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## BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Our next main event for Branch 22 is the Christmas Party on December 12, 2010 in the Saxon Club Ballroom with dinner at 4:30 p.m. The charge is \$10 per person and is by reservations only, please. To receive tickets by mail, send a self-addressed envelope, stamped to:

Mrs. Teresa Stryffler, 52 S. DeHoff Road, Youngstown, OH 44515.

See any officer or call our Club office at 330-792-7973. Reservations must be received by DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our monthly Branch 22 meeting will be immediately prior to the dinner. During December you can start paying your dues at 1:00 p.m. that day for next year's membership or you may mail a check, your dues book and a self addressed stamped envelope to Carmella Markel, 12075 Sandy Lane, North Jackson, Ohio 44451. Please make note, because of the Christmas Party, dues cannot be accepted after 3:00. Your attention to this matter and paying promptly (checks please) is deeply appreciated.

Get wells were sent to Naomi Schuller, Marge Troll, Frieda Willing, Jessie Ausnehmer and Virginia Mauer. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Helen K. Merryman and Heidemarie Flask and to Tillie Stefanich on the loss of her granddaughter. Also get well wishes were sent to Herta Trinks.

We are so delighted that the Trachtenball was a tremendous success, combining the efforts of the organizations. Also we thank Michelle Eberth, Kiki Eberth, and all the volunteers who made Halloween special for our children.

Virginia Williams is our new First Vice President and Carole Allison is our new Trustee. Congratulations! All of the other officers were renewed for the next year and we thank each of them.

Fran Heinerman will be moving on to other pursuits and we offer sincere thanks for her service these past years.

Birthday celebrants are Juliane Gilmartin, Marianne Dahman, Mary Ann Uhran, Martha Konrad, Jenny Salinas and Liz and Samantha Pyatt. Anniversary celebrants are Dorothy Fizez ( sixty years), our much appreciated Treasurer, and Marianne Sawicki, our esteemed Secretary.

Upcoming events: Officers' meeting, December 8; Children's Christmas Party, December 11; Br. 22/30 Christmas Party, December 12 in the Ballroom, preceded by the meeting; New Year's Eve Party, with "Guys without Ties," \$30.00 per person; Bar Bingo on Tuesdays.

We welcome you to these events!

## BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Hilda Kautz

The election of officers for 2011 didn't take long. Everyone seems satisfied that our officers are doing a good job (no corruption or fraud charges were leveled, anyway), thus everyone was re-elected. Regina Kellner will replace Karl Mueller as a trustee.

Karl Mueller, age 83, was called to his eternal rest on November 12<sup>th</sup> after a long and difficult struggle. He surely had his share of dark days. When he was 17 years old he was sent to a Russian labor camp, managing to survive for three years before being released, weighing only 82 pounds. He moved to Germany and then came to the United States in 1952 with nothing but a small suitcase. He had no relatives here and didn't know the language, but he did find the love of his life, Susi Folkendt. They were married in 1953 and blessed with three children, Marlene, Hannelore, and Karl Heinz, and two grandchildren, Brianna and Brandon. Since Karl knew no strangers, I would like to think God needed another recruit for the welcoming committee of heaven and chose Karl. He will be missed by his many friends and we send our deepest sympathy to the whole family.

Stay well wishes to Alfred Allert and Martin Hesch who both had short hospital stays during the past month.

Congratulations to Regina Kellner for winning the attendance prize at our November meeting.

Our Christmas Dinner Party will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Hickory House. We look forward to having everyone together again for a pleasant afternoon.

## BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

The meeting was held on November 1, with 20 members present. President Mueller opened the meeting with all the minutes from the past meeting and they were approved by the members.

Sister Schmidts reported that Sister Maria Fandel and Sister Hilde Schoonmaker were on the sick list. Sister Katherine Wagner thank everyone for all the get well wishes.

The old business of last month regarding the "Banquet" was discussed and the financial status concerning the costs. This event will be discussed in the December meeting when we have elections.

Congratulations to Ilie Irimus and Mike Schmidt on winning 1st place in doubles at the ATS Open Bowling Tournament in Merrville. George Thut also won the 50/50 raffle on Sunday. Great job gentlemen!

The Christmas Party has had a date change! Instead of December 12, the date has been moved to December 19, at the DANK Haus. Please mark your calendars!

Our final meeting of the year will be December 6. This meeting will also include elections! President Hilde Mueller has indicated that she will not seek re-election to the presidency. Therefore, we need a new President! Please talk with your friends and find a candidate for this position.

As for now, Happy Thanksgiving!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, the ATS Board of Directors had their last meeting in 2010. Many issues and committee reports were given and discussed. ATS members should be thankful that we have a Board that works diligently and thoughtfully for the betterment of our fraternal organization. This past year has been a very busy year for all of us. Not only did the ATS sponsor the usual annual activities, but we also had the bi-annual ATS Convention and hosted the North American Saxon Heimattag. I thank all who assisted with these events and also those who attended these events. Your participation is always appreciated.

This is the time of the year that our Branches are holding their annual Christmas dinners and celebrations. I hope that Branch members take advantage by attending. This is also the time of year when our Branches have their election of officers. I encourage you to volunteer to be nominated for an office. I am sure that many of the Branches would be happy to see some new members who would like to offer their service as an officer.

Customs have certainly changed over the past few years. It wasn't too long ago that the Christmas season didn't start until the day after Thanksgiving. It now seems that retailers are not the only ones that want to rush the season. The ordinary citizens are following their lead. Santa Claus has already taken up residence at the Millcreek Mall as of November 13<sup>th</sup>. Liz and I have some persons in our neighborhood that had their outside Christmas decorations in place and illuminated by November 14<sup>th</sup>. By the way, their Christmas tree is in place and fully decorated. You can call me old fashioned, but I believe that is really rushing the season.

Quote of the Day:

"Here is a test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished. If you are alive, it isn't."

When do we no longer have to be concerned about improving ourselves and the world we live in? When can we just sit back and do nothing? The answer -- as long as we are alive -- is never. We might as well ask when we no longer need to breathe or think or feel. We need to remain engaged with the world for as long as we are able to do so.

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

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## RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTION CHANGES TO ATS BRANCH 27

### SAXON LADIES OF NEW CASTLE PA

The Saxon Ladies of Branch 27 of New Castle, Pennsylvania propose the following changes.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES

##### Article 1 Name of the Society

###### Section 1

Proposed change : Name of "The Society"

##### Article 2. Purpose of the Society

###### Section 1.(c)

Proposed change: All members must be good and loyal citizens of the United States

##### Article 3. Membership of the society

###### Section 2(a)

Proposed change: Applicants for membership into this Society must be a national Alliance member, having qualified as follows

a. Is of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth, or a descendant thereof or... Is married to a Transylvanian Saxon or German, or a descendant thereof or... If other than the above, the applicant must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals outlined in the national Alliance Constitution and By-laws.

b. Must be an owner of an Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Life Insurance Certificate or an Annuity saving plan and must retain either one throughout her membership.

###### Section 2 (b)

Proposed change: A current non-beneficial member is a person who does not own an Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Life Insurance Certificate or an Annuity.

A current non-beneficial member may be permitted to attend meetings but not eligible to vote on ATS business or hold an office.

She must pay local dues as decided at the annual meeting. She shall not be entitled to receive fraternal benefit.

A non-beneficial member must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals as followed in the national alliance Constitution and By-laws and the Constitution of Branch 27.

###### Section 2 (c)

The age requirement for new adult membership is 16 to 79. Age of juvenile members ranges from birth to 15.

###### Section 3.

Proposed change: A candidate for membership must be proposed by a designated ATS Deputy that is responsible for submitting proper documents for the purchase of an A TS Life Insurance Certificate or Annuity.

###### Section 4

Proposed change: Before admission of the candidate, each member has the right to make remarks regarding the candidate which shall not be recorded in the minutes.

###### Section 9 (a)

Proposed change: The dues for all membership will be set at the annual meeting and must be kept current. All dues are due in January or prorated per month after March meeting

###### Section 9(b)

Proposed change: Members must attend (5) meetings during the calendar year to be eligible to hold office and vote for officers.

###### Section 10.

Proposed change: Members who have belonged to the Society Fifty (50) years are exempt from paying dues or who have reached eighty (80) years of age and have belonged to the society for (10) ten years will also be exempt from paying monthly dues, but are still entitled to benefits in the event of death.

##### Article 4 - Benefits to Members

###### Section 1.

Proposed change: Delete Section 1.

Proposed change: Delete Section 2.

Proposed change: Delete Section 3.

Proposed change: Delete Section 4

Proposed change: Delete Section 5.

Proposed change: Delete Section 6.

Proposed change: Delete Section 7.

Proposed change: Delete Section 8

Proposed change: Delete Section 9

##### Article 4 - Death of a member

###### Section 1

Proposed change:

When a member dies, the heirs or person designated by the member shall receive death benefit, and in lieu of flowers a sum of money from the Society.

###### Section 2

Proposed change: Delete Section 2

###### Section 4.

Proposed change: Delete Section 4.

##### Article 6 Duties of the Officers,

###### Section 1(c) Duties of the

###### President.

Proposed change: She shall appoint all committees and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees. She shall sign all checks, meeting minutes, and legal documents as may be required.

