



2024 Election of ATS National Officers

At the upcoming ATS Convention that is being hosted by Branch 30 - Youngstown on May 18 – 19, 2024, the following offices (all with four-year terms) were scheduled for election:

- President
- Second Vice President
- Secretary
- 2 Trustees

However, with the passing of our First Vice President, Robert B. Cunningham III, in the middle of his term, a shuffling of positions is happening due to filling the vacancy for the office of First Vice President.

Nomination forms for individuals wishing to run for office had to be submitted to the ATS Board of Directors and received by March 15, 2024. The following ATS members have submitted their nomination forms for the following offices:

- Denise A. Crawford** (currently President) – running for President (4 year term)
- Monica M. Weber** (currently 2nd Vice President) – running for 1st Vice President (unexpired 2 year term)
- Randall B. Floyd** (currently 3rd Vice President) – running for 2nd Vice President (4 year term)
- Michael Bachinger** (currently Trustee) – running for 3rd Vice President (unexpired 2 year term)
- Monica F. Gilles** (currently Secretary) – running for Secretary (4 year term)
- Debbie Ferguson** – running for Trustee
- Barbara A. Spack** (currently Trustee) – running for Trustee
- Jacob F. Spor** (currently Trustee) – running for Trustee

Delegates will be limited to voting for two Trustees only. The two nominees with the highest votes will receive the 4-year terms and the other nominee will receive the unexpired two-year term left open by Trustee Michael Bachinger moving to 3rd Vice President.

A brief background of each nominee follows.

ATS President Denise A Crawford Member of Branch 8 Alliance, OH (Incumbent)

Denise Crawford has served on the ATS Board of Directors since 1989. She held the position of Secretary until 1999 when she was elected as Treasurer. She moved from Alliance, Ohio to Parma in 2016 when taking over the position of Home Office Manager in the ATS Home Office. In 2020, she was elected to the position of President. She has served on almost every ATS Committee throughout the years. Denise has served her Local Branch for over 30 years. She is a Sales Deputy for Alliance, as well as the current President of Branch 8. Past local positions held include Treasurer, Local Dues Secretary and ATS Secretary. Community involvement in Alliance included the YWCA of Alliance where she served on their board for multiple terms and various committees, the Alliance Kiwanis Club and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Denise has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. She also holds an Ohio insurance license. Denise has been a member of the ATS for 59 years. Denise says, "I have served on the ATS Board of Directors for almost 35 years, including the last four as President. All of these years, plus my background in Public Accounting assisting local businesses, I feel I have a unique understanding of the ATS as a business and feel capable of leading the ATS into the future."

ATS First Vice President Monica M Weber Member of Branch 4 Cleveland (West), OH (Currently Second Vice President)

Monica Weber (known as Moni

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Thank you to Salem, Ohio Branches 18 and 19 for inviting me to your meetings. I attended their meetings on Monday, March 11 and had the honor to install their Officers for the 2024 year.

The Board of Directors met on Saturday, March 16th to review the 2023 year-end. Net income was \$338,356, with almost \$337,000 being added to our unassigned funds or surplus for the year. These year-end reports will be given at the Convention coming up in May, as well as being distributed to all members with the Annual Report mailing later on. The Board approved paying out a Branch Sharing check again this year, which will be distributed to all Branches at the Convention. The Board has left the ATS interest rates remaining where they are, with all member annuity accounts earning either 4.0% or 4.5%. Events for the youngsters and the not so young are planned for the summer and fall. Please check the Fraternal Calendar on page 4 and plan to attend some of these events.

Did you know that March is Women's History Month? It used to be Women's History Day (started in 1909), turned into Women's History Week in 1978 and became Women's History Month in 1987. When I served on the Board of the YWCA in Alliance, Ohio, the YW always donated books celebrating famous and historical women to the local school libraries in honor of Women's History Month.

While scanning through a list of historic women, I thought about a few modern ones who have helped the Transylvanian Saxons throughout the years. One was Kaethe Paulini, who led the Transylvanian Saxons in Canada for many years. She was a wonderful and gracious lady. Herta Daniel is another woman who comes to mind. Herta is a prior Chairperson of the Central Verband in Germany, as well as the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons. I had met Herta when she visited the United States and Canada for our Saxon Heimattag celebrations and reconnected with her on my trip to Germany last year for the Heimattag in Dinkelsbuhl. In addition to Kaethe and Herta, is our own, Joan Miller-Malue, who served the ATS for 50 years, most of those years behind the scenes, keeping our ATS Home Office running smoothly. I truly believe that the ATS would not be in such great shape as it is today without Joan's presence. She continues to serve our Saxon people in her role as Past President, as well

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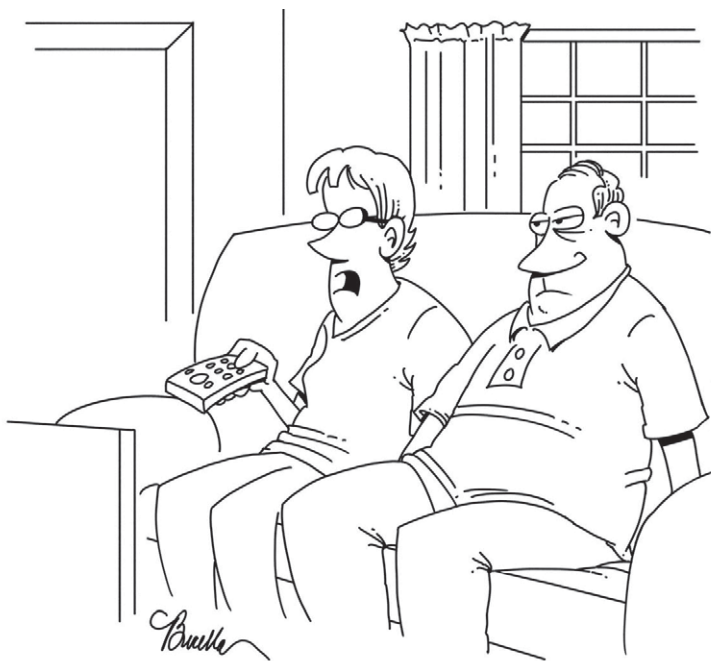
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President's Message

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as in her local Branch.

