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BRANCH 19, SALEM

By Robert P. Vogt, Sr.

The Salem Saxon Fish Frys are currently underway. Frys will continue on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:15 through April 15th. Fried fish, baked fish and pork chops will be served. If you are unable to eat at the club, carry-outs are also available.

At our March 7th meeting, Brother Jim Weber reported to us that his father Walter is recovering from recent surgeries at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation in Salem. Please keep Brother Walt in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The Spring Sausage Sale will be held April 9th from 9:00a.m. - 2:30p.m. You may start ordering by calling Sam and Carol McKinney @ 330-332-9810 or by placing your order at the club.

Upcoming Events are as follows.

March 17	Set-up for Fish Fry	7:00 p.m.
18	Fish Fry	5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
24	Set-up for Fish Fry	7:00 p.m.
25	Fish Fry	5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
26	Peanut Night	8:00 p.m. - ?
31	Set-up for Fish Fry	7:00 p.m.
	Br. 19 Officer's Mtg	7:30 p.m.
April 1	Fish Fry	5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
4	Br. 19 Meeting	7:30 p.m.
7	Set-up for Fish Fry	7:00 p.m.
8	Fish Fry	5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
9	Sausage Sale	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
14	Set-up for Fish Fry	7:00 p.m.
15	Fish Fry	5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
16	Spring Clean-up (CC)	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
23	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 p.m.
28	Br. 19 Officer's Mtg	7:30 p.m.
30	Peanut Night	8:00 p.m. - ?

Bis zum nächstenmal.

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE

By Sam Palyok

Well, fellow members it is that time again. Your dues are due plus \$1.00 for death benefit.

There are two changes to our yearly calendar. The first one is there will be no meeting on June 5th. Instead we will be going to a Railcats ball game. The second change is on September 13th. We will be going to Balmoral Park.

Railcats Ball game: Gates open at 1;00 P.M. and the game starts at 2:00 p.m. You will pick up your tickets at the will call window and use the VIP entrance on the west side. Reservations MUST be made by May 22. You can let Jana know at one of our meetings or by calling (219)661-0233.

Balmoral Park: Arrival/Dinner 6:p.m. and the first race is at 7:10 p.m. Reservations MUST be made by August 21. You can let Jana know at one of our meetings or by calling (219)661-0233. The lodge will pay for members in good standing (4 meetings) and one guest.

CLEVELAND SAXON SENIORS

By Helen Korsgaard

This article is being written on Friday March 11, and outside we have a beautiful Winter Wonderland. The limbs on all the trees have at least 2 inches of snow on them, and it is just lovely! We got up early and cancelled our appointment at Life Works (exercise therapy), and went back to bed.

One of our warm-weather snow-birds is Gertrude Titsch, who is visiting her son Dan and his wife Joan in Florida. She told me yesterday that it was 82 degrees there.

Just a reminder----Did you call Erna to tell her which dish you will be bringing to our Saxon sausage pot-luck luncheon on Thursday March 24? Her number is 440-871-7668. That is just 13 days from today, and Spring will be here. All this snow will be melted, and Spring WILL be here.. The daffodils are up about 6 inches, and that is a sure sign.

See you soon!!

IS GROSSPOLD YOUR HOMETOWN?

Dr. Ulrich A. Wien from Germany and Martin Bottesch from Hermanstadt are writing on book on Großpold and would like to obtain information from those that immigrated to North America. They would like to know where they are lived or are living, their professions, and information on their children and grandchildren.

Please send this information to the ATS Home Office, or email the Home Office at office@atsaxons.com by April 25, 2011. We will forward this information to Dr. Wien. They will be releasing their book sometime this summer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



Old Man Winter must have been reading my last two articles in the *Volksblatt*. He has eased up on the snowing and blowing during this past week, but unfortunately, our weather forecast calls for more snow in the next few days. A number of years ago Erie was hit with a major snow storm on St. Patrick's Day. Ever since that time, we know that it is much too early to put away the snow removal equipment. I hope the snow piles melt and it warms up by the time that we celebrate Easter.

I noticed in recent issues of the *Volksblatt* that many of our local Branches have many of their activities scheduled for most of this year. Participation in these local activities is a great way for the long-standing members and newer members to become acquainted. It also promotes the interest of the members to attend the National events. It is a win/win situation.

If you still have some fruitcake left over from Christmas, these uses are suggested.

- Put it in the backyard to feed the birds and squirrels
- Stand on it when you change a light bulb
- Use it to clean your pots and pans
- Use it as a jack when changing tires
- Give it to the cat for a scratching post

Quote of the Day: "The easiest kind of relationship is with ten thousand people, the hardest is with one."

Everyone at the office loves us. They think we're funny and warm and always so supportive. So why are we having trouble getting along with the person closest to us? We show our most vulnerable self to the person we care most about. That can make us prickly and nervous. What if we're rejected? What if we lose the person we care about? Or the opposite: We try hard to win the attention and admiration of those at the office, while we take our loved one for granted because we know we already have his or her attention, admiration, and love.

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



March 20, 2011

The First Day Of Spring

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011**

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
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Das neue Buch

Großpold - ein Dorf in Siebenbürgen

erscheint im Sommer 2011. Auf rund 500 Seiten stellen Martin Bottesch und Ulrich Andreas Wien Vergangenheit und Gegenwart des Dorfes aufgrund historischer Texte und Karten sowie aktueller Daten und einer großen Zahl von Bildern dar. Im Vordergrund steht das 20. Jahrhundert mit seinen folgenschweren Ereignissen. Die Gelegenheit, das Buch günstig zu kaufen, bietet sich nur jetzt: deshalb gleich vorbestellen.



BRANCH 2, ERIE
By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. We held a moment of silence for deceased members James Kirsch, Charles Pierce and for Michele Moskalczyk, niece of members Art and Val Pinczewski. Included in our prayers was Vince Leone who is on the sick list and we send him our best wishes in the hope he is feeling better.

Unfortunately, due to his healthy problems, Vince resigned his position as Financial Secretary. Therefore, this position is now opened and anyone wishing to run for this office may call President Tom Manning at 864-6072. In the meantime, if you have not paid the Branch 2 annual dues of \$6 for 2011, please submit your payment to Val Pinczewski, 4226 Dominion Dr., Erie, PA 16510. When we get a member to fill the Financial Secretary position we will advise you of the new address.

At our January meeting and Election of Officers we did not bring up the officers' salaries, President Manning asked for a motion from the floor regarding this matter and the members voted to have the salaries remain the same. Also, in our January column we had elected officers Bill Morschhauser and Fred Wellman as being sworn in, however they were excused from the January meeting and will be sworn in at a future meeting.

We are glad to report that our President Tom Manning has recovered from his rotator cuff surgery and his arm is no longer in a sling, which means he can start shoveling snow; that is, if we get anymore. Now there's a laugh for you, "if we get anymore snow". Sometimes I live in a dream world like I did last month when the temperature got up in the 50's.

Our next Supper/Business meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12th at 2:30 p.m. The menu will be a Prime Rib dinner including salad, potato, vegetable rolls, coffee and dessert for the cost of \$6 per member. This is a little bit more than our usual fee of \$3 but as we know, a Prime Rib dinner is pricey. Still, where can you get a full course Prime Rib dinner (that includes tax and tip) for just six bucks? The fee for non-members is \$12 so

please make your reservations with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494 and submit your payment to her at 4226 Dominion Dr., Erie, PA 16510.

We welcome new members Karen B. Olson and Gerald W. Olson.

The Home Office in Cleveland has requested information concerning addresses of the following members: Clara Schwarz, Sofia Uhlman and Scott Van Tassel. Evidently, these members are still on the books at the Home Office, but they do not have an Erie address for them. Instead, the Home Office is using their own address on Pearl Road in Cleveland for them. If anyone has any information concerning this situation, please contact Judy Wagner, our ATS Secretary at 476-1188.

In my March 4th column of the *Volksblatt* the names of our young people were included and Owen Gavio's name was printed as "Favio". Owen is only five and can read his name now, and I hope his mom shows him this correction because some "silly head" had it wrong. This correction comes by way of great Grandma Vi Lohse and those of us who are Grandmas can understand, as we adore our grandchildren. I enjoyed my conversation with Vi as we reminisced about the old days of our bowling trips when we used to have two busloads of people going.

It was a pleasure to see and meet Eugene Learn who attended the meeting with his son-in-law Steve Steele. Eugene informed me that he and his wife Eva would be celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary on May 7th. Isn't that grand! They have 4 children, 14 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Now that's some legacy. We wish Eugene and Eva a beautiful happy anniversary day.

Gee, Sal Frontino (a Yankee fan) could not remember who was in the World series and neither could this reporter (an Indians fan) but she knows one thing for sure .. the Yankees weren't in it!!

I should like to remind the members as I have in the past, that anytime you read a mistake in Branch 2 columns, please don't hesitate to call me. You

won't hurt my feelings or anything like that as I am happy to make corrections. We are not immune from making mistakes, so please call me if need be at 456-0082.

A very happy birthday to all of our April babies some of whom are: Emma J. Goellner, Travis D. Fiamilla, Andrew Mantsch, John J. Griffith, William A. Reed, Sarah K. Hess, Elva J. Vargo, Jacob Iavarone, Mitchell Iavarone, Nicholas J. Griffith, Dr. Clarence Chase, Jr., Michael J. Martin, Megan Nicholson, Gina M. Cook, Bradley J. Nicklas, Amber Erdley, Jacob R. Heberle, William J. Kenny, Bonnie Barthelmes, Lester A. Carr, Hildegard Marshall and Blanche E. Hesch.

