50/50 tickets. Anyone interested in attending the luncheon or helping, please contact Monica Gilles at (440) 989-8180 by Tuesday, January 26. The cost of the luncheon will be \$7.00. Both teams are currently in first place! Go Teams!

Mark your calendar - Branch 1 in Cleveland will be having its annual Winterfest on Saturday, January 30. Branch 1 will be making sausage on February 6, and Branch 4 will be having its annual Chinese Auction fundraiser on February 21. Please support our fellow branches in the area. Look for more details in the *Volksblatt*.

Happy Birthday to Sisters Katherine Thompson, Josephine Schneider, and Carolyn



"Sorry Mom, but what happens in kindergarten stays in kindergarten."

**Car Tip**

If your windshield wipers are not doing a good job with snow and ice, consider replacing them for the season with winter blades. Look for blades that are snow rated. One-piece blades are better than two-piece, as there won't be stress on the joint from accumulated snow. If you live in a severe weather area, you may want to spring for heated windshield blades. These have a heating element inside the rubber squeegee. The heat is activated by hooking them up to any vehicle's 12-volt electrical system.

**BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN**  
By Tom Fizet

Mroski, and may you all have many more to come.

Good and Welfare - Sister Joan Goohs called Jane Mowery from her new home in Florida. All is going well. We miss you Joan! Carolyn and Darryl Mroski will be escaping the winter blues by going on a cruise. Do you have room in your luggage for me? Sister Lesley Hochevar, who was not present, was drawn for the attendance prize. Sister Ginger Romes won the 50/50 door prize.

I am very happy to share with my Saxon family that my boyfriend, Rich Konieczny, and I are engaged. There are no definite plans yet for the wedding but we are very happy to make this announcement and our families are equally as happy for us.

Please remember to pay your local dues. Dues are \$18.00 for the year. You can pay your dues by either attending the next monthly meeting or mailing your check or money order to Sister Sharron Powell. Sharron's address is 2308 Mark Drive, Lorain, OH 44052.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6 starting at 8pm. Meetings are held at the Slovak Home club on Broadway Avenue.

We have been able to start on the restoring the Ladies Room in the Lounge. We are very appreciative for the donations we have received. Because we have started does not say that we do not have a need for your continued support and donations. Look around and peek into the Ladies Room to see what your contribution can do. You may consider sponsoring a specific part of the job. Talk to Rosemarie Kascher or Tom Fizet about the items needed.

The next Branch 30 Pork Dinner will be on Sunday January 24, 2010. Serving time will be 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Volunteer help is always welcome; talk to Jim Mauch. Branch 30 extends thanks to the Ladies of Branch 22 for their help to make the Pork Dinners a great success.

Mike Teutsch, Jr. and others are in charge of a maintenance fund project; repair is needed for several leaks in the high roof. Information is available from Mike and his crew.

On February 13, 2010 join us in the Ballroom for a Valentine celebration, Dinner/Bufet, and Show, \$ 25.00 per person, Phone 330-509-9670. Our local Elvis impersonator will entertain

you with his all new program.

There will be a Super Bowl Party in the Bar and Lounge on February 7, 2009. Come down for some favorite food or snacks or the Buffet for \$10.00. Have a good time with family and friends.

The snow is still here but listen to what Jerry Kovacs has in mind for March 25, 2010. The Saxon Club Golf League's spring meeting is at 7 PM in the lower lounge. Discuss any new rules or changes and the start of the season, and other information.

Transferred from the Juvenile to Branch 30 was Brandon Fotiuk (Grandson of Helen and Roger). He is a student at Y.S.U. New Fraternal members are Jack Dahman and Dale McCoy; we are pleased to have you as new Brothers.

John Boehm has a date with the doctor for knee surgery on March 2, 2010. Mike Kloos is in rehab at Meridian Arms, Mike and Sofia are long time members of the Concordia Chorus. John Price and Bill Schwager are on our sick list. Talk to Casey Sawicki to tell him it is good to come out and kibitz.

There are several programs in the future at the your Saxon Club: see the Fraternal Calendar and my article. February 17 is the start the Lenten Fish dinners; March 13, Culture Group Sausage Sale; March 17, St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Lounge; March 27, will bring us to the President's Goulash Dinner; more info later.

I must thank kgrj3@aol.com, Katherine Graul, former member of Br. 34 in Cleveland, age 91, now living in California. She remembers the Spring Concerts in Youngstown and enjoys reading the *Volksblatt*. From my article of Dec. 25 2009, I have mail.

**CHURCHES**



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

**10:00 Bilingual Service**  
**Nursery School**  
**Coffee following service.**  
**Bible Study, Senior Circle,**  
**Sunday School, Church**  
**Choir, Bell Choir**

**St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
9509 Lake Avenue  
Cleveland, OH  
(216) 961-4870  
**Rev. Dick Williams**  
**Pastor**  
**Cell (330) 524-1718**

**9:00 a.m. German Service**  
**2nd Sunday of the month**  
**Pastor Susanne Carter**

**10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour**  
**Adult Bible Study**

**11:00 a.m. English Worship**

**Daily Devotion:**  
**www.EarlyWord.org**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
1000 Ford Road  
Highland Hts., Ohio  
(440) 449-1334  
**Rev. Paul Stork**  
**Pastor**

**10:00 Worship Service**  
**10:00 Sunday School**

**Branch 30 Proposed Constitution Changes to be voted on at the General Meeting March 14, 2010**

Article VI --- Election Sec 5

An Absent qualified candidate may be nominated for an office provided he has submitted a written request for the office desired to the Branch Recording Secretary.