In addition to these three ladies are the women who were a generation or two before them. I'm talking about the Saxon women who came to America during the industrial revolution in the late 1800s and the early 1900s. Also the ones who traveled after World War I, in the second wave of Saxons coming to America. I am also thinking about the women who remained in Transylvania but then were sent to Russia to work in the fields or the mines during World War II and lost their homes and families, and even their lives. If you have read the stories in our Saxon Memoirs book, you know that many families suffered greatly during that timeframe.

My great grandmother traveled to America, arriving at Ellis Island on October 18, 1910. Her husband had come earlier to earn money and sent it back for her to come join him. This is a common story among Saxon immigrants. So, Great Grandma boarded a ship and came. Not by herself, but traveled with four young children! So, now you made it through the voyage and have arrived in America. But, you're in New York City and you still need to get to Salem, Ohio (or Cleveland or New Castle, PA or where ever you need to go) to meet up with your husband and family. I cannot imagine a woman traveling so far with four young children during that era. No Google maps showing us which road to travel, no language translation apps on our phones when you don't know the language or the right word for something, none of the modern conveniences of traveling in today's world. Women like her did it all the time. These are the same Saxon women who worked so hard in our old Saxon Clubs, making meals for Branch dinners and events, teaching themselves English while working in the kitchen, and always lending a hand to whoever needed help. These women deserve a place in history! Ladies, thank you!

I hope everyone has a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Until next time....

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to most people) has served on the ATS Board of Directors since 1985. She has held the position of Trustee, Secretary, and currently holds the 2nd Vice President position. Moni is the Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee and the past Chair of the Cultural Promotion Committee for years. In addition, she has served on almost all of the ATS Committees over the past 38 years. Moni is a Sales Deputy for Cleveland West and is the President of Branch 4, a position she's held since 2000. Other local branch positions held include Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Community service activities include being a Magnet Appraiser and a Jazzercise instructor. Monica has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from Vanderbilt University and a Master Degree in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked for the Cleveland Clinic in a variety of positions over the past 35 years. She is currently the Senior Director of Professional Practice. She holds an Ohio insurance license and has been a member of the ATS for 64 years. Moni states, "Having served on the Board of Directors for these past 38 years has prepared her for this new position. She looks forward to continuing to contribute to the success of the ATS".

ATS Second Vice President
Randall B. Floyd
Member of Branch 26
Merrillville, IN
(Currently Third Vice President)

Randall Floyd has served on the ATS Board of Directors since 2014, serving first as Trustee and currently as the Third Vice President. He chairs the Audit and Internal Audit Committees and serves on the Investment, Insurance Sales, Orphan, Salary & Pension, and the Fraternal Events/Scholarship Committees. Randall is the current President of Branch 26 in Merrillville and serves as their Sales Deputy. Previously he was their Branch Secretary. Randall is a past Precinct Committeeman and past President of Church Council at Emanuel Lutheran Church. He volunteers at the local food bank, local parks, and with cancer fundraising. Randall is a retired electrician. He has been in the insurance business for over 30 years and was a Union business representative for 24 years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He holds an insurance license for Indiana and Illinois. Randall has been an ATS member for 24 years. Randall feels he is qualified for his position based on his previous years serving the ATS, both as a National Officer and a Local Officer. He states, "the ATS deserves qualified members to represent us. His dedication and love for the history, culture, and the families of Saxons remain a life-long pursuit."

ATS Third Vice President
Michael Bachinger
Member of Branch 30
Youngstown, OH
(Currently Trustee)

Michael Bachinger has served on the ATS Board of Directors as an ATS Trustee since 2020. He chairs the Information Technology Committee and serves on the Audit, Cultural Promotion, Fraternal Events/Scholarship, Insurance Sales and Investment, and Strategic Planning Committees. Mike has served his local branch for over 40 years. He currently is his Branch Treasurer and has held the offices of Vice President, Secretary, Trustee and ATS Sales Deputy in the past. He has also served on various local committees including the property upkeep and pavilion remodeling committees and assists in the business office. He is also a member of the

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group and Brass Band. Mike has been active in his community with the Mahoning Valley Historical Society and the Youngstown Housing Task Force. He also plays with the Deutscher Musik Verein. Mike retired from the US Postal Service after 40 years, having held positions as letter carrier, Manager, Customer Service, Labor Relations and Human Resources. He attended Youngstown State University. Mike previously held an Ohio insurance license. He is a lifetime member of the ATS. Mike states, "being a life-long member and a current national officer, and having attended Heimattags in the USA, Canada, Germany and Transylvania, I am immensely committed to the preservation of our heritage, our local club environment, and our national society."

ATS Secretary
Monica F. Gilles
Member of Branch 5
Lorain, OH
(Incumbent)

Monica Gilles has served on the Board of Directors as the ATS Secretary since 2016. She chairs the Youth Activities Committee as well as serving on the Constitution, IT, Insurance and Investment, and Strategic Planning Committees. Monica is the President of Branch 5 in Lorain. She previously served as ATS Secretary and Recording Secretary for her Branch, as well as being a Sales Deputy. For community service, Monica donates blood as often as she can. She is also a member of the VFW 451 Auxiliary. Monica has worked for the ATS Home Office since 2002. She previously worked for Key Bank. Monica has an Associate Degree in Medical Administrative Assistant from Ohio Business College and has accounting credits from the University of Toledo. Monica has an Ohio insurance license and has been an ATS member for 47 years. She also bowls with the TSBA and was a past TSBA Trustee. Monica says, "my 20 years of experience working in the ATS office with ATS Members and their life insurance policies and annuity contracts uniquely qualifies me for a position on the ATS Board."

ATS Trustee
Debbie Ferguson
Member of Branch 37
Detroit, MI

Debbie Ferguson is running for an ATS Trustee position on the Board of Directors. She has 25 years of service to her local branch, serving as Trustee and 2nd Vice President. Branch Committee work includes Heimattag Committees (1999 and 2000), Bowl Where You Are (various years), Detroit's hosting the Transylvania Dancers (2018) and hosting the Traun Group from Austria last year. Community service includes blood drives, March of Dimes, donating art supplies to Latchkey and Day Care organizations, helping her neighbors and driving seniors to appointments. Debbie is retired from various retail companies, serving as manager, trainer, inventory specialist, and opening new locations. She was also a school bus driver for 6 years. Debbie states, "I enjoy working with the people from my club. Whatever comes up, we seem to figure out a way to make it happen. I look forward to working with the National group at the ATS."