A very happy anniversary to our April couples some of whom are: Glenn and Viola Baumann, 51 years; Jerome and Marion Di Leva, 58 years; Robert and Linda Malanowski, 42 years; and Paul and Sharon Pecorella, 36 years. We hope all of the above celebrants have a beautiful day.

Today is a dreary, rainy, windy day. Let's hope that old adage "*March roars in like a lion*" does not hold true for the rest of the month, and the other part "*April comes in like a lamb*" is definitely true.

See you at the Supper/Business meeting on April 12th. Take care everyone and let's hope the Lord blesses us with nice warm sunny weather and soon.

**EINTRACHT SAXONIA
SACHSENCOR**
By George Schneider

Well, we get some snow, and then we get some ice, then some rain .. the weather cannot make up its mind as to what it wants to do! I haven't seen so much ice in one winter in a long time.

Please remember our annual Goulash Fundraiser Dinner to be held on March 27th, 2011 at 1 p.m., the cost is \$12. Krapfen at \$6 a dozen can be ordered by calling Maria Fischer at 216-741-1398 and can be picked up anytime one Saturday or Sunday. Goulash is the perfect hearty meal for this time of year!

Our annual Spring Concert will be held on April 25th, 2011 at 6 pm with dance music provided by Hans Schobel and his Bervagabunden.

Happy birthday greetings to our passive member, Hans Botsch, who celebrated his 70th birthday on March 13th with special greetings from Gus and Maria Botsch and the whole Botsch family, as well as yours truly, who thinks of him as a father. Hans I hope you have many, many more years to enjoy and may God bless you.

I wish to thank all the choir members, especially Maria Seiler and Mike Salmen, for the kind comments they made about my first broadcast of George Schneider's German Melody Favorites, which is broadcast on Sundays from 1-2 p.m. on WDLW 1380. May God bless you all! Lebe wohl!

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**MAIL: PO BOX 45198,
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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, MARCH 25, 2011	FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2011	FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011	FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.

HAVE A NEW ADDRESS?

If you belong to a household receiving two or more *Volksblatts*, or if you have recently moved and have a new address, you can alleviate both situations simply by using the Change of Address Form printed in the *Volksblatt*. We ask that one *Volksblatt* per household be sufficient.

Also, the same form holds good for any of our members who would like to, but are not receiving the newspaper. If you are a member in good standing, you are entitled to receive our publication.

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2011

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

- \$1,000 Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship
- \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 10 – Columbus Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
- \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
- \$1,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 5 – Lorain Scholarship
- \$ 750 Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship
- \$ 750 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
- \$ 650 Award in honor of Honey Wolff's 90th Birthday (4th of four Annual Awards)
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 400 Donzella Herman Scholarship

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 15th. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, **an official ATS Scholarship Application Form** will be mailed to you. **The completed official ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th.**

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 30th.

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:

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

Request Forms must be received
by March 30, 2011

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

CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering ten 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
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Marie Stirner
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- \$1,000 Award in memory of Marie Stirner
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
- \$ 500 Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
- \$ 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 by March 30, 2011.

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at 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.

REQUEST FOR ATS ADULT SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 30th.

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:

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

**Request Forms must be received
by March 30, 2011**

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



"Jeffrey didn't like coming to the playground until he found this Wi-Fi hotspot near the seesaw."

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

Our next monthly meeting (hopefully no snow storm) will be held on Monday, March 21st, the first day of Spring. Collection of dues and premiums will be taken at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Fat Tuesday was busy at the Sachsenheim. Grumpy served up some great tasting Jambalaya and Gumbo beside the usual Tuesday menu. I didn't see a lot of Mardi Gras beads, but a lot of folks enjoying their food and drinks.

Just a reminder for you to make your reservations for the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor's Goulash Dinner and Krapfen Sale that will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 27 at 1:00 pm. Why cook that day? You certainly cannot beat the makings of the Sachsenchor's delicious Goulash. If you are in a hurry, just order a take-out and don't forget to place your order for the freshly made Krapfen. Call Maria Fischer at

(216)741-1398 to make reservations. Deadline is Tuesday, March 22nd.

The 250 Club will be holding the yearend banquet and drawing on Friday, April 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm. After dinner there will be some entertainment and then the drawing of the BIG prize winners. Information will be sent out to members. Good Luck to everyone!

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will hold their Trachtenball on Saturday, May 7th at 6:30 pm. A schnitzel dinner will be served followed by a program featuring the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group. There are several new members in the group and this will be their first time performing so plan to attend and show your support to the Dance Group. There is a reservation form in the *Volksblatt* to make your reservations. Don't forget to wear your Tracht and participate in the Aufmarsch.

Women's History Month

- There are over 157 million women in the United States. In contrast, there are only 153 million men.
- At age 85 and older, there are more than twice as many women as men.
- Fifty-five percent of college students are women.
- Women make up 14 percent of the U.S. military.
- In about 21 percent of married couples, the wife earns at least \$5,000 more than the husband.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



**THE CLEVELAND SAXON
DANCE GROUP'S
ANNUAL TRACHTENBALL**
Saturday, May 7, 2011
Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio



Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Dinner Served at 6:30 pm
Prepaid Reservations Requested!!

Enjoy a **DELICIOUS Schnitzel Dinner**
with all the trimmings

Program at 8:00 pm

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
And
Dance to the wonderful music of
Grenzenlos

Wear your Tracht and join us for our Traditional Aufmarsch

PREPAID RESERVATION FORM TRACHTENBALL – MAY 7, 2011

_____ Adult Dinners @ \$18.....\$ _____

_____ Children's Dinners @ \$9 (Ages 4 – 10).....\$ _____

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Make Check or Money Order payable to: Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
Mail Check and Reservation Form to: Stephanie Miller
22677 Peachtree Lane
Rocky River, OH 44116

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Meal Tickets will be held at the Door
We will have assigned seating. Please indicate if you have a seating preference
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Stephanie Miller at (440)356-5582

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2011

- April 9, 2011
TSBA Tournament
 Host Cleveland West
- May 14, 2011
Branch Presidents' Meeting
 Host Cleveland East Br. 34 celebrating 100th Anniversary
- June 11, 2011
TSBA Bowlers' Convention
 Host Cleveland West at Sachsenheim
- July 15 - 17, 2011
Saxon Heimattag
 Saxonia Club, Aylmer Ontario Canada
- July 30, 2011
ATS Golf Outing
 Salem, OH hosted by Salem Branch 19
- October 22 - 23, 2011
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
 Host Cleveland West

2012

- June 22-24, 2012
Saxon Heimattag
 Salem, Ohio Hosted by Branches 18 and 19

LOCAL EVENTS

- March 18, 2011
Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- March 19, 2011
Detroit Br. 37 98th Anniversary Celebration
 Carpathia Club
- March 20, 2011
Youngstown Br. 30 Pork and Kraut Dinner
- March 23, 2011
Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner-Restaurant and Lounge
- March 24, 2011
Youngstown Golf Meeting Lower Lounge
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- March 25, 2011
Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- March 26, 2011
Youngstown Presidents Goulash Dinner
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
- March 27, 2011
Cleveland E. S. Sachsenchor Goulasch Dinner
- March 30, 2011
Youngstown Fish Dinner Lenten –Restaurant and Lounge
- March 31, 2011
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
Salem Br. 19 Officer's Mtg 7:30 p.m.
- April 1, 2011
Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland 250 Club Dinner
- April 3, 2011
Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting
Youngstown Br. 22 Mother Daughter Banquet
- April 4, 2011
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- April 6, 2011
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
- April 7, 2011
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- April 8, 2011
Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- April 9, 2011
Salem Sausage Sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- April 10, 2011
Cleveland Saxon Bowling Tournament Dinner
- April 11, 2011
Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- April 14, 2011
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- April 15, 2011
New Castle Easter Ham Raffle
Salem Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- April 16, 2011
Salem Spring Clean-up (CC) 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cleveland Children's Easter Party
Youngstown Concordia Chorus Night in Vienna
- April 21, 2011
New Castle - No Thursday Night Dinner due to Easter
- April 23, 2011
Salem Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.

BRANCH 11, LORAIN

By Monica Gilles

Our March meeting was held on Saturday, March 5th. There was a smaller attendance than usual due to people being out of town. Our President and Vice President were both missing, so that left me to run the meeting. Scary thought, huh? I hope I did a good job. Thanks again to Barbara Wood for volunteering to take the minutes.

Since everyone enjoyed the Valentine's Day gift exchange, we thought we would try it again for the April meeting. We are asking everyone to bring a small gift (\$5.00 limit) that is Easter related and we will have some clever way of exchanging them.

I would like to welcome our newest member to the Saxon Club – Robin Johnson. Robin is the wife of Brother Michael Johnson and mother of Sister Juliana Johnson. We are thrilled to have her be a part of our family. We look forward to your participation in our events and welcome any new ideas and suggestions.

Just a reminder that we will be having our annual audit on March 27 at 2 PM. The audit will be held at the house of Ginger Romes.

Mark your calendar now – The ladies lodge will be going out to dinner before the May meeting. This is our way of celebrating Mother's Day. It looks like we will be going to the Eastern Buffet on Oberlin Avenue. We will meet there at 6 PM. Any member in good standing will have their meal paid for. Members are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting, immediately following at Slovak Home.

Happy Birthday was sung to Betty Ralph. June Nau is also celebrating a birthday in March.

Our President Jeanne Petty, who was not present at the meeting, was drawn for the attendance prize. Elaine Johnson won the door prize.