( change to)

**An absent qualified candidate may be nominated for an office provided he has submitted a written request for the office desired to the Branch Recording Secretary or has been nominated by the Nominating & Election Committee.**

ARTICLE VII--- Duties of Officers and Boards Sec 7

The Financial Secretary shall take in all membership dues of the Society and shall record same at the conclusion of each meeting, and he shall deliver all money collected against receipt to the Treasurer. At each meeting, he shall announce the names of members who fail to pay their dues and are therefore out of benefits. He shall notify each member in arrears THREE MONTHS ( in due time ) by sealed letter, that in the event that the member does not pay the dues in arrears by the next meeting , he will be dropped from the rolls of the Society after six months.

( change to)

**The Financial Secretary shall take in all membership dues of the Society and shall record same at the conclusion of each meeting, and he shall deliver all money collected against receipt to the Treasurer . He shall notify each member in arrears THREE MONTHS (in due time ) by sealed letter, that in the event that the member does not pay the dues in arrears by the next meeting , he will be dropped from the rolls of the Society.**

ARTICLE IX --- Dues Sec 5

All members must pay a TEN DOLLAR Initiation Fee plus SIX MONTHS DUES upon acceptance into the Society and subsequent Dues shall be paid at least quarterly, semi- annually, or annually.

( change to)

**All new members must pay a TWENTY DOLLAR fee ( ten dollar Initiation Fee and ten dollar Key Card fee ) and his dues for the remainder of the calendar year upon acceptance into the Society and subsequent Dues shall be paid annually. Key cards win be deactivated if Dues are not paid in full for the current calendar year by the February regular meeting. Key cards will be activated upon fun payment of Dues for the current Calendar Year.**

By-law # 3  
Cigarette burns on floor & tables

(Change to)

**No Smoking in Main Building or Pavilion**

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**SAXON CLUB**

*As Saxons we are often loath to ask for donations for our organizations, but we live in a very realistic world. And so we do indeed ask...and guess what? Our members do respond. Again we ask for your kind donations, hoping to continue the Ladies' Lounge renovation as funds will allow. ...*

*As always, the committee thanks you.*

**Youngstown Saxon Club**

**710 S. Meridian Rd. • Youngstown, OH 44509**

Donation to: Memorial & Celebration Committee  
**Ballroom & Lounge Fund**

Donor(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_



**BRANCH 9, CHICAGO**  
By Rose-Marie Hauer

Happy New Year to all of the Saxon members and your families, and may this be a fabulous year! Since my last article a lot of new positive things have happened in our club. In December we had our annual elections. First of all I would like to say a big thank you to Sister Erika Prado and Sister Elfi Sanderson for the many years of time, service and years of dedication they have given to the club. Second, I would like to thank the new officers for stepping up to the plate and taking the challenge to become more involved in our organization.

The new officers for 2010 are: President Hilde Mueller, Vice President George Thut Jr., Secretary Diethild Thut, Treasurer Margaret Mronga, Financial Secretary Hildgard Schmidts, Trustees Hilde Schoonmaker, Regina Fleps, Claudia Schmidt, Sergeant at Arms George Thut Jr., Public Relations Rose-Marie Hauer, Youth Representative Claudia Schmidt.

Lastly special thanks to Brother Walter Dreschler for running the elections and making them run so efficiently.

In the December meeting President Mueller had a candle that burned throughout the meeting in memory of members and friends that passed away in the year 2009. The candle burned in memory of Sister Elizabeth Drechsler, Brother Horst Schmidts, Elise Schassburger and Christa Brantsch.

January 2010 has been a dis-

treassing start to the year with two members passing away. Sister Susanna Botschner age 98, passed away on December 28, and was laid to rest January 4, 2010, at the Rosehill cemetery. Brother John Krestal, husband of Sister Millie, and daughter of Sister Irene (Walter) Dreschler, son John passed away January 2, 2010. His service was January 6, 2010. Both memoriam verses were the same: Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Our deepest sympathy to the families on the loss of their loved ones.

Sister Schmidts gave the sick report and as of now there are no members on the list. She did report that Brother George Bell, Sister Erna Klein and Sister Sara Hartig are all recuperating.



**Sam and Saxon Santa**

The Christmas party on December 20 was an immense success! The party was well attended and Brother Bill Blatter did a fabulous job playing the piano to keep everyone entertained. The food was very good and the potato salad was made by the Sanderson children. Santa Claus was awesome and did a great job and the participation by the children was very successful. The gift



**An Uptown Ministry Volunteer**

of giving was truly in the spirit with over 300 canned food items and a monetary cash donation.



**Uptown Ministry Donation Committee**



**The Uptown Ministry**

President Mueller delivered this donation to the Uptown Ministry and the recipients were immensely thankful for our support and generosity. A special thank you to Sister Sanderson and her committee. (See photos by Hilde Mueller)

EVENTS 2010: Please mark your calendars for the following events:

\* April 17, 2010- Return of the Stiftungsfest at the Donauschwaben Hall, Des Plaines, IL

\* June 20, 2010- Annual Picnic at Lynne Woods, Morton Grove, IL

As for now stay warm, healthy and see you at the next meeting on February 1.

**PORK-KRAUT DINNER**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>  
YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB

11:30 - 2:30 P.M.

\$8.50 includes coffee, pop and dessert

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE!

**The lighter side**

**The good news**

A husband came home from work and was greeted by his newlywed wife. She said, "I have great news for you. Pretty soon we've going to be three in this house instead of just two."

