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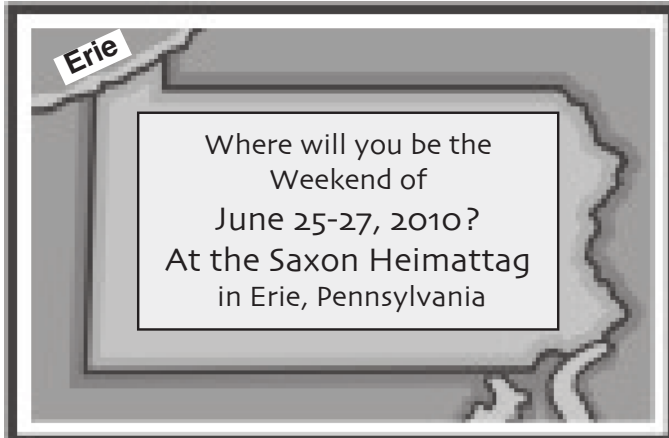
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## BRANCH 18, SALEM By Barbara Brayn

Regular business at our May meeting included passing a motion to support Caroline Stone in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The ladies moved to pay for the proposed addition of a storage room to the clubhouse, for which the men have obtained bids on. Brother Sam McKinney of Branch 19 presented the plans at our April meeting and gave more details at the May meeting. Branch 18 and 19 will be participating in the International Festival to be held in downtown Salem this summer. More information will be coming.

We are saddened at the passing of Sister Jean Pridon, and two of our fifty-year members and dedicated Saxon sisters, Elsie Gross and Sara Bodendorfer. Elsie was a familiar face at the joint socials and the monthly meetings, and Sara was our dedicated treasurer for many years. They will be missed. We send our condolences to the families of Jean, Elsie and Sara. Acknowledgments were received for the memorial gifts to Salem High School Alumni Association in memory of Jean Pridon and to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in memory of Elsie Gross.

The Salem Saxon Scholarship applications are available for graduat-



ing high school seniors. Applications are available at the guidance offices at Salem High School, West Branch High School, and United High School. Completed applications are due by June 9 and the scholarships will be awarded at the July 9 joint social. This is the 25th year of awarding scholarships and the trustees of the scholarship fund each donated \$25 in recognition. The trustees would like to encourage past recipients and others to match their donations. Donations may be made payable to the Salem Saxon Scholarship Fund and mailed to Art Maroscher, P.O. Box 720, Salem OH 44460.

The 102nd ATS convention was held on May 15 and 16 and hosted by Cleveland East Branch 33, which celebrated its 100th anniversary. Branch 18 placed a half page ad in the souvenir booklet. Our delegates were President Marilyn McNutt, Walburga Spack, Barbara Brayn, Florence Spack, Catherine Sanor and Darlene Sanor. ATS scholarship winners were announced. Special congratulations go to Rachel Fritzman of Branch 18, recipient of the \$400 Donzella Herman Scholarship, and to Zachary Puntel of Branch 30, the first recipient of the \$1000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship. A highlight of the Saturday evening program was guest speaker, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and her memories and stories of Saxon heritage. Congratulations to newly elected trustee to the ATS Board of Directors, Hanz Hermann, and best wishes to outgoing trustee, Hilde Mueller. Branch 33 did a tremendous job and they are to be commended.

Our next meeting will be on Monday June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

## BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Elmer Schneider

The next meeting for Branch 5 will be on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the American Slovak Club. We will be having our before the meeting dinner at Chris restaurant at 6 pm.

We hope that we will have a good turnout. Reports will be given by our delegates to the ATS Convention. They thank the hosts, ATS Branch 33, for their hospitality,

meals, and music. We wish to offer our congratulations to Branch 33 on their celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wish them continued success in the future. Members who will be celebrating birthdays in the month of June are Brothers Paul Kirschner and Elmer Schneider. Juveniles include Cassandra Hyer, Castle Weber, Logan Davis and Kayla Ali. We wish these members a "Very Happy Birthday" and hope they will have many more, happy and healthy ones to come.

Don't forget our attendance prize; you are eligible if you are present and signed up. So come and be a part of this and perhaps you will be the lucky one this coming month.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



The 102nd ATS Convention was held on May 15th and 16th and hosted by Cleveland East, Branch 33. This was held in conjunction with their 100th Anniversary celebration. We had a very productive and orderly Convention. Many committee reports and affiliated organization reports were given and approved and all of the constitutional changes were accepted as proposed. We also had the election of officers. 1st Vice President, Robert Cunningham, 3rd Vice President, John Boehm, Treasurer, Denise Aeling-Crawford, Trustees, Pete Karsti and Ronald Benedict, were up for re-election and retained their current positions. Our congratulations go to our newly elected Trustee, Hanz Hermann. He has been co-editor of the *Volksblatt* as well as a member of Branch 1, Cleveland West, and an ATS Appointee for many years. I wish to thank out-going Trustee, Hilde Mueller, Branch 9, Chicago, for the time and effort she put forth as a member of the ATS National Board. May she have continued success as President of Branch 9. Sales Promotion Awards were given, as well as Scholarship Awards, Branch Sharing Grants, and Handicraft Exhibit Awards. The complete minutes of the 102nd Convention are printed in this issue of the *Volksblatt*.

The 100th Anniversary Dinner/Dance was held on Saturday evening. The guest speaker was Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She spoke of her childhood as she was raised in Cleveland and the stories that were told by her grandfather regarding the history of Transylvania and the Saxons' flight into other countries. She also described her family's participation in so many of the ATS events and activities. She certainly made a great impression on all who were fortunate enough to hear her. She had our complete attention.

We congratulate Branch 33 on their 100th Anniversary and thank Branch President, George T. Schneider, his officers and committee members for hosting this wonderful weekend of events which was very well organized. We also thank the many delegates who were appointed to serve on special committees for the Convention. Every one of them did a fine job. As always, our Home Office Staff is to be commended for their work in making the Convention a great success.

It was very thoughtful of Susanna and Sam Fleischer of Branch 37, Detroit, to come with gifts for the Convention delegates. They brought large bundles of very colorful peacock feathers which they distributed after the Saturday session. We thank them for this wonderful gesture.

Quote of the Day:

"Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

It's lovely to sink into a warm bed, close our eyes, and let the world fall away. A good night's sleep helps our bodies and minds recover from the stress of the day. When we go to bed early, we can wake up early. And when we wake up we have a jump-start on the day. We can use the time to write in a journal, take a quiet walk, or meditate--things that are hard to squeeze in once the day gets busy.

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



TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
MAILED WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2010

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LAST CHANCE TO MAKE  
HEIMATTAG RESERVATIONS

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

Our delegates enjoyed attending the 102nd ATS Convention session and Branch 33's 100th Anniversary celebration. We wish to thank Branch 33 for their fine hospitality and congratulate them on their evening program. Master of Ceremonies, Robert Schneider, the son of Past ATS President Edward Schneider, did an excellent job and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's talk was outstanding. It was great to share in the Gemütlichkeit with our friends from the other ATS Branches. Next year we will return to Cleveland-East for the Branch Presidents' Meeting that will be hosted by the ladies of ATS Branch 34 who will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

We welcome our new junior member, Raquel Miller and her brothers Kurt and Ian who joined Branch 1. They are my cousins who live in California, but we hope they will enjoy participating in the ATS coloring contests and Bowl Where You Are Tournament. They take German language classes on Saturdays. So someday they will be able to read the German articles in our *Volksblatt*.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday evening, June 21. We will have a spaghetti dinner at 6 pm followed by our business meeting at 7 pm. This will be our last meeting before summer break, so we hope that you will join us.

The Munderfing Brass Band and Dance Group will be visiting Cleveland June 30 and July 1. Their concert will be held at the Sachsenheim on Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 pm. Admission is only \$10. There will be sandwiches and refreshments available for purchase before and after the concert. Please make your reservations by calling Robert Cunningham at (216)398-7520 by June 25th. If you are interested in housing a member or two from the Munderfing group please contact Hanz Hermann at (440)892-0436.

This summer the ATS Youth Activities Committee has scheduled Saxon Summer Camp for the week of July 18 - 24 at the Joseph Badger Meadows Campground. Camp has been extended for one more night at the same price, \$200 for ATS members, ages 8 - 13 and \$260 for non-members. Also, a Family Day will be held at Waldameer Amusement Park and Water World which is located in Erie, PA. on Saturday, July 31st. The ATS has reserved a pavilion where you can bring in your own picnic basket and there will be no charge for those adults that do not want to go on rides or use the water park. So let's make this day a Family Affair. Watch for ticket sale information in the *Volksblatt*.

Don't forget to come down to the Sachsenheim for Monday Pizza Night, \$1 a Slice; "Taco Tuesday"; Wednesday Wing Night; Thursday's Recession

**BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN**  
By Tom Fizet

There are no Branch meetings in June, but mark your calendar for July 11, 2010 at 2:30 PM. Both Branches will meet then; don't forget.

Offer your Prayers and get well thoughts for all who may be sick or in need.

Lorie and Jeff Wellington, Co-chairmen for the Couples Bocce League, are looking for those who may want to play in the League. League play will start on Friday June 4th at 6:00 PM. It would be helpful if you would invite some friends to join in the fun. Talk to Lorie or Jeff or you can call them at 330-707-0010. We do have some vacancies and some openings on the sub. List.

Heimattag will be in Erie, PA June 25 - 27, 2010. You still have time to get in your reservations. The Munderfing Brass Band and Dance Group from Munderfing, Austria will be there. They will then travel to Youngstown for a concert on Monday, June 28, and there will be a Dinner at 6:00 PM and the Concert at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Contact Walter Benesch, or call the office for information, check the *Volksblatt* and the bulletin board.

The Flea Market sale in the Parking lot is open on Tuesdays. Bring your things that you are trying to sell down. See Marty Eberth, III and he will help you locate a spot to set up. If you aren't selling, stop in to see what there is to buy. There is always something to buy and people to talk to.

The Youngstown Saxon Club will be closed on Monday, May 31st, Memorial Day.

Retirees will meet on Thursday June 10, 2010 in the Ballroom.

Always check the bulletin board and elsewhere in the *Volksblatt* if you are in need of information.

The Dance group is doing well in the Ballroom on Sunday evenings from 6 to 10 PM. This is a national group, a \$5.00 cover charge, to offset their expenses. Beverage and food will be available from the kitchen and bar in the Ballroom. See the bulletin board for their letter of introduction. There you can find all information and phone numbers to call. These dances are open to the public.

The Saxon Day Picnic will be in the Pavilion on July 25. Come prepared for some Gemuetlichkeit, refreshments and good food.

A reminder : if you are planning a graduation, picnic, or party, we have for you a catering and take out catering service available. Reservations may also be made for the Pavilion, the Lounge, or the Ballroom. Call the office soon at 330-792-7973

In the near future the Restoration Committee will be getting a price together to do the tile work in the Men's Room. Keep this in mind if you will consider to contribute to the Memorial and Celebration Committee for this restoration. Thanks.

So goes the News.