ATS Trustee
Barbara A. Spack
Member of Branch 18
Salem, OH
(Incumbent)

Barbara Spack has served on the Board of Direc-

tors as an ATS Trustee since 2008. She chairs the Salary/Pension Committee and serves on the Audit, Cultural Promotion, Fraternal Events/Scholarship, and Youth Activities Committees. She has served her local branch for 29 years as their Recording Secretary, ATS Secretary, and Scholarship Fund Trustee and as a Sales Deputy. Her community service includes various local non-profits, including the local animal shelter. She attended Kent State University. Barbara holds an Ohio insurance license and has been an ATS member for 33 years. Barbara states, "as a Trustee since 2008, I continue to learn and gain knowledge of the National operations and needs, striving to meet the challenges facing our Fraternal growth."

ATS Trustee
Jacob F. Spor
Member of Branch 25
New Castle, PA
(Incumbent)

Jacob Spor has served on the Board of Directors as an ATS Trustee since 2008. He chairs the Fraternal Events/Scholarship Committee and serves on the Audit, Constitution, Salary/Pension, and Youth Activities Committees. He has served his local Branch in the past as Trustee and Vice President. Jake's community service includes the Neshannock Twp. School's Band Parents group and working with Habitat for Humanity. He also helps to build sets for the local high school's musical productions. Jake attended Youngstown State University for three years studying Engineering and is a graduate of the Lawrence County Vocational Technical School. He has been employed by Stevens Masonry for the past 19 years and is a Foreman/Superintendent. Jake has been an ATS member for 21 years. Jake says, "with over 15 years on the Board of Directors, I feel I still have much to contribute to the growth and continuation of the ATS."

**Learn to be more patient:
To work more effectively,
stop rushing**

This exercise can help you cultivate patience in your work and life.

When you find yourself in the middle of a project, a relationship, or your journey toward a personal goal, do you often

find yourself rushing and trying to force things? If so, try this:

- Don't concentrate on just getting the job over with. Experience what it has to offer.
- When you find yourself rushing, take a few minutes to visualize yourself slowing down and enjoying the job. Open yourself to the wisdom you can gain when you do the job carefully.
- Pause and take a deep breath. Stop your mind from fast-forwarding into the future so you can stay involved with what you are doing now. Be fully present.

In her book *Inner Gardening: Four Seasons of Cultivating the Soil and the Spirit* (William Morrow), Diane Dreher says slowing down will help you concentrate your energies and gain important insight.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- April 6 - 7, 2024
TSBA Season End Tournament - New Castle
- May 18 - 19, 2024
ATS Convention Host: Youngstown, OH
- June 8, 2024
67th TSBA Convention Host: Youngstown Bowlers
- June 16 - 21, 2024
Saxon Summer Camp Camp Frederick Rogers, OH
- July 5 - 19, 2024
Federation International Jugendlager Host: Canada
- July 12 - 14, 2024
North American Saxon Heimattag
Kitchener, ON Canada
- July 27, 2024
ATS Family Day at Waldameer
- October 19 - 20, 2024
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: New Castle Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

- March 30, 2024
Salem Saxon Club Easter Egg Hunt
- April 6, 2024
Youngstown Goulash Dinner
- April 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim 250 Club Banquet
- April 20, 2024
New Castle Br. 25 Halfway to Oktoberfest
- April 21, 2024
Youngstown Pork/Kraut dinner
- April 27, 2024
Youngstown Pop Dinner
- May 4, 2024
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
- May 5, 2024
Cleveland East Br 33 Membership Banquet
Saint Noel Banquet Center, Willoughby Hills
- May 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Mothers' Day Brunch
Youngstown Saxon Club Mothers' Day Dinner
- June 26, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim /GCM
Summer Pilsner Patio Party
- June 30, 2024
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic
- July 13, 2024
Cleveland East Captains Baseball Game Outing
- August 18, 2024
Cleveland East Annual Summer Picnic
Penitentiary Glen
- August 24, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim / GCM
Summer Oktoberfest
- September 15, 2024
Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree
- September 28, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake
- October 19, 2024
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest
- October 25, 2024
Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party
- December 7, 2024
Cleveland West Sausage Sale
- December 14, 2024
Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party
Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

- Upcoming Events:
- March 31
Easter Sunday - closed
 - April 6
Goulash Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Family Style
 - April 8
Officers meeting 5:30 p.m.
 - April 14
General meeting 2:00 p.m.
 - April 21
Pork/Kraut Dinner
11 a.m. – 2 :00 p.m.
 - April 27
Pop Dinner – reservations
in advance
 - May 12
Mothers Day Buffet / Brunch
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Ballroom. Reservations
needed; members get a
discount
No General Meeting
- We are open Thursdays
for Bar Bingo, food available
7:00 p.m.
- When Queen of Hearts
starts, it will be in conjunction
with Bar Bingo. We urge you
to attend.
- The Club is open Friday
nights to the public for din-
ner. Our fish is good! Try it!
- Tickets need to be obtained
in advance for the Goulash
Dinner; they can be obtained
from any officer, past presi-
dent or from the office.
- We brought David Dehn
into membership at the last
meeting; welcome, David!
- Scholarships from Br. 30
to YSU are possible for men
or women, at any age for full
time enrollment. You need to
be a member for two years
and have a 3.0 average. Con-
tact Julaine Gilmartin (330)
799-5171, 4173 Timberlaine
Trail, Canfield, OH 44406.
- Every Monday, 8:00 a.m.-
2:00 p.m. The Trunk and Treas-
ure Flea Market is open,
Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian
Rd., 44509. Weather per-
mitting, it will begin the first
week in May. It is open to the
public with vendors at \$5.00
per space with food and pro-
duce vendors also welcome.
(No electricity provided). Ma-
terial donations are accepted
to sell in the Club Garage
- all proceeds go directly to
the Youngstown Saxon Club.
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able on Mothers Day as well.
Happy Springtime!



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Easy steps to better health

Here are some easy steps that can make a big difference in your weight and fitness level.

Eat together at the table. People consume more when eating in front of the TV or when scrolling a phone. Foods eaten on the go are generally higher in calories.

Play with kids for at least 20 minutes a day. Ride a bike, jump rope, play touch football or soccer.

Focus on favorite foods. Instead of trying to give up your favorites, eat smaller

portions or switch to lower calorie versions. They can be just as good.