Her husband ran to her with a smile on his face and delight in his eyes. He was glowing with happiness and kissed his wife.

She was happy and smiling too when she said, "I'm so glad you feel this way. My mother moves in with us tomorrow!"

**Bumper Sticker Humor**

I don't have a short attention span, I just ... oh, look--a kitty!

I have CDO. It's like OCD, but in alphabetical order, as it should be.

Tact is for people who aren't witty enough to be sarcastic.

We tried really hard to babyproof our house, but a couple still got in.

Ok, who stopped payment on my reality check?

**ATS BRANCH 4 - 2010 FUND RAISER**

**CHINESE AUCTION/SAUSAGE DINNER**

Sunday, February 21, 2010



WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Sausage Dinner Starting At 1:00 P.M.  
Serving until 2:00 P.M.

Admission by prepaid reservation only!

\$8.00 - Adults

Children 10 & Under - \$4.00

Auction Tickets: \$6.00 (Sold day of Auction)

**SAUSAGE DINNER/CHINESE AUCTION**

Sunday, February 21, 2010

BY PREPAID RESERVATION ONLY

Adult Dinners @ \$8.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Dinners @ \$4.00 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 Janlow  
7663 Regal Place,  
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Tickets will be held at the Door.

We will have assigned seating . . . Please indicate if you wish to sit with specific individuals \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**





**Christmas Coloring Contest  
Winners**

**Ages 3 – 4**

Sofia Sattely, Age 4  
Home Branch lives in Georgia

Hannah Marie Both, Age 4  
Branch 27 - New Castle

Sofia Terlesky, Age 4  
Branch 22 - Youngstown

**Ages 5 – 6**

Kurt Fleischer, Age 6  
Branch 37 - Detroit

Kaitlyn Griffith, Age 6  
Branch 2 - Erie

Delaney Pallo, age 6  
Branch 4 - Cleveland

**Ages 7 – 8**

Colin Klein, Age 8  
Branch 30 - Youngstown

Megan Arkwright, Age 8  
Branch 22 - Youngstown

Madisyn Best, Age 8  
Branch 19 - Salem

**Ages 9 – 10**

Gabby Bates, Age 10  
Branch 8 - Alliance

Ashleigh Best, Age 10  
Branch 19 - Salem

Abigail Richardson, Age 10  
Branch 22 - Youngstown

**Travel Bag**

**Battle for overhead bin space**

Caused by bag fees, crowded planes and limited space for carry ons, flight attendants say there is a problem.

One attendant claims passengers with carry ons create a scene that resembles TV shows like The Amazing Race. They charge into the planes in order to stow their gear before others fill the bins. They drag bags that are heavier than allowed, slip aboard with more than two bags, and bump into seatmates while cramming their belongings into the overhead bin.

Travelers often break the rules of bag limits, according

to flight attendants quoted in USA Today.

Another problem develops when passengers delay others because their carry on is too heavy to lift. Other passengers have to come to their rescue.

The last passengers to board the plane may find no place left to stow their stuff. The problem is so serious that Congress is considering legislation to limit carry on size and ensure enforcement at TSA airport checkpoints.

Airlines usually limit carry-ons to one of varying size and one of a smaller size such as a purse or a computer case.

**BRANCH 37,  
DETROIT  
By Sam Fleischer**

Sunday, January 3, 2010, Br. 37 had their first monthly meeting of the year. It was very well attended and everyone seemed to be in good spirits even though the weather was bitter cold.

Brother George Schemmel, Sr. had the honor of installing the officers for the coming year. Following are the names of the 2010 slate of officers: Susanna Fleischer, Pres.; Sam Fleischer, 1st VP/Finc. Secy.; Debbie Ferguson, 2nd VP; Mary Ann Fleischer 3rd VP; Janet Nelson, Secretary; George Schemmel, Sr., ATS Secy.; Sam Klein, Treasurer; Trustees: Trudy Klein, George Breckner and Ingrid Weihs Ferguson. These officers need the members' support in order to carry out their duties for the coming year.

Following the meeting the members were served a delicious meal prepared by Mary Ann Fleischer, consisting of soup, sandwiches, cake and coffee. Thanks, Mary Ann, for the nourishment.

Birthday greetings were extended to two members who will celebrate their special date in January, Susanna Krautner and Sam Klein.

Br. 37 is looking forward to celebrate its 97th Anniversary this year, which will be held on March 20, 2010 at the Carpathia Club. Please save this date and join us for this special event.

The members and officers of Br. 37 wish all the Branches and their members a happy and healthy New Year.

**BRANCH 10,  
COLUMBUS  
By Hilda Kautz**

Brrr - I've had enough snow and cold for this winter - I'm ready for spring.

All the joy and excitement of Christmas and family visits caused me to miss wishing our early January birthday celebrants' good luck and good health for another year. Belated wishes to most of you: Hedy Fleischer (1), Hilda Lynn (3), Sara Alzner (7), Olga Hesch (12), John Gellner (23), Hilda Kautz (24), Katherina Scholtes (27), and John Hartig (31).

The Columbus Saxons send their deepest sympathy to the family of George Fleischer, who went to his eternal rest on December 22. His immediate family, wife Maria, and daughters Darlene and Linda, and many extended family members survive him. He endured a long illness, but is now at peace.

Get well wishes to Karl Muelner and Katherina Scholtes and an envious "auf wiedersehen" to Mary and Mike Lassel who will probably enjoy the beaches of sunny Florida for the next 3 to 4 months.