###### Section 2 (b) Duties of the Vice-president.

Proposed change: She telephones or visits all sick members at her discretion. She is not required to visit sick sisters confined in a hospital or living outside the city

limits.

##### Section 3 (c) Duties of Recording Secretary.

Proposed change: She sends an article to the Volksblatt as needed.

##### Section 4 (d) (e) Duties of Financial Secretary

Proposed change: Delete (d).

Proposed change: (e) She keeps an up-to-date list of members and their addresses.

##### Section 5(c) Duties of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Secretary.

Proposed change: c. She shall collect life insurance premiums from members at each Society meeting and remit them to the Alliance Home Office within five (5) days after the meeting.

##### Section 6(d) (e) Duties of The Treasurer.

Proposed change: Delete (d)

Proposed change: Delete (e)

##### Article 7 - Meetings Section 7.

Proposed change: Delete Section 7.

##### Article 9

##### Capital of the Society Section 1

Proposed change: Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall constitute the minimum capital of the Society, and should the Society find it necessary to touch the minimum capital, it has the right to increase the dues, or decrease the death benefit.

##### Article 10

##### Disbanding of the Society Section 3

Proposed change: Delete- Section 3

##### Order of Business

Proposed change:

1. Call to Order by the President.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting.
4. Reading of Correspondence.
5. Report of ill members.
6. Naming of delinquent members.
7. Report of Special Committees.
8. Report of new Candidates
9. Induction of new members and introduction.
10. Reading of bills.
11. Unfinished business
12. New Business
13. Good and Welfare-- Announcements
14. Door prize drawing.
15. Financial Secretary's report.
16. Treasurer's Report.
17. Adjournment.

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\*\* PLEASE NOTE CHANGE DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS

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.

## What to consider when giving a holiday tip

If you have many people on your tip list, you may be considering how much to give this year.

Though the economy is recovering, many people are still cutting back on tips, but here are the recommendations from etiquette authorities.

If you see them more, tip them more. That includes the salon, where the price of one visit (or more) is advised. The waitress at your favorite restaurant should receive more than the mail carrier or the trash man who you rarely see.

People who work in your home more than two days a week, such as nannies and housekeepers, should get one week's extra

pay, more if you can afford it and want to give it.

Be careful not to practice one-upmanship with teachers. Gift cards are a nice thought. Personalize them to a teacher's tastes if you are familiar with them.

Day care workers can be gifted, the value depending upon how much time each spends with your child, \$25 and up.

Money isn't everything, however. If you can't give much this year, a thank-you note or homemade dessert is fine, especially for people you have tipped during the year. Or send a note of praise to a worker's supervisor. In time, that could help them get a promotion, which is the best gift of all.

## CLEVELAND EAST, BRANCH 34 By Arline Krestel-Suts

Year 2010 is winding down; we approach the holidays and time seems to move even faster as we get busier preparing. Department stores are really pushing the time faster, Christmas displays have been out since before Halloween! Remember to slow down and enjoy the season beginning with Thanksgiving. Expressing thanks for the harvest and all the bounty in our lives may be the main purpose of Thanksgiving, but it's also the gathering of friends and family that makes this holiday so special. On this one day, disjointed meals and fast food is set aside; family recipes are brought out and a bountiful meal is planned .. we want everything to be just right for our families. We gather together, thank the Lord for our blessings and spend time reconnecting to relatives we may not see as often as we'd like. While I am spending time with my family, nuclear and extended, I am hoping all of you have a joyous and memorable Thanksgiving Day. Please remember our brothers and sisters who are shut-in, hospitalized, or in extended care facilities as well.

I know everyone is busy, but please remember to make your reservations for Branch 33 and 34's Annual Christmas Dinner. This event is another great opportunity for families to get together and share Gemuetlichkeit with your Saxon Brothers and Sisters. The dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 5 at Pine Ridge Country Club in Willoughby. Doors are open at 1:00 pm, dinner is served at 1:30 pm. Fred Krestel is taking reservations; (440) 639-1775, \$20 reservation fee by check made out to Branch 33; Branch 33 and 34 members will have the money returned at the banquet. Please try to attend, the more the merrier and we promise a good meal!

Branch 34 will not be holding a business meeting in December. There will be a meeting for officers only, but you can still mail in your dues. Officers meeting will be at St. John's Lutheran Church on Ford Road at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Money Tip

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average person spends over \$1,700 a year on clothing and its upkeep. By shopping at consignment shops, thrift stores, and online auctions, you can cut that number by about half. It is true that the life of the goods may be less than buying new, but you can often find new or almost-new clothing being sold in these venues. This is an especially good strategy if you like to buy more high-end goods, but can't seem to fit them into your budget

At our last meeting in November, I am sorry to say we did not have a very good turn-out of members. We did hold election of officers for the coming year. Florence Davidson announced that most of the incumbents would like to continue in their current positions except for Trustee Frida Halemba who did not run for re-election. Frida has been a Trustee for over 25 years and we salute her for her loyalty and service to Branch 34. Elected to Trustee in her place was Sister Nancy Mahter. Officers' installation will be held at the January 12, 2011 meeting: President Ema Litschel, Vice President Margaret Schmidt, Treasurer Ingeborg Krestel, Secretary Arline Suts, Financial Secretary Barbara Hum, ATS Secretary Martha Bretz and Trustees Margaret Maurer, Maria Thellman and Nancy Mahter. We are all honored to be re-elected to serve you.

Various discussions were held at this meeting, including how to increase attendance and membership. Ideas included changing the day and/or time of meetings and possibly merging Branch 34 and 33. Branch 33 President George Schneider will be stepping down soon and our Brothers are having difficulty finding a member to fill his shoes. Combining Branch 33 and 34 may be a way to fill vacated officer positions. We all need to know what Branch members think and feel, so we encourage all Branch 34 and 33 members to attend meetings in the next few months to express your ideas and views.

Our next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>, second Wednesday of the month, as always. In addition to installation of officers, we will have our annual sausage supper at 7pm. I believe this free meal, provided by our Branches, will include Sauerkraut (homemade by Maria Thellman and Ingeborg Krestel) and pastry by Clara Weber, Peg Maurer and Nancy Mahter. Please try to attend!

For our Junior members Cleveland West Branches 1 and 4 are hosting their Annual Children's Christmas Party. They are so thoughtful to invite each of our Junior members and we encourage all of you to attend as Santa always does show up and brings gifts! If for some reason you missed your special invitation by mail, details for this Christmas Party are in the *Volksblatt*.

Again, remember to mark May 14, 2011 on your calendars as the day Branch 34 will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. So much history to celebrate! A banquet will be held at the Croatian Party Center in Eastlake, Ohio.

Happy Thanksgiving to all; if you are traveling, stay safe. If you're staying in, hope you are sharing the day with friends and loved ones. Now let's overdose on football and take a nap after eating turkey!

## BRANCH 2, ERIE By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. We held a moment of silence for deceased member Brittany Fletcher who was only 16 years old and who had participated in some of our Bowl Where You Are Tournaments for our young members. Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family and friends. Included in our prayers are members on our sick list Janet O'Loone and Mike Bokoch. Mike is a former police officer and is in the Erie Vets Hospital.

At our next meeting, Tuesday, December 14, 2:30 pm, we will hold a memorial service to honor our 210 deceased members and the 2010 deceased loved ones of our members. At this service white carnations will be available for the participants to honor their loved one by placing the flower on a special table set up for this purpose. The members we will honor and the loved ones of our members are as follows: Joseph Jozerinac, Robert M. Simunic, Ronald Schaaf, Thomas Carig, Joseph Bensus, Joseph Giglio, Robert De George, Dot Bauer, Arthur Hopkins, Joseph L. Daniel, Ella Keim, C. Ray Church, Walter Gaber, Basil Adams, John Hess, Brittany Fletcher, Joseph Osiecki, Betty Goodemote, Joseph Mihalic, Norm O'Camb, Evelyn Trimble and Michael Grossetti.

If you are a family member or a dear friend of the above departed and wish to honor your departed loved one PLEASE CALL LEE WOLFE at 456-9982.

After the memorial service we will hold our annual Chi Party at which time cookies, cheese and crackers, tea and brandy will be available. We ask our members to bring a couple dozen or more cookies for this event, it will be much appreciated. Also, at this meeting we take up a voluntary of \$3 (or more if you wish) which goes for a Christmas donation to a charity of the members' choice.

Our next Supper/Business meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. The members agreed to have a prime rib sub for this meal. This meal will be at no charge to our Branch 2 members, and \$6 for non-members. Please call Val Pinczewski at 898-0494 to make your reservation.

At the above January meeting we will hold Election of Officers. Anyone wishing to run for an office please call George Cook at 833-7217.

We ask that you please pay your ATS Erie Branch 2 annual dues of \$6 by submitting it to Vince Leone, 3417 Pacific Avenue, Erie, PA 16506 or you may bring it to a meeting. Please make your check out to ATS Erie Branch 2 and note in the memo part "dues". Thank you.

Apologies to Check and Evelyn Holdsworth who I had married for 25 years this year, but they are married 24 years this year and won't celebrate

their silver until next year.

Please note that we will hold our December meeting, Memorial Service, and Chi Party upstairs in the backroom (once called the rug room) of the dining room. This is great because our members won't have to climb up or down stairs. We send a thank you out to the club.

