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BRANCH 18, SALEM By Barbara Spack

The Salem Saxon Scholarship applications are available and can be obtained from the guidance offices at Salem High School, West Branch High School, United Local High School or from the Scholarship Fund trustees Barbara Spack, Art Maroscher, Marcia Spack or Sam McKinney. The deadline for submission is June 1st.

It was a pleasure to have ATS president Denise Crawford at out March meeting. She shared information about ATS happenings, and also inducted our 2024 officers: President Marilyn McNutt, 1st Vice President Chris Phillis, 2nd Vice President Terri Spack, Recording Secretary and ATS Secretary Barbara Spack, Financial Secretary Helen Aeling, Treasurer Sharon Walker, Trustees Marcia Spack, Mary Lou Weingart, and Joy Spack, and Sergeant at Arms Kate Lederle. Denise discharged outgoing trustees Mary Ann Roth and Trudy Ehrhart, who were recognized and thanked for their many years of service. Trudy and Mary Ann are greatly appreciated for their combined years of service as Branch 18 trustees.

President Marilyn appointed Bunny Rothbrust as our birthday secretary who will replace Lois Whita-

Attention TSBA Bowlers

67th TSBA Convention Youngstown Saxon Club 710 S Meridian Rd

Youngstown, OH June 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Reminder: Each

Lunch \$10

Branch may send 3 delegates

RSVP: Tom Simon

(330) 720-7988 by June 2nd

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cre in the role. Lois served as our birthday gift basket presenter for more than 20 years. It's hard to believe it's been that long. Thanks to Lois for the great job.

A committee was appointed to look at the kitchen cleaning project and replacing the curtains over the trophy case. Chris Phillis and Joy Spack are on the committee and are looking for a new freezer to replace the one no longer working in the kitchen. There were also issues with the dishwasher and Joy met with the repair person. She and our caretaker Stacy will be overlooking the use and maintenance of the dishwasher.

The ladies elected delegates to the convention in Youngstown and they are Marilyn McNutt, Barbara Spack, Marcia Spack, Mary Lou Weingart, Joy Spack, and alternate Bunny Rothbrust. The delegates were advised to vote in favor of the proposed ATS constitution changes. A motion passed to reimburse the delegates for their meal expenses.

Congratulations to all our Salem bowlers and Bowl Where You Are participants who really represented Branches 18 and 19 well this season!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford ATS Nat'l President



As I write this message, Monica Gilles in the ATS Home Office is working her last day with us. She is leaving us after 22 years of hard work and dedicated service to our Saxon members. We wish her much success in her new endeavors and will miss her around the office. I'm sure we'll see her around the ATS in the future, though. Thank you, Monica!

For those ATS members who have an IRA account with us, you should have received your Form 5498 in the mail recently. This form is an informational form for the previous tax year. In this case, for the tax year 2023. The reason it comes out so late is that IRA account owners have until the tax filing deadline date of April 15 to contribute into the IRA account for the previous tax year. The form shows your contributions, if any, into the account. If you are subject to required minimum distribution amounts, it shows that withdrawal. Transfers, rollovers, and conversions are also included if you had one of those during the year. It also shows your balance in the account as of December 31. The Internal Revenue Service uses the different information from this form for various purposes. No need for you to do anything with the Form 5498; just file it with your 2023 tax return and information.

By the time you read this issue of the Volksblatt, the 108th ATS Convention will be history. I will write about it in the next issue. The Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl will be history also. I hope that you had a chance to see some of the weekend celebration on the Verband's YouTube channel (SiebenbuergenDE) and their Facebook page (Siebenbuerger.de).

I hope everyone has a wonderful Memorial Day holiday and weekend. This day is more than just a day off for most people. It is a day that started after the Civil War as Decoration Day. It was a day designated with the purpose of decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country. On the first Decoration Day in 1868, General James Garfield made a speech at the newly formed Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there. Americans have come a long way since the Civil War, but sometimes I think we need a gentle reminder to remember to honor the men and women who died while serving in the US Military.