I hope the weather cooperates and we will have warmer days and dry roads for the January 18 meeting.



**Sächsischer Bürger und Bürgerin aus Hermannstadt,  
Lithographie 1822**



**Stolzenburger Bub im Gewandstoffanzug und  
Kleinscheuerner Kinder in Sonntagstracht  
Aquarelle: Juliana Fabritius Dancu**

**Schäßburg auf rumänischen Briefmarken**

*Mit drei Briefmarken und einem Block würdigt die rumänische Post das Weltkulturerbe „Historische Altstadt von Schäßburg“.*

Die Ende Juli 2009 erschiene Ausgabe zeigt die Bergschule, den Stundturm sowie die Altstadt auf den Briefmarken sowie eine großflächige Ansicht des historischen Zentrums auf dem Block. Die drei Briefmarken sind auch zusammengefasst in einem Kleinbogen erhältlich; ergänzend sind Ersttagsbriefe erschienen.

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**Cleveland Westside Sachsenheim  
Presents**

**ANNUAL WINTERFEST  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010**

**Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.**

**Program**

**Cleveland Saxon Dance Group**

**Dancing Entertainment**

**Hans Schobel and the Bergvagabunden**

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**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS  
IS JANUARY 22, 2010**

**Please list your seating preference  
Tickets will be held at the door**



**SALEM SAXON RETIREES**  
By Sue Fritzman

Good-bye 2009! Hope we are blessed with the New Year of 2010! The Salem Saxon Retirees welcomed in the New Year as they greeted 34 friends present at their January 6th meeting and potluck assortment. President Lois Whitacre called the meeting to order with Bill Hiltbrand giving the prayer followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. Katherine Lederle, treasurer, gave her treasury report and also read the minutes from December for Secretary, Sue Fritzman. There was no old business to report. Al Linder shared a card he received from Dorothy and Ed Wentzel sending greetings to all members. Corrections were announced from last month's minutes acknowledging George Spack, Flo Spack and Ronnie Spack for decorating the club and Flo once again; Terri and Richard Spack were thanked for purchasing the Dress-A-Live Doll clothing. Marilyn McNutt announced that construction for an addition to the back storage room will be started soon at the club. Important dates to remember are January 16th for the next Saturday Breakfast, with no breakfast held during the months of February or March. These will start up again on April 17th.

Bill Hiltbrand entertained the Retirees with some humorous stories and also announced the following members on the sick list: Frank Diehl, Hazel Tibball, Marianne Vogt and Anneliese Rothbrust and Walter Combs.

Nancy Stumperth acknowledged members celebrating birthdays for the month of February, they are as follows: Lena Ziegler - 4th, Twila Kloos - 7th, Francie Tuel - 9th, Janet Kekel - 13th, Betty Clayton - 13th, Brenda Sypko - 14th, Marilyn McNutt - 14th, Mary Catherine Detwiler - 20th, Elizabeth Fronius - 21st, Henrietta Kilbreath - 26th and Doris Lewis - 28th.

CONGRATULATIONS to our lone Anniversary couple Lois and Doc Whitacre celebrating on February 3rd.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held February 3rd with a potluck. Marilyn McNutt is taking the reservations at 330-337-8940 with the following members also on

the committee: George Spack, Bob and Janet Kekel, Butch and Mary Ann Roth.

The meeting was closed with a moment of silence for recently deceased member Harry Simpson and "The Lord's Prayer". A game of Bingo concluded the afternoon fellowship.

We were saddened to hear of the loss of another dear Retiree member and brother of Branch 19, Harry Simpson, age 91, who passed away Dec. 22nd. Harry's wife Hilda just passed away in August of 2009. The last time we saw them they had just returned from spending their winter in Florida. We will remember how Harry so enjoyed telling a good joke to his friends. So sad to say good-bye to another dear friend who will be missed!

Many just couldn't wait for the New Year to make their sauerkraut treat. I have spoken to a few people who were craving their sauerkraut treats and had to make it early. I am sure they will have enough to enjoy it for the holiday also, for it usually last for days until you soon tire of it. My daughter said it was amusing to see all of the people gathered around the pork section of the meat department at the grocery store. It was like you couldn't get pork any other time of the year!

Our Christmas holiday celebration was stifled as the very severe intestinal flu went thru our little city very swiftly, not knowing who would be suffering next. Visits at the nursing home were discouraged, as many here were deathly ill with many family gatherings and social events canceled or very minimal.

The dusting of snow was just enough to get everyone in the spirit of Christmas to finish up last minute shopping. We thought we might have a "White Christmas" but instead loved ones had to carry their presents thru the cold bitter rain and slush. The next day, however, was very clear and mild for those who had delayed celebrations.

New Year's traditions are very different in many countries and are based on centuries of belief and superstitions. Good fortune

and bad luck both influence the choice of food eaten as the New Year celebration begins. As we all know our ethnic choice is pork and sauerkraut, which is also associated with good luck. The sauerkraut is considered a cooked green (cabbage) also kale, chard or chardards. Their green leaves look like folded money and thus symbolic of economic fortune. The Danish eat stewed kale sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon, while in the southern states collards are the green of choice. It is widely believed that the more greens one eats the larger ones fortune will be that year.