**Congratulations!**  
Natalie Karsti & John Zarlenga III  
The couple will be married in  
Las Vegas on June 19th, 2010  
with a reception at the  
Youngstown Saxon Club  
on Saturday, July 31, 2010  
Love and best wishes  
From the Karsti Family

**Schnitzel Fest**  
brought to you by  
The Deutscher Musik Verein (DMV)



*Family Friendly Event*

- Tender SCHNITZEL in many varieties . . . Including Wiener, Pork, Chicken and a vegetarian offering in eggplant! Try one . . . Try them all!
- Authentic German sides and a tasty beverage selection, including festive libations for the adults.
- Dance and party to the sounds of the DMV.

**MODEST PRICES, QUALITY EXPERIENCE!**  
Sandwiches \$5.50 - 6.00 each  
Sides are \$1.00

WHEN: Sunday, June 6, 2010  
DOORS OPEN: 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: West Side Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44102

Reservations strongly encouraged!  
Call Grumpy at the West Side Sachsenheim: 216.577.7727



Hot Dog and Hamburger Night and Friday for perch, pollock, salmon or shrimp dinner or various Bar Bites. On Tuesday, June 1st, our member Geoffrey

Wittine and his group the Carolina Jazmine will perform at the Sachsenheim from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. It is an added pleasure for Taco Tuesday.

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**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES  
IS FRIDAY - 12 NOON.**

You may either

**MAIL: PO BOX 45198,  
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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:**

<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010	FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010
FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2010	FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010
FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2010	FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010

**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.



**2010 SAXON HEIMATTAG**  
**JUNE 25 – 27**



**AMBASSADOR BANQUET HALL**  
**ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**HEIMATTAG EVENTS BY RESERVATION ONLY!**

**FRIDAY EVENING – JUNE 25**

**KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND**

**7:30 – 11:00 PM – SIEBENBUERGER CLUB BALLROOM**

**2114 French Street, Erie, PA.**

**Informal social with cultural groups**

**from USA, Canada and Austria, DJ**

**\$10 Admission includes warm sandwiches,  
salads, and desserts.**

**Reservations are required.**

**SATURDAY EVENING – JUNE 26**

**HEIMATTAG PROGRAM**

**6:00 PM – Midnight – AMBASSADOR BANQUET HALL**

**7792 Peach Street, Erie, PA.**

**SUNDAY MORNING – JUNE 27**

**CHURCH SERVICE 9:00 AM**

**AMBASSADOR'S HEMINGWAY ROOM**

**10:00 AM KUNDGEBUNG –**

**DIGNITARIES, CULTURAL PROGRAM**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON – JUNE 27**

**AMBASSADOR BALLROOM**

**NOON – LUNCH AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES**

**MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Ticket Price	# Tickets Requested	Total
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**FRIDAY EVENING**

**KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND**

**June 25, 2010**

**Siebenbuerger Club**

**7:30 – 11:00 pm**

\$10.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**SATURDAY EVENING**

**AMBASSADOR BALLROOM**

**Sirloin Filet**

\$33.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**Chicken Marsala**

\$29.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**Children 12 & under**

\$18.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**(chicken fingers; French fries)**

**SUNDAY NOON**

**AMBASSADOR BALLROOM**

**Roast Pork Loin w/apple-**

**walnut stuffing**

\$23.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**Stuffed Chicken Breast**

\$23.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**Children 12 & under**

\$18.00	x _____	\$ _____
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**(hamburger; French fries)**

**GRAND TOTAL (US Currency)**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Check or Money Order is to be made payable to ATS.**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 26, 2010.**

**Reservations made by: (Tickets will be held in your name)**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_**

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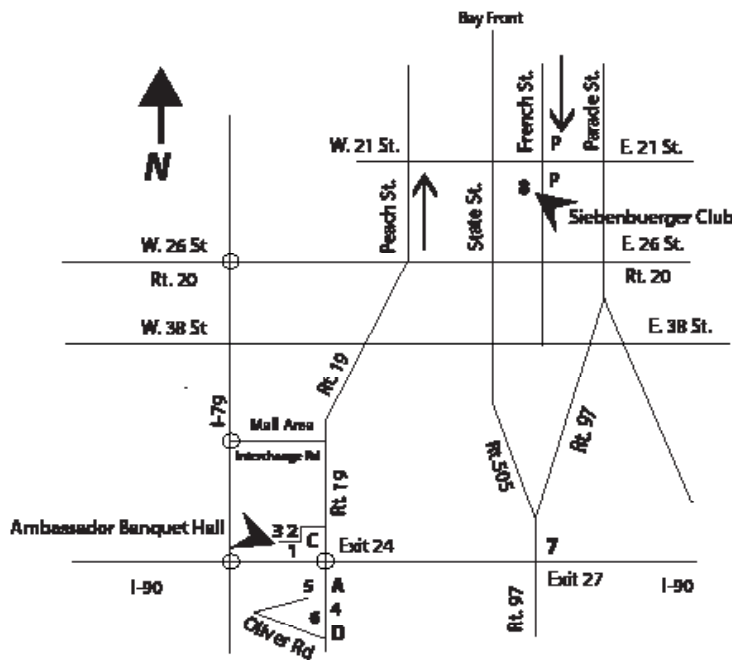
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**NOTE: ONLY US CURRENCY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE  
AMBASSADOR BANQUET HALL AND SIEBENBUERGER CLUB.**

**THERE WILL BE ASSIGNED SEATING.  
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SEATING PREFERENCE**



1. Ambassador Banquet Hall
2. Courtyard by Marriott
3. Hilton Garden Inn
4. Comfort Inn
5. Econolodge
6. Microtel
7. Days Inn
8. Siebenbuerger Club

- A Bob Evans
- B. Eat 'N Park
- C. Applebees
- D. Splash Lagoon

**2010 HEIMATTAG  
HOTEL INFORMATION  
June 25-27, 2010**

**DEADLINE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS  
MAY 26, 2010**

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
8040 Peach St.  
(Exit 24 on I-90)  
Erie, PA 16509  
Phone 814-866-2773  
Double Room - \$129.00

**Days Inn**  
7415 Schultz Rd.  
(Exit 27 on I-90)  
Erie, PA 16509  
Phone 814-868-8521  
Double Room \$99.00

**Econolodge**  
8050 Peach St.  
(Exit 24 on I-90)  
Erie, PA 16509  
Phone 814-866-5544  
Double Room \$109.00

**Microtel**  
(Exit 24 on I-90)  
8100 Peach St.  
Erie, PA 16509  
1 Queen Bed \$99.95

**HILTON GARDEN INN IS CONNECTED  
TO THE AMBASSADOR BANQUET HALL.**

**ALL ROOM RATES ARE PLUS 11% TAX.**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
DAYTIME ACTIVITIES:**

1. Presque Isle Downs & Casino (3 miles east of Ambassador)
2. Shopping at Millcreek Mall located just north of the Ambassador)
3. Presque Isle Aquabus water taxi at Dobbins Landing on the bayfront [www.porterie.org](http://www.porterie.org)
4. Presque Isle Boat Tours / Lady Kate at Perry Monument on Presque Isle. [www.piboattours.com](http://www.piboattours.com)
5. Guided tours of wineries in North East, PA with free samples (15 miles east of Ambassador) [www.catchwine.com/wineries/pennsylvania/heritage\\_wine\\_cellars/](http://www.catchwine.com/wineries/pennsylvania/heritage_wine_cellars/)
6. Erie Maritime Museum on the bayfront
7. Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort -Special discount coupons can be used from 6:00-9:00 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - \$15.95. (Call Liz Manning at 814-864-6072 for Discount Coupons)

**WE SUGGEST MAKING RESERVATIONS AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE DUE TO MANY EVENTS  
SCHEDULED IN THIS AREA.**

**Sunscreen: Here's the  
latest news and the  
conventional wisdom**

It's important to get your vitamins and antioxidants, but generally, we think about food as the source of those nutrients. Now, new research shows that nutrients can be absorbed through the skin, too.

At the Coppertone Solar Research Center, they have discovered that products containing certain antioxidants, especially the vitamin E found in their 2010 line, can build up the skin's natural defenses against sun damage. Their findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in Miami.

*How about sunscreen pills?*

Makers of so-called sun pills, which are sold on the Internet, do not claim the pills are a replacement for sunscreen lotions. Instead producers make various claims that their products soothe skin in case of sunburn and improve the skin overall. The ingredients are said to come from tropical plants or French herbs. Like many herbal supplements, the price tag can be very high at more than \$1 a pill and the efficacy of the pills is still a matter of debate.

*Conventional wisdom*

Here is the best advice on protecting yourself from painful sunburn in the short run and from cancer caused by sun damage in the long run:

- Use a sunscreen with at least an SPF 15 rating. It blocks 93 percent of UV radiation. SPF 30 blocks about 97 percent.

- Apply half an hour before you get into the sun. Reapply every two to three hours.

- Use enough. It takes about 1 1/4 fluid ounces to cover a body.

- Pay attention to special risk areas, such as the cheekbones, bridge of the nose, lower lip, tops of the ears, outside of the arms and top of the head if there is not much hair there. If you will be sitting down, be sure you have plenty of sunscreen on your thighs.

**Travel Tip**

When you are packing suitcases for your family, don't place all the clothes for one person in a single bag. If that bag were to be lost, then that person would have no clothes. It is better to divide clothing amongst all your bags, so that if one is lost, at least everyone still has some of their personal belongings.

## FRATERNAL CALENDAR

### NATIONAL EVENTS

#### 2010

- June 12, 2010  
TSBA Convention Erie PA
- June 25 - 27, 2010  
Saxon Heimattag Celebration  
Erie, Pennsylvania - Host: Branch 2
- July 18 - 24, 2010  
Saxon Summer Camp  
Joseph Badger Meadow Camp Burhill, OH  
Ages 8 - 13
- July 24, 2010  
ATS Golf Outing  
Host Branch 25 New Castle  
Mohawk Trail Golf Course
- July 31, 2010  
ATS Family Day  
Waldameer Park/Water World Erie PA  
Deep River Water Park Crown Point IN
- September 10 - 12  
Teen Weekend  
Salem Saxon Club Grounds  
Ages 13 - 19
- September 25, 2010  
Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund Convention  
Host Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor Cleveland
- October 23-24, 2010  
ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Stardust II Lanes - Merrillville, Indiana
- ### LOCAL EVENTS
- May 29, 2010  
Salem Br. 18/19 Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?  
New Castle Br. 25 Opening Weekend @ the Grounds
- May 31, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Monday Night Drawing @ the Grounds
- June 6, 2010  
Merrillville Br. 26 NO MEETING: Railcats Baseball Game  
Cleveland Deutscher Musik Verein Schnitzelfest
- June 2, 2010  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
- June 3, 2010  
Salem Br. 19 Officer's Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- June 11, 2010  
Salem Br. 18/19 Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- June 13, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Bolwers Picnic \* Grounds 4pm
- June 14, 2010  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- June 19, 2010  
Salem Br. 18/19 Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- June 20, 2010  
Chicago Br. 9 Annual Picnic Lynne Woods,  
Morton Grove
- June 26, 2010  
Salem Br. 18/19 Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
- June 27, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament
- June 28, 2010  
Youngstown Munderfing Band and Dance Group
- July 1, 2010  
Salem Br. 19 Officers Mtg. 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland Munderfing Band and Dance Group
- July 3, 2010  
Salem Br. 18/19 4th of July Dance (CH) 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- July 4, 2010  
New Castle Br 25 July 4th Picnic @ the Grounds
- July 11, 2010  
Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting
- July 17, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Singer's Picnic noon @ Grounds
- August 1, 2010  
Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting
- August 7, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Jimmy Buffet Night @ Grounds
- August 15, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Members Picnic @ Grounds
- August 27, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Night at the Races @ Grounds
- September 5, 2010  
Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting  
New Castle Branch 25 Bocce Tournament @  
Grounds (1 PM - ?, Steak dinner to follow)
- September 6, 2010  
New Castle Br. 25 Monday Night Drawing @Grounds
- September 11, 2010  
Merrillville Br. 26 Balmoral Race Track outing

### BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Hilda Kautz

Congratulations again to Cleveland East, Branch 33, on your 100th Anniversary and many thanks for the magnificent celebration you arranged for everyone to enjoy. Even the weather cooperated and it was grand to have the chance to be with old friends (like Hermie Hann) and to meet other Saxons.