Did you know that Major League Baseball held their first-ever night game on May 24, 1935? The Cincinnati Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 at that game, courtesy of newly installed lights at Crosley Field in Cincinnati. According to History.com,

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

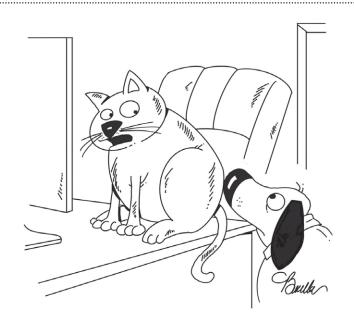
The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donations to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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the first-ever night game in professional baseball, however, took place 5 years earlier when a Des Moines, Iowa team played Wichita, Kansas for a Western League game. Des Moines game had 12,000 attending the night game, when the average at that time was 600 fans per game. Evening games soon became popular in the midst of the Great Depression, as minor league ball clubs were routinely folding. Many minor league owners adapted to the illuminated innovation as a way of staying in business. It took the MLB five years to catch up. The first MLB game drew 25,000 fans, who stood by as President Roosevelt symbolically switched on the lights from Washington, D.C. To celebrate their new evening fan base, the Reds played one night game against every National League team that year - eight games in total. Despite the lousy record of the Cincinnati Reds that year (68 – 85), attendance at their games rose 117 percent.

Most MLB teams followed suit as they realized that night games would benefit their bottom line. Teams upgraded their stadiums to include lights throughout the 1930s and 40s. Wrigley Field in Chicago was the last baseball park to begin hosting night games. They had held on for 74 seasons with day games. On August 8, 1988, the Cubs hosted the Philadelphia Phillies for their first night game. It was rained out in the 3rd inning! So, officially, Wrigley Field's first night game was held the next evening, on August 9, 1988, with the Cubs beating the New York Mets 6-4.

On a personal note, Happy Birthday Mom! My mother, Helen Aeling, will be celebrating her 85th birthday this year on May 24th. Her lights are still shining bright!

Until next time....

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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com POSTAL MAIL: Saxon News Volksblatt 29076 Fall River Dr Westlake, OH 44145

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE

ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024 FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

The ladies of Branch 27 met at Soni's Restaurant May 2, 2024 to celebrate Mother's Day with a delicious buffet dinner and an evening filled with games and prizes. Amanda Hudak made beautiful floral table arrangements which were donated by her mother, Katy Hudak. The happy winners of these arrangements were Nancy Harris, Linda Stoops, Sherri Fenske and Rosemarie Montini. The lovely candy and handkerchief favors were made by Judy's sister Sarah Watson-Means and donated by Judy Both. Thank you ladies; we appreciate your efforts in making our tables colorful and welcoming.

A moment of silence was held for three of our members who recently passed away: Marie Benedict, Gertrude Tizak and Patricia Litwinowicz. Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of our deceased members. We will miss them.

Judy read her new, original poem, <u>Just Like Mother</u>, which brought back many wonderful memories of our mothers.

Due to the fact it is necessary to make our reservations at a location early for our Christmas party, it was decided to have it at the clubhouse in Hunters Woods on Sunday, December 8, in the afternoon. Further details will be worked out closer to the holidays.

Judy had the game of the night, What Do You Know About Mother's Day, to test our knowledge of Mother's Day. We had many winners and lots of great prizes to pick from. Thanks, Judy, for the fun game and the prizes, which were donated by Katy Hudak.