Some may wonder why the pig became associated with the idea of good luck. In Europe hundreds of years ago, wild boars were killed on the first day of the year and may also be associated with getting plenty to eat. Pork is served all over the world mainly because of the belief that pigs symbolize prosperity and abundance because of their plump bodies and high fat content. It may also be the reasoning that they push themselves forward as they root around with their snouts in the dirt for food. This motion of pushing forward is a sign of good fortune unlike the chicken, which is thought of as misfortune because it scratches backward. It is also thought that this will cause too much dwelling on the past. Another theory warns against eating any winged fowl because gook luck could fly away.

Fish is another very logical choice for the New Year's table for cod has been a popular feast food since the Middle Ages. Fish is considered a lucky food as those in the northwestern part of the U.S. may eat salmon, while some Germans and Poles choose herring or even carp. Some Germans have even been known to place a few fish scales in their wallets for good luck. Eew! How could they consider this lucky? Can you imagine what their wives might think to find this treasure in their hubby's wallet?

Like most round foods, beans symbolize money and prosperity in many cultures. But the type of bean depends on where you live. Italians eat green lentils with their pork and sausages, while the southern states eat black-eyed peas. Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries believe in eating one grape at each stroke leading up to midnight for good luck. They eat 12 grapes, one for each month and if the grape for one month is sweet it is considered to be a good month if sour, it of course will be a bad one.

One favorite for all cultures choice is pastries and cakes, which we all agree is a great way to celebrate any occasion. Any excuse to enjoy our wonderful Saxon pastries is fine for all of us! Round cakes, of course, are considered lucky, especially the person who gets the slice with a silver or gold coin hidden inside. Such cakes are a tradition in Greece made with yeast dough flavored with lemon.

Donuts, once again round in shape, are part of the celebra-

**WURSTMARKT / SAUSAGE SALE**  
**Saturday, February 6, 2010**

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tion in Italy. The Italians enjoy honey-drenched balls of pasta dough, fried and dusted with powdered sugar. Poland, Hungary and the Netherlands also eat donuts and Holland has Ollie Bollen (oil balls), puffed doughnuts filled with currants, raisins or diced apples.

Now that I've gotten everyone hungry thinking about pastries, here is a yummy "Cream Cheese Cherry Pie" recipe from Elaine Weber that everyone enjoys. The recipe includes the following ingredients for the crust, which is mixed like pie dough. 1 1/2 cups of flour, 1 1/2 sticks of oleo, 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts, press firmly into bottom of 9" x 13 "pan and bake 22 minutes at 350 degrees. Let cool and then mix 1 cup of powdered sugar, (1) 8 oz. softened cream cheese, (1) 8 oz. container of Cool Whip. Spread mixture over cooled crust and top with 1-1/2 cans of cherry pie filling or fresh strawberries with glaze. This would be a special treat for Valentine's Day!

While going down the corridor at the nursing home I noticed an old wooden antique that looked very familiar. I then realized it was an old Philco radio phonograph combo, which brought back many memories. The lady who owned it was listening to our old war standard Christmas songs. We all remember how we so enjoyed listening to our favorite popular records as we played them over and over again. Many would listened to Walter Cronkite, FDR's fireside chats, Ed Sullivan, Amos and Andy, Ma Perkins, and the women enjoyed their Soap Operas.

The Philco was going to add TV to it and everyone rushed to buy this console model. This was very disappointing for the screen turned out to be the size of a small nametag. We did later get the real thing and enjoyed watching it. Today the new flat screens can't seem to be big enough and are almost movie theater size as they are the main attraction in the home

with sound systems to go with them.

We have so many wonderful memories of our old New Year's Day celebrations with friends at the old club. We all had to push thru the crowd to get in the door before the clock struck 12 o'clock, as the shop whistle would blow. The hugging and kissing would begin as the New Year was welcomed in as greetings, dancing, singing and laughter would resound throughout the club among happy friends. We Retirees have lived thru so much from our childhood and struggled thru the depression and war years as our children were born in the baby boomer era. This phase of life is a whole new adventure that we must also struggle thru to survive these daily challenges.

I once again would like to thank all who have remembered me with the many Christmas cards I enjoyed reading from both near and far. Thank you also to those who braved the visit with the threat of flu germs. I received a thoughtful gift from my son and his family, a soft white stuffed cat that even purrs. They knew how much I loved my special white cat while I was at home and how saddened I was when it passed away. This is the ideal pet to have with no worries and is so nice to have something to cuddle.

It is hard for all shut-ins this time of year especially, so please keep them in mind. Katherine Lederle is very good about this and says she makes it a point to do something for some one everyday, which is a good philosophy. It only takes a few minutes out of your day to let someone know they are thought about and you will feel so good knowing you made a difference in someone's life. God bless all of you who are so helpful and thoughtful of others! We all need love and support! Wishing you all a New Year of dreams and Good Luck in 2010!

Auf Wiedersehen!

**Snow Funny**

A young woman was driving her car when she realized she was lost in the blinding snowstorm. She only panicked for a minute however. She remembered that her father had told her that if you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, you should wait for a snow plow and then follow it. Sure enough, after a while, a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it. She followed the large vehicle for about 45 minutes. Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. She explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in a snowstorm, she should follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to K-Mart now?"





**BRANCH 2, ERIE**  
By Lee Wolfe

Our supper/business meeting was held Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Before the meeting we all enjoyed a chicken tenders meal. We held a moment of silence for deceased members Joseph Jezerinac, Robert M. Simunic, Joseph Osiecki and Ronald Schaaf; our condolences to the families and friends of the departed. Included in our prayers were members on the sick list Marge Carr, Bob Bauer, Charles Pierce and Joe Barna. We send our best wishes to all of them for a return to good health.