We are happy that Michael Gellner of Columbus received one of the \$1,000. scholarships and congratulate all of the recipients who will be off to college in the Fall.

A BIG thank you to all of our officers who continue to take care of our interests and special thanks to Hilde Mueller of Chicago for her service as a trustee over the past years.

The report by Rosemarie Kascher on the Altenheim in Hermannstadt was extremely interesting and makes one glad to be living in the good "ole U.S. of A."

The address by the Reverend Elizabeth Eaton at the banquet was certainly outstanding and it's always fun when the dancers in their beautiful Trachts entertain us.

A special thank you to Hanz and Barb Hermann for the extra copies of the *Volksblatt*; they were much appreciated by our members, and thanks to Rob Cunningham for his help in procuring a Saxon cookbook for me.

The Columbus Saxons had their regular monthly meeting on May 17 and the report on the highlights of the convention was given. The ladies at the meeting were very happy to receive the colorful peacock feathers from Susie and Sam Fleischer of Detroit. Now, how soon can you get those birds to molt again, Sam?

Both Mike Lochner and Karl Mueller were back in our midst and it was good to see you both doing better. Karl's name was even drawn for the attendance prize.

We are proud of our young people graduating from high schools and colleges:

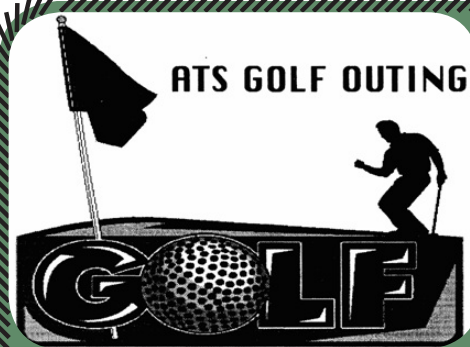
Michael Gellner from Gahanna-Lincoln High School will attend Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He is the grandson of John and Doris Gellner.

Tyler Falter from Groveport-Madison High School is the great-grandson of Rose Inman

Laura Brooker from Ohio State University with a B.S. in Psychology will pursue her Master's at Ohio State. She is the granddaughter of Regina Kellner.

Katherine Guerard from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio with a B.A. has accepted a position with Teach for America and will be in the New Orleans, Louisiana area. She is the granddaughter of Dick and Hilda Kautz.

Our thanks to Mary Lochner and Susie Karst for baking the delicious "klotch" and blueberry



### ATS GOLF OUTING

July 24,  
2010

8:00 AM  
Shotgun Start

### Host Branch 25 New Castle Mohawk Trails Golf Course

Breakfast provided, lunch at the turn.  
Dinner after golf at the picnic grounds  
More details coming soon ... Prizes, Prizes, Prizes

### YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Saxon Retirees luncheon meeting held on May 13, 2010 at the Youngstown Saxon Club.

Everything is the same. Our president Pat Bokesch opened the meeting with a funny story. Too bad though that the secretary does not remember what it was. Second on the list, of course, is our prayer to God. *God, you are so great to all of us. Do we really thank you enough? Everything we are and have comes from You. Thank you!*

We are fortunate to be living in this great land. We are a land of plenty. We are a land of freedom and security. So we sing "God Bless America" and we pledge our allegiance to the flag that represents our country.

John and Yo, you did it again. Dorothy Bokesch and Marge Troll selected the menu for today but you guys did the work and put it all together. So take a much deserved bow.

The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting. There were no mistakes or omissions so they were accepted by Eileen Anerino, Paul Beight and approved by all. The treasurer Min Haner was absent, so there was no money report.

Birthdays for today are Curt Callahan and Dorothy Chlebus and we sing "Happy Birthday" and many more. I think maybe that is why we see Gary and Jane. Gary is her (Dorothy) son and Jane is his woman. It's good to see you every few months.

Sick list: Mike Timnick, Gail



Streusel cake.

Happy June birthdays to: Sara Kalwiener (4), Brianna Mueller (4), Martin Hesch (6), George Alzner (11), Susie Mueller (13), and Sara Inge Brown (22). Happy Anniversary to Hedy and John Fleischer on June 2 and best wishes for many more happy years together.

In just a few weeks we will be off on our Mississippi River Cruise adventure. We are looking forward to lots of camaraderie and hopefully good weather. Enjoy the summer.

Harsayne, Betty Stevens and Jean Wilson. Please get well, we miss you and come back soon.

We do have some comers back and they are Curt and Alice Callahan back for the summer, great!

Membership .. The men of our organization have been delegated to present a new program to encourage all out there to join us. Kay Ring, Jerry Perrine, Martha Konrad and Curt Callahan have come up with excellent ideas. More to come later because this seems to be the project for all of us to become involved in.

Raffle winners were Gert Prest and lucky Irene Brown, her number was pulled twice.

Gert Prest has arranged for a guest speaker for the June gathering, Tod Franks, editor of our local *Vindicator*. We will listen to what he has to say and I'm sure there will be many questions we have for him, poor guy.

Eileen Anerino needs our prayers at this present time.

Hostesses for the month of June are Kay Ring (330-759-8089) and Gert Prest (330-759-1257). Please call one of the above if there are any additions or corrections to the standard luncheon list on or before Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our songstress Martha Konrad now leads us in the traditional closing "So ein Tag!" That's all folks.

Special note: Kay Ring's phone number has been changed to 234-421-5116. Thank you.

### The Red, White, and Blue

A man visiting from the Netherlands was talking with the man next to him in the airport. He said that the colors in their flag were also red, white, and blue.

"For many of us," he said, "our flag symbolizes our taxes. We get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bill, and blue after we pay them."

"Same here," said the American. "Only we see stars too!"



# Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 102nd Convention

May 15, 16, 2010

Cleveland, Ohio - Branch No. 33



## First Day's Session

### Convention Called to Order

President Thomas Manning called the 102nd Convention of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons to order at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Brother George T. Schneider, President of Branch 33, Cleveland-East, wished all Delegates and Officers a nice weekend and an enjoyable convention.

### Invocation

Reverend Paul Stork, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Highland Heights, Ohio gave the Invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Delegation stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the singing of the National Anthem and "Siebenbürgen", accompanied on the piano by Karyn Schmidt, Branch 34 – Cleveland East.

### Opening Remarks

President Manning thanked the Delegates for being prompt and also asked them to vote on the Handicraft Exhibit items before 9 p.m. The contents of the Delegates Booklet were reviewed. Delegates were asked to stand to be recognized and to state their name and their Branch when called upon.

### Special Greetings

President Manning read a message from John Werner, Chairman of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons in Canada. He extended greetings and best wishes for a successful Convention.

### Report on Delegates' Credentials

First Vice President, Robert Cunningham reported that the Delegates' credentials were verified at the ATS Home Office and all present were eligible to be seated as Delegates.

### Roll Call of Officers and Delegates

The Roll Call of Officers and Delegates were held and the following were present:

Board of Directors: President Tom Manning, Erie, Branch #2, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Cunningham, Cleveland, Branch #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joan Miller-Malue, Cleveland, Branch #4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President John Boehm, Youngstown, Branch #30, Secretary Monica Weber, Cleveland, Branch #4, Treasurer Denise Crawford, Alliance, Branch #8, and Trustees Hilde Mueller, Chicago, Branch #9, Pete Karsti, Youngstown, Branch #30, Ron Benedict, New Castle, Branch #25, Jake Spor, New Castle, Branch #25, and Barbara Brayn, Salem, Branch #18.

### Delegates:

BR. 1 CLEVELAND WEST: Adolf Fischer, Hanz Hermann, Jakob Zimmer, Andreas Gross, Michael Salmen, Hans Botsch  
BR. 2 ERIE: Thomas J. Manning, Elizabeth J. Manning, Arthur E. Pinczewski, Valerie F. Pinczewski, Margaret Pinczewski, George J. Cook, Vincenzo Leone, Richard J. Wolfe, Sr., Leona K. Wolfe  
BR. 3 ALLIANCE: Not Represented  
BR. 4 CLEVELAND WEST: Rosemarie Zimmer, Donna Jankow, Stephanie Miller-Hanek, Patty Cunningham, Maria Fischer, Erika Botsch, Christa Herbert  
BR. 5 LORAIN: George H. Schneider, Brian Gilles  
BR. 7 FARRELL: Bertha Chec, Elizabeth Holmes, Betty J. Krafft  
BR. 8 ALLIANCE: Helen Aeling, Denise Aeling Crawford  
BR. 9 CHICAGO: Georg Thut, Jr., Diethild Thut, Andreas Mueller, Hilde PZR Mueller  
BR. 10 COLUMBUS: Richard Kautz, Hilda Kautz  
BR. 11 LORAIN: Monica F. Gilles, Sharron Powell  
BR. 14 CANTON: Not Represented  
BR. 17 CANTON: Not Represented  
BR. 18 SALEM: Marilyn McNutt, Walburga Spack, Barbara Brayn, Florence Spack, Catherine Sanor, Darlene Sanor  
BR. 19 SALEM: George R. Spack, Sr., Henry A. Spack, Glenn Spack  
BR. 22 YOUNGSTOWN: Bonnie Baker, Marianne Sawicki, Teresa Stryffeler, Sofia Froom, Helen Fotiuk, Fran Hinerman, Eileen Mauch, Eva Karsti, Maria

Bachinger, Rosemarie Kascher, Sara Deutschlander, Martha Konrad

BR. 25 NEW CASTLE: Daniel Both  
BR. 26 MERRILLVILLE: Robert P. Guip, Randall B. Floyd  
BR. 27 NEW CASTLE: Edith B. Hartfelder, Marie A. Benedict, Patricia Both  
BR. 29 MONACA: Not Represented  
BR. 30 YOUNGSTOWN: Walter Benesch, John Bachinger, James Mauch, Bill Karako, Ernie Roth, Martin Eberth, III, Roger Fotiuk, David Stryffeler, Richard Maurer  
BR. 32 ELLWOOD CITY: Not Represented  
BR. 33 CLEVELAND EAST: George T. Schneider, Fred Krestel, Dolf Litschel, Jeff Krestel,  
BR. 34 CLEVELAND EAST: Margaret Schmidt, Barbara Hum, Ingeborg Krestel, Ema Litschel  
BR. 37 DETROIT: Susanna Fleischer, George Schemmel, Sr., Samuel Klein  
BR. 40 MERRILLVILLE: Brigitte Floyd  
BR. 45 ELLWOOD CITY: Not Represented

HOME BRANCH: Robert Cunningham, III, Monica M. Weber, Joan A. Miller-Malue, John Boehm, Jr., Peter Karsti, Jacob Spor, Ronald Benedict

### Past Officer Recognition

The following Past Officers of the ATS were introduced:

George Schemmel, Sr., Branch 37, Detroit  
Ema Litschel, Branch 34, Cleveland  
Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance  
Henry Holmes, Branch 7, Farrell  
Sofia Froom, Branch 22, Youngstown

### Introduction of Guests

The following guests were introduced to the Convention: Marie Benedict, New Castle, Branch 27, President of the Transylvanian Saxons Bowling Association. National Committee Appointees: Helen Aeling, Branch 8 Alliance, Hanz Hermann, Branch 1 Cleveland; Future Planning Committee Appointee: Henry Holmes, Branch 7, Farrell.