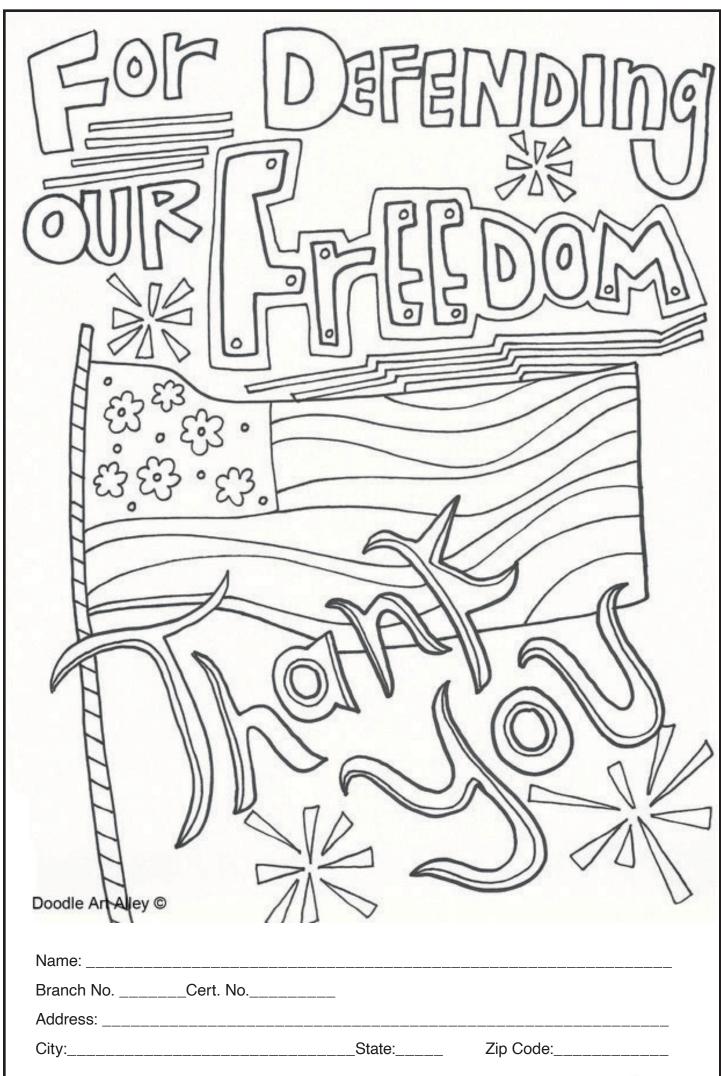
Our next meeting will be a potluck picnic at the Eintracht Club. The branch will furnish the chicken and tableware. Please bring a potluck dish of your choosing to complete our meal. The date and time of the picnic and meeting to follow is June 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the club. We look forward to seeing you at this casual indoor summer get together and meeting. Please contact Judy Both (jboth1512@comcast.net or 724-654-0573) by May 30 so enough chicken can be ordered.

USDA: Spuds are good for you

The U.S. Department of Agriculture now says that potatoes have as much antioxidant activity as other disease-fighting vegetables.

A 10.5-ounce baked russet potato (with skin) delivers as much antioxidant punch as two cups of cooked broccoli, 1-1/2 cups of cooked asparagus, or one cup of cooked red cabbage.





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For each coloring entry the ATS receives,

a donation will be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

June 8, 2024

67th TSBA Convention Host: Youngstown Bowlers June 16 - 21, 2024

Saxon Summer Camp Camp Frederick Rogers, OH July 5 - 19, 2024

Federation International Jugendlager Host: Canada July 12 - 13, 2024

North American Saxon Heimattag

Kitchener, ON Canada

July 27, 2024

ATS Family Day at Waldameer

October 19 - 20, 2024

ATS Open Bowling Tournament Host: New Castle Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

June 26, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim /GCM **Summer Pilsner Patio Party**

June 30, 2024

Chicago Br. 9 Picnic

Columbus Br. 10 Picnic, Sycamore Creek Park July 13, 2024

Cleveland East Captains Baseball Game Outing August 18, 2024

Cleveland East Annual Summer Picnic Penitentiary Glen

August 24, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim / GCM

Summer Oktoberfest

September 15, 2024

Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree

September 28, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

October 19, 2024

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest

October 25, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party

December 7, 2024

Cleveland West Sausage Sale

December 14, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

Our President, Lois Whitacre quieted us all down so Tony Rothbrust could give

Salem Saxon Retirees

met on another lovely early

spring day at the club with

23 present.

the invocation, after which we said the Pledge of Allegiance to our American Flag!

We had a delicious lunch served buffet style with whatever we wanted to drink as we had two kinds of coffee and all kinds of soft drinks. Then to top it off, our choice of two kinds of homemade cake! Yummy!

Our secretary, Dianne Kuttler read the minutes from April and Katie Lederle gave us the financial report.

Tony Rothbrust brought his wife, Bunny Rothbrust and I do believe she may decide to come each month. She seemed to enjoy it and we are glad to have her.

We had a big discussion about election of officers. Each person was asked if they would carry this year and I, honestly did not hear anyone say no or complain!

SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Norma Byers

Nancy Stumperth gave us two birthdays. Helen Aeling on the 24th and Henriss Siegl on 25th. We all sang Happy Birthday!!

Next, our Vice President held the 50-50 drawing, and we are now ready for some humor- Helen Aeling and another, today- Nancy Stumperth! How lucky could we be?

We looked up and saw Tony walking in with the Bingo! Need I say more? Fun time!! Thanks Tony!

Stay comfortable, now that our temps are cooler! (Warm)

Please stay well, take your vitamins, Live, Love, Laugh, until we meet again, same time, place, on June 6th!!

TOODLE-OO

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events:

June 3 Officers Meeting June 9 Branch Meeting 2 p.m.

July 8 Officers Meeting 5:30 p.m.

The Youngstown Saxon Club is open Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays, and Sundays.

On Bar Bingo Night, Thursdays, will start the Queen of Hearts, winners announced at 8:30 p.m. Person needs to be present to receive money from Queen of Hearts winnings. Cost is \$5 for 10

public for delicious fish dinners.

We welcome Sharon Lallo as a new fraternal member.

The Youngstown Trunk and Treasure Flea Market is on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors pay \$5 per space (no electric provided) and food and produce vendors are also welcome. All proceeds go to the Saxon Club.

We welcomed, most heartily, delegates and friends to the ATS Convention May 18, 19 here in Youngstown. We hope they had an enjoyable Fridays are open to the and successful meeting.

Look for these deals in May

at the end of May is a great TVs tend to go on sale time for furniture sales.

Look for discounts on housewares and dining Computers, phones, and and living room furni- accessories may be on sale ture at big retailers like from January to April. Walmart and Home Depot. May is also a great month for activewear discounts.

Here are some other months that are good for sales:

January: Look for sales on linens, sheets and bedding, along with winter clothing discounts. Bedding also tends to go on sale again in July.

Late December to April: Electronics often go on

Memorial Day weekend sale after the holidays end. before the Super Bowl in January and February.

> September to October: Summer clothing goes on

> September to December: Larger home appliances go on sale the week before Labor Day. By November, you'll find Black Friday sales on high-ticket items like dishwashers and refrigerators.

August to October: Keep a sharp eye out for steeply discounted outdoor furniture and garden supplies.



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.

Raymand T. Terlecki

Age 87

Died: September 5, 2023 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

David E. Moss

Age 63

Died: April 18, 2024 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

> Margaret Fusselman Age 101 Died: April 27, 2024 Home Branch

Michael G. Obert

Age 92

Died: April 30, 2024 Home Branch

Irene T. Schnell

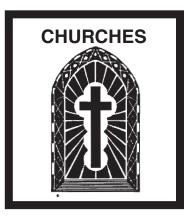
Age 94 Died: May 4, 2024 Home Branch

Gloria M. Dobrindt

Age 93 Died: May 5, 2024 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Elizabeth L. Ralph

Age 91 Died: May 6, 2024 Branch 5, Lorain, OH

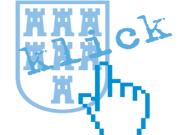


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11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, Michigan 48093 (586) 979-3850 stpeters _church@sbcglobal.net www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service Nursery Coffee following service

Senior Circle



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Send us your E-mail address!

The ATS is in the process of updating our membership database. We would like an E-mail address for all of our members. Please send an E-mail to:

Office@ATSaxons.com

In your e-mail, let us know your full name, address and phone number(s). In addition, let us know what social media site(s) you use. Feel free to include other members of your household in the same email.

Thank You!

The ATS Home Office Staff



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1. Delta Hotels Waterloo

110 Erb Street West Waterloo, Ontario

N2L 0C6 (519) 514-0404

2 Queens \$239.00 Canadian + tax/night 1 King \$239.00 Canadian + tax/night

* Breakfast extra

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14 Benjamin Road Waterloo, Ontario

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2 Queens \$249.00 Canadian + tax/night 1 King \$249.00 Canadian + tax/night

* Breakfast included

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2 Queens \$189.00 Canadian + tax/night 1 King \$189.00 Canadian + tax/night

* Breakfast included





2024 HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM JULY 12 – 13, 2024

Transylvania Club - Kitchener, Ontario

FRIDAY EVENING – KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND "JUGENDLAGER REUNION"

 $7:00-12:00~p.m. \qquad Alpine~Club-464~Maple~Ave.~Kitchener~N2H~4X5\\ Join~us~for~Games,~Music~and~Saxon~hospitality-No~reservations~required\\ $20.00~per~person~includes~BBQ,~salads~\&~desserts$

(2 meat Dinner, Cultural Program, Dance, Festivities)

Doors open at noon.