There will be no meeting in February. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Our next supper/business meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

Auditor Liz Manning reported that the books have been checked and everything is in order and accurate.

The members voted to purchase a 1/2 page ad in the booklet for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cleveland Branch 33.

We received very nice thank you letters, one from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank for our Charitable Christmas donation and the other from the Home Office for our donation to the Saxon Relief Fund.

President Manning thanked the committee members who handled the Memorial Service namely, Lee and Dick Wolfe and Art and Val Pinczewski. It was a lovely and moving ceremony and we will make this an annual event.

Our congratulations to our Branch 2 winners who participated in the Bowl Where You Are tournament. Sarah Hess won in the 12-13 age group in the girls division and in the boys division Michael Loney won in the 8-9 age group and Brad McLaughlin won in the 14-15 age group.

President Manning advised he is still working on a survey form to be sent to all members 18 years of age and older. This is an effort to find out what our members are interested in so far as any changes or introducing new activities other than what we now offer. The input and suggestions we receive is very important so our Branch can do a better job thus getting more members involved in our meetings and activities.

President Manning thanked George Cook of the nominating committee for his work. George reported that all incumbents are running unopposed except the office of Financial Secretary has to be voted upon as Mary Ann Hess is retiring from this position. Vince Leone has agreed to run for this office.

Before the election, President thanked his officers for all their help in 2009 and he especially thanked Mary Ann Hess for the great job she did as our financial secretary for over 10 years. In appreciation Mary Ann received a round of applause from the members for a job very well done. Before the election the members voted to have the

salaries of the officers to remain the same.

The members voted to retain the incumbents who were running unopposed for their respective positions. After a call for nominations from the floor, Vince Leone was elected to be the Financial Secretary. Also, Liz Manning was reelected to serve another three year term as an Auditor.

The following officers for 2010 were sworn in by Mary Ann Hess: President Thomas Manning, Vice President John Hess, Treasurer Val Pinczewski, Recording Secretary Lee Wolfe, Financial Secretary Vince Leone, ATS Secretary Judy Wagner, Auditors Liz Manning, George Cook and Robert Bauer, Inner Guard Richard Wolfe.

Congratulations to all the officers and they welcome Vince Leone to their ranks. We know Mary Ann will be glad to help Vince as he takes on this position.

As stated above we have a new Financial Secretary so please **take note to send** your Branch 2 annual **dues** of \$6.00 to Vince Leone, 3417 Pacific Avenue, Erie, PA, 16505.

We would like to mention that we were all saddened by the passing away of Joe Jezerinac. Joe was a fairly new member of our Branch but an enthusiastic one who was always willing to help out and chaired our last picnic, he was a likeable person and we will certainly miss him.

We want Rachel Burbules and Claire Wagner, whose birthdays are in February, to know their grandmothers Mary Ann Hess and Judy Wagner already sang happy birthday to them during our Good and Welfare time of our meeting!

This is a "boy, do you have a lot to learn joke!" *A new father was so excited over the birth of his son he wanted to do everything right. As he was leaving the hospital with his wife and new baby boy, he said "So tell me nurse, what time should we wake the little guy in the morning?"*

Mary Cook won the 50/50 and Bob Wingerter won the Club's dinner gift certificate.

A very happy birthday to all of our February babies some of whom are: Matthew J. Sherrange, Dominick Comi, Edward Hausmann, Joseph Garofolo, Kaitlyn Griffith, Ralph David Loper, Sarah Lynn Morrow, John Jos. Griffith, Dr. Leon Sims, Howard C. Bone, Andrew Barthelms, Lisa Morschhauser, Claire Wagner, Ronald Barthelms, Sal Frontino, Carol Carano and Rachel Burbules.

A very happy anniversary to Louis and Blanche Hess, 52 years and George and Wilma Wood, 39 years and we hope all of our celebrants have a beautiful day, "wait, I'm not done yet" and boy, he wasn't. The sun is shining today and we are supposed to go into the 40's next week, so we can put our shovels away at least for a

**Where's the beef? It's shrimp instead**

Beef Stroganoff dates back to the 19th century. Although not a new recipe, it is a refined version of an older Russian dish that had probably been in the family of Count Pavel Stroganoff for some years. It became well known through his love of entertaining.

Count Stroganoff was a dignitary at the court of Alexander III, a member of the Imperial Academy of Arts, and a known gourmet. Legend has it that Count Stroganoff had lost all his teeth and his chef had prepared this recipe specially for him.

It is doubtful that it was the chef's invention since the recipe was included in the 1871 Molokhovets cookbook. Here's a new twist on the old recipe.

*Shrimp Stroganoff*  
20 to 25 cooked and deveined shrimp  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt



7 tablespoons butter  
2 cups fresh sliced mushrooms  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
1 teaspoon garlic buds  
4 ounce can tomato paste  
8 ounce tub fat-free sour cream  
2 tablespoons dry white wine  
1 can beef broth

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
Hot buttered egg noodles  
Sauté the shrimp briefly in butter but do not overcook. Set aside.

In a large skillet or wok, combine beef broth, onions, mushrooms, salt, butter, garlic, nutmeg and flour. Bring to boil.

Cut in tomato paste and stir until well blended. Add the sour cream and wine. Stir until sauce is smooth, thick and pink.

Add shrimp and cook on medium for ten minutes, stirring constantly.

Serve over a package of prepared egg noodles.

**FARRELL HIGHLITES**  
By Betty Holmes

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!** I hope you all had a nice Christmas and are ready for the NEW YEAR. I hope 2010 will be a better year than last year.