If you have not paid your annual dues, you are late. You can mail your local dues to Sharron Powell; 2308 Mark Drive; Lorain, OH 44052 or plan on attending the next monthly meeting.

Before the next meeting, the trustees will be serving a meal starting at 7 PM. The meeting will follow. So, plan on coming for dinner and attend the meeting. Do not forget your gift for the exchange.

Green Living Tip

Did you know that loose fill polystyrene packaging (packing peanuts) are recyclable? It can be a challenge to find a facility that will accept them. The Plastic Loose Fill Council runs a Peanut Hotline at 800-828-2214. This toll-free, automated 24-hour service will provide you with the location of the nearest site that accepts loose fill packaging for reuse.

YOUNGSTOWN CONCORDIA CHORUS

By Flora Pamer

Dear friends, supporters and patrons of the Concordia Chorus:

This is to let you know that we finalized arrangements for our upcoming "A Night in Vienna" evening, April 16th. According to tradition, our director, Sarah Phillips-Kopp has selected some of the most beautiful, melodic Strauss waltzes, the Showboat Medley, and patriotic songs. Please know, we are busy rehearsing and we are very appreciative and happy to announce that we have received some additions and help for our chorus from the Saxon Club Band and from Fitch High School (more information on this in my next article).

Our buffet dinner for the evening will be turkey with stuffing,

mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee or tea.

The Saxon Club Band under the direction of band leader John Krauss will entertain after dinner and also will play for your dancing pleasure.

For tickets you may call Marie Bokesch 330-799-4821 or Claudia Bair 330-799-9228 or any member of the Chorus. Dinner will be served as always at 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing and visiting with our friends and patrons on April 16th.

Correction: The name of Richard Bowden, President of the Concordia chorus was misspelled in my last article. Sorry for the mistake.



CONCORDIA CHORUS YOUNGSTOWN

Annual Spring Concert

Night in Vienna

April 16, 2011

Turkey Buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm

Saxon Culture Group Brass Band will play for your listening and dancing pleasure

Reservations with
 Marie Bokesch (330) 799-4821
 Claudia Bair (330) 799-9228
 or with any singer from the chorus.



BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

The Saxon Golf League will meet on March 24th in the Lower Lounge. If you can't make the meeting, you can sign up on the last two Tuesdays in April, that is the 19th and the 26, at the Mahoning Country Club or call Jerry Kovacs at 330-799-0864 for information.

Don't forget the Pork Dinner this Sunday, March 20th in the Ballroom. Serving from 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Take outs are available. Dinner is only \$ 8.50 for Adults and \$ 5.00 for Children under 12.

Paul Moore is being transferred to a Nursing Home on the South Side.

The Dinner & Show Legends in Concert on April 30th is a sell out. Talk to Mike Teutsch Sr. for a possible ticket.

Fish Fry specials are available on every Wednesday in Lent. Our Dining Room is open from 4:30 to 9:00 PM. Restaurant is open to the public for dinners on Wednesday; bring your friends.

Both Branches will meet on Sunday April 10th at 2:30 PM; keep the date open.

The Memorial and Celebration committee is thankful for

your generous contributions. Ask any officer what is being planned for Restoration or updated in and around the Club. Your present and future contributions will help see much renewal. We can only say thanks. The Thank You notes can be seen in the Youngstown Saxon News.

There will be a May Fest in the Ballroom on Saturday, May 7th. At this celebration the Youngstown Club will honor all Honor members, 40, 50, 60 yr members, more information later. The Heimattag will be on July 15 – 17; the Culture Group is expecting to have a bus for those interested in going.

Work parties are starting Saturday, March 12th and monthly thereafter. If you get a card, come down about 9 AM, meet other members, have some fun, help clean up a little, maybe repair something. A special thanks to Ralph Scheetz and Harry Clay. They have been busy cleaning and painting the ceiling heat registers in the Bar and Restaurant, spring cleaning early. If you want something in the *Volksblatt* contact twfizet@zoominternet.net.

So goes the News .

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. Karen Ullestad
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service

SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Sue Fritzman

The Salem Saxon Retirees resumed their meetings after a winter recess March 2nd with 46 members in attendance and enjoyed a potluck dinner along with the following five welcomed guests: Lori Roth, daughter and Lynn Heffner niece, both guests of Mary Ann and Martin Roth; Dorothy McLane, guest of George Spack; Elma Dixon, with Ann Schmid Martha Baird, guest of Katy Lederle. It was so nice to see the sun shining as we met with friends once again after bad weather.

President Lois Whitacre welcomed everyone as she opened the meeting, followed by Bill Hiltbrand giving the invocation with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the last December meeting were read and approved with no old business. Treasurer Katy Lederle gave her report. Hilda and Ike Spack were thanked for donating the wonderful snacks. Lois requested volunteers for the nominating committee for officers for next year. Marilyn McNutt thanked the Retirees for the Salvation Army donations, which helped to buy thirty outfits for children. McNutt also announced the Lenten Fish Fries will be starting on Fridays March 11th thru April 15th from 5 to 7:15 p.m. A choice of baked, fried fish or breaded pork chop, potato, vegetable, salad, cake and beverage is on the menu with a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Carry-outs are available by calling 330-222-1770 after 4:30. Volunteers are once again needed, please call Marilyn if you can help with these. Cakes donations are also needed. Help is also needed at the 3rd Saturday of the month breakfasts. All help is appreciated!

Upcoming events also are the sausage sales, with Katy Sanor taking orders at 330-337-9683 or at the fish fries. Deadline for the orders is April 5th with pick-

up on April 9th at the club. A Mother's Day Brunch will be held on May 1st. Watch the *Volksblatt* for more details. May 14th is the 30-Week Drawing.

Bill Hiltbrand read the long sicklist of members and also entertained with humorous church bulletins. Nancy Stumperth announced the birthday and anniversary list for January, February and March. Happy Belated Birthday to all who celebrated during these past months.

Happy Birthday to our April members: Lela Wright - 3rd, Marcia Spack - 6th, Ed Wentzel - 10th, Millie Redifer - 13th, Hilda Thiess - 14th, Evelyn Yuhanick - 16th, Jean Ware - 27th, Niko Henris - 27th, Dorothy Wentzel - 30th.

Happy Anniversary to Trudy and Dave Ehrhart on March 23rd and Millie and Bill Redifer on April 10th.

Tony Rothbrust announced the following committee members serving at the April Potluck: Ron and Jo Ann Reichenbach, Ann Schmid, Norma Byers, Barb Gorman and Katy Lederle taking reservations at 330-533-5154. The May dinner will be catered, therefore a pre-payment for this is due at the April meeting.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence for recently departed member Henrietta Kilbreath and the *Lord's Prayer*.

A game of Bingo was enjoyed to conclude the afternoon.

What an old fashioned winter we have experienced, with snow and more snow, just like the old days! This weather hit after our warm Indian summer in early October and we were sure we would have a White Christmas. Our "Mrs. Finkelstein" loved sitting at her window and watching the beautiful snowflakes fall so profusely. We could do without the left over ice, which is so treacherous to walk on and for driving too! The Retirees were wise to cancel the winter meetings as it saved a lot of last minute confusion.

I wonder how the dignified executives came out of their homes. It would be funny to see them crawl down the steps backwards, retrieve their cane and briefcase and waddle off to their limos to work at the office.

The flu bug has really taken over the nursing homes and also the public now as a cold virus is on the rise with the warming trend.

Everyone loves to come into my room and look at my birds at the feeder, especially the beautiful Cardinals and bright Gold Finches. I don't see Blue Jays here on my feeders. I don't know what the Robins that don't migrate live on thru the winter, since they don't eat seeds. Some have come out of hiding, so that is a good sign of spring! They say now is the time to leave hair and yarn out for their nesting season.

I don't think the poor groundhog really wanted to predict spring. He wanted to crawl back in his hole real quick, but his

keeper wouldn't let him back in. It does look like spring is on the way. Easter is late this year in late April, but the Lenten season is here and the fish fries also! These meals are so delicious and the people in the area sure enjoy a nice evening out at the club. Don't forget help is always needed on Thursdays for set up also.

Unfortunately we are at the age where we have lost so many of our dear friends and acquaintances. Recently passing was Walter C. Papesch DDS, who was the son of John and Regina (Drotleff) Papesch and the late Andrew Drotleff. He often came to our Saxon picnic grounds and was related to the Bodendorfers in Salem. Perhaps you remember they lived on Franklin Ave. next to Harold Harmon (our cheaper by the yard guy from McCulloch's). He was a very nice guy who would also magically appear out of nowhere if you were trying on a dress and give his opinion.

I also noticed the obituary of my former neighbor Mary (Mitz) Schuster Capel, married to Burt Carl Capel. She lived in the first house ever built on Sharp St. extension. Mitzi had a brother John Schuster Jr. and her mother Agnes Schuster played the accordion like a professional. People would bring their chairs or sit in their cars and listen to her play on the hill and dance to her music.

Joe Sox, a former resident here at Essex 1, also passed away. He was a very nice gentleman who was known by many. He came from a large family and grew up in a big brick home off of Ellsworth Rd., now Rt. #45. Their property included many acres of woods, fields and a circle of muddy water that we loved swimming in at family get-togethers. That was before we were aware of the Polio dangers somehow we survived.

Recently we also lost Retiree member Henrietta Hilliard Kilbreath who passed shortly after her second husband Walter Combs. They were both excellent workers during our fish fries and other events. Henrietta loved Art's expensive wine tasting suppers. They will both be missed!