Art and Val Pinczewski and Dick and Lee Wolfe had a very nice time in Merrillville, Indiana attending the ATS annual Open Bowling Tournament. We were fortunate to have marvelous traveling weather and also while we were in Indiana. We send our thanks to Merrillville Branch 26 for doing an excellent job. The winning bowlers are pictured in the November 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Volksblatt* and also in this issue there are two cute pictures of our young members who bowled in our Bowl Where You Are Tournament. Thanks to Ann McLaughlin for taking them and to her mom Val Pinczewski for submitting them to the *Volksblatt*.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE BOWLING TRIP: Enjoying the lunches we packed, on a warm Friday afternoon, on outdoor picnic tables... The nice motel we stayed in that had a front porch with hanging plants and rocking chairs... Not bowling very well, but enjoying seeing friends from other branches... Art driving away without Dick in the car but stopped in time to pick him up which made Lee glad cause Dick had the money... Seeing the LaQuinta Motel in the area we were at and reminiscing when our Branch bussed it to Merrillville and the fun we had... The bus driver for the New Castle Branch donating a bowling ball he won to his passengers to raffle off... Joan Miller-Malue, Denise Crawford and Helen Aeling cheering in the barroom for Ohio State to win their football game while John Boehm supervised. Therefore, we recommend Ohio State hire them as their official ATS cheerleaders and John. (I was going to say "and their John" but that didn't sound right.) Ohio won, by the way, but after they beat our Penn State I am going to get an official ATS Penn State cheering squad... The variety of food for breakfast offered by the motel at no charge... The two nice amounts of the 50/50's raffle off... "PAGING Glen Spack, paging Glen Spack," - we had to keep calling him when it was his turn to bowl... Val and Art trying to buy a Valparaiso U shirt for their daughter Ann as she roots for them and Gonzaga during the March Madness Basketball tournament. However, Val gave Marie Szostek a check who said she would get one directly from the college which I understand has been received and given to Ann who was thrilled about it... The nice door prizes given out at the banquet and the very good buffet we all enjoyed... On the way home the lady on Art's GPS gave one wrong di-

## The candy maker's witness

A long time ago, a candy maker wanted to make a something that would be a witness to his faith. He started with a stick of pure white candy. The color would symbolize the Virgin Birth, and the rock hard candy the foundation of the church and the firmness of God's promises.

The candy maker formed it into a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as the Savior of all mankind. The J also represents the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which He reaches down into the world to lift up his fallen lambs.

Then he colored the J with small red stripes to represent Jesus' flowing blood before the crucifixion. One large red stripe was for His blood shed upon the cross so mankind would have the promise of eternal life.

As time passed, other candy makers made what has become known simply as the candy cane. But it still bears witness to the wonder of God's gift.

rection and we were on a road that said "Bridge Out," so Art decided not to take the lady's advice and backed out, which his passenger thought was a good idea. Anyhow, we got a good laugh over this and Art soon found the right direction for home... All in all it was a great tournament, very well run, and again thanks to Merrillville for doing such a terrific job.

Next year the ATS Annual Open Bowling Tournament will be held in Cleveland.

A very happy Birthday to our December babies some of whom are: Makenzie Kulik, Robert P. Lohse, Tom Manning, Jr., Richard Wolfe, Sr., Judy Wagner, Frank Stroker, Kenneth M. Lohse, Bethany Barthelmes, William Barthelmes, Annalise lavarone, Loretta Marshall, Edward M. Goellener, Evie Woloszyn and Margaret Fletcher.

A very happy Anniversary to all of our December couples some of whom are: Donald and Alda Whitehill, 59 years; Charles and Judith Piano, 49 years; John and Mary Waterhouse, 26 years; Richard and Judy Wagner, 45 years; Gerald and Linda Detzel, 41 years; and Thomas and Frances Wycech, 60 years.

We hope all of our celebrants have a nice time on their special day.

So far Jack Frost has been good to us without his "Snow Job" and we hope he keeps it up for awhile. Remember when we were all anticipating "2000" and soon it's going to be 2011. Wow! Like they say time just whizzes by so make the most of it while you can. May we take this time to wish all of you a happy and joyful Christmas season.

# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## NATIONAL EVENTS

### 2011

April 9, 2011

TSBA Tournament  
Host Cleveland West

May 14, 2011

Branch Presidents' Meeting  
Host Cleveland East Br. 34 celebrating 100th Anniversary

June 11, 2011

TSBA Bowlers' Convention  
Host Cleveland West at Sachsenheim

July 15 - 17, 2011

Saxon Heimattag  
Saxonia Club, Aylmer Ontario Canada

July 30, 2011

ATS Golf Outing  
Salem, OH hosted by Salem Branch 19

October 22 - 23, 2011

ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Host Cleveland West

## LOCAL EVENTS

November 27, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Xmas Tree Cutting & Decoration  
Salem Decorate for Christmas  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?

December 1, 2010

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

December 2, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 & 27 Christmas Party  
Salem Br. 19 Officers' Mtg 7:30 p.m. &  
2011 Planning Meeting 8:00 p.m.

December 3, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Annual Election of Officers

December 4, 2010

Cleveland Children's Christmas Party

December 5, 2010

Merrillville Br. 26 No Meeting - Christmas dinner

December 6, 2010

Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 9, 2010

Youngstown Retirees meet

December 10, 2010

Salem Br. 18/19 Jr. Social/Xmas Party 6:30 p.m.

December 11, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Children's Xmas Party (6 PM)  
Youngstown Children's Christmas Party  
Youngstown Concordia Chorus Sausage Sale and  
Christmas Party

December 12, 2010

Youngstown Br. 22 meeting and Christmas Party  
Youngstown Br. 30 meeting  
Cleveland Branch 1 and 4 Membership Banquet

December 13, 2010

Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 16, 2010

Cleveland Saxon Seniors Christmas Party

December 18, 2010

Salem Br. 18/19 Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Salem Br. 18/19 Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?

December 19, 2010

Youngstown Culture Group Christmas Party

December 21, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Singer's Xmas Party (6 PM)

December 24, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Tom & Jerry Party (4 PM - 6 PM)  
Youngstown Saxon club - closed early

December 25, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Club Closed (Christmas Day)  
Youngstown Saxon Club closed

December 30, 2010

Salem Br. 19 Officer's Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

December 31, 2010

Youngstown New Year's Eve Party in the Ballroom  
Cleveland Sachsenheim New Year's Eve Party

## BRANCH 18, SALEM

By Barbara Brayn

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I hope everyone had a relaxing day with family and friends, a good meal, and an opportunity to give thanks and recognize what we are thankful for.

Our November meeting was held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> and committee reports included the October fish fry, the October breakfast, and the sausage sale. The fish fry on October 22 was attended by 244 adults and 6 children. President Marilyn McNutt thanked everyone who helped and reported that next year we will possibly have the fish fry in November, due to the 50-year dinner and other events that are also held in October. Kate Oesch reported that 215 people attended the October breakfast and the omelet sales

are doing well. Thanks to the committee who are dedicated to this monthly event, and especially to Kate for all she does for the club. Kate also cooked the meal for the joint social on November 12. We had 18 in attendance for the joint social but everyone seemed to enjoy getting together to eat and socialize. Thanks to the committee and to those who stayed to help clean and wash dishes. It is also a good time to acknowledge the regular bartending team of George Spack, Marilyn McNutt and Robert Vogt, who donate their time for our local events. Thank you—you are appreciated.

The Salem Saxon Scholarship Committee is sponsoring the 30-week drawing this year. Tickets are available for \$40 and include a steak dinner, with DJ and social hour, cash bar, and final drawing on May 14, 2011 at the club dance hall. The cost is tax deductible and proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Please contact me at 330-501-1491 if you need tickets. The weekly drawings begin on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

The Joint Social and Family Christmas Party will be held on Friday December 10. The covered dish dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Christmas party will follow. Meat will be provided. Bring a covered dish and your table setting, and be sure to bring your children and your grandchildren to enjoy the

### Placebo may perk up the body's healing powers

The placebo, which is an inactive treatment commonly called a sugar pill, is a tool usually used in the testing of new drugs. Test subjects receiving the new drug should show a big improvement over those taking the fake.

It's called the "placebo effect." It refers to real or imagined improvement people experience taking a placebo or fake drug.

While the effect is most pronounced in cases of pain relief or depression, where some 35 percent of those taking the fake pill feel better, there is evidence that it can do other things, such as lower cholesterol levels, and decrease asthma attacks by about 10 percent.

Sometimes people believe so strongly in the medicine's healing power that their expectations trigger the release of body chemicals that help them heal. A strong belief in their doctor's skill in prescribing medications also has a positive effect.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore say it would be wrong to think that the placebo effect is just imagined. Observable healing is common among placebo takers.

The doctors say it could be possible that psychological factors do initiate true healing in ways they cannot yet fully explain. One thing this could mean to all patients: Believing a medicine will work might actually improve its performance.

festivities.

The ladies are asking for donations of dishcloths and pot holders for the kitchen. If anyone has any extras of these items, and wishes to donate them, it will be greatly appreciated.