We had a nice turnout at our Christmas Dinner, which I am sure all did enjoy. It was nice to see Frank Testani there. Come back Frank.

At our November meeting we had Election of Officers. They are President, Bertha Chec; Vice President, Betty Krafft; Secretary, Betty Holmes; Treasurer, Dorothy Schmidt; Financial Secretary, Kathy Schuller; Trustees Gert Henrich, and Rudy Kreutzer; Auditors Betty Krafft, Gert Henrich and Sally Orben; ATS Secretary, Betty Krafft; and Sgt. At Arms, Henry Holmes. Gert Henrich will be filling in as Financial Secretary for a couple of months because Kathy will have had knee surgery on January 7th and will be laid up for a while. GOOD LUCK Kathy, and have a speedy recovery.

Kathy planned a nice trip for us in December. We went to see the Lee Greenwood Christmas Show and then went to the Old Country Buffet for a delicious meal, and from there went to see the fantastic three and a half mile Christmas Light display at Hartwood Acres. This was a "must see" – everything was in motion. It was just beautiful. Hey Kathy, while you are laying around and want something to do, can you plan another trip?

Our January 18th meeting was held at the Lions Den; Tessie Doyle was our hostess. Henry Holmes installed our officers for the new year.

On our sick list we have Mary Burprich, Clara Subasic, Ann Schuller, Carl Appel and Maria Kreutzer. Get well wishes go out

to all of you.

We have several ladies that are celebrating their birthdays in January. They are Tessie Doyle on the 10th, Gert Henrich on the 11th, Bonnie Gregorich on the 12th, and Betty Krafft on the 24th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of you, and we wish you many more.



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

**Dorothy V. Snyder**  
Age 85

Died: December 18, 2009  
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

**Susanna Botschner**  
Age 98

Died: December 28, 2009  
Branch 9, Chicago IL

**Dorothea M. Schmidt**  
Age 92

Died: January 3, 2010  
Branch 40, Merrillville IN

**Ronald J. Schaaf**  
Age 74

Died: January 7, 2010  
Branch 2, Erie PA

**Split Second Cleaning Routine**

If you cringe whenever you hear the doorbell ring, it may be time to develop a quick and easy cleaning routine for those times when unexpected guests arrive. Instead of panicking, use these tips to make your home ready for anything.

- Start with your entryway and remove any clutter. A laundry basket is great for this task. You can sort through it later. Now you are just trying to collect all of the out-of-place items in that space.
- Dust quickly using a microfiber cloth. Concentrate on those items and shelves at eye level and below.
- Vacuum the high-traffic areas. Don't forget to put the vacuum away when you are done.
- In the bathroom, use a spray cleaner and paper towels to quickly wipe the counters and toilet. Cleaning the mirrors will give your bathroom a nice boost too.
- Fluff pillows on your couches and straighten area rugs. Straighten the sofa cushions as well.
- Close the doors to the rest of the house. You will not have to worry about getting everything in perfect shape if you can just put the rest out of sight.

To make this even easier, keep a caddy of cleaning supplies ready. You can stash this in your main living area to make clean-up easier. By mastering this quick cleaning routine, you will always be ready for any last-minute surprises.

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

little while. What I like about this time of year is that it does stay a little lighter longer with each passing day.

See you at the March meeting .. take care everyone!



# PotPourri

## Optimism

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. -- Jimmy Dean

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending. -- Maria Robinson

What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise. -- Oscar Wilde

Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done. -- Bo Bennett

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. -- Winston Churchill

Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A word of optimism and hope. And you can do it when things are tough. -- Richard M. DeVos

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. -- Helen Keller

One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself. -- Lucille Ball

The optimist sees the rose and not its thorns; the pessimist stares at the thorns, oblivious of the rose. -- Kahlil Gibran

The essence of optimism is that it takes no account of the present, but it is a source of inspiration, of vitality and hope where others have resigned; it enables a man to hold his head high, to claim the future for himself and not to abandon it to his enemy. -- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

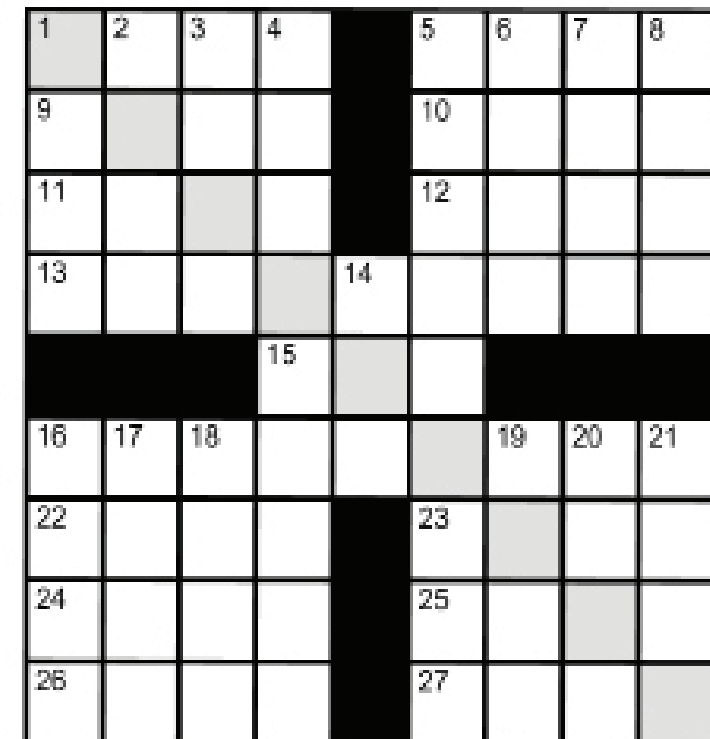
## Music Festival Crossword

### Across

1. Hit hard
5. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
9. Fine-tune
10. Father, in Paris
11. Shakespeare, the Bard of \_\_\_
12. "Guilty," e.g.
13. Follower of famous geneticist
15. "It's no \_\_\_!"
16. Whirlpool
22. \_\_\_-American
23. First-rate
24. Restaurant handout
25. Dash
26. Amazes
27. Arduous journey