### Special Recognition

President Manning asked for a moment of silence in memory of Karl Schmidt who passed away in November, 2009. Karl had served on the ATS Board of Directors for 25 years, twenty-one of those years as the Treasurer.

### Visitors

All visiting ATS Members were welcomed to the Convention.

### Memorial Service

Pastor Paul Stork conducted the Memorial Service in remembrance of our departed Saxon Sisters and Brothers.

### Convention Committees

The following members were appointed by President Manning to fulfill Convention duties:

Registration Committee:  
Mike Bretz, Branch 33, Cleveland East  
Henry Hum, Branch 33, Cleveland East

Chaplain:  
Bette Schmidt, Branch 34, Cleveland East

Convention Marshall:  
Jeff Krestel, Branch 33, Cleveland East

Sergeant-at-Arms:  
Mike Adam, Branch 33, Cleveland East

Election Committee:  
Dolf Litschel, Branch 33, Cleveland East  
George Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit  
Rosemarie Kascher, Branch 22, Youngstown

Handicraft Exhibit Directors:  
Kathy Schneider, Branch 34, Cleveland East  
Cindy Schneider, Branch 34, Cleveland East

Piano Accompanist:  
Karyn Schmidt, Branch 34, Cleveland East

Parliamentarian:  
Glenn Spack, Branch 19, Salem

### Reading of the Minutes from the 101<sup>st</sup> Convention

Whereas each Delegate had been provided with a printed copy for reference, a motion was made by John Bachinger, Branch 30, Youngstown, seconded by Glenn Spack, Branch 19, Salem to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 101st Convention. Motion carried.

### Induction or Dissolution of Branches

There were no new Branches to be inducted nor were there any dissolution of Branches to report.

### Board of Director's Reports

The Delegates were asked to hear all reports and act upon them collectively.

### President's Report

President Manning reported that although the past two years have been difficult for the economy the ATS has remained strong because of sound and prudent management of assets and the diversification of corporate holdings. It has been challenging to find investments with a high quality rating and good rate of return. However the ATS has ample cash to cover all operating expenses and member's insurance and annuity benefits.

Total assets have increased and the ATS has shown a net gain from operations, however, due to a downgrading of several bond holdings we had a net loss for 2009. Additional annuity deposits continue to grow however investment income and membership are down. President Manning stressed the need for all delegates to recruit membership into the ATS. Finally, he thanked the ATS Board of Directors and the Home Office Staff for their support and assistance.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Weber reported on the Membership and Insurance Activity for 2009. During the year, 84 life and annuity certificates were issued with an insurance value of \$408,779 and annuity deposits of \$2,112,679. The total number of life and annuity certificates decreased by 122 for an ending total of 9,326 certificates. Membership decreased by 99 members for a year-end total of 7,746 members. Total life insurance value of the ATS at December 31, 2009 was \$26,059,898. This represents an increase of \$45,325 from year end 2008. The total ATS annuity value at December 31, 2009 was \$50,302,012. This was an increase of \$2,112,679 from year-end 2008.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crawford reported on the financial condition of the ATS for the year ending December 31, 2009. Total assets were \$69,863,797, which is an increase of \$3,167,349 from previous year end. Unassigned funds increased to \$4,974,623. Premium and annuity income of \$4,244,355 was up by \$1,630,245 compared to the previous year. Investment income was \$3,581,921 a decrease of \$424,587 from 2008. Benefits paid to members totaled \$3,959,914. Remaining expenses totaled \$906,801. The net gain from operations for the year 2009 was \$217,680. We had a negative \$523,167 of capital losses. This was due to losses from bonds whose values have decreased or the company is in bankruptcy. We are required by the State Insurance Department to document those losses against our income and adjust our reserves thus resulting in a loss for the year.

The ATS files annual and quarterly financial statements with the NAIC and the Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana Insurance Departments. Other required reports are the "Management Discussion and Analysis Report" and Cash Flow testing reports. In addition the ATS is audited every 3 to 5 years by the Ohio Insurance Department. This occurred in 2009 and most of the ATS Constitutional changes being suggested are a result of their recommendations.

Treasurer Crawford noted that all Branches have filed the annual 990 or 990-N electronic postcard. She reminded the Delegation that we need to increase life

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insurance sales. The ATS Board is controlling costs, investment income is a reflection of the economy, but the membership can control sales.

**Audit Report**

Treasurer Crawford, Chairman of the Audit Committee, stated that the Trustees examined the ATS financial records at the Annual Audit. During 2009 James G. Zupka CPA, Inc. conducted an Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year 2008. In their opinion the financial statements in the Annual Report fairly represent the summary of operations and the overall financial status of the Alliance as of December 31, 2008. During 2009, the Ohio Department of Insurance also conducted an examination of the ATS financial statements. All accounts and activities of the ATS were considered in accordance with the risk-focused examination process. The 2008 Balance Sheet contained in their Report of Examination reflected the total of admitted assets and liabilities and surplus as reported on our filed 2008 Annual Statement. Treasurer Crawford noted that annual and quarterly statements are filed with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the State Insurance Departments of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan.

A motion was made by George Spack, Branch 19, Salem, seconded by Marie Benedict, Branch 27, New Castle to accept the Board of Directors reports as given. Motion carried.

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

The Board of Directors, represented by Treasurer Denise Crawford, presented the following Budget proposals for the next year periods of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 for Convention consideration and approval:

Salary for each one year period	\$335,000
Sales Promotion for each one year period	\$60,000
Fraternal Activities for each one year period	\$50,000

Treasurer Crawford reminded the Delegates that they would vote on the proposals at a later time.

Trustee Ronald Benedict presented the Constitutional changes as proposed by the ATS Board of Directors. He noted that the proposed changes are based on recommendations from the Ohio Department of Insurance. The proposed change to Article VIII, Section 5 concerning the nominations for officers would be effective starting with the 2012 election.

**Article VII—Officers, Section 3**

Currently reads: The Board of Directors shall appoint or hire a Legal Advisor, a Chief Medical Examiner, and

staff personnel.

Proposed change: The Board of Directors shall appoint or hire a Legal Advisor, a Chief Medical Examiner, and staff personnel as needed.

**Article VIII—Election of Officers, Section 5**

Currently reads: A nominee for election to Office must be of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof, must be an ATS member in good standing for the past three years; must be an American citizen and must be present as a Delegate at the Convention in which he/she is being nominated. Incumbent ATS Officers are eligible for re-election and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a "consent to be nominated."

Proposed change: A Branch nominating committee must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the National 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"

A nominee for election to Office must meet the following:

- 1) Be of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth, or a descendant thereof
- 2) Be an American citizen
- 3) Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past 3 years
- 4) Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance.
- 5) Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous National Convention
- 6) Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance
- 7) Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office
- 8) Not be a current Officer in another fraternal benefit society

**Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 1 (e)**

Currently reads: The President, in addition to the Secretary and the Treasurer, shall sign all minutes, documents, money orders, and other legal instruments or documents as required.

Proposed change: The President may sign contracts, other legal instruments or documents, which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed and which require the signature of the National President to authenticate. The President, Treasurer and Office Manager shall affix their signature to all Alliance disbursement checks. The President shall approve disbursements of the funds of the Society or designate the officer or officers who may approve such disbursements.

**Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 1 (f)**

Currently reads: The President shall have full knowledge of all matters pertaining to the operation and activities of the Alliance Office. He shall supervise the activities of all members of the Board of Directors as may be necessary to maintain the proper conduct of the Alliance business.

Proposed change: The President shall have full knowledge of all matters pertaining to the operation and activities of the Alliance Office. He shall supervise the activities of all members of the Board of Directors as may be necessary to maintain the proper conduct of the Alliance business and review monthly financial documents as appropriate.

**Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 4**

Currently reads: The Secretary shall record all the minutes of all Conventions and Board of Directors' Meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for reporting all membership statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention.

Proposed change: The Secretary shall record and sign all the minutes of all Conventions and Board of Directors' Meetings. The Secretary may sign contracts, other legal documents or documents which require the signature of the Secretary to authenticate. The Secretary shall be responsible for reporting all membership statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention.

**Article IX – Duties of Officers Section 5**

Currently reads: The Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting all financial statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention.

Proposed change: The Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting all financial statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention. The Treasurer shall serve as the chairperson to the annual audit of the Board of Directors and shall recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of the independent auditor. The Treasurer shall review the monthly cash receipts and cash disbursements records of the Alliance.

**Article X – Board of Directors, Section 10 (e)**

Currently reads: Maintain accurate financial records covering all receipts and expenditures including a monthly account of all bank deposits and balances.

Proposed change: Maintain accurate financial records covering all receipts and expenditures that have been reviewed by the Treasurer and a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts that have been reviewed by the President.

**Article X – Section 10 (h)**

Proposed addition: The Alliance Office Manager will be the Financial Officer authorized to purchase and sell securities as approved by the Alliance Board of Directors; to sign all checks, money orders, to open new broker or bank accounts as approved by the President, and Treasurer.

He reminded the Delegates that they would vote on the proposed Constitutional changes at a later time.

**Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

The Delegates were asked to hear all reports and act on them collectively.

**Investment Committee**

Treasurer Denise Crawford reported on the activities of the Investment Committee. During the year 2009, twenty-three sets of bonds were purchased for a cost of \$14,145,884. Twenty-one sets of bonds were called or redeemed with proceeds of \$24,050,000. Five sets of short term investments were purchased at a cost of \$34,790,961 while three sets of short term investments were sold. The sales proceeds were \$11,302,000 for a gain of \$2,980. Four sets of stocks were sold with proceeds of \$92,298 and a realized gain of \$2,975. Also during the year, we had one reverse stock split. At December 31, 2009, the current yield on the ATS investment portfolio was 5.28%. She reminded the Delegation that the ATS investment policy is to maintain a spread of approximately 1.0% to 1.5% between the amount that is earned on investments and the amount paid to members as interest. With the ongoing recession and the unfavorable bond market, it has become more difficult to find good quality investment grade bonds for investment. We currently have a large sum of money sitting in short-term investments earning a very low interest rate. As a result, the ATS Board has decreased the interest paid to members to maintain this spread. However, the ATS rate is still comparable and competitive with other products out in the market.