Eat soup. "Volume" foods like soup leave you feeling full on fewer calories.

Eat at home. Restaurant food has more fat, calories, and sodium.

For improved health, give your new steps time to become habits -- at least a month. If you are trying to lose weight, skip the extreme

diets. Instead, create a sustainable plan to lose weight over time with healthy habits.

TRACHTENBALL

Saturday May 4th, 2024

Performances by:

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM.
DINNER IS SERVED AT 6 PM.
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10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle



Protein satisfies hunger and preserves muscle

It's true that protein satisfies hunger in a way that fats and carbohydrates can't -- possibly one reason why high protein, low-carb diets are popular.

Protein has a second quality that may be equally important to people who are losing weight. One of protein's amino acids, leucine, appears to be the key to preserving muscle while losing fat, say researchers at the University of Illinois. Other studies show that leucine can promote muscle building when overall calories are low.

To get plenty of leucine from protein and still avoid the animal fat in meat, consider these low-fat, leucine-rich protein sources:

- 1/2 cup firm tofu, 1,511 mg. leucine
- 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese, 1,440 mg. leucine
- 8 ounces fat-free milk, 818 mg. leucine
- 1 ounce reduced-fat mozzarella cheese, 670 mg. leucine
- 1 ounce reduced fat cheddar cheese, 608 mg. leucine
- Hard-boiled or soft-boiled egg, 538 mg. leucine
- 1 cup couscous, cooked, 464 mg. leucine

Rudolf "Rudy" Maroscher †

SALEM - Rudolf Arthur Maroscher, "Rudy," 93, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2024, at the Hospice House in Poland. He was born on August 29, 1930, in Salem, which he proudly called home throughout his life.

The son of the late, Victor E. Maroscher and Katharina (Konnerth) Maroscher. He married Barbara C. (Groppe) Maroscher, on June 14, 1958, and they were blessed with their children, Victor (Sherrie) Maroscher, Arthur Maroscher, both of Salem, Kathy (Jim) Stout of Alliance, and Lisa (Tom) Swope of Ebensburg, Pa.; six grandchildren, Meg, Mitchell, Grace, Hannah, Thomas, and Sam; and one great-granddaughter, Emerson. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Along with his parents, Rudolf was preceded in death by one granddaughter, a brother and two sisters.

Rudy graduated from Salem High School in 1948, and immediately joined the U.S. Air Force where he was a radio operator. He was a member of the flight crew for Trygve Lie, the first Secretary-General of the United Nations. Rudy was the owner of MM Industries Inc. and the Salem Racquet Club, and he was licensed Professional Electrical Engineer.

A proud lifelong resident of Salem, Rudy was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He greatly enjoyed the Salem Saxon Club Branch



Rudy Maroscher
1930 - 2024

#19, serving as a trustee. He was also a member of the Salem American Legion Post #56, Salem Elks Lodge #305, and the Salem Alumni Association.

As an avid tennis player, his passion extended beyond personal enjoyment. In 1976 he built the Salem Racquet Club, and he was instrumental in bringing tennis to local youth and helped spur the creation of many high school teams in the area. His dedication to the game endured, as he spent winters in Ft. Myers, Fl., continuing to play tennis. Rudy was an avid reader, he kept abreast of current events, and his commitment to lifelong learning never wavered.

A life lived with purpose and grace was honored with a funeral service Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Dawn Ritchie. Donations can be made to the Salem Saxon Club Scholarship Fund, the Salem Alumni Association, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The history and benefits of asparagus

It was the favorite vegetable of Julius Caesar, King Louis XIV, and Thomas Jefferson. But the history of asparagus began long before that.

The name comes from the Greek "asparagos," meaning stalk or shoot. The Romans borrowed asparagus from the Greeks and cultivated it in every land they visited.

Asparagus is a member of the lily family and is related to onions, leeks, and garlic. It is low in calories (half a cup contains just 20 calories) and fat, while the tip is high in vitamins C, A and K.

Low in sodium and high in potassium, asparagus can be good for blood pressure. Just half a cup of asparagus contains 6 percent of the daily



requirement of potassium.

It's almost time for asparagus to come shooting up in gardens, flower beds, and in places where it grows wild. Under ideal conditions, it can grow up to 10 inches in a day and reach up to 12 feet in height.

The best asparagus has



Fun Easter activity

You can make the kids' Easter baskets more meaningful with an Easter egg time capsule.

Have each child write a short note to themselves -- you can help young children write theirs. Next year, they get a plastic egg in their Easter basket that holds this year's note. So every Easter basket is also a sort of time capsule.

You could have them answer a question: What is your favorite toy right now? What did you learn at school recently? What is one thing you really want to do or a place do you really want to go?

You might do this activity while you dye Easter eggs. Write each child's name on their egg and store the time capsules with the other Easter decorations.



firm, fresh stalks with tightly closed tips. It's best to store it in the back of the refrigerator or in a produce drawer.

Microwaving preserves more nutrients than boiling or steaming. Cook it upright in a tall container with a few inches of water in the pot. Simmer 5 to 7 minutes with the tips out of the water.

Orange-soy asparagus dressing

Combine 1 tablespoon each of soy sauce and fresh orange juice with 1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind, grated ginger, and dark sesame oil. Stir in 2 shallots or 1 small onion, minced. Drizzle over cooked asparagus and toss to coat.



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.

Margaret J. Miller
Age 83

Died: February 20, 2024
Branch 37, Detroit, MI

Doris L. Vanden Bosch
Age 93

Died: March 2, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Rudolf A. Maroscher
Age 93

Died: March 10, 2024
Branch 19, Salem, OH

Leah C. Haire
Age 86

Died: March 10, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Gertrude Tizak
Age 95

Died: March 11, 2024
Branch 27, New Castle, PA

Elsie M. Thornberry
Age 79

Died: March 13, 2024
Branch 5, Lorain, OH

**BRANCHES 14 AND 17,
CANTON**
By Cheryl Schnebelen

The Canton Saxons were able to celebrate Pauline Swift's 100th birthday at our last meeting and wish her many more. We all seem to be looking forward to spring and will be having our next meeting on Sunday, April 7, at 1:00, at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza. Please feel free to join us for lunch and a short meeting.

With prices increasing for mostly everything, we understand that many people are having difficulty, so if you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies lodge who are in need, please let us know. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text or phone at (330) 312-5112, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. We are looking forward to hearing from you and please join us at Meyers Landing on Sunday, April 7, at 1:00.