Light lunch available for purchase.

Heimattag program starts at 1:30 pm

March in of the Flags, Church Service, Kundgebung/Rally cultural presentation and fellowship. Dinner served at 6:00 pm followed by cultural presentations and dance.

GRAND TOTAL

Please enclose cheque, money order in Canadian currency or E-Transfer to

<u>transylvaniaclub@outlook.com</u> and state "Heimattag Tickets" and email the completed

Reservation Form at the same time.

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

Name ______Address ______Phone Number () ______

Transylvania Club
41 River Road East, Unit B,
Kitchener, Ontario
N2B 2G3

Tel: (519) 744-1191

Deadline for Reservations: June 10, 2024

transylvaniaclub@outlook.com



Cost for round trip on bus is \$75

Reservation deadline for Bus and Hotel is

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Calling all past Jugendlager participants!

Join us **Friday, July 12, 7 PM** at the 2024
North American Heimattag in Kitchener,
Ontario for an evening of reminiscing and
reconnecting. Meet this year's Jugendlager
participants and celebrate your

Saxon heritage!

Share your past Jugendlager photos with us by emailing JugendlagerReunion@gmail.com

More details on Facebook @saxons.ca!

Reserve tickets with the Transylvania Club Kitchener \$20 | Includes BBQ Supper

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Please RSVP by June 10, 2024





GONE FISHIN'

ATS ANNUAL

FISHING CHARTER SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 LINDA MAE CHARTER 226 E. Island Dr. Eastlake, OH

Just 20 miles East of Downtown Cleveland
\$30.00 for member
\$65.00 for non-members
Pre-paid reservations only
Includes fishing and bait
Charter departs at 2 p.m
Please arrive by 1:30

This is a great opportunity to enjoy what nature has to offer. What better way to spend the day having a great time, relaxing and fishing on Lake Erie. And the great thing about it is it's fun for everybody, from the person who never had a rod in their hand to the professional angler.

Space is limited. First Come, First Serve!

Additional fees, as needed, are:
Ohio Fishing License \$14.00
Fishing Pole Rental \$15.00
No License required for anyone under the age of 16

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: May 31, 2024

Lexi Seiler : JDRF Youth Ambassador



Lexi Seiler was selected by JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) in January to be one of their Youth Ambassadors for 2024. The JDRF Youth Ambassador program was created for children and teens living with type 1 diabetes (T1D) who are interested in becoming involved with the educational, fundraising, and volunteer efforts of their local JDRF community.

On April 26th, Lexi participated as both a youth ambassador and volunteer at the 2024 JDRF Cleveland Promise Ball, hosted at Cleveland Browns stadium, which raised over \$600,000 to support research in finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes.

Lexi is the daughter of Amanda and Mike Donnellan.

The Donnellan, Botsch, and Seiler Families are all members of ATS Branches 1 & 4, and Lexi, her mom Amanda, and her siblings Jameson, Grace, and Zachary all perform with the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group.

Keep that water handy

During a day of normal activity, the body needs about two quarts of liquid to replace lost body fluids. About 48 ounces should come from drinking water and other hydrating beverages. The remainder, about two cups, comes from solid foods.

Doctors at the University of Florida College of Health and Human Performance say fruits and vegetables are 85 to 96 percent water, while steak is 50 percent. When exercising, 1/2 to 1 quart of fluids per hour is required to replace fluid lost from sweat during moderate physical activity.

In hot weather, the liquid requirement during exercise is higher, depending on temperature and activity. In addition, it's important to drink water before starting non-exercise outdoor activities, such as gardening.