Election of Branch 18 officers was held and we elected Caroline Stone to the office of Treasurer. Caroline was a trustee for Branch 18 in the past and she succeeds Carole Flick, who served as Treasurer for 8 years. We thank Carole for her years of service and look forward to Caroline stepping in to the position of Treasurer. The slate of officers for 2011 are: Marilyn McNutt, President; Barbara Brayn, Recording Secretary; Kate Oesch, Financial Secretary; Caroline Stone, Treasurer; Mary Ann Roth, Darlene Sanor, Catherine Sanor, Jill Winkler, Trustees; Marcia Spack, ATS Secretary; and Kathe Schneider, Sergeant at Arms. Appointed by the President were Lois Whitacre, Birthday Secretary; Helen Aeling and Barbara Brayn, Deputies; and Hilda Spack and Barbara Brayn, Scholarship Committee. Congratulations to the 2011 Branch 18 officers and thank you to the ladies for your support.

December events include: 1<sup>st</sup> 30-week Drawing and Planning Meeting on December 2; Branch 18 and 19 joint social and Christmas party on December 10; Branch 18 and 19 Breakfast and Peanut Night on December 18.

The next meeting will be held on Monday December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

## BRANCH 19, SALEM

Robert P. Vogt, Sr.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

The Salem Saxon Sausage Sale was recently held and pick-up day was October 30<sup>th</sup>. A HUGE thanks to Sam and Carol McKinney for making this another successful event. Thanks also to the volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help, including the Ladies of Br. 18 for preparing and serving lunch. It was superb as usual!

The Christmas Party / Social will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the club. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30. Please notify Debbie Vogt or myself of the children attending, preferably by the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. You may

call 330-337-6357 or e-mail at [dvogt40@neo.rr.com](mailto:dvogt40@neo.rr.com) or [rpv27@neo.rr.com](mailto:rpv27@neo.rr.com).

The next breakfast is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to come out to the club on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November to celebrate my sister Caroline's birthday, I mean P-nut night. Notice below that the December P-nut night is switched to the 18<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas falling on the last Saturday of the month.

Remember, help is always needed for functions so if you are able to help, please volunteer.

I wish all a joyous and safe holiday season!

### Upcoming Events

November	27	Peanut Night (Decorate for XMAS- - - for all members!!!)	8:00 p.m. - ? Free drinks
December	1	Saxon Retirees	11:30 a.m.
	2	Br. 19 Officer's Mtg	7:30 p.m.
		2011 Planning Meeting	8:00 p.m.
	6	Br. 19 Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	10	Joint Social Dinner Children's XMAS Party-	6:30 p.m.
	13	Br. 18 Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	18	Breakfast Peanut Night	7-10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
	30	Br. 19 Officer's Mtg	7:00 p.m.

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

## CHURCHES



### St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd.  
Warren, Michigan 48093  
(586) 979-3850  
stpeters\_church@sbcglobal.net  
www.stpeterswarren.or

**10:00 Bilingual Service**

**Nursery School**  
**Coffee following service.**  
**Bible Study, Senior Circle,**  
**Sunday School, Church**  
**Choir, Bell Choir**

### St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church

9509 Lake Avenue  
Cleveland, OH  
(216) 961-4870

**Rev. Dick Williams**  
**Pastor**  
**Cell (330) 524-1718**

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

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

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

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

### St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road  
Highland Hts., Ohio  
(440) 449-1334

**Rev. Karen Ullestad**  
**Pastor**

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

## BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Phyllis Biggs

It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us. Happy birthdays were wished to Hazel Tennis and Penny Zeedrich.

Our Christmas Dinner will be at Brandon's on December 15th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a \$20 gift exchange for anyone wishing to participate.

A motion was made to keep the same officers and it passed. The attendance awards were made to Helen Aeling, Lena Kunkle and Betty Wonner.

Thanks to Hilda, Hazel and Betty for our wonderful lunch. Hostesses for January will be Sue Hertel, Penny Zeedrich and Leslie Reed.

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts. -- Janice Maeditere

## BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Elmer Schneider

Branch 5 members met at the Chris Restaurant for dinner on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. After the dinner we again met at the American Slovak Club for our regular meeting.

A moment of silence was held for Brother Donald J. Brenner who passed away on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at his home. We express our deepest sympathy to his family. A memorial in his honor will be sent to the ATS Saxon Relief Fund. Brother Andy Schuffert remains on the sick list after spending some time in the hospital. I hope that you all will remember that we will not have a meeting in the month of December. Instead of the meeting we will be having our annual Christmas Party on our meeting date. It will be at Jackalopes. I hope you have made your reservation already. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item for donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Election of Officers took place and all officers were returned to their same positions. We thank them for serving in the past and hope they will be able to continue with their service as in the past.

It was voted that we give donations to the following: \$100.00 to the ATS Saxon Relief Fund, \$50 to the Mary Lee Tucker Clothe a Child Fund, \$200 to the ATS Orphan Fund.

Since New Years Day falls on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> our regular meeting for January will be held on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club. Dinner will be held at the Chris Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. the same evening. Our attendance winner for the November meeting was Brother Ned Jones.

Members celebrating birthdays in November are: Brothers Mark Jones, Richard Shiltz and Robert Tomusko. We wish these members a very happy birthday and hope they will have many more happy, healthy ones to come!

Our congratulations go out to our Lorain bowlers who attended the ATS Open bowling tournament. Those who came home with prizes were Danielle Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Singles; Bob Ralph, 8<sup>th</sup> in Singles; and Brian Long, 6<sup>th</sup> in Singles. In Doubles for the women Brian and Danielle Long were first and Jeanne Petty and Nancy Kranstuber were 4<sup>th</sup>. For the Men's Doubles Bob Ralph and Bob Tomusko came in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

## EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCHOR By George Schneider

Well I guess we have our Indian Summer now which has been staying for a longer period than expected and we are not complaining about that. We all know we will be paying for all this nice weather in January and February.

We want to wholeheartedly thank the Cleveland Maennerchor for the gracious invitation they gave us to their Fall concert. Everyone sang beautifully and the food, smoked pork chops, was excellent. After the concert Gerhard brought us nice dancing music.

We are busy preparing for Branch 1 and 4's Christmas dinner for all the members. We will sing four songs after

the dinner. We want to thank Branches 1 and 4 for inviting us every year. This is truly a beautiful function.

We want to ask everyone's patronage of our annual sausage sale to be held in December. Notice the big ad that is in the *Volksblatt*.

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family and friends. We fully thank God for all his blessings.

In November we remember all our departed loved ones with a bouquet of flowers or a lit candle at the cemetery on All Souls Day.

God bless all my readers until you hear from me again ... lebe wohl!

## The Legend of the Poinsettia

In Mexico, poinsettia plants grow wild. There is a charming legend dating back several centuries that explains the presence of this red and green plant and why it blossoms each year during the Christmas season.

One Christmas Eve, a small girl named Pepita traveled to church empty-handed, as she had no gift to give the Christ Child. Her cousin Pedro, who was walking with her, told her that the best gift she could give was a humble one, as long as it was given in love. So, as she

walked, Pepita gathered some weeds she found along the roadside and fashioned them into a small bouquet. Although she finally had a gift, she still felt saddened by the shabbiness of it. When she finally entered the church and approached the altar, she was surprised by a miracle. The weeds had blossomed into brilliant red flowers! From that day on, these bright red flowers were called Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night. Today, we call this plant the poinsettia.



## Christmas is just around the corner.... Give the gift of Fraternal Security



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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.

**Joseph R. Seidel**  
Age 85

Died: October 26, 2010  
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

**Emma Rogney**  
Age 87

Died: November 3, 2010  
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

**Dorothy E. Smith**  
Age 90

Died: November 7, 2010  
Branch 2, Erie PA

**Erika J. Sheridan**  
Age 21

Died: November 7, 2010  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

**Karl Mueller**  
Age 83

Died: November 12, 2010  
Branch 10, Columbus OH

**BRANCH 11, LORAIN**  
By Monica Gilles

Our monthly meeting held on November 6 was a good turnout. We gathered before the meeting and had a nice luncheon/dinner that prepared by our trustees. As always, everything was delicious.

We finalized the details of our Christmas dinner. The dinner will be Saturday, December 4 at Jackalope's. The dinner will start at 6PM. If you have not made your reservations yet, pick up the phone immediately and call Jeanne Petty at 440-960-1696. The meal entrées that you can choose from are prime rib, frenched pork, Atlantic salmon, and chicken or shrimp jackalope. The women's branch will be providing cheesecake for dessert.

We held our election of officers. After many years of being a trustee, Sister Betty Ralph will be stepping down. Sister Jane Mowery will be finishing the remainder of Betty's term. The rest of the officers will remain the same. They are President Jeanne Petty, Vice President Jane Mowery, Treasurer Ginger

Romes, Financial Secretary Sharron Powell, Sergeant at Arms Arleen Gilles, Trustees Elaine Johnson, Jane Mowery, and Arleen Gilles, ATS Secretary, Recording Secretary, Deputy, and Reporter Monica Gilles. We promise to serve the members of Branch 11 to the best of our abilities. Thank you for your confidence and support.

Keep in your prayers Sister Josephine Schneider. On November 18, she underwent a surgery to clear a blocked carotid artery. May you have a speedy recovery. Love you, Grandma!