Proposed changes to ATS constitution

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

ARTICLE III - Rights of the Alliance

Currently reads:

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

Proposed change:

Remove the words “dues and”

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

ARTICLE IV – Governing Body

Proposed change:

Add new Section 3

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

ARTICLE VIII – Election of Officers

Currently reads:

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

Proposed change:

Remove the words “nominating committee”

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

ARTICLE IX – Duties of Officers

Currently reads:

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

Proposed change:

Insert the words “life insurance”

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

ARTICLE XIV – Duties and Rights of Members

Currently reads:

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

Proposed change:

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

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

ARTICLE XIV – Duties and Rights of Members

Currently reads:

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

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

Proposed change:

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

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

ARTICLE XVI – Duties and Rights of Branches

Currently reads:

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

Proposed change:

Delete the entire Section 6 wording.

Proposed wording to read:

Section 6 removed in its entirety. Section 7 would become Section 6 and Section 8 would become Section 7.

Reason for change: There are

no funds being collected by the Branch to be remitted to the ATS Home Office any longer.

ARTICLE XVII – Duties of Branch Officers

Currently reads:

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

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

Proposed change:

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

Proposed wording to read:

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

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

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The first televised April Fools’ Day hoax

Perhaps because of its serious reputation, the BBC pulled off the first successful April Fools’ hoax in 1957.

During the program Panorama, distinguished broadcaster Richard Dimbleby reported on the details of Switzerland’s annual spaghetti harvest, complete with footage of women carefully picking strands of spaghetti from trees and placing them in the sun to dry. Dimbleby explained that, thanks to generations of spaghetti farmers, the strands all grow to the exact same length.

According to the BBC, spaghetti was not a common



dish in 1957, and some viewers were intrigued enough that they wanted to purchase their very own spaghetti trees.

INVITE your relatives and friends to join the crowd at ATS.



ATS National Convention
May 18 and 19, 2024
Youngstown Saxon Club – ATS Branch 30
710 S. Meridian Road
Youngstown, OH 44



	Ticket Price (Adult)	Ticket Price (Children 4-12)	Number of Tickets	Total amount
Saturday, May 18, 2024				
Lunch: 12:00 PM				
Soup, Salad, Sandwich Bar	\$15.00		X_____	\$_____
Cocktails @6PM (cash bar)				
Dinner @ 7PM				
Schnitzel Dinner	\$24.00	\$12.00	X_____	\$_____
Vegetarian/Vegan Option to be determined	\$24.00	\$12.00	X_____	\$_____

The evening event is open to non-delegates that wish to join in the celebration. Please add the reservations to the list above.

Sunday, May 19, 2024				
Lunch: 12:00 PM				
Egg Salad/Chicken Salad Croissants, Frut Cup	\$15.00		X_____	\$_____

Saturday and Sunday morning complimentary coffee and pastries

Grand Total: (Please enclose Check or Money Order) \$_____

Reservations made by:

Name: _____ Branch City & Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Make Checks payable to: **Youngstown Saxon Club**

Send Reservation and Payment to: Youngstown Saxon Club
 710 S. Meridian Road
 Youngstown, OH 44509
 (330) 792-7973

(*All tickets will be held at the door*)
Deadline for reservations: May 1, 2024

SAXON HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT

A highlight of the ATS Convention is the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit. The Exhibit this year will be held at the Youngstown Saxon Club, where the ATS Convention will meet on May 18 – 19, 2024. Handicraft Exhibit Director is June Hoelzel and Assistant Directors are Sara Deutschlander and Patty Blevins.

The Junior Category, which allows our junior members, ages 13 and under, to exhibit their handcrafted items in an open category will once again be a part of the Exhibit. All members competing in this category will receive a small token of appreciation.

The Handicraft Exhibit provides an opportunity to display articles which relate to our Transylvanian Saxon cultural background, but is not restricted to this category only. It is a showplace for the artistic talents and abilities of our people, present and past.

A prize competition is held for items made by present ATS Members only. The rules for this prize competition are as follows:

1. There will be prize competition in ten (10) categories.
2. There will be first and second prizes awarded in each category.
3. There will be one (1) President's Award for "Best of Show" Entry.
4. No more than three (3) entries allowed per member.
5. Only items actually made by present ATS members, ages 14 and over, are eligible for entry in this prize competition.
6. There will be a separate Junior Category for ATS members, Ages 13 and under.
7. Winning entries will be determined by ballot vote of the Convention Delegates.

NOTE: An Entry Blank must be filled out for all items placed on display. Advance registration will be appreciated. The exhibit room will be opened Saturday morning (May 18) for delivery and set-up of display items. All items must be picked up Sunday morning (May 19) prior to the start of the Sunday Convention Session.

Send your entry blank for the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit to:

June Hoelzel
Handicraft Exhibit Director
Unit 2601
695 E Western Reserve Rd
Poland, Ohio 44514
(330) 953-2856

SAXON HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT ENTRY BLANK

Name _____

Branch No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

- I will bring the following items for exhibit only
- I will bring the following items to enter in prize competition

My ATS Certificate No. is _____

Adult Exhibit Categories: Describe your entry.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Ceramics | 6. Needlepoint |
| 2. Crewel | 7. Quilting |
| 3. Crocheting | 8. Paintings |
| 4. Cross Stitch | 9. Photography |
| 5. Knitting | 10. Open Class |

Junior Category (Ages 13 and Under) – Open Class

Description: _____

AGREEMENT

I agree to be responsible for the delivery, display and pickup of these items at my own risk, and hold the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons and Branch 30 harmless against any and all loss, damage, cost and expense that may be incurred by reason of such display and exhibition. I hereby certify that any item(s) entered under my name for Prize Competition was (were) made by me personally.

Signature _____

Date _____

Red Cross founder witnessed horror of war

Clara Barton, known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" during the Civil War, is credited with founding the American Red Cross.



However, the dream that produced the International Red Cross originated with Swiss businessman Henry Dunant, who witnessed the bloody aftermath of a war between the French and Austrian armies in 1859.

Nearly 40,000 dead and wounded men were left alone on a battlefield near Solferino, Italy.

Dunant gathered people from the surrounding community to tend to the wounded. Deeply affected by the experience, Dunant returned to Switzerland and formed the beginning

of a national relief society to aid those wounded in wartime. In October 1863, the International Red Cross was created in Geneva.