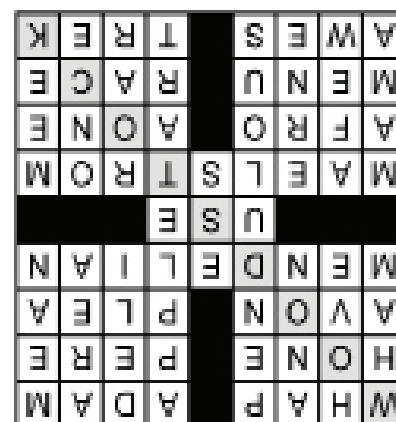
### Down

1. "Kapow!"
2. Lifted
3. Soon, to a bard
4. Drooping
5. Fruit dessert
6. Sandwich shop
7. Length x width, for a rectangle
8. Average



14. Double curve
16. \_\_\_ Cass
17. Not many
18. Coastal raptor
19. Big laugh
20. "\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy"
21. Docile

The title is a clue to the word in the shaded diagonal.



HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY

We invite our ATS Junior members to color this Valentine and send it to the ATS Home Office to receive a Valentine gift. Please submit your Valentine by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Valentine sent by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Br. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Groundhog Day: Check Phil's weather prediction!

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil, Pennsylvania's groundhog extraordinaire, will again stick his head out of his den. The nation awaits his verdict.

Groundhog Day is said to have its origins in ancient weather lore where the prognosticator was often a badger or a sacred bear. In the United States, its origin is said to come from a Pennsylvania German custom.

If Phil, peeking from his burrow, fails to see his shadow, winter will soon be over. If the sun happens to be shining and Phil sees his shadow, winter will continue for six more weeks.

The first trek to meet with Phil began in 1887. He has been emerging from his burrow in Pennsylvania ever since, always eager to greet his public.

Phil is private in many ways,

but a few rumors have circulated about him.

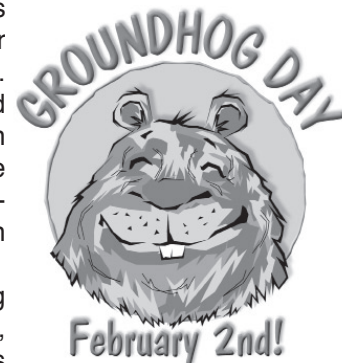
- He gets his longevity from drinking the "elixir of life" of which he takes one sip every summer during the Groundhog Picnic. This gives him seven more years of life.

- It is said he is named after King Philip, a famous Native American leader. In his more plebeian days, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

- He speaks only in Groundhogese, which luckily is a language understood by the

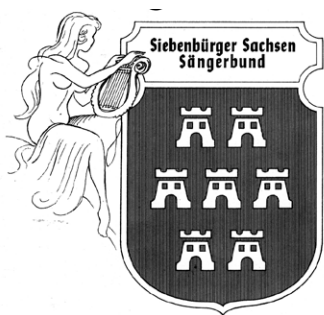
President of the Inner Circle. The Inner Circle provides for Phil during the year, rather like a court provides for its king.

The city of Punxsutawney offers several days of celebration for those who gather from around the world to hear Phil's proclamation. The city offers food, music, carriage rides, magicians, crafts and games.



"Times are tough. The best I could do was license your image on kids' underwear."





## Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund

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### DEUTSCHER MUSIK VEREIN

Rehearsal: Monday  
Westside Sachsenheim

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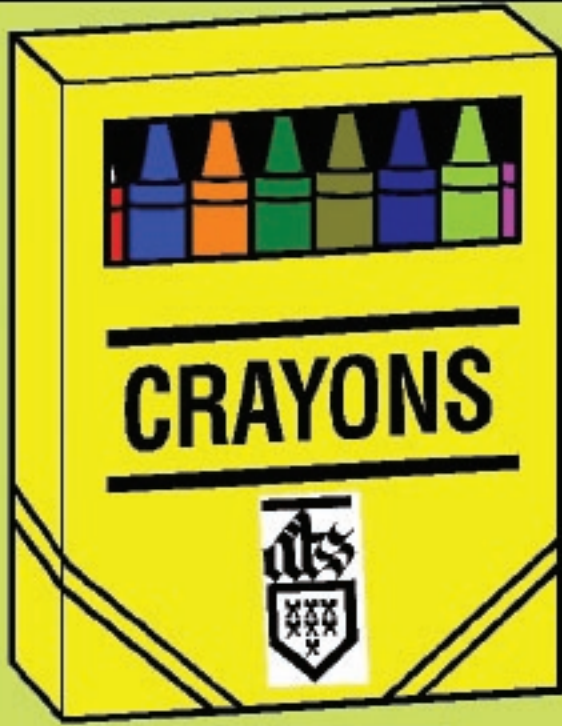
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