Mary (Vogelhuber) Kekel unfortunately has been on our sick list for a while. I remember her telling me how her family loved to get together after Sunday dining and have a jam session. I never knew the family was so musical or that Mary played an instrument. They excelled in square dancing and taught us the steps. Our husbands loved it too, especially the part where we about put our necks out of place, thanks to Andy's technique. Ha Ha! We love to think of these old times with her and other Saxon friends. We pray for her and all others on our long sick list!

Lately I haven't enjoyed the holidays, but this past Valentine's week was extra special for me, for I experienced the most beautiful gift any grandmother could receive. My eldest granddaughter Trisha Ross Kimball



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.

Eileen M. Shank
Age 82

Died: April 27, 2009
Branch 7, Farrell PA

Karl R. Theiss
Age 87

Died: November 22, 2010
Branch 19, Salem OH

Martin Bachner
Age 85

Died: December 31, 2010
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

Charles H. Pierce
Age 79

Died: January 30, 2011
Branch 2, Erie PA

Thomas A. George
Age 72

Died: February 11, 2011
Branch 2, Erie PA

Clarence S Snyder
Age 82

Died: March 1, 2011
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Helen F. Pascarella
Age 98

Died: March 9, 2011
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

and husband Dave became the proud parents of healthy twin boys Jacob and Nathan on Feb. 10th. They live in Twinsburg, OH, which is ironic. It is wonderful that I now have the offspring of 14 with 5 of these being great grandchildren after being an only child.

The children of our local St. Paul's School have made our holidays extra special here for they have shared their joy and talents with unique gifts of magnetic heart and shamrock shapes for each resident's door. The teacher, Mrs. Schuster, and her class of children, came in to see me. How great it is to for them to do this and make children aware of such situations. It is so enjoyed and appreciated! Also helping with the group was 100 year old, Vince Domincetti. It is wonderful that he is still actively helping with activities at nursing homes.

The weather is becoming more pleasant outside. It is a joy to just wake up and have nothing new on the ground like snow, slush, ice or rain. Soon the grass will be green and the "beautiful" yellow dandelions will brighten our landscapes. All of the bulbs will start pushing thru the hard frozen ground and I will miss welcoming them and their beauty. The awakening of spring will soon be upon us! Let us look forward to this beautiful season God has given us! Enjoy!

Auf Wiedersehen!

SAXON CLUB

35th Annual Benefit GOULASH DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2011
DINNER 6:30 P.M.
DONATION \$ 15.00

Beer - and Soft Drinks included 6:00 - 6:30

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

WALTER BENESCH.....792-9357	BONNIE BAKER.....793-8691
JOHN BOEHM.....518-3625	HILDEGARD DUNKERLY.....799-9533
DAVID STRYFFELER ..792-3193	JIM MAUCH.....792-8484

HELEN FOTIUK
IN THE OFFICE...792-7973

ENTERTAINMENT

Youngstown
Saxon Culture Group

Brass Band

**Kate Thompson at Age 94
Member of Branch 11 – Lorain
can still lay out those Palacinta!**



(Story told by daughter, Nancy Kranstuber)

Kate Thompson's daughter, Nancy Kranstuber, had her mom over for a visit and thought it would be fun and stimulating for her mom if they made Palacinta.

"I had told my mom to bring your 'official' Palacinta pan (a black crusted bottom one that has built up over the last 50 years with hardware washers filling the gap of the broken handle) and the time-worn, food stained, red, spiral bound Saxon cookbook with the pages falling out. I mixed the batter according to the recipe, only to find out that over the years, mom had tweaked it into her own creation. Naturally, her version isn't written down (Saxon mom's always cook by memory), but it didn't matter. Once she started, it was like riding a bicycle. Mom didn't skip a beat with thinning the batter, pouring a very thin, perfectly round Palacinta. And (as all Saxon moms) she had two pans going at one time! Now remember, I was prepared to



make these and just have her 'coach' me. Grant it, mine didn't look anything like hers, and after a couple attempts, she 'excused' me from my duties and said, "I can do this." I couldn't believe it. She fired me!"

Kate might have some memory losses now and then, but she still stays active and we enjoy seeing her at the Westside Sachsenheim at our various events. She always has a smile on her face and still enjoys drinking beer. Those that went on our first Transylvania trip know how Kate enjoys life and appreciates her loving family.



Pun of the Day

A man walks into a bar and sees two pieces of meat hanging from the ceiling. He asks, "Why are those two pieces of meat hanging up there?"

The barman replies, "It's a competition. If you can jump up and touch the meat, you get free drinks for the whole night."

"Great!" says the man, "but what if I can't reach them?"

"Then you have to buy all the drinks for everyone all night," the barman answers. "Do you want to try?"

"No, but thanks anyway."

"Why not?" asks the barman.

"The steaks are too high."

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

When you will be reading this article, Spring will officially be here! What a long snowy winter! The meeting was held on March 7, 2011 with satisfactory attendance. President Thut called the meeting to order and asked for previous minutes and financial reports to be read. President Thut also asked members in attendance to approve a guest, Katharina Thut, to join our meeting. She was welcomed by all the members.

Sick Report: Sister Schmidts reported the following people have been sick and have recuperated: Sister Nicki Bell, Sister Sara Derra, Sister Sara Hartig, Sister Elfie Sanderson and Bother Andy Schiller. God's blessings and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Dues: Please note there are some members that are not current with dues for 2011. Please contact Sister Schmidts and have your dues paid in full as soon as possible.

News: Come one come all to the 70th Stiftungsfest on Saturday April 9th, 2011 at the Society of the Danube Swabians, 625 Seegers Rd., Des Plaines, IL. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Anyone who has a Tracht from home, dance or singing groups, please show your Saxon pride and wear it for the evening! Guest dance groups will be the Donauschwaben Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe. Dance to the music of "Paloma." Entry fee is \$15, children 8-12 years old \$7. Dinner Menu includes: Goulasch or Schnitzel with potato or Spätzle; vegetables or red cabbage and salad for \$10 each (see ad on this page).

Branch 9 Ladies - please bring homemade cakes for the sweet table! Sister Rose Hauer is collecting items for the raffle such as wine, candles, candy, gift cards or whatever you have that is new and can be a treasure to someone else in a raffle basket. Call her at 847-685-9821 to make a reservation or to drop off items for the raffle.

Sister Margaret Mronga reported the Board members met in February and did a book audit on Branch 9's books and everything was balanced and in order.

The Heimattag is in Aylmer, Canada this year and any members interested in attending should contact President Thut as soon as possible.

President Thut wished all the members that had a Birthday in February and March a very Happy Birthday. All the members in attendance sang "Happy Birthday" together.

Sister Sara Hartig brought a book, "Mein Dichten & Denken," with beautiful verses. President Thut read the poem: "Mein Karpaten Heimatland" to all the members. What a touching piece.

Next meeting will be April 4, at the DANK Haus. See you all at the 70th Stiftungsfest on April 9! Bring all your family and friends for a great evening of fun and camaraderie!

You are cordially invited to our
70th Stiftungsfest
Siebenbürger Sachsen Br. 9
Saturday, April 9, 2011



At the Home of the Society of Danube Swabians
625 Seegers Rd Des Plaines IL



Doors open: 6:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Music: "Paloma"



Note: Anyone who has a Tracht from Home or Dance or Singing group, please show your Saxon Pride and wear it tonight!!

The Kindergruppe and Jugendgruppe from the Society of Danube Swabians will perform

Entry fee- \$15 per person
\$7 for children 8 - 12 years old

Our Dinner menu includes:
Goulasch or Schnitzel with potatoes or Spätzle
Vegetables or red cabbage and salad - \$10
Home made cakes with coffee - \$2

For reservations please call Rose Hauer (847) 685-9821
Please call for reservations no later than April 1, 2011

**BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Elmer Schneider**

Members of Branch 5 met at the Chris Restaurant on Saturday, March 5th with a very good turn out, even though we had rain, which later turned to snow. After dinner we again met at the American Slovak Club for our regular meeting.

At the meeting we learned that our recording secretary, Brother Jerome Powell, could not make it, so Brother Brian Gilles was appointed as acting secretary. We thank Brother Gilles for doing this.

At this time we do not have anyone on our Sick List as Brother Brian Gilles has returned to light duty and Brother Jerome Powell has used up his time.

We learned that Sister Julianna Johnson has turned in her application to be a Princess in the International Festival and has been accepted. More on this as the time draws near for the festival.

Our picnic committee has been at work already planning

the menu and other items necessary and we know they will be doing a good job and wish them they very best.

Members celebrating birthdays in the month of March are George Drop, Henry Weber and Juvenile members Braedon Gilles, Kiya Windham, Kaitlyn Weber, Andrew Brown and Kaitlyn Smith. We wish these members a very happy birthday and hope they will have many more happy, healthy ones to come.

Our attendance winner for March was Brother Russell Gilles. Next meeting will be a General meeting and will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at the American Slovak Club at 8:00 p.m. Don't forget the dinner at the Chris Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

P.S. We learned that Brother Kyle Cassidy has applied for an ATS Scholarship and we wish for the very best for him.