We had a good outcome at the ATS Open Bowling tournament. Congratulations to all the winners, especially those from Lorain. Danielle Long took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in women's single, Bob Ralph took 8th place in men's single, Brian Long took 6th place in men's singles, Jeanne Petty and Nancy Kranstuber took 4<sup>th</sup> place in women's doubles, Brian and Danielle Long took 1<sup>st</sup> place in women's doubles, and Bob

Tomusko and Bob Ralph took 4<sup>th</sup> place in men's doubles. It was a great weekend. We cannot wait until next year in Cleveland. Thank you to the group from Merrillville for hosting a wonderful weekend. Special thanks to Jeff Szostek for he provided me with a take out menu to a Chinese restaurant that delivered to the bowling alley so I could enjoy some sushi.

There were a couple members in attendance that were celebrating birthdays - Sisters Elaine Johnson and Juliana Johnson. We sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Others celebrating this month are Edna Beeman, Eleanor Kerner, and Wilma Paghi.

Sister Betty Ralph won the door prize. Sister Josephine Schneider, who was present at the meeting, won the attendance prize.

Do you have enough life insurance if something were to happen to you? Do your family members have enough coverage? Do you have some extra cash that earning a low interest rate in the bank? Why not consider the ATS for your financial needs? The ATS has several life insurance products available. Not to mention, the annual interest yield on annuities is guaranteed at 3.00%. Give Monica Gilles at call at 440-309-7894 or email her at gillemo76@hotmail.com to discuss what is available for you and your loved ones.

Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, January 8, 2011. The trustees will be serving a meal before the meeting starting at 7PM. If you cannot make it for the meal, plan to attend the meeting that starts at 8PM.

Since the New Year is approaching, that means local dues will need to be collected. Plan to attend the next meeting to turn to pay your dues. If you cannot make the meetings, you can mail your local dues to Sharron Powell; 2308 Mark Drive; Lorain, OH 44052.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! I am thankful for my family and friends, especially my family and friends with the ATS.

**Green Living Tip**

Using natural cleaning products is a great way to keep unwanted chemicals out of your home. But did you know that you may be tracking harmful chemicals and pesticides into your living space every time you come home? Common shoe hitchhikers include lawn chemicals, lead, toxic cleaners, and week-killers. To help reduce this contamination, invest in a good welcome mat. You can also place a washable rug in your entry way. Finally, the act of removing your shoes before walking around in your home is the best way to reduce this exposure.

**NEW ATS MEMBER!**



**Logan Matthew Aeling**  
Branch 3, Alliance



**TIME TO ORDER THE  
BEST SAUSAGE  
in TOWN!**  
**EINTRACHT - SAXONIA  
SACHSENCOR'S  
ANNUAL WURSTMARKT**

**Thursday, December 2, 2010**  
**Westside Sachsenheim**  
**7001 Denison Avenue**

**Choice of Garlic or Without Garlic**  
**\$3.00/pound**

**Call Your Order in Today:**  
**Maria Fischer (216)741-1398**

**Deadline for Orders is November 29th**  
**Orders to be picked up after 1:00 p.m.**  
**at the Sachsenheim on December 2nd.**



**Attention: Junior Members of  
ATS Branches 1, 4, 5, 33, and 34  
Children's Christmas Party  
Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Saturday, December 4th  
2:00 p.m.**

There will be craft-making, entertainment, refreshments and of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

We would love to have you be a part of the Christmas Program by reciting a poem, playing an instrument or singing a song. Let's us know when you make your reservations.

Phone your Reservation in:  
Patty Cunningham (216)398-7520  
or  
Joan Miller-Maluc (216)251-6036  
(If you reach an answering machine, leave a message and your phone number)

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS  
NOVEMBER 26TH!!!**

Junior Members	Free
Non-Member Children	\$15.00
Adults	\$ 5.00

Plus everyone is to bring a can or box of non-perishable Food for the Community Corner's Food Bank.

**Q: What did Santa say on Christmas Eve?**  
**A: "That wraps it up for another year!"**

**Q: What does Santa do when his reindeer make a sloppy landing on a housetop?**  
**A: He hits the roof!**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**LORAIN BRANCHES 5 AND 11**

**DECEMBER 4, 2010 at 6:00 PM**

**JACKALOPE'S  
301 LAKESIDE AVENUE  
LORAIN, OH 44052**

**CHOICES FOR YOUR MEAL ARE:**

**ATLANTIC SALMON  
JIM'S FRENCHED PORK  
CHICKEN OR SHRIMP JACKALOPE  
KING CUT PRIME RIB**

**THE DINNER IS FREE FOR ALL LOCAL MEMBERS.  
GUESTS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN MEALS.**

**MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING EITHER:**

**JEANNE PETTY at (440) 960-1696**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2010**

**Have your meal selection made when you call for reservations.  
Also, please bring non-perishable items for donation to the  
Second Harvest Food Bank.  
Thank you.**



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

At our November meeting the following members were elected to office for 2011: President Monica Weber, Vice President Stephanie Miller Hanek, Secretary Joan Miller-Malue, Treasurer Donna Jankow, Financial/ATS Secretary Rosemarie Zimmer, Sergeant at Arms Maria Fischer, Archivist Hilda Henning, Trustees: Marie Tellman, Anna Alischer and Renee Louie. We are grateful that we have willing members to serve our fraternal lodge. Installation of officers will be held at our Holiday Membership Banquet.

You still can make a toy donation for the Community Corner's Christmas Gift program. I do not have to make the delivery of our collected items until December 13<sup>th</sup>. With your kindness, you will make a needy child very happy on Christmas morning. If you wish to donate please bring your item to the Sachsenheim and give it to the manager or

bring it along when you come to the Children's Christmas Party or the Holiday Membership Banquet. We thank our members who have already made their donations.

It is homemade sausage time at the Sachsenheim! The Sachsenchor will hold their annual Wurstmarkt on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Orders must be made by calling Maria Fischer at (216)741-1398. Deadline for orders is November 29<sup>th</sup>. Orders are to be picked up after 1:00 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The next children's event at the Sachsenheim will be the Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 PM. Invitations were sent to our junior members of ATS Branches 1, 4, 5, 33 and 34. The party is free for ATS junior members, \$15 for non-member children and \$5 for adults. Plus, everyone is to bring a can or box of non-

perishable food for a donation to the Community Corner's Food Bank. Reservations must be made by November 26<sup>th</sup> so that Santa's elves have time to prepare the gifts. Please call Patty Cunningham at (216)398-7520 or Joan Miller-Malue at (216)251-6036 to make your reservations. When making your reservations we need to know the ages of the children and if they wish to perform during the program.

We will hold our Annual Holiday Membership Banquet on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. After a delicious dinner prepared by the ladies of Branch 4, the Sachsenchor will perform and we will hold the installation of officers. To make reservations please call Rosemarie Zimmer at (440)237-7549 by December 6<sup>th</sup>. During the program we will honor our newly attained sixty-year members: Theresia Handel and Maria Homm and our newly attained fifty-year member Inge Schuster. The banquet is free to our local members and only \$10 for guests. It is always an enjoyable afternoon so we hope you will be able to join us.

The New Year's Eve Party will start at 7:00 pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>. A five course dinner will be served at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$60 per person which includes the dinner with choice of entrée filet mignon or salmon, all drinks of your choice, party hats and noisemakers and homemade sausage and sauerkraut sandwiches at midnight. The DJ will be playing our favorite rock 'n roll songs for dancing. The evening celebration is only by prepaid reservations which must be made by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make your check out to ATS Branch 1 and send your reservations to Joan Miller-Malue, 17105 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, OH 44107. Please designate your choice of filet mignon or salmon.

We will not hold a monthly meeting during December. We are hoping to see many of our members at the Membership Banquet.

**Correction from last issue**



**There was a tie for Ladies All Events at the ATS Open Bowling Tournament: Kathy Roman and Sharon Edwards**

**Keeping Social Security During a Move**

Moving is one of the bigger causes of stress in our lives. It can be easy to forget some of the smaller tasks when you are concentrating on the larger job of moving a household, whether it is across town or across the country.

If you receive Social Security benefits, it is important to remember to notify them of your change in address. This is critical even if you receive your benefits by direct deposit or Direct Express, or if you are

receiving only Medicare benefits. Without your current address, Social Security is unable to notify you of changes that could affect your benefits.

The easiest way to change your address is with their online form at [www.socialsecurity.gov/changeofaddress](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/changeofaddress). After submitting the form online, you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail. You can also call 800-772-1213 to change your address using an automated voice system.

**CONCORDIA CHORUS  
CHRISTMAS SAUSAGE SALE  
DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Friends and Patrons,  
Please mark your calendar that we will have our annual Christmas sausage sale on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be in the Pavilion between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You may order 3 or 5 lb. packages in plain, garlic or hot at \$2.75 per lb. Deadline for ordering is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

You may order from  
Richard Bowden 330-533-7192 or  
Marie Bokesch 330-799-4821  
Claudia Bair 330-799-9228  
or from any member of the chorus.

Please note that our kitchen in the pavilion will be opening during the day and we will serve sausage sandwiches with kraut.  
Come and join us for lunch.  
Greetings from the Concordia Chorus  
Flora Pamer

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010  
11:30 - 2:30**



**SANTA ARRIVES AT 12:00  
ON A FIRE TRUCK**

**Invitation to  
Branches 1 and 4  
Holiday Membership  
Banquet  
Sunday, December 12, 2010  
Westside Sachsenheim  
1:00 p.m.**

**Performance by Eintracht-Saxonia  
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**Deadline December 6th**

We will not be mailing out individual invitations this year.