The Investment Committee relies on the advice of Investment Advisor, John McPike of Investment Advisory Services. The 2009 Investment Committee consisted of President Thomas Manning, Robert Cunningham, Joan Miller-Malue, Ron Benedict and Denise Crawford.

**Orphan Fund Committee**

Chairman Rob Cunningham gave the Orphan Fund Committee Report. The Orphan Fund program provides monthly financial assistance in addition to the premium payments of the children's ATS insurance. During 2009, the program supported 4 children representing 4 families. Total benefits paid in 2009 were \$3,980. At Christmas each child was sent a monetary gift. In 2009, donations totaled \$574. The Orphan benefits

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**Siebenbürger Blasmusik Munderfing**

**Welcome our Saxon Friends from Austria**

**Cleveland Concert and Dance at Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Thursday, July 1, 2010  
7:00 pm  
Admission \$10.00**

**Sandwiches and Refreshments available for purchase before and after concert**

**Call for Reservations by June 25:  
Robert Cunningham (216)398-7520**

Check them out on the web:

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.....and on YouTube:

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are paid out of the ATS General Fund and are provided without charge, with no contractual guarantee, and have no affect on ATS insurance contracts.

The Orphan Fund Committee consists of the three Vice Presidents: Robert Cunningham, Joan Miller-Malue, and John Boehm.

Future Planning Committee

Chairman John Boehm, Jr. gave the Future Planning/Scholarship Committee Report. Twenty-three Freshmen scholarships will be awarded this year for a total of \$21,400 and eight Continuing Academic Scholarship will be awarded for a total of \$6,500. The total scholarship awards in 2010 are \$27,900.

The Academic Freshman Scholarship recipients are as follows:

- One four-year \$1,000 per year renewable Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship:  
Jeremy Lachman, Lorain, Branch 5
- One \$1,000 Past ATS Officers Memorial Scholarship:  
Alexander Kauntz, Cleveland, Branch 1
- One \$1,000 Henry Schindler Memorial Scholarship:  
Derek Schadel, Home Branch
- One \$1,000 Michael Schassburger Memorial Scholarship:  
Julie Potz, Cleveland, Branch 4
- One \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship:  
Andreas Schuster, Cleveland, Branch 1
- One \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Award:  
Dylan Drop, Lorain, Branch 5
- One \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award:  
Juliana Johnson, Lorain, Branch 11
- One \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award:  
Taylor Hoover, Erie, Branch 2
- One \$1,000 Branch 10 Columbus Scholarship Award:  
Skylar Smisson, Youngstown, Branch 30
- One \$1,000 Branch 14 Canton Scholarship Award:  
Michael Gellner, Columbus, Branch 10
- One \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in Honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34:  
Laura Iverson, Chicago, Branch 9
- One \$1,000 Scholarship Award in Honor of Honey Wolff's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (3rd of four annual awards)  
Samantha Tharp, Youngstown, Branch 22
- One \$1,000 Rev. and Ms. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship:  
Derek Erskine, Youngstown, Branch 30
- One \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship:  
Zachary Larson, Youngstown, Branch 30
- One \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship:  
Zachary Puntel, Youngstown, Branch 30
- One \$1,000 Lorain Branch 5 National Scholarship:  
Patrick McConachie, Youngstown, Branch 30
- One \$750 Niles Branch 20 National Scholarship:  
Jessica Gottschick, Cleveland, Branch 4
- One \$750 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship Award:  
Katie Schiller, Merrillville, Branch 40
- One \$500 ATS Scholarship:  
Alexandra Gunns, Erie, Branch 2
- One \$400 Donzella Herman Scholarship Award:  
Rachel Fritzman, Salem, Branch 18
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial:  
Christopher Stryffler, Youngstown, Br 30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial:  
Jessica Iverson, Chicago, Branch 9
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial:  
Jennifer Zemola, Chicago, Branch 9

The Eight Academic Continuing Education grants that were awarded:

- \$1000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory of Past President David Bokesch  
Allyson Zeedrich, Alliance Branch 8
- \$1000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory of Marie Stirner  
Ryan Carpenter, Alliance, Branch 3
- \$1000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory of Marie Stirner  
Thomas Hahn, III, Youngstown, Branch 30
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Ed

- in Memory of Marie Stirner  
Corin Bonnett, Cleveland East, Branch 34
- \$1,000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory of Marie Stirner  
Michael Sheridan, Youngstown, Branch 30
- \$500 ATS Academic Continuing Ed  
Benjamin Aber, Cleveland, Branch 1
- \$500 ATS Academic Continuing Ed  
Ashlie Hennon, New Castle, Branch 27
- \$500 ATS Academic Continuing Ed  
Randall Tharp, Youngstown, Branch 30

Chairman John Boehm reviewed the 2009 ATS Golf Tournament that was held in Erie, Pennsylvania. Forty golfers participated. The 2010 Annual ATS Golf Tournament will be held in New Castle on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Saxon Handicraft Exhibit will have 9 categories this year. The Delegates were again reminded to vote before 9:00 p.m.

The ATS Open-Bowling Tournament was held in Cleveland, Ohio on October 24-25, 2009. The next ATS Open-Bowling Tournament will be held on October 23-24, 2010 in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Future Planning/Scholarship Committee consists of John Boehm, Pete Karsti, Ron Benedict, Barbara Brayn, Jake Spor, and Robert Cunningham and Committee Appointee Henry Holmes.

National Committee-Cultural

Chairperson Monica Weber gave the National Committee Report. The 2009 Heimattag was held in Kitchener, Canada. The dance groups from Cleveland and Youngstown performed during the festivities.

The 2010 Heimattag will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania on June 25-27, 2010. The following are the United States Cultural Groups that will perform at the Heimattag: Cleveland and Youngstown Dance groups, the Deutscher Musik Verein, the Youngstown Band, and the New Castle Männerchor and Erie Choruses. In addition, there will be a Brass Band and Dance Group from Munderfing, Austria who will be touring Canada and the United States as part of the Cultural Exchange Program. Besides performing at the Heimattag, they will also hold USA concerts in Youngstown and Cleveland.

The total amount spent on fraternal activities in 2009 was \$28,975.

The National Committee consists of Monica Weber, Joan Miller-Malue, Hilde Mueller, Ron Benedict, Pete Karsti, John Boehm and Committee Appointee Hanz Hermann.

Youth Activities Committee

Chairperson Joan Miller Malue gave the Youth Activities Report. Last year's events were highlighted including the Saxon Summer Camp, Teen Weekend, Bowl-Where-You-Are, ATS Family Day, Jugendlager, and Coloring contests.

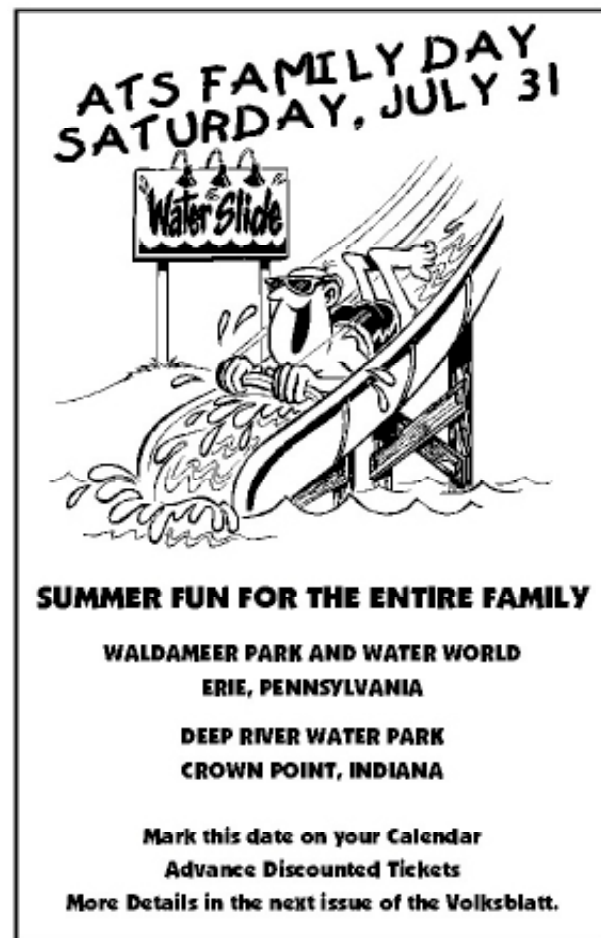
Upcoming events include: ATS Family Day on July 31, 2010, Saxon Summer Camp at Joseph Badger Meadows Camp in Burghill, Ohio for ages 8-13 from July 18-24, 2010, Bowl-Where-You-Are for ages 6 to 17 from September 1 to November 1, Teen Weekend for ages 13 to 19 to be held at the Salem Saxon Country Club on September 10-12, 2010, and various coloring contests.

The 2010 Youth Activities Committee consists of Joan Miller-Malue, Hilde Mueller, Monica Weber, Robert Cunningham, Barbara Brayn, Denise Crawford, Jake Spor, and Committee Appointees Helen Aeling, Elisabeth Weber, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson and Robert Vogt.

Upon completion of these reports, a motion was made by Richard Kautz, Branch 10, Columbus, seconded by Hanz Hermann, Branch 1, Cleveland, to approve the Standing and Special Committee reports as given. Motion carried.

Reports of Affiliated Organizations

Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund  
Trustee Adolph Fischer, Branch 1, Cleveland gave the



report. The Sängerbund has 4 singing sections that participate in the two National events that are held every year. The next event will be the Convention on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Sängerbund asked for continued moral support and encouraged recruitment of young people to the singing society.

TSBA

President Marie Benedict, New Castle, Branch 27 reported on the 2009-2010 bowling season. The League champions for the year were Lorain Men's team and Youngstown Women's team. The T.S.B.A. Tournament was held in April, 2010 in Salem, Ohio. The winning teams were the Salem Men's team and the Lorain Women's team. Sister Benedict thanked the ATS for their monetary contribution and their continued moral support.

Brother Fred Krestel, Chairman of the 2009 ATS Open Bowling Tournament, gave the report. There were 13 men and 10 women teams that participated in the Tournament. ATS Open-Bowling Tournament team winners were the Cleveland West women's team and the New Castle #2 men's team.

Upon completion of these reports, a motion was made by George H. Schneider, Branch 5, Lorain, seconded by Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain, to accept the Reports of Affiliated Organizations as given. Motion carried.

Action on Charges or Grievances

There were no official charges or grievances to report.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the last Convention

Filing of Communications and New Proposals

There were no communications or proposals filled.

Action on Budget Proposals

A motion was made by Brother George Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit, seconded by Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance, to accept the proposed salary budget of \$335,000, the proposed sales promotion budget of \$60,000 and the proposed fraternal activities budget of \$50,000 presented by the Board of Directors for the years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Motion carried.

Action on Constitutional Proposals

A motion was made by Helen Fotiuk, Branch 22, Youngstown, seconded by Marilyn McNutt, Branch 18, Salem to accept all proposed Constitutional changes. Constitutional changes require a 2/3 majority which would be 61 yeas votes. Clarification and discussion was held on submission of qualifications and completion of continuing education. Motion carried. (no opposing votes)

Article VII—Officers, Section 3

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The Board of Directors shall appoint or hire a Legal Advisor, a Chief Medical Examiner, and staff personnel as needed.