**IT'S GREAT TO BELONG ...
AND TO PARTICIPATE!
BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER**

Salem Saxon Club Sausage Sale
Pick Up Orders:
April 9, 2011
9:00am - 2:30pm
Last Day to Order:
April 5, 2011

Plain
Garlic
Hot

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

Sorry
No Deliveries

Sausage Sandwiches, Donuts, & Refreshments Will Be Sold During Pick-Up Hours
Orders will be taken at the Saxon Club Fish Fry or call:
Sam/Carol McKinney 330-332-9810 or Marilyn McNutt 330-337-8940

**Sozialer Einsatz für die Siebenbürger Sachsen:
Führungswechsel beim Sozialwerk**

Eine Ära ist beim Sozialwerk der Siebenbürger Sachsen zu Ende gegangen. Peter Pastior, 16 Jahre lang Vorsitzender des Sozialwerks, wurde bei der Mitgliederversammlung des Sozialwerks am 26. Februar von Johann Kremer abgelöst. Der neugewählte Vorstand ernannte Pastior angesichts seiner außerordentlichen Verdienste um das Sozialwerk zu dessen Ehrenvorsitzenden. Seinen besonderen Einsatz würdigte Dr. Bernd Fabritius, Bundesvorsitzender des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen, bei einem Abschiedsempfang.

Karl-Arthur Ehrmann, Geschäftsführer der Saxonia-Stiftung, bedankte sich schriftlich: „Es war wohlthuend, ihn als Geschäftspartner zu haben, denn Peter meint, was er sagt (und umgekehrt) und hält auch das, was er nicht versprochen hat.“ Und: „Die Solidargemeinschaft lebt“, weil sie von Peter Pastior beseelt und durch Tat und Haltung motiviert wird.“

Zur Mitgliederversammlung konnte Peter Pastior in der Begegnungsstätte des Verbandes in der Karlstraße 100 in München unter anderen die Gründungsmitglieder Wilhelm Beer und Rechtsanwalt Ernst Bruckner, den Bundesvorsitzenden des Verbandes Dr. Bernd Fabritius, die stellvertretenden Bundesvorsitzenden Alfred Mrass und Rainer Lehni (die als Landesgruppenvorsitzenden und von Amts wegen auch Mitglieder des Sozialwerks sind) sowie Bundesgeschäftsführer Erhard Graeff begrüßen.

„Das Sozialwerk als integrierender Teil des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen ist und bleibt ein sehr wichtiges Standbein in der gesamten Tätigkeit der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen“, betonte Peter Pastior in seinem schriftlichen Tätigkeitsbericht, der den Mitgliedern zugesandt worden war und dessen wichtigste Punkte in der Mitgliederversammlung erörtert wurden. Hauptaufgabe des Sozialwerks sei nach wie vor die Unterstützung und Betreuung der in Siebenbürgen lebenden Landsleute, vor allem der Alten, Kranken und Bedürftigen. Rumänien sei zwar seit

2007 Mitglied der Europäischen Union, aber viele Siebenbürger Sachsen müssen weiterhin betreut werden. Umso stärker sei der Einsatz des Sozialwerks der Siebenbürger Sachsen in München gefragt, erklärte Pastior.

In bester Zusammenarbeit mit der Saxonia-Stiftung in Kronstadt wurden im vergangenen Jahr, jeweils zwei Mal, 1862 bedürftige Landsleute in Siebenbürgen mit insgesamt 97000 Euro unterstützt. Das geschieht seit 2007 hauptsächlich durch Einzelbetreuung in Form von Geldhilfen. Lebensmittelpakete werden immer seltener von den Spendern aber auch von den Empfängern gewünscht.

Sachsen in Nordsiebenbürgen werden wieder vom Sozialwerk betreut

Die Mitgliederversammlung beschloss, die Landsleute in Nordsiebenbürgen ab 2011 wieder durch das Sozialwerk zu betreuen, und zwar aufgrund von Bedürftigenlisten, die – wie in den anderen Regionen Siebenbürgens – von den evangelischen Kirchengemeinden oder den deutschen Foren erstellt und an die Saxonia-Stiftung weitergegeben werden. Der Bundesverband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Österreich hatte in einem Sozialprojekt die bedürftigen Landsleute in Nordsiebenbürgen in den Jahren 2005-2010 unterstützt, um damit auch das Sozialwerk teilweise zu entlasten.

Sehr effektiv sind auch die Maßnahmen im Bereich Medikamente und medizinische Hilfen. Dass das Sozialwerk

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Das Altenheim Schweischer wird vom Sozialwerk maßgeblich unterstützt.

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Trutzige Kirchen und mächtige Türme, Teil 4

Mettersdorf zählte vor dem Krieg mehr als 1200 Sachsen. Jedes Mal, wenn ich durch die Ortschaft fuhr, bewunderte ich den mächtigen Wehrturm aus dem 15. Jahrhundert in der Ortsmitte. Dort leben keine Sachsen mehr, wurde mir im Pfarramt in Bistritz gesagt. Doch Katharina Prall aus der Nachbargemeinde Tschippendorf behauptete, eine Sächsin wohne in Mettersdorf, sie lebe mit einem Rumänen zusammen. Ich habe die Frau gesucht, mich durchgefragt, sie aber dennoch nicht gefunden. Wer kennt schon eine Sächsin unter 2 500 Bewohnern, die größtenteils aus anderen Landesteilen zugezogen sind? Eine alte Bäuerin, die aus Mettersdorf herkam, entdeckte ich schließlich in Bistritz. Sie lag krank in einem Eisenbett inmitten eines kalten Zimmers und besaß nichts mehr außer einem Stuhl, auf dem ihre Kleider hingen.

Mit dem letzten Sachsen aus Waltersdorf – Georg Böhm hieß er – hätte ich mich öfters unterhalten wollen. Er wohnte in Bistritz und war Schuster von Beruf. Während er auf einem Schemel saß und Schuhe flickte, erzählte er wunderbare Geschichten, die von Waldmädchen, Waldgeistern und Hexen handelten. Seine Frau durfte davon aber nichts mitbekommen, deshalb besuchte ich ihn nur an Sonntagen, wenn sie sich im Gottesdienst befand. Als sie das herausbekam, kehrte sie, wenn ich in der Stadt war, schon sehr früh aus der Kirche zurück oder ging einfach nicht hin. Sie hatte wohl Angst um ihren Mann, er würde sich für Deutschland entscheiden, wie seine Landsleute und Verwandten, die alle weg waren.

Ende Februar 1979 saß ich in einem der zwei sächsischen Häuser in Burghalle. Der Sprecher der orthodoxen Gemeinde, der mich für einen Vertreter der evangelischen Landeskirche aus Hermannstadt hielt, trat ein und trug sein Begehren vor: Die orthodoxe Gemeinde sei an der Kirche der Sachsen in Burghalle interessiert und wolle sie erwerben. Ich ließ ihn reden und erzählen. Wenn diese fünf Sachsen, die hier sitzen (darunter waren zwei aus Oberneudorf), damit einverstanden sein sollten, gab ich ihm schließlich zur Antwort, würde ich die Kirche verkaufen. Der Mann entschuldigte sich, als er seinen Irrtum erkannte. Im Spätherbst, als ich wieder vorbeikam, hatte die Kirche den Besitzer gewechselt. Ein orthodoxes Kreuz prangte auf dem Turm.

Ich erinnere mich an die 66-jährige Erna Bukowsky aus Bistritz, eine resolute Frau, die die Katzen der Ausgewanderten aufgenommen hatte. Dreißig oder vierzig Tiere dürfte sie in ihrem Haus gepflegt haben. Ich war jedes Mal voller Katzenhaare, wenn ich von dort kam. Die Stadt hatte ihr Garten und Hof weggenommen und um ihr Haus hohe Wohnblocks gebaut. Sie besaß wertvolle Möbel und eine umfangreiche Sammlung Bistritzer Teller und Krüge. Auf die hatte es ein Bukarester Geschäftsmacher abgesehen. Als Kurator Michael Penteker in Jaad eine seiner Auswanderungskisten



Baaben. Turmlose Saalkirche aus dem 14.-15. Jahrhundert. Anfang des 16. Jahrhunderts wurden dem Chor drei Wehrgeschosse aufgemauert, die über ein Rundtürmchen mit Wendeltreppe zugänglich sind. Von den drei Türmen des im Westen verdoppelten Verteidigungsringes blieb der fünfgeschossige Torturm im Süden erhalten.

Foto: Friedrich Schuster



Trappold. Die umgebaute gotische Hallenkirche vom Anfang des 16. Jahrhunderts steht auf einem Hügel inmitten der Ortschaft. Der sechsgeschossige Glockenturm wurde in das Kirchenschiff hineingerückt. Im 15.-16. Jahrhundert entstand der doppelte Mauerring, der mit Wehrtürmen, Basteien und Fruchthäusern versehen wurde.

Foto: Friedrich Schuster

packte, war ich dabei. Und ich wunderte mich über die eine und andere Küchenpfanne, die nach Deutschland mitgenommen werden sollte. Zehn Jahre später, als auch meine Eltern packten, wunderte ich mich über nichts mehr. Ich erinnere mich an die Kallesdorferin, die den Kirchenschlüssel verwahrte, diesen eines Tages niemandem mehr aushändigen wollte. Sie war der Meinung, die Besucher aus Hermannstadt oder Schäßburg kämen nur deswegen, um die Kirche zu verkaufen. Die Mär, die durch die Dörfer Nordsiebenbürgens ging, berichtete, sie hätte auch dem Bischof den Schlüssel verwehrt. In Weißkirch bei Bistritz fand ich in einem Hinterhof die letzten vergessenen Sachsen – Maria Roth und Michael Göckler, beide 80 Jahre alt – und meldete sie beim Pfarramt in der Stadt an. Ich erinnere mich an den über siebzig Jahre alten Thomas Baier aus Kleinbistritz, den ich

ins Gebirgsdorf Kuschma zu seinem blinden Freund Johann Schuller mitnahm. Den hatte eine Granate beim Mähen verletzt und ihm das Augenlicht zerstört. Baier schenkte mir ein Buch über die sächsischen Kirchenburgen, das in meiner Bibliothek einen Ehrenplatz einnimmt.