ATTENTION:

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

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

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2024

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

- At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
- 2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
- 3. Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum 2.0
- 4. Upperclassman: College accumulative GPA minimum 2.5

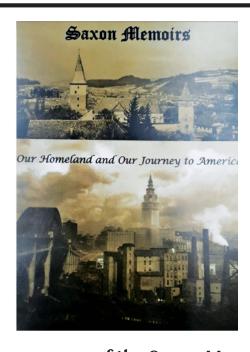
Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail. com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Application Request for Branch 33 College Scholarship/Reimbursement

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Build a better to-do list

A messy notepad full of scrawled reminders or a thick border of sticky notes on your computer monitor might not be doing you very many favors. Your todo list shouldn't be a place where tasks go to get lost -it's supposed to help you get things done.

If you want to really tackle that list, try not to add things if you don't really have to. For small tasks that only takes a few minutes, complete them right away and keep them off the list.

Next, try to automate what you can. Is it your job to remind everyone to submit their expenses every month? Set up a recurring monthly email message to do it for you, so you can direct your energy elsewhere.

When you add items to your list, think smaller. Break large tasks into small chunks -- for example, "get quotes for new carpet" instead of "renovate the office." This makes big jobs feel more doable and helps keep you on track.

Prioritize your tasks as high, medium, or low priority. Assign deadlines to keep you on target. If you aren't sure what to prioritize, consult with a supervisor and think about why the task needs to be done.

Lastly, don't be afraid to lean on your calendar to help you get things done. Block out time for important tasks and set reminders as needed. Use recurring blocks for tasks that occur every day, week, or month.



ATS Family Day

Waldameer and **Water World**

3100 West Lake Road Erie, Pa.

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Over100 Attractions and Waterpark full of Wet n' Wild Fun for Everyone

ATS has reserved a Picnic Pavilion - "Coaster #1"

Free Parking

Free Admission to Picnic **Facility and Amusement Park**

Bring Your Own Picnic Basket Grill available by Pavilion

Discounted Tickets for Combo Pass -Amusement Park Rides and **Water World**

ATS Member \$20.00 Non-Member \$38.00 (Children under age 1 Free unless they want to enter Water World)

Hours for Water World 11 am - 7 pm Waldameer Rides Noon-9pm

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Seriously, get a hobby!

Do you want to reduce stress, connect with others, improve your work performance, and develop new skills -- all while enjoying yourself?

If you answered yes to all of those things, then what you need is a hobby. It's much more than a silly thing you like to do on weekends. A hobby is an investment in yourself that can positively impact your whole life and make you a happier, more well-balanced person.

According to WebMD, devoting quality time to activities you enjoy can sharpen your mind and and improve overall wellbeing.



People who make time for their hobbies are also less likely to feel depressed, and ready-made communities of like-minded hobbyists can help alleviate loneliness.

If that sounds good to you,

then dive right in and try new things until you fall in love. Don't be afraid of complex tasks, either (like your grandmother's fancy needlework or your dad's timeconsuming woodworking projects). An intellectually challenging hobby can increase your confidence, boost your self-discipline, and enhance your creative problem-solving skills.

And while you might not be asked to sculpt sugar flowers or build a bookcase at work, the benefits of a rewarding hobby can still pay off in your professional life. Your growing confidence and ability to untangle sticky problems can really come in handy during business hours, and the social aspect of a hobby can help you nurture strong and productive relationships with your coworkers.

BRANCH 37, DETROIT By Trudy Kalvin

Detroit Branch 37 had two exciting events recently. On April 27, there was a 100th birthday celebration for our member Mike Krautner at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. His family put on a party to honor him, and more than 100 attendees included his 3 sons and their spouses, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives. longtime friends from their hometown, and neighbors. Great, funny stories of their relationship with Mike were told by many. Also honored with Mike were our Branch's oldest members, Katie Fedototszkin (99 years young) and Susanna Krautner (96 years young).

On May 5th, Branch 37 held its 111th Anniversary/Mother's Day Dinner.

Pastor Gerry led us in a prayer, thanking the Lord for bringing us together to celebrate this special occasion. After the prayer, she also thanked the Branch for its generous donations to St. Peter's Church as well as other various causes.