Article VIII-Election of Officers, 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 National 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"

A nominee for election to Office must meet the following:

- 1) Be of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth, or a descendant thereof
- 2) Be an American citizen
- 3) Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past 3 years
- 4) Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance.
- 5) Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous National Convention
- 6) Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance
- 7) Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office
- 8) Not be a current Officer in another fraternal benefit society

Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 1 (e)

The President may sign contracts, other legal instruments or documents, which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed and which require the signature of the National President to authenticate. The President, Treasurer and Office Manager shall affix their signature to all Alliance disbursement checks. The President shall approve disbursements of the funds of the Society or designate the officer or officers who may approve such disbursements.

Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 1 (f)

The President shall have full knowledge of all matters pertaining to the operation and activities of the Alliance Office. He shall supervise the activities of all members of the Board of Directors as may be necessary to maintain the proper conduct of the Alliance business, and review monthly financial documents as appropriate.

Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 4

The Secretary shall record and sign all the minutes of all Conventions and Board of Directors' Meetings. The Secretary may sign contracts, other legal documents or documents which require the signature of the Secretary to authenticate. The Secretary shall be



Displayed at Br. 33's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and ATS 102<sup>nd</sup> Convention May 15–16, 2010 Cleveland, Ohio. Hand woven and embroidered by Maria Adam, aunt of Brother Michael Adam, Br. 33 Cleveland.

responsible for reporting all membership statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention.

Article IX – Duties of Officers, Section 5

The Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting all financial statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention. The Treasurer shall serve as the chairperson to the annual audit of the Board of Directors and shall recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of the independent auditor. The Treasurer shall review the monthly cash receipts and cash disbursements records of the Alliance.

Article X – Board of Directors, Section 10 (e)

Maintain accurate financial records covering all receipts and expenditures that have been reviewed by the Treasurer and a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts that have been reviewed by the President.

Article X – Section 10 (h)

The Alliance Office Manager will be the Financial Officer authorized to purchase and sell securities as approved by the Alliance Board of Directors; to sign all checks, money orders, to open new broker or bank accounts as approved by the President and Treasurer.

#### Election of Officers

The following Offices are open for election this year:

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	4 year term ending 2014
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	4 year term ending 2014
Treasurer	4 year term ending 2014
Three Trustees	4 year term ending 2014

According to our constitution, a nominee for election to Office must be of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or descendant thereof, is an ATS member in good standing for the past three years, must be an American citizen, and must be present as a Delegate at the Convention. Incumbent ATS Officers are eligible for re-election and if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a "consent to be nominated."

If voting needs to be repeated to attain a majority vote and more nominees are on the ballot than needed to fill the office, the member receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the previous voted ballot. In the event of a tie on a voted ballot, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

For the Office of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Brother Robert Cunningham was nominated. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Brother George T. Schneider to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Robert Cunningham to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for a 4 year term ending 2014.

For the Office of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, John Boehm was nominated. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by George T. Schneider to cast a unanimous ballot to elect John Boehm to the office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for a 4 year term ending 2014.

For the Office of the Treasurer, Sister Denise Crawford was nominated. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Fred Krestel to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Denise Crawford to the office of Treasurer for a 4 year term ending 2014.

To be elected as a Trustee, each winner must have the majority of the votes that were cast. The ballots will be counted before the tally of votes is made. For the office of Trustee the following were nominated:

- Pete Karsti, Branch 30, Youngstown
- Ron Benedict, Branch 25, New Castle
- Hanz Hermann, Branch 1, Cleveland
- Hilde Mueller, Branch 9, Chicago
- (91 ballots were cast, 46 was the majority.)

On the first ballot, Pete Karsti, Ron Benedict, Hanz Hermann received a majority vote and were elected to the offices of Trustee for 4 year terms ending in 2014.

#### Installation of Officers

ATS Past Trustee, Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance installed all Officers to their respective Offices.

#### Convention Recess

President Manning adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

#### Second Day's Session

##### Convention Call to Order

President Tom Manning called the Second Day's Session of the 102nd ATS Convention to order at 9:30 a.m.

##### Invocation

Sister Betty Schmidt, Branch 34 Cleveland East gave the Invocation.

##### Visitors

President Manning welcomed all new visitors to the convention session.

##### Roll Call

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Cunningham conducted the Roll Call. All of the Officers and Delegates who attended the First Day's Session were present at the Sunday's session with the exception of Michael Salmen, Branch 1, Cleveland.

##### Reading of the Minutes from the First Day's Session

Secretary Monica Weber read the Minutes of the First Day's Session. A motion was made by George Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit, seconded by Susanna Fleischer, Branch 37, Detroit, to accept the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

##### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the previous day's session.

##### New Business

There was no new business to bring before the Delegation.

##### Branch Sharing Awards and Cultural Subsidy Grants

President Tom Manning presented checks to each branch for the Branch Fund Sharing Program. The total amount distributed was \$10,749. The Branch Fund Sharing Program is an award program developed to acknowledge the production efforts by the local branches. The award is based on the members in good standing, and the life premiums and annuity deposits received from individual branch members.

President Manning also presented the 2010-2011 Subsidy Grants to the Cultural Groups. The total amount distributed under this program was \$1,395. In addition, the TSBA will receive a subsidy when the new season begins in the Fall and the Sängerbund will receive a donation when they meet at their convention in September.

##### Deputy Sales Awards

President Tom Manning distributed the Deputy Sales Award for 2009. Tom Manning, Branch #2, Erie, was the Deputy Sales Leader for combined total Life and Annuity sales of 29 certificates. Jim Mauch, Branch 30, Youngstown brought in the most new members (17). Youngstown Branch #30 was the Branch with the most annuity sales.

The Stimulus Package Sales Campaign was held between April 1- July 1, 2009. Deputies who signed up 5 new members received \$200 and their Branch received \$100. The three Deputies who met the Sales Campaign goals were Tom Manning, Denise Crawford and Ron Benedict.

President Manning encouraged all Deputies to bring in new members.

##### Saxon Handicraft Exhibit Awards

John Boehm Jr., Chairman of Future Planning Committee presented the Handicraft Exhibit Awards. He thanked the Handicraft Exhibit Directors Kathy Schneider, Branch 34, Cleveland East, and Cindy Schneider, Branch 34, Cleveland East, for their hard work.

The First Place Winners received a Salt and Pepper Shaker and ribbons were awarded to the Second Place Winners.

##### Crocheting

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Susanna Fleischer, Branch 37, Detroit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cindy Schneider, Branch 34, Cleveland



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**Cross Stitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ema Litschel, Branch 34, Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ema Litschel, Branch 34, Cleveland /  
tied with Pat Both, Branch 27, New Castle

**Needlepoint**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Maria Boehm, Branch 22, Youngstown

**Knitting**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Susanna Fleischer, Branch 37, Detroit  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mariel Cotton, Branch 34, Cleveland

**Photography**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Donna Jankow, Branch 4, Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Al Burick, Branch 25, New Castle

**Painting**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Georg Thut, Branch 9, Chicago  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Roger Fotiuk, Branch 30, Youngstown

**Crewel**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jean Schneider, Branch 34, Cleveland

**Open Class**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Marie Seiler, Branch 4, Cleveland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Johann Paul, Branch 25, New Castle

**Counted Cross-Stitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pat Both, Branch 27, New Castle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lillian Weber, Branch 34, Cleveland

**Best in Show**

Ema Litschel, Branch 34, Cleveland for her Saxon tablecloth

**Good and Welfare**

1st Vice President Rob Cunningham presented the report on Saxon Relief. In 2009, \$14,129 was forwarded to the Saxon Relief of Germany. He reviewed the ways in which the funds are distributed. Rosemarie Kascher, Branch 22, Youngstown has traveled numerous times to Romania. She spoke about the Nursing Homes that are supported by Saxon Relief dollars.

President Manning congratulated Columbus Branch 10 on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that they celebrated in April, 2010.

Hanz Hermann, Branch 1, Cleveland, Managing Editor of *The Volksblatt*, thanked the Branch Secretaries for their timely submissions and asked for additional pictures or articles of interest.

George Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit suggests that cultural events be recorded on a DVD to be shared with our Branches.

Stephanie Miller Hanek, Branch 4, Cleveland, and President of the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group asked for donations of Saxon Trachts or any person willing to sell one or more items from Saxon Tracht to contact the Cleveland and Youngstown Dance Groups.

**Host for the 2012 Convention**

A motion was made by Bonnie Baker, Branch 22, Youngstown, seconded by George T. Schneider, Branch 33, Cleveland, to accept Youngstown Branch 30's bid to host the 2012 ATS Convention. Motion carried.

Abid was received by Cleveland Branch 34 to host the 2011 Branch Presidents' Meeting. A motion was made by Margaret Schmidt, Branch 34, Cleveland, seconded by Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain, to accept the bid. Motion carried.

Abid was received from Branch 37 Detroit to host the 2013 Branch President's Meeting.


**Important Dates to Remember**

June 12	Annual TSBA Convention in Erie
June 25 - 27	Saxon Heimattag in Erie, Pa
June 25 – July 2	Munderfing Brass Band/Dance Group USA Concert Tour
July 18 - 24	Saxon Summer Camp for members ages 8–13 Joseph Badger Meadows, Burghill, Ohio
July 24	ATS Golf Outing – Mohawk Trail Golf Course New Castle, PA Host Br 25 – New Castle
Sept 10 -12	Saxon Teen Weekend ages 13 - 19 Salem Saxon Country Club
Sept 25	Sängerbund Convention Host: Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor, Cleveland

**Memorial Day**

May 30 is a special day to honor those who gave their lives for our country and our freedom. Though it's a holiday that honors all, for most of Americans the ceremonies are a highly personal experience.

Casualties of Iraq and Afghanistan are fresh in our memories. The services at cemeteries give a public face to our appreciation of their sacrifices.



On a national level, those at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, in Virginia, are the most well-known. Each year since 1920, more than 5,000 visitors have attended the 11 a.m. service.

When the cornerstone of the amphitheater was laid, a box was sealed inside. Some of the articles it contained were a Bible, The Declaration of Independence, The U.S. Constitution, L'Enfant's map design for the city of Washington, D.C., one of each U.S. coin and postage stamp used in 1915, a 1915 U.S. Flag and an autographed photo of President Woodrow Wilson.

The Memorial Display Room, located between the amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknowns, holds tributes in honor of the four service members interred at the tomb.

Etched above the west entrance of the amphitheater is a quote from Horace's Ode II: *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori* (It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country).

Sept – Oct	“Bowl Where You Are” Tournament, ages 6 - 17
Oct 23 – 24	ATS Open Bowling Tournament Stardust II Lanes, Merrillville, Indiana Host: Merrillville Bowlers
Local Events:	Salem Dance on July 3 <sup>rd</sup> .

**Closing of Convention**

President Tom Manning declared the Business Agenda completed. He expressed thanks to President George T. Schneider and to the officers and members of Branches #33 and #34 for their fine hospitality and hard work in hosting a successful convention. He also thanked the Convention Committees, the Handicraft Exhibit Directors, ATS Officers, Delegates and guests.

**Reading of Minutes – Second Day's Session**

Secretary Weber read the Minutes from the Second Day's Session.