**The Christmas  
conundrum**

Jesus had no servants,  
yet they called him Master.

He had no degree,  
yet they called him Teacher.

He had no medicines,  
yet they called him Healer.

He had no army,  
yet he was feared by kings.

He won no military battles,  
yet he conquered much  
of the world.

He committed no crime,  
yet they crucified him.

He was buried in a tomb,  
yet he lives today.

Christians celebrate his  
birthday on December 25th.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
BRANCHES 22 & 30**

**AFTER OUR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2010  
4:30 P.M.  
SAXON CLUB BALLROOM**

**SIT DOWN DINNER  
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## SALEM SAXON RETIREES By Sue Fritzman

A beautiful crisp fall day greeted 38 Retirees attending the potluck dinner and meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. President Lois Whitacre welcomed everyone as she opened the meeting. Bill Hiltbrand gave the invocation followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance." The minutes were read and approved with Katy Lederle giving her Treasurer's report. Bill also announced the lengthy update of members ill and in nursing homes and also asked for volunteers as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army. Nancy Stumperth acknowledged those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries for the month of November as Bill led the songs of "Happy Birthday" and "Happy Anniversary" to celebrants. December celebrants are as follows: December Birthday members - Fred Theiss, Jr. - 8<sup>th</sup>; Barbara Maroscher -13<sup>th</sup>; Walter Weber - 15<sup>th</sup>; Frank Diehl -16<sup>th</sup>; John Fowler -17<sup>th</sup>; Marie Cook - 26<sup>th</sup>.

Anniversary Couples- Beth & Fred Theiss - December 17<sup>th</sup>, 55 years.

Ron & JoAnn Reichenbach - December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 49 years. Congratulations to all!

Lois announced the following upcoming activities to be held at the club: Branch 18 meeting November 12th, Joint Social - November 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Breakfast, November 27th & Peanut Night & decorating the hall for Christmas with volunteers always welcomed.

THE NEXT MEETING of December 1<sup>st</sup> will be a catered Swiss Steak dinner. Prepaid reservations are necessary with Katy Lederle taking reservations at 330-533-5154. The officers will be serving on this committee. George Spack & Bill Hiltbrand entertained the Retirees with humorous stories, which were enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with a moment of silence for deceased member Walter Combs followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Bingo was enjoyed after the meeting to conclude the afternoon.

I found out something interesting to share about Saxon family backgrounds after talking to Walt & Elaine Weber of Salem. I knew Walt came from a large family of twelve, six girls & six boys, but didn't know they all ended up marrying other Saxons except Henry, who never married. All of these children had to work hard and went to bed early. I know Henry (Heine) & Alfred helped us when we built our house. It is hard to imagine this many kids in a family in those days - even now. Here is the list of names born to parents John & Sophia (Heltman) Weber and their spouses: Sophie-James Ewing, Freda-Joseph Kufieitner, Hilda-William Edling, Elsie-Wilfred Biles, Eleanor-William Shasteen, Betty (still

living)- Vernon Ostovich, John-Hazel Freeman, Henry, Alfred-Eldred Bodendorfer, Walter (stilliving)-Elaine Schweitzer, Albert-Doris Bailey, Arthur-Dorothy Stroup. I am sure many of you Saxons knew at least a few of these offspring from the Weber family!

When our youngest granddaughter was born in 1991 we figured out that she would graduate in 2010 and thought that was so far off and such a strange year. But dealing with 2000 was also odd and now 2011 will be upon us before we know it. Just another example of how time flies!

While writing this the week of Veteran's Day, we had several beautiful days of warm Indian summer days with beautiful blue skies to top it off. This is when we usually have our first heavy frost, warmer weather and then "Wham" the snow arrives. Like in November of 1950 with the memorable big snowstorm when everyone was snowbound. I will never forget this for my son Michael was born and we needed formula and other baby essentials from town. For special emergencies such as babies being born, etc., fire trucks had to be used. There were no store deliveries and many dredged through the high snow to town for fresh bread etc., as neighborhood men worked together try to keep up with the snowfall and clear the way.

With Veteran's Day in mind, how can we forget those days of 1939-1945 (May 8<sup>th</sup>) when peace was declared? The young Saxon girls were at a "Saengerfest" choir group somewhere in Cleveland along Lake Erie dressed in our elegant identical white gowns with red corsages. While there we heard the news that Poland had attacked Czechoslovakia on September 1, 1939. We were so elated at this fun, loving, carefree event, when "puff" suddenly the thrill of the day took a traumatic turn and became a whole different world for us all.

Our emotions were shattered, as our young men were soon all drafted and headed for battle in just a few months time after training. My husband Mike left in March of 1942 and was on his way to Tunisia as he arrived on Thanksgiving Day. He shared with me the dismal sight of sand, polluted water, Arabs dressed in their draped attire and other foreigners. At first glance, all they saw was all of the equipment lined up and ready for the invasion of Sicily the next day, which was so evident. The other overwhelming sight was the hundreds of wild skinny fowl covering the area. Mike tripped over one of these poor skinny chickens as he walked. He then picked one up by the legs and held it in the air. The other

guys looked at him wondering what was on his mind as he asked them

"What about chicken for dinner, guys?" They looked at him in amazement and informed him they had no idea how to prepare fresh chicken. They followed his lead and gathered up as many chickens as they could and threw them in a big barrel for their big meal.

Mike dressed them all for eating, although there wasn't much meat on them, but it was better than nothing. Some hungry guys from other regiments were watching in envy through the bushes so the guys shared some with them also. They accepted with tears in their eyes with their appreciation for this blessed Thanksgiving meal. They must now prepare for their attack on Sicily the next day for it would be a fierce battle. This was a terrible day of devastation of which many Purple Hearts were earned. Many soldiers were injured as they screamed in pain and watched so many soldiers hurting and their tanks destroyed. Mike lost his tank, which was filled with treasured Christmas gifts - all their hope was gone!

D- Day of June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944 was then upon them as they hit the European coast of Normandy. They then were thrown into

the crucial battle in the Black Forest, which found his unit and relieved them of their tense, blocked situation. They all dreamt of going home with all the chickens they could capture with plans of fattening them up and start a farm to make care packages for other GI's on future holidays as they had appreciated theirs so much. We were so thankful when this tragic war ended on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945. We remember this date so well also as a day of joy and celebration. So enjoy your holiday with thanks and honor our courageous veterans with much pride.

The upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are sometimes so hard to enjoy for those alone or ill. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you! Get well wishes to Ray Denny who is now home, and faithful Dorothy Hutmacher is recovering from double knee surgery and therapy. They are both anxious to get back to winning the jackpot at bingo.

*May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump, may your potatoes 'n gravy have nary a lump, may your yams be delicious, may your pies take the prize, may your Thanksgiving dinner STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS! Hope everyone had a HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Auf Wiedersehen!*

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

Bar Bingo has resumed at the Bar on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM. Ernie Roth will be your host. Additional information will be posted and in the Saxon News.

Thanks for patronizing the Branch 30 Pork Roast dinners. There is no dinner in December. The dinners will be back on January 16, 2011 at 11:30 to 2:30. Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you then.

The committee is working to make it an enjoyable evening New Year's Eve Party in the ballroom, call, or see Mike Teutsch, Jr. 330-533-9669 or Bill Karako. 330-782-4288 for tickets. Tickets will be available in the Lounge on Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM and on Friday from 6 to 9 PM, look for Mike or Marge Teutsch, Sr. On New Year's Eve the doors will be open at 7:00 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM. The band is "Guys without Ties" and they will start at 8:30. Breakfast will be served at Midnight, \$ 30.00 per person open to the public. B. Y. O. B. with Beer, Pop, Mixes, Coffee, and Tea included.

Both branches will meet on Sunday December 12, 2010 at 2:30 PM. Branch 22 will have a Christmas dinner in the Ballroom and Branch 30 is invited. Branch 22 will meet in the Ballroom.

Join the Saxon fraternal society and share in our culture and social events, as well as benefiting from an insurance or annuity plan. Please call an

ATS representative to learn more about our insurance and annuity plans. For a gift to a child you may want to consider the purchase of a one payment life certificate.

Thanks to the many members who have done the noticeable work at the Club; we appreciate your being here.

Couples Bocce inside; check the bulletin board and sign up if you want to play. Call Dave Stryffeler for details. Play will begin on January 3, 2011 on the indoor court. There will be a meeting between Christmas and the first of the year.

The Saxon Club Children's Christmas party is Saturday December 11, in the Ballroom.

The Concordia Chorus will have a Sausage Sale on December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Pavilion. Deadline for ordering is December 7<sup>th</sup>. See their ad in the *Volksblatt* for those to contact. You'll be happy you ordered.

Known to be on the sick list are: Bob Meadows, John Price, Paul Moore, Rich Meesmer, Bob Nischwitz, Jim Salata and Yo's husband, Marty Fitzwilliams. It would be nice to make a visit or give a call to our brothers just to say hello.

Welcome to new members this month: Richard Eberth, Jr. and John Kubacki. One new member in October was Fred Faustino.