Es sind Erinnerungen aus Nordsiebenbürgen, die sich allmählich zu eigenständigen Geschichten abrunden. Vor dreißig Jahren machte ich mich wiederholt in die 45 Ortschaften im Norden auf.

Was ich an Nachrichten und Erlebnissen mitbrachte, wollte mir im Süden keiner abnehmen. Mein Wagen wurde aber zweimal manipuliert. Das erste Mal wurden die Schrauben an der vorderen Radaufhängung gelöst, das zweite Mal eine Radfelge gelockert.

„Ich komme aus der Zukunft der Siebenbürger Sachsen!“ war

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Mächtige Türme

Fortsetzung von Seite 7

der Satz, mit dem Michael Gross, der damalige Stadtpfarrer von Bistritz, seine Reden vor den Theologen in Hermannstadt begann. Diese Zukunft, die ich seinerzeit im Reener und Nösner Land kennenlernte, habe ich nun auch in den Ortschaften zwischen Alt und Kokel vorgefunden. Vierzig sächsische Orte besuchte ich in den letzten Monaten. Das Ende ist mit voller Wucht auch hier angekommen.

In dieser Folge bringen wir Winterfotos aus Trappold und Baaßen. Trappold, 1231 zum ersten Mal urkundlich genannt, liegt am Schaaser Bach, der bei Schäßburg in die Große Kokel mündet, und Baaßen (1302) im Zwischenkokelland. Beide Ortschaften sind durch ihre Kirchenburgen bekannt, die erste auch als Geburtsort des sächsischen Dichters Michael Albert (1836-1893), die zweite als siebenbürgisches Bad und Viehzuchtort. In Trappold lebten vor dem Zweiten Weltkrieg 680 Siebenbürger Sachsen, in Baaßen 1150. Die evangelische Kirchengemeinde in Trappold, die heute von Pfarrer Johannes Halmen aus Schäßburg betreut wird, hat 18 Kirchenmitglieder. Für kleinere Sanierungsarbeiten setzte sich zuletzt der Berliner Verein „Corona“ ein, dessen nun im Ort wohnendes Mitglied Sebastian Bethge die Orgel der Kirche instandgesetzt hat. Die Kirchenburg selbst soll in nächster Zeit einer umfangreichen Renovierung unterzogen werden. Sie gehört zu den 18 Wehkirchen und Wehburgen, für die das Landeskonsistorium der Evangelischen Kirche ein Sanierungsprojekt erarbeitet hat. Die Kirchengemeinde Baaßen besteht aus 58 Mitgliedern, für die seit Januar Pfarrerin Betina Kenst aus Mediasch zuständig ist (davor Dechant Reinhart Guib, seit November Bischof in Hermannstadt). Alle zwei Wochen hält sie Gottesdienste ab, die von rund 25 Menschen besucht werden. Daran nehmen auch Kirchenmitglieder aus Kleinblasendorf und Bonnesdorf teil. 2003 bis 2004 wurden Kirche und Glockenturm umfassend renoviert. Kurator Albert Binder, der seit elf Jahren der Kirchengemeinde vorsteht, ist zufrieden mit dem, was geleistet wurde. „Wenn wir nach dem Gottesdienst bei einem Kaffee verweilen“,

erzählte er, „freuen wir uns, dass wir diese Burg besitzen, die uns birgt. Wir nehmen dann die Gelegenheit wahr, unsere Probleme miteinander zu besprechen, unsere gegenseitigen Sorgen und Nöte.“

Michael Alberts Geburtshaus (Haus Nr. 265) befindet sich in Trappold an der Hauptstraße, in unmittelbarer Nähe der Kirchenburg. Vor 175 Jahren, am 21. Oktober 1836, kam er darin als Sohn sächsischer Bauern zur Welt. Im Giebelfeld befindet sich ein orthodoxes Kreuz, zwischen den zwei Fenstern darunter eine Gedenktafel (2006 angebracht) mit den Versen: „Von einem alten Birnenbaum berichtet uns die Sage:/ Er steht allein im Feldesraum, ein Denkbild alter Tage ...“.

An Andreas Birkners (1911-1998) Elternhaus in Kleinschenk, dessen Geburtstag sich am 15. August zum hundertsten Male jährt, befindet sich keine Gedenktafel. Es gehört wie auch Alberts Geburtshaus mittlerweile einem rumänischen Einwohner. Karl Schuster, ein Neffe des Schriftstellers, machte mich darauf aufmerksam, dass Birkner im Haus Nr. 7, das sich hinter der Kirchenburg befindet, geboren wurde und nicht in jenem Bauernhaus, das ich in dieser Zeitung (Folge 2 vom 31. Januar 2011, Seite 3) genannt hatte. Zwei Wetterfahnen befinden sich auf dem Dach und deuten auf das Baujahr (1889) beziehungsweise Jahr der Renovierung (1959) hin. Birkner hatte drei Geschwister: Anna, die einzige Schwester, blieb in Kleinschenk, Michael ging nach Bukarest (fiel im Zweiten Weltkrieg) und Martin, der Jüngste, zog 1930 mit dem Vater nach Argentinien, von wo beide nicht mehr zurückkehrten. Auf dem Hof wohnte bis 1986, als er auswanderte, Richard Schuster, ein Neffe des Schriftstellers.

Friedrich Schuster, der Autor dieses Beitrags, wird in diesem Jahr einen Band mit Märchen und Sagen herausbringen, die er in den sächsischen Ortschaften Siebenbürgens aufgezeichnet hat. Das Buch mit dem Titel „Hans, der Ziegenhirt“ kann über folgende E-Mail-Adresse vorbestellt werden: Friedrich.Schuster[at]ymail.com.

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im letzten Jahr 6250 Euro dafür eingesetzt hat, um fast 50 Prozent mehr als 2009, zeige, „dass die medizinische Versorgung der Bevölkerung in Rumänien noch sehr im Argen liegt“, betonte Peter Pastior. Einen weiteren Schwerpunkt bildet die projektbezogene Betreuung der Altenheime in Schweischer und Kronstadt-Blumenau und des „Carl-Wolff-Alten- und Pflegeheims“ in Hermannstadt.

Zudem tritt das Sozialwerk als Mittler zwischen dem Bundesministerium des Innern bzw. Bundesverwaltungsamt und dem Siebenbürgenforum in Erscheinung. Es handelt sich dabei um die Mittlung der materiellen Hilfen der Bundesregierung für Siebenbürgen. Diese werden vom Sozialwerk verwaltungsmäßig betreut und durchgeführt. Die zeitaufwändige Verwaltungsarbeit konnte dank der sehr guten Zusammenarbeit mit der Saxonia-Stiftung effektiv und fast kostenfrei abgewickelt werden. Aus Mitteln des Bundesinnenministeriums wurden 2010 Einzelhilfen in Höhe von 18100 Euro an Bedürftige in Siebenbürgen verteilt.

Aufgaben in Deutschland

Das Sozialwerk nimmt vielseitige Aufgaben auch für die Landsleute in Deutschland wahr. Durch Kürzungen der Renten und Sozialsysteme geraten auch Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland unverschuldet in Not. Auf diese neue Lage hat sich das Sozialwerk schon 1994 durch eine Satzungsänderung eingestellt. So konnte Landsleuten geholfen werden, die durch einmalige besondere Ereignisse in Not geraten sind. Durch einen Beschluss der Mitgliederversammlung vom 6. März 2010 kann das Sozialwerk – auf Antrag der Landesgruppen des Verbandes – die anfallenden Kosten für die Siebenbürgische Zeitung für jene Mitglieder als sog. Sachleistung erstatten, deren Mitgliedsbeitrag aufgrund geringen Einkommens ermäßigt wurde. 2010 hat das Sozialwerk für diesen Sachkostenausgleich 3526 Euro eingesetzt.

Schon 1999 wurde ein Kulturfonds im Sozialwerk eingerichtet. Nachdem die damalige rot-grüne Bundesregierung die finanziellen Mittel für die kulturelle Breitenarbeit gemäß Paragraph 96 des Bundesvertriebenengesetzes massiv gekürzt hatte, beschloss der Verbandstag der Landsmannschaft 1999 eine Erhöhung des Mitgliedsbeitrages zugunsten der kulturellen Breitenarbeit. Für die im Jahr 2000 erworbene Begegnungsstätte in der Karlstraße 100 in München setzte das Sozialwerk in den letzten zehn Jahren vor allem Spendenmittel ein, die dem Verband aus dem Gruppenversicherungsvertrag mit der Hamburg-Mannheimer



Der neue Vorstand des Sozialwerks der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland, von links: Wolfram Schuster, Heidemarie Weber, Dr. Johann Kremer (Vorsitzender) und Christa Wandschneider sowie der Ehrenvorsitzende des Sozialwerks, Peter Pastior.

Foto: Siegbert Bruss

(jetzt: ERGO) zufließen. So ist die Begegnungsstätte seit letztem Sommer schuldenfrei.