Barton, who became familiar with the International Red Cross while visiting Europe, established the Red Cross Society in America when she organized the American Association of the Red Cross in Washing-

ton, D.C. on May 21, 1881.

The American Red Cross has always been active in wartime and served during the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars. On D-Day, Red Cross workers crossed the English Channel on the heels of the troops to aid U.S. Armed Forces. The American Red Cross also provided relief during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In the years since its founding, the International Red Cross has also become a political organization that supports anti-war efforts around the world.

To locate the Red Cross office near you, go to redcross.org and enter your current ZIP code.



ATS Convention
May 18 & 19, 2024
Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Road
Youngstown, OH 44509

Hotel and Lodging information

Fairfield Inn and Suites
 801 N. Canfield Nile Road
 Austintown, OH 44515
 (330) 505-2173

Standard room with 2 Double beds \$174 +tax
 Standard room with 1 King bed \$174 +tax

Cut-off date for these rooms - April 15, 2024

Code for block rate is "Saxon Club"

Hampton Inn Youngstown
 880 N Canfield Niles Rd.
 (330) 544-0660

Standard room with 2 Queen beds \$155 +tax
 Cut-off date for these rooms - April 17, 2024

Code for block rate is "Youngstown Saxon Club"

All rooms are non-smoking
Complimentary Hot Breakfast is available

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

“...the trouble with March—the warmth never lasts. There’s that narrow stretch when it parades as spring, just enough for you to thaw if you’re sitting in the sun, but then it’s gone.”

— V. E. Schwab

Warm in the sun, cold in the shade; and oh how the wind can howl! Hope everyone has been safe during the March tornadoes. My daffodils have been tolerant of our Ohio roller coaster weather.

Branch 33’s March 13th meeting was well attended, it was a warm Spring evening. Vice president Maria Phillips led the meeting; President Margie Ziegler was in Florida, and we hope she enjoyed her vacation. We started the evening with election of delegates to the ATS national convention to be held in May. Delegates elected are Lisa Deaton, Maria Phillips, Sue Guip, Donna Foisel, John Foisel, Nick Ziegler, and Henry Hum. Also, President Margie Ziegler will be attending. Several ATS constitutional changes are proposed and printed in the Volksblatt. We will review those proposals at our next meeting.

Please remember to pray for our members who have been ill, recovering from hospitalization, or unable to leave home: John Foisel and Toni Lattur (both had knee surgery), Bill Maurer, Don Weber, Joan Blaha, Evelyn Keefer, Bette Schmidt, Kathie Brusk. On a personal note, my husband Wayne had a stroke in February- and we want to express HEART-FELT thanks for all the cards and positive thoughts and prayers received from all our ATS Brothers and Sisters. Your cards and phone calls are very much appreciated!

All members were very sad to hear about the passing of ATS first vice president and Branch 1 member, Robert Cunningham III; most of us knew him well - he was truly dedicated to the ATS. Our sincerest sympathy goes to his wife Patty, son Scott, and family. Our branch voted to give a monetary donation in memory of Rob to one of his favorite charities—the Saxon Orphan Fund.

Financial secretary Mike



Bretz reported on our Branch membership- Congratulations to three new 50 year members: Ken Schmidt, Wayne Krauss, and Dolf Litschel. We also have four new juvenile members: Taylor and Connor Tully, Wade and Malachi Harbaugh. A special Happy 98th Birthday to Sister Elizabeth Friedsman.

An ad request for Branch 33 members-only tuition reimbursement is currently in the Volksblatt; Branch college students need to send the request to Karyn Schmidt.

Every year Branch 33 has a Banquet to honor members. This event will be Sunday May 5, 1 to 5 p. m. at Saint Noel banquet Center in Willoughby Hills. Members free, cost for nonmembers \$25. Sharon Volpe is taking Reservations. Call (440) 307-0268 by April 26. We look forward to seeing everyone who cannot make it to the meetings!

Our branch is planning Summer events. First is the Lake County Captains baseball game which will be Saturday, July 13th. Our annual summer picnic at Penitentiary Glen will be Sunday, August 18. Mark these days on your calendar and further details will be coming.

Branch 33’s next meeting is Wednesday, April 10 at our usual meeting site, Messiah Lutheran Church. We will start the evening at 7 p.m. with hotdogs, potato salad and sauerkraut dinner; and play a game or two for prize money. Offering to bring dessert are Sue Guip and Maria Thellmann (you have to know that those 2 Saxon women baking will be worth attending!).

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE
By Katy Hudak and Judy Both

The Ladies of Branch 27 met at Soni’s Restaurant on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Next month, the meeting will be held at the Eintracht on Taylor Street, downstairs if possible or upstairs if necessary. Guest speaker, Karl Hermann, President of Branch 25 updated the ladies on activities and plans for the Eintracht.

Debbie Hermann reported on the Children’s Christmas party. The cooperative effort between Branch 27, Branch 25, the singers and the bowlers helped to make the party a “merry” success. Kudos to Debbie for her organizational skills.

Members voted to proceed with the Wendell August project the President, Judy Both, has been working on; an ornament engraved with a picture of the Eintracht Club. This ornament will make a wonderful gift and memento.

Judy and Ingrid Both-Hoesl volunteered to be delegates to the ATS convention in Youngstown. Judy reported that she will be sending letters to all members of Branch 27 asking them to provide email addresses, cell numbers and to update other information.

Get well wishes were extended to Dolores Both who is recovering from surgery and Marie Benedict who is dealing with health issues. Sadly, Gertrude Tizak who was not doing well at the time of the meeting has since passed away. She will be missed.

Remember, the next meeting is April 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Eintracht Club on Taylor Street. Hope to see you there.

**Did you know?
The standard deduction is higher for people over 65**

The standard deduction reduces your taxes a lot.

For people over 65, there is an added sweetener.

Each joint filer age 65 and older can increase the standard deduction by \$1,500, up to a total of \$3,000 if both joint filers are 65 or older. In total, a married couple 65 or older would have a standard deduction of \$30,700.

Single filers 65 or older can claim an extra \$1,850 standard deduction.

**ATTENTION:
Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2024-2025 Application for
Scholarship/Reimbursement College Expenses**

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2024

Here are the eligibility requirements, i.e. the RULES.