President Susanna Fleischer started off the event noting the Branch's long history. President Fleischer told us: "Since the Saxon Club was founded February 23, 1913, many things have transpired, some sad times, but a lot of good times throughout the years. Branch 37 has hosted two ATS Heimattags, one in 1998 and again in 2000, everyone who attended from Canada, Germany and the USA had a great and memorable time. In 2023 we hosted the Traun Trachten Group from Austria, and everyone had a good time, since we had not had any activities for a couple of years due to Covid. Sometimes the task is difficult, but as long as we are able to share our history and experiences with the younger members in order to keep our

origin alive, it makes it all worthwhile. We also hosted ATS conventions and bowling tournaments. In 1925 the Saxons purchased a clubhouse where regular meetings and festivities were held. The hall also was utilized by the newly founded St. Peter's German and Saxon Evangelical Lutheran Church under the direction of Pastor Hans Teutsch. ATS Branch 37 members were also involved with the building of St. Peter's Church. The Church utilized the Saxon Hall for the weekly services from 1930 to 1933 while in the process of building the Church. This association still exists today, as the Saxons have their monthly meetings at the Church."

Lifetime members were acknowledged. 25 Year members are George Breckner, Larry Kracker, and Ruth Kracker. 50 Year members are George Breckner Jr., Maryann Fleischer, and Susie Leprich. 60 Year members are Katie Fedototszkin, John Fleischer, and Heidi Alesi. And a 65 Year member is Mike Rehner.

President Susanna Fleischer was applauded for her long service as our Branch President for 32 years!

We joined in singing "Siebenbürgen", the Saxon National Anthem, and in memory of the late Mrs. Katarina Klein, we sang "Der Mai ist gekommen".

Robert Schneider reminded us to honor our mothers in their efforts to value our heritage and pass on our Saxon legacy.

Thanks to Paul Weihs for donating extra beverages.

Special thanks to Debbie Ferguson for organizing this event, the great food, the nicely decorated hall, and all the unique touches to make it special.

We look forward to our continued Saxon association.



Happy 100th Birthday Mike Krautner!

















BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE 550 Officenter Place Gahanna, Ohio 43230 May 20, 2024 Time 12:00 noon

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

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

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

ANNUAL SUMMER SAXON CLUB PICNIC Sunday 1 to 5 pm June 30, 2024 PLEASE RSVP to:

Olga Hesch

Text or Call to 614-432-3666 Or Email to olga.hesch@gmail.com Or Private message on Facebook to Olga Hesch

DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW PRAYERS

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

CELBRATION

Please join me in wishing Jill Blum (May 24) and George Lassel (May 29) very Happy Birthdays. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

We are happy to announce that the group has grown to 200 members. Please invite people to join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy. net), and we will set you up.

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

GERMAN HISTORY COLUMBUS – RELIGION

This discussion is possible through reading 'The Columbus Germans' by La Vern J. Rippley, reading articles from the Columbus Dispatch, historical articles from the Columbus Public Library and the actual history in the church's directories, regarding religions in Central Ohio originating



St. John's Church

from German heritage.

As you would expect from your own German religious background, that the German places of worship were an important party of the German and the Columbus Communities. It has been the very foundation of the German immigration. In some instances the religious organization originated from a various religious doctrines or from German organizations. Regardless, German's had the desire to make religion a main part of their lives, beliefs and in some cases as an extension or basis for education.

We will attempt to discuss religions of Germans in Central Ohio, and expand our discussions to include religions that may not have been part of our upbringing.

The next church we will discuss is Independent Protestant German Church. This church was organized in 1843 and began on Mound and Third Streets. The church ran into lean years until 1857. In order to make ends meet they would end up leasing their new church to Trinity German Evangelical Lutheran church. Eventually The Independent Protestant German Church would relocate to South High. In 1921, the building on South High Street would be sold to the Columbus Maennerchor and become their new home. There were two notable and significant foundations for The Independent Protestant German Church. In the beginning, the church gave female members were admitted and given an equal voice in all of the church's affairs. The second distinct feature was that the church taught evolutionary creation. This theory presents a view that God acts and creates through laws of nature. It promotes that God and science act in conjunction with each other in the evolutionary creation of life. At the time, these were extremely progressive for the time.