Danksagung an alle Spender

Ein großer Dank gilt allen Siebenbürger Sachsen, die durch ihre Spenden und gelebte Nächstenliebe die Hilfen des Sozialwerks an unsere Landsleute erst ermöglichen. Beispielhaft für diesen sozialen Geist sind die Erbschaften oder Aktionen unter dem Motto „Statt Blumen auf das Grab“, die dem Sozialwerk und somit unseren bedürftigen Landsleuten zugute kommen. So erhielt das Sozialwerk aus dem Erbschaftsanteil einer im Herbst 2009 verstorbenen Siebenbürgerin aus Nürnberg einen nicht unerheblichen Betrag, der den Reserven zugeführt wurde. Auf diese Reserven musste das Sozialwerk in den letzten Jahren immer wieder zurückgegriffen werden, weil die Einzelspenden rückläufig sind. 2009 wurden noch 71966 Euro gespendet, 2010 nur noch 62635 Euro – das ist ein Rückgang von 15 Prozent.

Ein besonderer Dank wurde Julius Henning für seine Aktion zugunsten des Sozialwerks ausgesprochen: Aus dem Reinertrag der CD „Glocken und Stimmen der Heimat Siebenbürgen“ hat Henning 6100 Euro überwiesen. Eine Spende von 12400 Euro wurde dem Sozialwerk seitens unserer Landsleute aus den USA beim Heimattag 2010 in Erie/Pennsylvania übergeben.

Die Rechnungsprüfer Alfred Mrass und Harald Janesch stellten fest, dass das Sozialwerk in der letzten Amtszeit gut und ordnungsgemäß gewirtschaftet habe. Nach der Entlastung des alten Vorstandes wurde unter der Wahlleitung von Erhard Graeff ein neuer Vorstand gewählt. Neuer Vorsitzender ist Dr. Johann Kremer. Im Amt bestätigt wurden Heidemarie Weber als stellvertretende Vorsitzende, Wolfram Schuster als Schatzmeister und Christa Wandschneider als Schriftführerin.

Der neue Vorsitzende setzt neue Akzente

Johann Kremer wurde am 5.

Oktober 1953 in Kronstadt geboren, studierte dort 1974-1979 an der Forstwissenschaftlichen Fakultät und promovierte 1998 zum Dr. rer. silv. am Lehrstuhl für Forstliche Arbeitswissenschaft und Verfahrenstechnik der LMU München. Er wirkte jahrelang als wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter der LMU/TU München und ist seit 1986 selbstständig als Forstsachverständiger, Gutachter und Berater tätig. Ehrenamtlich ist der Kronstädter seit seiner Ausreise 1982 vielseitig in der Siebenbürgenhilfe, der Aussiedler- und Integrationsarbeit sowie seit 25 Jahren im Vorstand der Kreisgruppe Fürstenfeldbruck (davon acht Jahre als Vorsitzender) engagiert. Der neue Vorsitzende des Sozialwerks will die bewährte Altenhilfe in Siebenbürgen fortsetzen und die kulturelle Breitenarbeit des Verbandes unterstützen. Einen neuen Akzent will er auf soziale Projekte setzen. Dafür sollen Richtlinien erarbeitet werden, wonach Projektanträge gestellt und gefördert werden. Auf diese Vorhaben könnte das Sozialwerk dann Jugendliche verweisen, die ihr Freiwilliges Soziales oder Ökologisches Jahr in Siebenbürgen absolvieren wollen. „Dadurch wollen wir jungen Siebenbürgern in Deutschland ihre Wurzeln, die Heimat ihrer Eltern, näher bringen“, sagte Dr. Kremer.

Der Führungswechsel im Sozialwerk wird fließend verlaufen. Die verlässliche und verständnisvolle Betreuung unserer Landsleute war Peter Pastior nicht nur von 1979 bis 1994 als Bundesgeschäftsführer der Landsmannschaft und seit November 1994 als Vorsitzender des Sozialwerks (als Nachfolger des Gründungsvorsitzenden Wilhelm Schiel) ein großes Anliegen. Jetzt will Pastior der Bitte seines Nachfolgers nachkommen und ihn mit Rat und Tat unterstützen, um einen nahtlosen Übergang zu ermöglichen.

Siegbert Bruss
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BRANCH 25, NEW CASTLE CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Article III, Section 3

Currently Reads:

Only active members are entitled to receive benefits, but all members have the right to join the Singing Section.

Changed to read:

Only active members are entitled to receive **sick and death** benefits, but all members have the right to join the Singing Section.

Article V, Section 1

Currently Reads:

The Song Section is under the leadership of a Director who shall be a member or must become one, and is elected by the Singers for a term of one (1) year with the consent of the Society. The Society pays the Director and stipulates his salary.

Remove:

The society pays the director and stipulates his salary.

By-Laws changes

Article 1, Section 7

Duties of the Trustees

Currently Reads:

The Board of Trustees shall see to it that Society money be deposited as ordered by the Society and that the properties be in good condition.

All repairs costing not over one hundred dollars (\$100.00) can be made by the Board of Trustees without reporting same to the Society in advance.

The Board shall assist the Financial Secretary in taking in the monthly dues. At the end of each quarter year and annually, they shall audit the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and report their findings to the Society at the next monthly meeting.

Changed to read:

The Board of Trustees shall see to it that Society money be deposited as ordered by the Society, and that all properties be **maintained and kept in good condition.**

All repairs costing not over two hundred dollars (\$200.00) can be made by the Board of Trustees without reporting same to the Society in advance.

The Board shall assist the Financial Secretary in taking in the monthly dues. At the end of each quarter year and annually, they shall audit the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and report their findings to the Society at the next monthly meeting.

Article 1, Section 8

Duties of the Sergeant at Arms

Currently Reads:

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall before the opening of the meeting, make certain that only members in good standing are permitted to enter. During the meeting no will be admitted without the permission of the President.

Changed to read:

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall before the opening of the meeting, make certain that only members in good standing are permitted to enter. **Once the meeting has commenced, no one shall be admitted without the permission of the President.**

Article 1, Section 8

Duties of the House Steward

Currently Reads:

The House Steward will be elected for one (1) year by current officers from the members' applications. Applications for House Steward shall be posted by the Recording and Corresponding Secretary two (2) months before the August meeting and shall be in his possession one (1) month before the August meeting, for the election of same.

The Society shall set his monthly salary. He must serve all members impartially, keep premises clean and comply with the resolutions of the Society and orders of the President.

He shall be cautious in permitting only members in good standing and their families or their real house guests to the bar room. Only members are permitted to buy alcoholic beverages. The Society reserves the right to dismiss the Steward for unfaithfulness or neglect of duty at once and he must vacate his place of abode on the premises of the Society within thirty (30) days. If the House Steward desires to quit his position, he must give to the Society one (1) month's notice. He must turn over all monies of the Society to the Financial Secretary at the monthly meeting and receive his receipt therefore. The Society shall bond him to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Changed to read:

The House Steward will be elected for one (1) year by current officers from the members' applications. Applications for House Steward shall be posted by the Recording and Corresponding Secretary two (2) months before the August meeting and shall be in his possession one (1) month before the August meeting, for the election of same.

The Society shall set **his/her** monthly salary. **He/She** must serve all members impartially, keep premises clean and comply with the resolutions of the Society and orders of the President. **The Society reserves the right to dismiss the steward at once for unfaithfulness or neglect of duty.**

He/She shall be cautious in permitting only members in good standing and their families or their real house guests to the bar room. Only members are permitted to buy alcoholic beverages. The Society reserves the right to dismiss the Steward for unfaithfulness or neglect of duty at once. If the House Steward desires to quit **his/her** position, **he/she** must give to the Society one (1) month's notice. **He/She** must turn over all monies of the Society to the Financial Secretary at the monthly meeting and receive **his/her** receipt therefore. The Society shall bond **him/her** to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Article V, Section 1

Currently Reads:

Everyone wishing to join the Society as an Active Member must have himself proposed by two (2) Active Members in good standing must fill out application printed by the Society for such purposes and present application and the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) with the Society in advance of his initiation.

Changed to read:

Everyone wishing to join the Society as an Active Member **must fill out an application printed by the Society for such purposes and present such along with a valid driver's license or state ID and the amount appropriate initiation fee set by the Society in advance of his initiation,** and must have himself proposed by two (2) Active Members in good standing.

Article V, Section 3 – Will be deleted

Currently Reads:

In case a member is in arrears with his dues, he may not receive any benefits.

The initiation fee may at the discretion of the Society be raised or lowered for the good and welfare of the Society at a regular monthly meeting.

Ladies Branch 22
Spring Flea Market
April 12, 2011

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Household goods, workshop tools ... anything (usable and clean)
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Article V, Section 4 –

Renamed to Article V, Section 3

Should it be revealed that a member has made false statements in his application for membership to the Society, charges should be brought against him and if found guilty of same shall be dropped from the Society and loses all payments made into the Society.

Article V, Section 5 –

Renamed to Article V, Section 4

If a member leaves the city and still wishes to remain a member, he must within fourteen (14) days report his exact address to the Financial Secretary and see to it that his dues are paid six (6) months in advance. Non-residential members must in case of sickness send in a doctor's certificate stating nature of sickness, when it started and ended. The Society may retain six (6) months' dues from any possible sick benefit monies.

Article V, Section 6 –

Moved to Article V, Section 8

Article V, Section 7 –

Renamed to Article V, Section 6

Members who are in arrears three (3) months with their dues are suspended from the Society, and if they wish to again become members they must again pay the initiation fee and make a new application for acceptance.

Article V, Section 8

Currently Reads:

It is the duty of every member to be present at all meetings. Should a member discuss Society business or talk about the Society in a descending way with a non-member upon the first offense he may be punished and fined five (\$5.00) dollars if found guilty. In case of repetition he may be expelled from the Society.