1. At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

**Application Request for Branch 33
College Scholarship/Reimbursement**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

College/University: _____

Year: circle one

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name: _____

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2024:
Mail to: Karyn Schmidt
4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

Easter Means Much More

Bunnies, baskets, and treats galore;
oh, but Easter means much more.

Sinful man was doomed to die
and in a grave forever lie.

Until our God sent His Son
to save us all, everyone.

Upon a hill on a cross so plain
Jesus as man died in pain.

Sacrificed by His Father in heaven above
to save mankind because of love.

We can accept this selfless gift
that to our souls gives a lift.

If we believe in what Jesus taught
and that His death our salvation bought.

Yes, Easter really means much more
than candy and trinkets from the store.

An original poem by Judith E. Both, Easter 2024

Youngstown Saxon Club 300 Club

The Youngstown Saxon Club is a group of no more than 300 members that gets together once each year in September to participate in a Banquet in our Ball Room.

We start with a Banquet and Open Bar that usually has a theme to it and then after dinner there is a Reverse Raffle for the 300 tickets that were sold. We give away about \$5,600.00 in cash & prizes at the Drawing. The Last 5 Numbers Drawn equal \$2,000.00 of that money.

We only sell 300 tickets and the price is \$60.00 per ticket. Saxon Club Members, All ATS Members, and the General Pubic are eligible to purchase tickets.

We are always looking for new 300 Club Members and still have a few tickets available for 2024. If you might be interested in buying one you can contact the Youngstown Saxon Club Office 330-792-7973 or contact me directly...Rick Lieb (330) 518-7593

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
April 15, 2024
Time 12:00 Noon

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

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

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

PRAYERS

Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus. Paul has said that a highlight for him is to continue reading news and stories about various Saxon activities in the Volksblatt.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10 (Facebook Group)

Please invite people to join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address

(donaldblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

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

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Mike Lassel (March 20), Mike Roth (March 21), Steve Lassel (March 25), Rob Betts (March 27) and Trey Albert (March 29). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Happy Anniversary to Marlene & Rob Betts (March 22). Frohes Jubiläum!

HUMOR

I was on a crowded flight to Texas. A woman boarded with a very upset 3 year

old who was crying and carrying on. You could tell she was already at her wits end. A flight attendant walked over and asked the child's name, which turned out to be Steven. A few moments later, a voice came out of the cockpit on the PA system.

"Steven? This is Santa."

The little boy sat up, focused on the voice of the body that was not visible.

"Steven, I want you to be a good boy so I can bring you something really good at Christmas, so no crying or fussing, ok?"

The startled little boy, with wide-eyed look on his face, just nodded. He was quiet the whole flight.

GERMAN HISTORY COLUMBUS

Will be continued in the April 12th Volksblatt issue.

Easter in Transylvania:

The custom of Easter watering (sprinkling)

*Beautiful girls dousing is the boy's day of joy,
That's why we want to water you, today on the second day of Easter.*

Easter spraying

(By Heinrich Zillich).

A long time ago, at home in Transylvania, there were all sorts of strange Easter customs that today only the learned gentlemen or the old people in the remote villages know about. During Holy Week, which was dedicated to silence, it was not allowed to hit people with a wooden mallet while washing clothes by the stream, because anyone who did so would attract hail; At first it was a long time coming, but in the summer he came murderously across the field with castles the size of a nut right up to the border where the blasphemous noise of the mallet had been heard. On Easter morning, before it was day, the youth hiked to a hill to see the Paschal lamb in the rising sun; Of course it had to be an uncovered sky. In the midst of the fiery ball sat the heavenly Lamb; The boys and girls had such good eyesight that they could see her in her sweetness, her head gently bowed to the ground, her cross staff leaning somewhat clumsily against her chest, for she had no hands; in color and shape it was confusingly similar to the tiny waxen lambs that the village grocer offered for sale. And afterwards, at the early service, the women held in folded hands the bouquet of flowers that they never went to church without, and each had a knotted handkerchief full of red-dyed eggs for the godchildren on her lap. Do you also know why it had to be red eggs? Well, because once, on Good Friday, when the Lord hung on the cross, the hens of the whole world laid bloody eggs out of grief over it. It was soon forgotten elsewhere, but here in the remote valleys, people had better memories and knew what had happened on the first Good Friday in chicken yards all over the world

When I was a child before the First World War, most people no longer respected the old customs; By the way, I don't think our eyes could have easily seen the lamb in the glowing ball of sun. But there was one custom we followed strictly and with pleasure; It is not yet dead

today and makes the youth happy wherever a handful of Transylvanians live together, whether at home, where many, many thousands of us live, or in Germany or America and wherever fate may have scattered us.

On Easter Sunday we went to church, we consecrated the festival with huge meals and drank wine, but it wasn't until Monday that the delicious and fun things came, the most beautiful joy. You were allowed - to give it away right away - to tease the girls a little, with honor, of course, but it made our young boys' hearts pound, and the girls no less, because their faces glowed with laughter and defensiveness Sunball.

Even the smallest boy was given the same freedom. Trousered lads, who could barely stand on their feet, dared to approach the female sex like adult boys. You can see from this that it wasn't anything bad. It included a weapon, a bottle of sweet-smelling water, with a permeable cap on the top. This was great for squirting. And that's what the bottle was there for. Some filled it with perfume, good or bad, some added a little water, which made the liquid like milk, and so armed they crept into the sisters' rooms at the crack of dawn and sprayed them awake. Oh, how they screamed and crawled under the covers! The servants played rough with the maids and poured a bucket over their heads. It wasn't very Christian, but the custom had nothing in common with Christianity either. The scholars agree that a pagan fertility magic lived on, certainly, and it lived on very vigorously, even it was rewarded with eggs and oranges, which the splattered girls handed to the male figures, both small and large. That was part of it, like the schnapps that the women gave to the grown men for treating them like that..

In the morning you could see in every town from the smallest boys to mature bachelors, bottles aggressively in their hands, tak-

ing turns visiting the houses where girls were known to them. Fathers were seen walking with their little boys; the more distinguished ones even used a carriage. Everyone also carried a basket or other container with them to pack the eggs or oranges. Some people had to rush home several times to put down their supplies, after which they continued their round trip. It was customary to knock politely, enter demurely, wave the bottle and ask if it was allowed, whereupon the girls and their mother nodded, crooked their necks, turned away and received the moist blessing. We sat around the table for a while, nibbled pastries, drank a glass and said goodbye. At midday, however, the boys' heads turned red, as if something alive were about to be born from them, although not a lamb; the next day it was a monkey.