A motion was made by George T. Schneider, Branch 33, Cleveland, seconded by George H. Schneider, Branch 5, Lorain, to accept the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Farewell**


Brother George T. Schneider, President of Branch #33 Cleveland East thanked the Delegates, ATS Officers and visitors for an enjoyable Convention. He presented a \$5,000 check to Saxon Relief in honor of Reverend Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA and in memory of her grandparents, Ann and Andy Knall, who immigrated to the USA from Transylvania. He also announced that any profit from advertising in the souvenir booklet and Branch gifts will be given to Saxon Relief.

**Adjournment**

The Delegates stood to sing “America” and “Ich Bin Ein Sachs,” accompanied on the piano by Sister Karyn Schmidt.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, President Manning declared the 102nd ATS Convention adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Weber  
ATS Secretary



**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.**

**Elsie M. Gross**  
Age 87  
Died: April 13, 2010  
Branch 18, Salem OH

**Godfrey M. Beckert**  
Age 94  
Died: May 3, 2010  
Branch 19, Salem OH

**C. Ray Church, Jr**  
Age 88  
Died: May 4, 2010  
Branch 2, Erie PA

**Anna Geisel**  
Age 93  
Died: May 10, 2010  
Branch 7, Farrell PA

**John Fueger**  
Age 84  
Died: May 11, 2010  
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

**Hilda Span**  
Age 87  
Died: May 13, 2010  
Branch 17, Canton OH

**Hermine Sara Bodendorfer**  
Age 86  
Died: May 14, 2010  
Branch 18, Salem OH

**Smart Snacking**

Many people believe that eating between meals is a bad idea, but snacking is a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle. It is important, however, to make wise choices when it comes to snacks. A common snacking myth is that snacks between meals can ruin your appetite. Some people won't snack because they think they will be full at the next mealtime. On the contrary, you often will be so starved that you will overeat during meals. This can lead to a slowing of your metabolism. You will also tend to make poorer food choices since you are so hungry. Snacking between meals can take off the edge and allow you to enjoy your main meals.

Another common mistake people make is only eating junk food as snacks. If you do this, then of course snacking is not making your healthier. But anything can be a snack, so choose wisely. Avoid processed or packaged foods or foods high in fat. Whole grains, fruits, and veggies are good choices. You can also snack on lean meats, like turkey, or low-fat cheeses.

Finally, many people believe that finding healthy snacks can be an inconvenience. This can lead to snacking only on junk food, which is readily available and easy to carry. But with a little planning, you can have a good selection of healthy foods during the day. Keep several types of non-perishable healthy foods with you when you head out of the house. A snack bag loaded with crackers, peanut butter, granola bars, water, and string cheese can get you through the day without reaching for the chips, candy, or sodas.

**Excerpts from the Saxon-English Dictionary**



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

*Ech glechen dech mee hayt vau ech haht Gaystern,  
Gaystern tyaa vohrst en Vee aan da Toppert.*  
I love you more today than I did yesterday,  
yesterday you were a pain in the butt.

*En Dahch maat nichen Lahchen aas vau  
en Dahch matt nichen Zonshayn.*  
A day without laughter is like a day with sunshine.

*Bekoun mech tsem da Kihrch oun tsayt.*  
Get me to the church on time.

*Tyaa baast da Ahpel foun mane Ooch.*  
You are the apple of my eye.

*Hooahlt, zaach ouch heeaaren.*  
Stop, look and listen.

*Baas tsafriidden maat  
vaht tyaa hooahst.*  
Be satisfied with what you have.

*Vooyrten foun leeaaren*  
Words of wisdom

*Glaht gefreyndert*  
Just married

Paulekes	=	mush/cornmeal
Tsalaut	=	lettuce
Tsvibel	=	onions
Oaur	=	egg
Bahter	=	butter
Paprika	=	peppers
Kayss	=	cheese
Lauvent	=	soup
Bobonitz	=	candy

**BRANCH 2, ERIE**

By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. We held a moment of silence for deceased members Joseph L. Daniel and Arthur G. Hopkins. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends. Included in our prayers are members on our sick list John Hess and Bob Bauer.

We also send best wishes to Ann McLaughlin who underwent rotator cuff surgery. We know it's a long haul to recover from that type of surgery but she has three strong men to help her, Scott, Corey and Bradley.. right guys? Also our best to Char Manning who is having sciatica nerve pain problems.

Since our meeting we note that Ella Keim passed away. Ella was a very nice lady and well liked by all of us. She attended many of our meetings, dinners and picnics. Ella was the mother of 11 children and that alone should guarantee angel wings and a gold crown as soon as she hits heaven's doors. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends.

We welcome new member, Julie Iavarone. It was nice to see new member John McCarthy and his wife Marie attend the meeting. Also we welcome back from Florida Fred and Myrell Wellman.

A reminder to members who have not paid their Branch 2 annual dues of \$6. Please submit your payment to Vince Leone, 3417 Pacific Avenue, Erie, PA 16506. Please make your check out to ATS Branch 2 and mark the memo part of your check ATS 2010 dues.

In our last column we reported on the Heimattag which will be held in Erie June 25-27th. Members and non-members are welcome to attend all the events or any one event they choose. On Friday, June 25th a social time will be held at the Siebenbuerger Club from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. WE ARE ASKING OUR MEMBERS TO PLEASE DONATE A DESSERT FOR THIS EVENT. Suggestions are sheet Kuchens, cupcakes, nut breads, cookies or your own personal specialty. In other words a dessert you can hold in your hands. Please bring your donation tin in a disposable container, marked ATS and your name to the Club's kitchen in the afternoon. Your help with this will help make the Heimattag hosted by our Branch a success and we thank you and deeply appreciate your contribution.

At our next meeting in June we will be making plans for our annual picnic to be held Tuesday, July 13th at 1:00 p.m. in Skibinski Park. The fee is \$6 per member and for that we will have a buffet, dessert and coffee, pop and beer are free. Our picnics are always a nice and fun affair. We play some games, bingo and have a Chinese Auction. Please mark your calendar for this affair and you may submit your payment to Val Pinczewski at 4226 Dominion Drive, Erie, PA 16510 and you may call

her to make your reservation at 898-0494.

Our members in the past have been very generous donating an item to the Chinese Auction which makes yours truly very happy. If you wish to donate an item to the auction please call me at 456-9982 or drop it off at my house at 918 East 30th Street. If we are not at home, just leave your item on our enclosed porch. You can bring your item to the picnic or, as I stated, drop it off at my house and I will take it to the picnic. I really appreciate your making me happy and thank you a whole bunch for your donation.

Congratulations to Char Manning for taking first place in the Ladies Singles in the TSBL League. Nice going, Char. Also our congratulations to Richard and Karen Wagner who are the parents of a brand new baby girl, named Julie, born on May 12th and weighing in at a healthy 8 pounds 3 ounces. The grandparents of little Julie are Dick and Judy Wagner and I am sure we will be seeing pictures of their new grand baby. I'm jealous because there is something so wonderful about having a new baby around that just warms your heart.

We are back from the convention and I will report on it in the next column. In the meantime I will say, it went by so fast and our President Manning did an excellent job presiding over his first National Convention. Many thanks to Cleveland East, Branch 33, for a job well done hosting the Convention.

We send our belated birthday greetings to Mike Bokoch who celebrated his birthday on May 1st. Apologies to Joanne Kurczewski whose name I spelled as Juczewski in the last column.

A very happy birthday to all of our June babies some of whom are: Kyle M. Sutton, Seth R. Regan, David Barthelmes, Mitchell Bone, Troy W. Goellner, Travis Griffith, Val Pinczewski, Cecilia L. Griffith, Herta Anderson, Mary Cook, Terry Olszewski, Shelby Bone, Amy Van De Merwe, George Cook, Tiffany E. Kaiser, Mary Lou Slover, Jean M. Carano and Sue Goellner.

A very happy anniversary to all of our June couples some of whom are: John and Elaine Crandall, 25 years; Benny and Paula Randolph, 26 years; Ron and Bonnie Barthelmes, 31 years; Robert and Patricia Markham, 45 years; Fred and Myrell Wellman, 62 years; and Bill and Barb Barthelmes, 35 years. We wish all of our celebrants a wonderful and happy day!

John McCarthy won our Club's dinner gift certificate. It's a beautiful day today and let us hope that June will bring us some warm temperatures and a lot of sunshine. See you at the next meeting to be held Tuesday, June 8th at 2:30 p.m.

**Start \$aving**  
for your retirement years

**SAXON SUMMER CAMP**

"Night Owl Camp"

Ages 8 - 13

July 18 - 24, 2010

Joseph Badger Meadow Camp  
Burghill, Ohio



Summer is rapidly approaching and the ATS Youth Activities Committee is busy preparing activities for our junior members. One of these activities is the Saxon Summer Camp, which offers our Junior Members and their friends, ages 8 - 13, the opportunity to spend a week together in fellowship and fun at the beautiful Joseph Badger Meadows Campgrounds located in Burghill, Ohio.

The Joseph Badger Meadows Camp is an organized camp center located on 250 acres in rural Hartford Township in Northeastern Ohio. (East of Route 7 on Hayes-Orangeville Road.) The Camp is staffed with trained and experienced counselors.

Our Saxon campers will be housed in a modern facility with dormitory-style sleeping accommodations. The house is equipped with air conditioning, modern bathrooms and bunk beds. The camp facilities include an activity barn, a swimming pool, hiking trails, and dining hall.

Our campers will stay up late and get up late! They will see and hear things that they don't normally experience at camp or at home. Special evening presentations are planned to teach about the night wildlife and birds! Additional activities will include swimming, crafts, climbing wall, games, nature activities, and stories around the campfires, etc. One evening will be devoted to Saxon folk dancing and a discussion on Saxon traditions.

The cost of the one-week camp is \$200.00 for our ATS Junior Members and \$260.00 for non-member children. We welcome our members to bring along one friend who is not a member. Also, ATS members may send their children or grandchildren (who are not yet ATS members) to the camp at the non-member cost. Each Camper will receive a free Saxon Summer Camp T-Shirt.

If you wish to attend, please complete the Registration Form and send it along with a \$100.00 deposit for ATS Junior Members and \$130.00 for non-member children to the ATS Home Office by June 30, 2010. Upon receipt of your registration fee, we will send you a Camper's Health Examination Form and Personal Information Form that must be completed by you and returned to this Office by July 8<sup>th</sup>, along with the balance of your camp fee. We will mail you a map and detailed information as to arrival and departure times, what to bring along.

The ATS Youth Activities Committee urges our Junior Members to attend this camp. This is a great chance for our young members to get to know each other and make lasting friendships. The participants last year spent a wonderful week of fellowship and camaraderie with their fellow ATS members and "new friends."

**SAXON SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tele. No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Br. No. \_\_\_\_\_ ATS Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is an ATS Registration Form & deposit of \$100.00 for myself
- Enclosed is a Registration Form for my non-member friend and deposit of \$130.00

Friend's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

This Form and deposit must be received at the ATS Home Office by June 30, 2010. Balance will be due by July 8, 2010.