Changed to read:

If a member leaves the city or United States and is at the time of leaving a member in good standing, he must continue paying dues in order to be entitled to sick and death benefits. If a member becomes three (3) months in arrears with his dues while out of the city or United States, he must again rejoin as a new member and meet the requirements as to age and health.

It is the duty of every member to be present at all meetings. Should a member discuss Society business or talk about the Society in a descending way with a non-member upon the first offense he may be punished and fined five (\$5.00) dollars if found guilty. In case of repetition he may be expelled from the Society.

Article V, Section 9

Currently Reads:

Candidates for Passive membership must be proposed by two (2) Active members. The initiation fee and one (1) year's dues must accompany each application for memberships.

Passive members are not eligible for sick or death benefits.

Changed to read:

Candidates for Passive membership must be proposed by two (2) Active members. **To be considered, the Candidate must fill out an application form printed by the society and present it along with a valid driver's license or state ID and the initiation fee set by the Society and one (1) year's dues.**

Passive members are not eligible for sick or death benefits.

Article VII, Section 1

Currently Reads:

The meetings may be conducted in German or English language and shall be held every first Saturday of the month in the Society meeting hall. Special meetings may be called at any time at the request of the President and Recording Secretary. Nine (9) members constitute a quorum; they can hold a regular meeting and can legally pass resolutions. If the officers consider it necessary they may postpone the regular monthly meeting to a suitable date.

Changed to read:

The meetings may be conducted in German or English language and shall be held every first Friday of the month in the Society meeting hall. Special meetings may be called at any time at the request of the President and Recording Secretary. Nine (9) members constitute a quorum; they can hold a regular meeting and can legally pass resolutions. If the officers consider it necessary they may postpone the regular monthly meeting to a suitable date.

Article VII, Section 5

Currently Reads:

In case of a general disorder and offensive manner of speech whereby the regular continuance of transactions are disturbed the President shall adjourn the meeting remainder fifteen (15) minutes or, if he finds it necessary, for the remainder of the day.

Changed to read:

In case of a general disorder and offensive manner of speech whereby the regular continuance of transactions are disturbed the President shall adjourn the meeting for a **period of fifteen (15) minutes or, if he finds it necessary re-adjourn for another day.**

Article VII, Section 6

Currently Reads:

A member who misconducts himself in the Society hall may be suspended and sum-

moned before the officers, and if found guilty shall pay a fine from five (\$5.00) dollars to twenty (\$20.00) dollars or be suspended for three (3) months or both depending upon opinion of the officers. Upon second such offense he may be permanently suspended from the Society and shall not be accepted any more as a member.

If the first offense is of a serious matter, the member could be suspended permanently; it should be presented to the body at the next meeting and the body should vote on the decision.

Changed to read:

A member who misconducts himself in the Society hall may be suspended and summoned before the officers, and if found guilty shall pay a fine **not less than five (\$5.00) dollars and not more than twenty (\$20.00) dollars** or be suspended for three (3) months or both depending upon opinion of the officers. Upon second such offense he may be permanently suspended from the **Society** and shall not be accepted any more as a member.

If the first offense is of a serious matter, the member could be suspended permanently; it should be presented to the body at the next meeting and the body should vote on the decision.

Article VIII, Section 1

Currently Reads:

These statutes were accepted by resolution of the Society in the meeting held January 5th, 1985 and will go into effect as of this date.

All previous laws or motions, rules and regulations conflicting with this Constitution are null and void.

Changed to read:

These statutes were accepted by resolution of the Society in the meeting held **February 4th, 2011** and will go into effect as of this date.

All previous laws or motions, rules and regulations conflicting with this Constitution are null and void.

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**GOULASH DINNER
AND
KRAPPEN BAKE SALE!**

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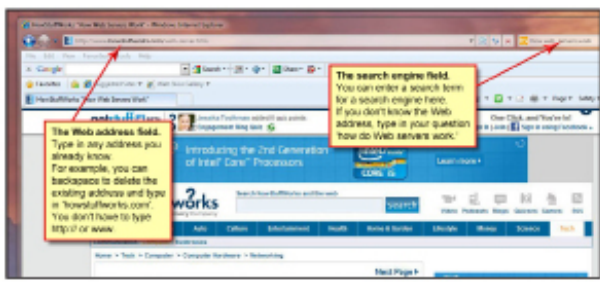
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type the address directly into the address field in your browser. (Internet Explorer and Firefox are examples of browsers). Simply click in the address bar, backspace to delete the displayed address, and type in the address you already know.

It's spring! The home market is heating up

The big day is March 20, the first day of spring. As almost everyone knows, it begins one of the most active seasons for home searches.

For good reason: If you can dodge the April showers, the weather will be nice. Flowers coming out everywhere will tempt you to drive about and see what appeals to you. Even if you haven't decided to take the plunge, you could find that today's bargains are hard to resist.

Home sellers will be out there with bells on. They know that buyers, dreamers and lookers will be out in force. Whichever category you fall into, they and their real estate agents will be pleased to see you.

Agents know that the lookers and dreamers of today could be buyers in the future. The agents are available in their offices or at open houses to tell you about the finer points of buying and selling. When your time comes, you will be prepared and knowledgeable.

Visiting open houses can be more than an enjoyable Sunday afternoon activity. Visitors get an idea of what

features and home designs would best suit their needs, as well as what features should be added to their list of wants. Often, they can pick up a sheet of detailed information on a home, which can be referred to later on.

In spring, there are more homes on the market than at any other time of the year. You'll find good bargains on some foreclosures that banks are willing to sell at a reduced price. But whether or not a home that interests you is in foreclosure, the price will be less than it would have sold for a few years ago.

That doesn't mean that sellers aren't willing to negotiate. Many have significant reasons to sell. Some sellers have to move to another city because of their work. They want to make a move well before school begins in fall.

Other properties might be part of an estate and heirs want to make a deal. Some sellers are retired and want to move to a smaller place.

There are many reasons sellers and their agents would like to see you.

Travel agents see business come back

The online booking sites that reduced business for travel agents are now driving travelers back to the professionals. People are tired of laboriously clicking and having no one to answer their questions.

With a travel agent, booking is as easy as telling the agent where they want to go and what they need when they get there. The agent makes it happen.

A survey of leisure travelers by Forrester Research found that 28 percent of travelers who booked their own flights will consider using a travel agent in the future. A spokesman for the travel industry says planning and booking a trip should be fun, but it's no fun to do it online. Especially for a complicated trip that's to more than one location, a travel agent can save time and aggravation.

Holiday Inns get an upgrade

This icon of roadside America is recasting itself and upgrading its hotels in a bid to catch up with rivals Hilton Garden Inn and Courtyard by Marriott.

With 3,400 hotels, Holiday Inn is the world's largest hotel chain. It expects to complete a three-year overhaul shortly at \$1 billion total cost to owners.

Upgrades include new bedding, flat-screen TVs, better shower fixtures, sleeker roadside signs and standardization of music and scents in lobbies.

The 58-year-old chain has weeded out some 900 older hotels from its brand since 2005. Most have switched to other mid-scale hotel brands.

To replace them, Holiday Inn added 1,100 hotels to its brand; most are newly built. The average age of a Holiday Inn is now 15.

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A Pirate's Life for Me

1. Who was Captain Hook's bumbling assistant in Disney's Peter Pan? a-Boom-Boom, b-Rock, c-Mack, d-Mr. Smee.

2. Who was the leader of the pirates aboard the Hispaniola in Treasure Island? a-Long John Silver, b-Captain Broadside, c-Captain Kidd, d-Redbeard.

3. What Gilbert & Sullivan operetta featured the Pirate King? a-The Mikado, b-Patience, c-The Pirates of Penzance, d-HMS Pinafore.

4. In what year did the Pittsburgh Pirates last win the World Series? a-1909, b-1925, c-1971, d-1979.

5. What singer titled his autobiography A Pirate Looks at Fifty? a-Jimmy Buffett, b-Keith Richards, c-Rodney Crowell, d-Bob Dylan.

6. The Dread Pirate Roberts, played by Cary Elwes, was a character in what fantasy film? a-Treasure Planet, b-The Princess Bride, c-The Master of Ballantrae, d-The Pirate Movie.

7. Who starred as a female pirate in the 1995 movie Cutthroat Island? a-Cathy Rigby, b-Geena Davis, c-Meg Ryan,



d-Glenn Close.

8. Edward Teach was the real name of what notorious pirate? a-Barbarossa, b-Blackbeard, c-Captain Kidd, d-Calico Jack.

9. In what month is International Talk Like A Pirate Day? a-May, b-July, c-September, d-March.

10. The logo for what NFL team features a pirate with a dagger in his mouth? a-Miami Dolphins, b-Oakland Raiders, c-Tampa Bay Buccaneers, d-Seattle Seahawks.

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Keep these in a safety deposit box

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* Vehicle titles. Throw them away when you sell the vehicle.

* Savings bonds. Save until maturity, then cash them in.

Keep these papers at home

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* Bank statements. Save with tax returns if they support deductions.

* Credit-card bills. Can be discarded after you pay them. Save any that support tax deductions for seven years.

* Loan documents: Put discharge papers in a safe-deposit box after they are paid off.

* Pay stubs. Discard after you reconcile with your W-2.

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* Household warranties. Discard when they expire but save parts lists and repair instructions.

* Social Security statements: Toss when you get a new one.

* Tax returns and supporting documents can be discarded after seven years.



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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR FAMILY IF YOU DIED?

Did you know that most Americans don't have enough life insurance to take care of their family if they die today? Experts believe you should have ten or more times your income to protect your family.

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