To keep your Fraternal Card active you must have your dues for 2011 paid to the Fraternal Secretary (formerly called Financial Secretary) by

## Trivia Teaser Ports

1. Port au Prince is the capital of which Caribbean island? a-Haiti, b-Jamaica, c-Grenada, d-Antigua.
2. A statue of Hans Christian Andersen's "Little Mermaid" is located at the entrance to the harbor of what European port? a-Odessa, b-Copenhagen, c-Amsterdam, d-Palermo.
3. Fort Sumter guards the harbor of which U.S. port city? a-Raleigh, b-Norfolk, c-Charleston, d-Annapolis.
4. In the novel Moby Dick, in which American port is the whaling ship Pequod based? a-Nantucket, b-Cooperstown, c-Mystic, d-Boston.
5. In 1620, the Mayflower departed for America out of what English port city? a-Liverpool, b-Plymouth, c-Roanoke, d-Belfast.
6. Whitney Port is the narrator and star of what MTV reality TV series? a-Bromance, b-Adventures in Hollywood, c-Tiara Girls, d-The City.
7. Port wine is produced exclusively in the Douro Valley in the northern part of which country? a-Italy, b-Portugal, c-India, d-Finland.
8. What is the only African country with port cities on both the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea? a-Morocco, b-Egypt, c-Ethiopia, d-The Sudan.
9. Which prominent rock singer hailed from Port Arthur, Texas? a-Mitch Ryder, b-Tina Turner, c-Janis Joplin, d-Jim Morrison.
10. The German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled in the harbor of what port after being blockaded by British ships in 1939? a-Galveston, b-Benin City, c-Port Royal, d-Montevideo.
11. How many ships a day visited the bay port in the Looking Glass hit song "Brandy"? a-4, b-6, c-12, d-100.
12. Guayaquil is the largest city and major port of which South American nation? a-Bolivia, b-Ecuador, c-Peru, d-Venezuela.

Answer to 'Ports'  
1-a, Haiti; 2-b, Copenhagen; 3-c, Plymouth; 4-a, Nantucket; 5-b, Charleston; 6-d, "The City"; 7-b, Portgal; 8-b, Egypt; 9-c, Janis Morrison; 10-d, Montevideo; 11-d, Galveston; 12-b, Ecuador

December 31, 2010. Come to the December meeting - this would be a good time to pay your dues. You will keep the same card but your dues must be paid to keep it active.

Dorothy and I appreciate the congratulations and best wishes we had afforded to us on our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary, November 18, 2010, from our many friends and members of the Saxon Club. Thanks.

So goes the News .



**BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND**  
By Robert Cunningham

Monday, November 15, 2010 the membership of Branch 1 held their final meeting for the year. The members have voted to suspend our December meeting due to the busy holiday season. Those who need to make a Local Dues Payment, please mail your dues and or insurance premium payments to Robert Cunningham, 9005 Memphis Villas Blvd., Brooklyn OH. 44144-2426. At the November meeting we held the 2010 Election of Officers. The election was held without opposition to any position. Each Branch 1 Officer will retain his current position for 2011; President, Adolf Fischer; Vice President, open position; Secretary-Treasurer-ATS Secretary, Robert Cunningham; Trustee, Hans Schueller and Gerard Slusny; Sergeant at Arms, Wilhelm Henning; Board of Directors, Adolf Fischer and Robert Cunningham. On December 12<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Annual Holiday-Membership Banquet. The banquet will begin at 1:00 P.M. for the members of Branches 1 and 4. We will install the officers of each branch for the coming year and honor those members of have achieved 50 and 60 years of membership. Please call Rosemarie Zimmer at 440-237-7549 to make your reservations. It is free of charge for Branch 1 and 4 local members and the cost for a non-member will be \$10.00 per person. Deadline for reservations will be December 6<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be January 17, 2011.

Prior to this meeting we held our monthly drawing for the Saxon 250 Club. The following are our lucky winners of the Saxon 250 Club for November: Week 32, 11/07/10, Adolf Fischer; Week 33, 11/14/10, Sylvia Wolff; Week 34, 11/21/10, William Spaan; Week 35, 11/28/10, William Stuehler. Congratulations to our winners! We will resume our drawing with the January 2010 meeting.

The members of Branch 1 would like to give Brother Martin Schuller a great THANK YOU for his recent masonry work at the Sachsenheim. In our downstairs dining room, a decision was made to open up one of the large windows to the garden area that was boarded over many years ago and replace it with glass blocks. This now brings in some additional light to the dining room from the garden area. We also need to thank Adolf Fisher, Josef Rohde and Jakob Zimmer for their efforts by going to purchase and delivering all the materials and supplies needed. Monetary donations to fund this project was supported by August Botsch, Hans Botsch, Robert Cunningham, Adolf Fischer, Dieter Herbert, John Simonis and Gerry Slusny. We thank each of you for your help in funding this project.

Branch 1 would like to give a special THANK YOU to our eastside branches ATS Branches 33 and 34. Over the

years, they have generously supported our Sachsenheim financially for the maintenance and general upkeep of our home. The Sachsenheim is a big building and is always in need of some kind of repair work; more than we can actually keep up with. If other individuals would like to lend a hand in the support of our building, donations would be greatly appreciated. All checks should be made payable to ATS Branch 1 and mailed to Robert Cunningham.

The Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor will be having their annual Wurstmarkt (Sausage) Sale on Thursday, December 2, 2010. Sausage will be sold at \$3.00 per pound. You may place your orders for pork sausage with or without garlic with Maria Fischer at 216-741-1398. Deadline for sausage orders will be November 29<sup>th</sup>. All sausage orders can be picked up on December 2, 2010 after 1:00 p.m.

Each Friday evening at the Sachsenheim we will be having our Friday Night Fish Fry. Dinners we be served from 5 to 9:30 p.m. We also have tacos, burgers and other additional items available for purchase along with your favorite variety of foreign or domestic beer. Friday evenings is when the Saxon Dance Group has their weekly practice. Come on down and take a peek at their practice session. It may inspire you to join their group.

On Friday, December 31, 2010, as 2010 comes to a close, we will be having our Rock and Roll New Year's Eve Celebration. Your cost will be \$60.00 per person (check payable to ATS Branch 1); this includes all food and beverages along with party hats and noisemakers. As the New Year opens we will have our midnight toast and sausage sandwiches will also be available. You will have a five course dinner with a choice of filet mignon or salmon. Please send in your prepaid reservations to Joan Miller-Malue, 17105 Hilliard Road, Lakewood Ohio 44107. Deadline will be December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please don't delay and plan on coming down to the Sachsenheim for a fun time.



**By the Numbers: CHRISTMAS**

- The U.S. Postal Service will deliver over 16 billion cards, letters, and packages between December 1st and Christmas Day.
- Pre-cut Christmas trees account for 78% of all trees purchased in the United States. The rest are sold to people who cut their own trees.
- About 44% of all American feel they spend too much on Christmas gifts.
- The average Christmas trip is 275 miles for those traveling to be with loved ones on the holiday.
- Retail stores take in about 15% of their total year's sales in December. For jewelry stores, that percentage rises to 24%.

**Poinsettia Facts and Myths**



Despite its popularity, the poinsettia plant has a reputation as a poisonous plant. A recent poll of 1,000 Americans found that 50 percent of those polled believed poinsettias are toxic if eaten. In actuality, the poinsettia is the most widely tested consumer plant on the market today, which has allowed experts to dispel common myths about the plant.

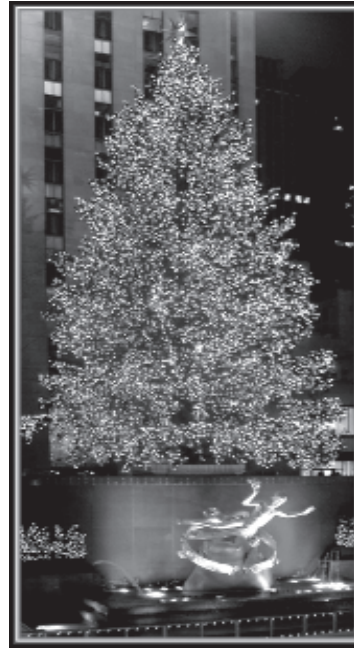
- Ohio State University conducted tests on all parts of the plant, including the leaves and sap. Researchers there concluded that the poinsettia is non-toxic to both humans and pets.

- POISINDEX, the national information center for poison control centers, has issued guidelines indicating that a child would have to ingest over 500 leaves, or 1.25 pounds, in order to exceed any previously measured toxic doses.

- Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, in conjunction with Carnegie Mellon University, analyzed data from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. They concluded that out of 22,793 reported exposures to poinsettia plants of varying degrees, there were no reports of toxicity of any significance.

- In 1975, the Consumer Products Safety Commission was presented with a petition asking that warning labels be placed on all poinsettia plants sold. After investigating the medical research, the Commission denied the petition, citing lack of substantial evidence of the toxicity of poinsettia plants.

Although it hasn't been shown to be toxic, poinsettia plants still should not be eaten. For some people, especially children, ingesting the leaves can cause discomfort. The milky white sap of this plant is also irritating to the skin, so be sure to wash your hands if there is any exposure to this liquid. Those allergic to latex may also find that their skin is irritated by contact with the plant, as poinsettias belong to the plant family that is associated with latex.



The 78th annual ceremonial lighting of the "World's Largest Christmas Tree" will be held at Rockefeller Center December 1, 2010.