The poor little women had it worse, not because they had to give away so many eggs and oranges - that came back if they had brothers - and how much did eggs cost for us! But the mixture of different-smelling waters stuck in her hair and clothes for days. You had to pour a few buckets over your head to smell like yourself again.

On Easter Monday my mother and my sister were not only made happy by my father's employees, by all the young and even the fat old bachelors; one sprayed violet scents, another cologne, another lavender; Oh, and the farmhands, coachmen, day laborers and workers, a hundred or more in total, also came into the house, and there were some among them who dissolved raspberry candy in water and splashed it on it. It only smelled a little, but it was very sticky.

These men and boys and lads had funny eyes, then slightly glazed over, it was accepted. It was beautiful, it was the highlight of Transylvanian Easter. And if the lamb is really sitting in the sun, then when it looked down at the egg-colored, fragrant villages and towns, it certainly did something that lambs usually can't do; it smiled and its cross staff swayed as if it were blessing our festival.

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The Last Supper.

Panel painting from the predella of the Mediasch Altar, around 1525, surroundings by the Sibiu painter Vincentius (detail). The fact that, according to tradition, the clergyman who remains in veneration is Martin Luther can be ruled out simply because of the Dominican (?) habit and the coat of arms with a prelate's hat (around 1525 there was the former Dominican Georgius in Sibiu, who stood for the Lutheran itinerant preacher Ambrosius had come here). Representations of the Lord's Supper in the predella area mostly served to cover the "Catholic" niches - in Mediasch the four Latin church fathers stood there. Image and text: Konrad Klein

Easter In Transylvania



Do you remember what Easter was like back then?

In the past, men would go and "spritz on girls," but today it's enough to sit together and have a virtual coffee or tea because you've found each other again.

The songs that were sung in childhood and youth sounded loudly through the fields and forests... In the spring people went picking "Pålmitzker" to decorate the "Easter room".

Built a nest out of moss and grass, was happy to forget the world around him. People believed in the Easter Bunny and put flowers in vases...

In the afternoon the house was full of guests and Easter was celebrated comfortably. Men went from house

to house because they were given a "Pali".

Homemade eggnog was also offered, but mishaps often happened. A lot of "mixed things" in the stomach disappeared and we got really drunk.

You were happy and funny for a few hours, but you still found salvation. You were happy the way it was because you didn't know anything else, of course.

Now I'll stop this rhyming, even though more thoughts are germinating in my gray cells, my brain, because I've become compelled to write. I often think about this time when the custom was still held firmly. You were at home there.

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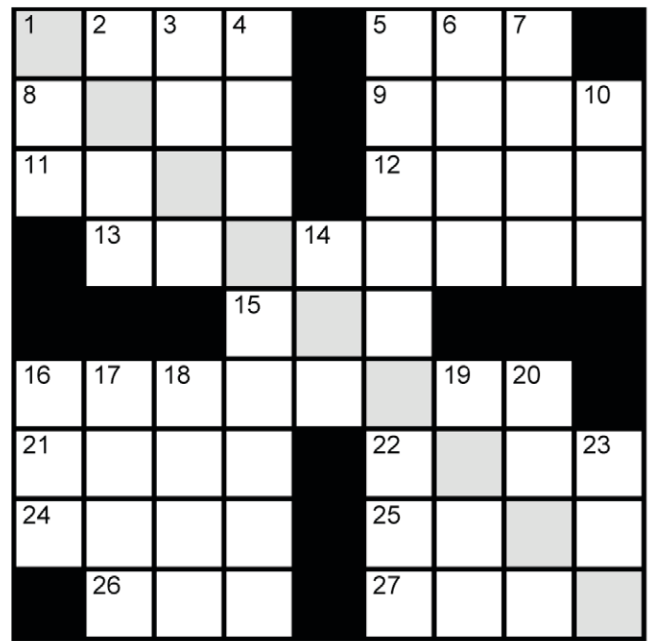
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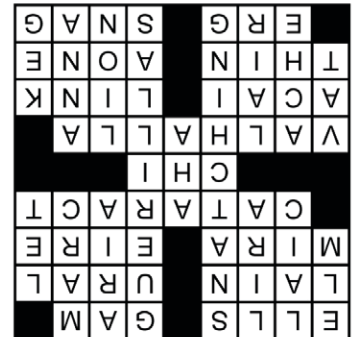
1. Some bent pipes
5. School of whales
8. An anagram for anil
9. Russian river
11. Actress Sorvino
12. Cork's country
13. Common eye problem
15. Fraternity letter
16. Wagner opera setting
21. Antioxidant berry
22. Connect
24. Slender
25. Top-rated
26. Unit of work
27. Unforeseen difficulty

Down

1. Freddy Krueger's street
2. Secular
3. Old Italian money
4. Pickpocket's activity
5. Freedom fighters
6. La Scala highlight



7. Artist Chagall
10. Allow
14. "Caught you!"
16. Big wine holder
17. Hurt
18. Place to hibernate
19. Animal with a mane
20. "___ Karenina"
23. Fraternity party staple



The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

April is the perfect month for a game of Scrabble in honor of this guy

Oh, the joy of picking that single Z out of the Scrabble pile just when you also have e b r and a, on a lovely triple word score.

It's those moments that make Scrabble one of the most satisfying board games to play and it so happens that it is the perfect game for April, all because of one guy.

Alfred Mosher Butts was born one April in 1899 and he went on to become an architect and then an unemployed architect during the Great Depression. With time on his hands, Butts decided the design a board game.

He studied existing games and decided that they all fell into one of three categories. There were number games such as bingo or dice. There were move games like chess and checkers. And, there were word games like anagrams.

Butts wanted to invent a game that combined chance and skill. He conceived the idea of Scrabble as a sort of crossword created on the fly. To determine how many tiles he would need for each letter, he studied the front page of The



New York Times. He made some good decisions. Of the 100 tiles in a Scrabble set, there needed to be plenty of Es (15) but not that many Ss (4). After all, he didn't want people to just go around making plurals.

Game makers didn't like the game, but Butts teamed up with a businessman who made and marketed the game. By 2009, more than 150 million Scrabble sets had been sold worldwide!





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