Make check payable to ATS (Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons)

Mail Check and Form to: ATS, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

# PotPourri

## Your Horoscope

June 2010

**ARIES:** "What is so rare as a day in June ..." James Russell Lowell said. Take the opportunity to see it. Feel it, and absorb it if only for a little while. Whatever else is occurring in your life, this blessing is yours.

**TAURUS:** Is it a true goal, or is it a mirage? Your vision of the future will come true if you prepare for it today and in the days to come. Do what you do best. Learn to do it better or side-step to a related field.

**GEMINI:** Keep digging and you will ultimately get to the bottom of a problem you are dealing with. The solution is there, though it may come in the form of a compromise. Keep your options open.

**CANCER:** Perk up. It may seem like you already have your hands full, but a new responsibility could give you more of what you want. Find ways to pass on work that could be handled as well or better by others.

**LEO:** Don't forget Father's Day. Remember why you love him and come to terms with what he did that made you angry. The day comes just once a year but its positive effect could last for years to come.

**LIBRA:** Family time takes center stage in June. Consider which family member needs a little extra attention. It could be a little one or a grown-up. Your support at this time will produce long-term benefits.

**VIRGO:** Hunches, intuition and fast conclusions can be helpful. They are usually based on past experience, some of which you may not even remember. Don't stake your life on a hunch, but check it out.

**SCORPIO:** When your boss has a plan you disagree with, get more information on his view and your own. Bosses may not want to change a plan based on another's view, but may make subtle changes.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Get ready for vacation, that wonderful time of year. Whether you go away or have a "staycation," relax and enjoy the break. It will make you physically and mentally better. Don't skip it.

**CAPRICORN:** Your financial future could soon take a turn for the better. Good planning will pay off in more potentially spendable cash. That's the time to increase your savings. Prepare for the good times and the bad.

**AQUARIUS:** The stars predict the reappearance of an old friend from the past. It could be an acquaintance from school years or even an old romantic connection. How will you deal with it?

**PISCES:** It's the perfect time of year to improve your health or guard it. Though you may feel fine, there are things you should do to ensure future good health. Eat an apple, take a walk, use the sunscreen.

### June birthdays

- 1, Morgan Freeman, three Oscars, Memphis, Tenn., 1937.
- 2, Zachary Quinto, Heroes, 24 actor, Pittsburgh, Penn., 1977.
- 3, Anderson Cooper, TV journalist, New York, N.Y., 1967.
- 4, Angelina Jolie, five Oscars, Los Angeles, Calif., 1975.
- 5, Mark Wahlberg, movie actor, rapper, Dorchester, Mass., 1934.
- 6, Paul Giamatti, John Adams actor, New York, N.Y., 1967.
- 7, Allen Iverson, basketball player, Hampton, Va., 1975.
- 8, Lindsay Davenport, tennis player, Palos Verdes, Calif., 1976.
- 9, Michael J. Fox, TV and movie actor, Canada, 1961.
- 10, Tara Lipinski, figure skater, Philadelphia, Penn., 1982.
- 11, Hugh Laurie, lead actor in House, England, 1959.
- 12, Marv Albert, sportscaster, New York, N.Y., 1924.
- 13, Ashley Olsen and Mary-Kate Olsen, twin actresses and designers, Los Angeles, Calif., 1986.
- 14, Donald Trump, real estate mogul, New York, N.Y., 1946.
- 15, Neil Patrick Harris, singer, actor, Albuquerque, N.M., 1973.
- 16, Phil Mickelson, golfer, San Diego, Calif., 1970.
- 17, Venus Williams, tennis player, Lynwood, Calif., 1980.
- 18, Paul McCartney, singer, songwriter, England, 1942.
- 19, Poppy Montgomery, Without a Trace actress, England, 1972.
- 20, Nicole Kidman, four Oscars, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1967.
- 21, Doug Savant, Desperate Housewives, Burbank, Calif., 1964.
- 22, Meryl Streep, many movies, Oscars, Summit, N.J., 1949.
- 23, Frances McDormand, actress in Fargo, Chicago, Ill., 1957.
- 24, Mick Fleetwood, Fleetwood Mac drummer, England, 1942.
- 25, Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court Justice, Bronx, N.Y., 1954.
- 26, Derek Jeter, baseball player, Pequanock, N.J., 1974.
- 27, Tobey Maguire, Spider-Man films, Santa Monica, Calif., 1975.
- 28, Kathy Bates, three Oscars, Memphis, Tenn., 1948.
- 29, Gary Busey, actor, musician, Goose Creek, Texas, 1944.
- 30, Fantasia Barrino, on American Idol, High Point, N.C., 1984.

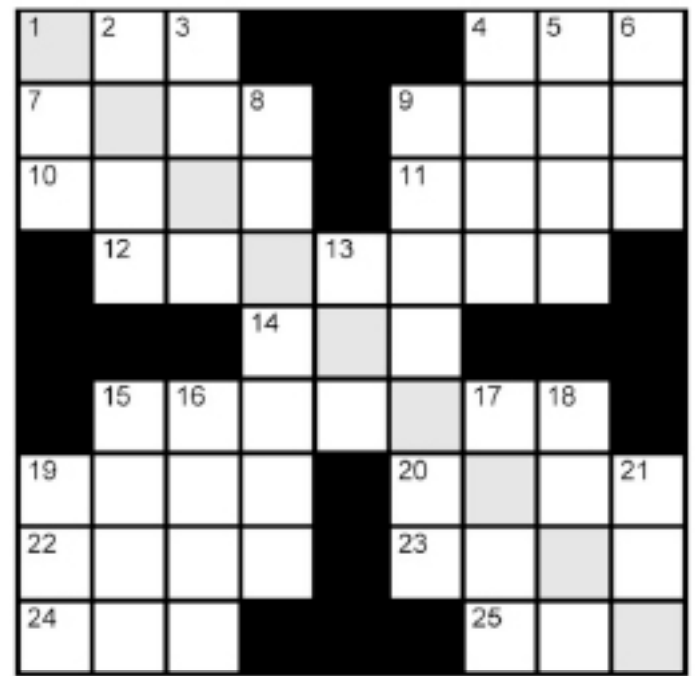
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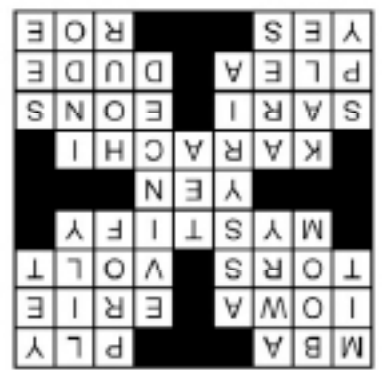
1. C.E.O.'s degree
4. Thickness
7. "Field of Dreams" setting
9. Ashtabula's lake
10. Rocky peaks
11. Electric unit
12. Bewilder
14. Craving
15. Pakistani port
19. Delhi wrap
20. A long, long time
22. Entreaty
23. Dapper fellow
24. "Absolutely!"
25. \_\_\_ v. Wade

### Down

1. Cambridge sch.
2. Thundering noise
3. Not straight
4. Fac. member
5. Easter flower
6. "Are we there \_\_\_?"
8. Present-day Iraq
9. Expressed
13. Oolong, for one
15. Cabbage-like



- vegetable
16. Mars, to the Greeks
  17. Part of a day
  18. Prefix with China
  19. 007, for one
  21. Bishop's jurisdiction
- The title is a clue to the words in the shaded diagonal.*



## Driving Away Car Sickness

Traveling with children can sometimes be challenging. A road trip with a child prone to motion sickness can be particularly difficult. Even if your child is susceptible to this common ailment, you can still successfully travel the open roads this summer. Keep these tips in mind to help avoid or ease symptoms.

### 1. Be sure to eat well.

Traveling on an empty stomach can exacerbate symptoms of motion sickness. The best foods for traveling are whole grains and fruit, which can help settle the stomach. Snacking throughout the trip is better than eating large meals when you stop for a break. Pack some granola bars, oranges or apples, or peanut butter sandwiches.

### 2. Soothe an upset stomach.

Ginger can also help soothe an upset stomach. Look for crystallized ginger in the spice section of your grocery store. Give this to your child to suck on during the trip. Avoid ginger ale, as this does not have the same effect.

### 3. Keep your cool.

Keep the interior of your car a comfortable, cool temperature. Heat can increase symptoms of car sickness. If your child is feeling bad, place a cold com-

press on the back of his neck.

### 4. Avoid distractions.

Reading, playing video games, or watching DVDs can cause motion sickness to hit hard. Encourage your child to avoid focusing on anything inside the car. Looking out the window is the best way to avoid feeling worse.

### 5. Take it easy.

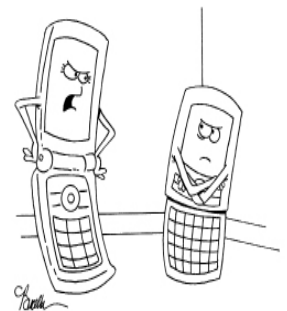
Curves and turns are a stomach's worst enemy. To make things easier on your child, take it slowly around curves and turns. You should also avoid sudden stops and starts.

### 6. Take a break.

If your child is feeling poorly, take a break for some fresh air. Getting out and stretching your legs helps to shake off some of the effects of car sickness. Allow your child to walk and run around for a few minutes every time you stop.

### 7. Use medication if needed.

If your child suffers from a severe case of motion sickness, you might consider using medication. In general, medication should be used only in cases where the sickness is significant and recurring. Some common medications used are Benadryl, Dramamine or Bonine. Consult with your child's doctor before using any drug treatment.



"Don't use that ring tone with me, young man!"

## Chicago Blues Festival: June 11-13

Held annually since 1984, the Chicago Blues Festival is the largest free blues festival in the world and remains the largest of Chicago's Music Festivals.

It's held for three days on six stages. More than 800,000 blues fans from every corner of the planet gather to prove that Chicago is the "Blues Capital of the World."

Past performers include Bonnie Raitt, Ray Charles, B.B. King, the late Bo Diddley, Buddy Guy and the late Koko Taylor.

In Grant Park on the lakefront, the festival offers food from some of Chicago's best-known restaurants. Even the hot dogs are special, made by Gold Coast Dogs.

Blues fans lounge on the grass, sit in their lawn chairs, or roam from stage to stage to enjoy the music.

Learn more at 312-744-3370, Web: [www.chicago-bluesfestival.org](http://www.chicago-bluesfestival.org).





# MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING  
Our  
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Memorial Day is a time to remember the men and women who lost their lives while defending our Nation and values. Originally known as Decoration Day, it was established in 1868 to commemorate the dead from the Civil War. Over the years it came to serve as a day to remember all U.S. men and women killed or missing in action in all wars.

As Memorial Day is approaching we as Americans should come together to recognize just how fortunate we are to live in freedom. Our freedom means we can choose our own careers, our own spouses, the size of our families and our place of residence, we can choose our religious faith, we can speak out and voice our opinions on any issue including government policy. Our individual rights lets us enjoy and defend life and liberty; acquire and protect property and seek and obtain happiness. We should give thanks that we live in a free nation and honor those who gave their lives for our freedom and the rights of the individual.

## **In Flanders Field**

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead, Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands, we throw  
The torch-be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.**

**-Captain John D. McCrae**



*To our men and women in uniform...  
past, present, future*

*God Bless You... And Thank You*