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES**

By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Youngstown Retirees meeting held on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

Our president, Pat Bokesch opened the meeting with a prayer which goes something like this: *Lord, today we offer our prayers for those who fight, have fought and died, who give and gave their lives for us, our country and our freedom. May their reward be great. We also ask you to unite all nations as brothers and grant us peace. Bless the hands that prepare and serve our food to our members and those who today bear the honorable title of veteran.*

Our prayer was so meaningful and the luncheon so delicious. The committee for today was Kay, Alice and Mabel. The secretary read the minutes meeting in October and a motion was made by Alice and Dom to accept them as read, all agreed.

The treasurer, Min Haner, gave her report of the monies on hand, income and expenditures and a motion was made by Ro Dundon and Bob Morton to accept the financial report as read, all agreed.

We introduce our guests for today and they are Jim Raymond, brother-in-law to Cindy Blumbough, and Richard Scott, husband of Lisa Scott; nice to see you.

Four people received their official membership badges and they are Rosemary Dundon, Dom Sugar, Raye Gardner and Jane Cummings. It's official - you are one of us.

Next on the agenda, sing, it's birthday time. According to the sign up sheet there were only 3 names, Martha Konrad, June Schuller and Martha Roseta. Now if there were others, please excuse the secretary. We have a birthday sign in list at the front table; please use it, so you can be honored. The same goes for the sick list, please if you know of anyone who needs a get well wish, please sign the sick list. Gert Galich, our sunshine chairman, needs this list to be current. Marge Troll's name is still on the list. It's about time this is changed. Edward and Helen say hello.

Martha Konrad and June Schuller shared their birthdays

with us, goodie. Please call the secretary, Teri Laret at 330-799-2789, as she has the list of supplies we are short on.

Kay Ring, who was chairman of the nominating committee, now presented her and her committee. They are as follows: President Patricia Bokesch, Vice President Gertrude Galich, Secretary Mary Terese Laret (Teri), Treasurer Minnie Haner, Financial Secretary Kay Ring, Asst. Financial Secretary Gertrude Prest, Vindicator Correspondent Gertrude Prest, Sunshine Chairman Gertrude Galich, Raffle Chairperson Carolyn Rauschenberg, Asst. Raffle Chairperson Irene Brown and Trustees Jim Dundon, Eileen Anerino and Ernest Schuller.

The list was approved and accepted by all. Thank you, Kay; it was not an easy task and thank you to your committee. We want to note that there are people who have undertaken to assume the responsibilities of more than one responsibility. The installing will be at the December meeting.

Speaking of the December meeting, please note that it will be a festive occasion, it's Santa Claus time. Hostesses will be Pat Bokesch (330-799-3121), Min Haner (330-792-6442) and Teri Laret (330-799-2789). If there are any additions or cancellations to the standard reservation list, please contact one of the above before Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to bring a guest. It's a time to gather and enjoy each others company, we ask that you please just call and let us know. Don't forget to bring a \$1 gift exchange item to our December meeting.

We will close our meeting with a tribute to the loyal members who have gone to heaven. We observe the tradition of lighting a candle for all members who have gone before us. We take a minute now to celebrate the lives of Mike Ternick, George Schuller and John Keckes. May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen. The lights of the candles are extinguished.

Hope to see you all at the Saxon Retirees along with your surprise gift. That's all folks! So - ein -Tag!

# PotPourri

## Your Horoscope

December 2010

**ARIES:** Your desire to stay close to home is understandable at holiday time. You have lots of ideas for upcoming celebrations that don't include travel. Have fun, but be realistic about how much you can do.

**TAURUS:** Is that the real you? Normally, you don't speak without thinking, but your impulsiveness now could shock family, friends and co-workers. Take advantage of holiday time off to get stress under control.

**GEMINI:** Big decisions keep clouding your mind. This is not the time to think about them. There's too much going on. Just keep an eye on spending but have a good time getting together with family and friends.

**CANCER:** Love is in the air! Give that special someone a little extra attention and your feelings will be returned in ways that will please you. The love of children is emphasized now. Enjoy it.

**LEO:** You may want to get everything done at the office before the holiday break, but working long hours could wear you out. Be realistic and go into the holidays with a little energy to spare.

**VIRGO:** Santa has a special message for you: Stay safe in December! Allow enough time to drive to your destination without rushing. If it snows, watch your back while shovel-

ing. Check the door locks tonight.

**LIBRA:** If travel is on your mind, go for it! A trip to visit family members is good, but hotels and resorts have much to offer right now. Check your options, pack up and leave.

**SCORPIO:** If it's too cold outside to get out and walk, exercise indoors or at the gym. Take a quick survey of your health and any problems you should be dealing with. Then do it. It's important.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Listen to the pros and cons about solving a problem. You might have to compromise, but that's better than not working on it at all. Investigate alternatives carefully.

**CAPRICORN:** Consider whether you are labeling people or pigeonholing them in your mind. If you decide they are stubborn, argumentative or uncooperative, it reduces your opportunities to deal with them.

**AQUARIUS:** Don't deny friends your presence at their various get-togethers. Crowds become you right now and you could become the center of attention. Watch for an old friend who is a little touchy.

**PISCES:** News from a distance or a telephone call brings much happiness. At work, choose a partner to help. One-to-one relating brings more progress. Away from work, try that new restaurant.

## December birthdays

1. Woody Allen, actor, three Oscars, Brooklyn, NY, 1935.
2. Britney Spears, singer, Kirkwood, LA, 1981.
3. Ozzy Osbourne, singer, songwriter, England, 1948.
4. Jeff Bridges, actor in many movies, Los Angeles, CA, 1949.
5. Frankie Muniz, actor, My Dog Skip, Ridgewood, NJ, 1985.
6. Steven Wright, comedian, New York, NY, 1955.
7. Larry Bird, Basketball Hall of Fame, West Baden, IN 1956.
8. Kim Basinger, actress, three Oscars, Athens, GA, 1953.
9. Jesse Metcalfe, Desperate Housewives, Waterford, CT, 1978.
10. Susan Dey, LA Law actress, Pekin, IL 1952.
11. Gary Dourdan, actor in CSI, Philadelphia, PA, 1966.
12. Jennifer Connelly, one Oscar, Catskill Mountains, NY, 1970.
13. Jamie Foxx, Oscars for Ray, two others, Dallas, TX, 1967.
14. Patty Duke, one Oscar, one Emmy, New York, NY, 1946.
15. Adam Brody, TV and movie actor, San Diego, CA, 1979.
16. Steven Bochco, TV show producer, New York, NY, 1943.
17. Sean Patrick Thomas, TV, movies, Wilmington, DE, 1970.
18. Brad Pitt, actor in many movies, Shawnee, OK, 1964.
19. Cicely Tyson, two Emmy awards, New York, NY, 1939.
20. Uri Geller, psychic and clairvoyant, Israel, 1946.
21. Kiefer Sutherland, 24 actor, many movies, England, 1966.
22. Ralph Fiennes, Harry Potter films actor, England, 1962.
23. Susan Lucci, TV and movie actress, Westchester, NY, 1949.
24. Ryan Seacrest, American Idol host, Atlanta, GA, 1974.
25. Sissy Spacek, Oscar, many movies, Quitman, TX, 1949.
26. Ozzie Smith, basketball Hall of Fame, Mobile, AL, 1954.
27. Cokie Roberts, news correspondent, New Orleans, LA, 1943.
28. Denzel Washington, movie actor, Mount Vernon, NY, 1954.
29. Jude Law, actor in Cold Mountain, others, England, 1972.
30. Meredith Vieira, cohost of The View, Providence, RI, 1953.
31. Sir Anthony Hopkins, three Oscars, United Kingdom, 1937.

## Kids Holiday Recipes

This holiday season, share some fun and laughter in the kitchen! Kids and adults alike will enjoy these fun food activities.

### Snowball Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup powdered sugar, sifted  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 1/2 cups flour; sifted  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup chopped pecans  
Cream butter in large bowl. Add sugar, cream until light. Stir in vanilla. Sift flour and salt; mix in. Stir in nuts. Shape into balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes at 350. Roll in powdered sugar straight out of oven. Roll again when cool.  
Makes about 36 cookies.

### Holiday Wreaths

1/3 cup butter  
1 10.5-oz. package of large marshmallows  
6 cups cornflakes cereal  
1 teaspoon green food coloring  
1/4 cup cinnamon red hot candies  
Melt margarine in a large pan over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir constantly until marshmallow melt and mixture is syrupy. Remove from heat. Stir in food coloring. Add corn flakes and stir until well coated. Drop mixture by 1/4 cupful onto cookie sheet. Using buttered finger, quickly shape into individual wreaths. Dot with cinnamon candies. Let cool completely.

### Rudolph Sandwiches

Take a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and cut off two opposite corners of the sandwich. Use two raisins for the eyes, a small piece of cherry licorice rope for the mouth, pretzel sticks for the horns, and half of a marshchino cherry for the nose.

## Stieg Larsson books

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## Bumper Sticker Humor

When all else fails, lower your standards.

Time flies when you don't know what you are doing.

Don't worry about life.  
You are not going to survive it anyway.

Repetition is always better the second time.

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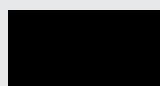
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