The next church we will discuss is St. John's German Protestant Evangelical Church. The church was organized in 1872. Twenty men met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bleile, Sr. to discuss the creation of the church. The Schoedinger family was very instrumental in the organization of the church. They reached out to other individuals of German decent and in August of 1872 they drafted the church's constitution and came up with the name. Initially, services were held at the United Brethren Church at Town and Carpenter Streets. Eventually, they purchased land on East Mound Street. The church was built in July of 1873 and dedicated in May of 1874. The church had a strong vision of what they wanted as a church and the building was constructed to have a capacity for 800 people. The significance in that it was that the size was quadruple the current size of the congregation. An interesting fact is that the first president of the congregation was John Rickenbacher (the father of the famous pilot Eddie Rickenbacher). In 1901, the church built an expanded Sunday school and social area. The cornerstone to the building was inscribed, "Jesus Christus der Rechte Eckstein"(Jesus Christ the true cornerstone). A gradual change in the language transitioned from German to English. At first, English services were held on Sunday evenings. By 1909 the first Sunday of the month was in English. In 1917 the congregation decided to build a larger and expanded building on the current lot and the addition of other lots. The church saw continued growth. In addition, changes were occurring in the direction of the church. There was a merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches in 1957, forming the United Church of Christ. Eventually, the church would be fully committed to the United Church of Christ and it would now be known as St. John's United Church of Christ.

HUMOR

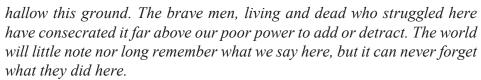
Here is a demonstration of the difference in thinking between women and men. A professor wrote the blackboard, "Woman without her man is nothing." The professor asked the students to correct the punctuation. The men wrote, "Woman, without her man, is nothing." The women wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

Remember the Gettysburg Address on Memorial Day

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was given at the dedication of a cemetery created for the dead on the battlefield at Gettysburg. It reflects our feelings about those who died to defend our freedom, both recently and in generations past. It says, in part:

"We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live

"But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot



"It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Mosquitoes: Ready or not, here they come!

Mosquitoes spread West Nile virus and other pathogens, which means that bug repellents do more than just prevent itchy bites and ruined campouts. And in regions where malaria and

mosquito-borne dengue fever are endemic, repelling mosquitoes can save lives.

DEET is hard to beat. It was first patented by the U.S. Army and has been in commercial use since the 1950s.

Worries about its safety have tapered off, possibly because people are more concerned that a bite could make them sick. Many repellents have bright stickers that highlight the DEET content.

When you apply the repellent, it leaves a thin cloud cover of molescules over the skin that don't actually repel mosquitos -- it confuses



them instead. The active ingredient clogs receptors on their antennae and they lose their appetite for blood.

Research published in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that all

DEET products delayed the first bite for much longer than other repellents. A product with a relatively small amount (6.65 percent) lasted an average of 112.4 minutes. OFF! Deep Woods (23.8 percent) lasted 301 minutes; Sawyer Controlled Release (20 percent) lasted 234 minutes. Citronella products lasted 10 to 20 minutes.

The American Academy of Pediatrics warns against using repellents that are more than 10 percent DEET on children. Others say all DEET products are safe for children. Visit health.harvard.edu/health for more information.

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Alliance, OH Br. 8 Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 166 141 W Main St Alliance OH PRES. Denise Crawford 9415 Elsmere Dr Parma OH 44130 (330) 257-0267 dcrawfordcpa@outlook.com SEC'Y. Lesley Reed 611 N. Market St Minerva OH 44657 (330) 868-3816 ATS SEC'Y. Helen E. Aeling 15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva OH 44657 (330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed Same address as above SICK NOTICES to: Barb Esterly 2940 Cedarwood Dr Alliance 44601 (330) 821-8766 jackprint@sbcglobal.net

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Youngstown, OH Br. 30 Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m. Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian Youngstown OH 44509 (330) 792-7973 PRES. Ernie Roth Sr. 6280 Morningside Rd Hubbard OH 44425 (330) 501-1110 djera@netzero.net SEC'Y Fran Hinerman 4535 Mellinger Rd Canfield OH 44406 (330) 507-1340 ATS SEC'Y Julaine Gilmartin 4173 Timberland Trail Canfield, OH 44406 (330) 799-5171 LOCAL DUES Val Thomas 5947 Tippecanoe Rd Canfield OH 44406 (234) 201-3993 SICK NOTICES to Rosemary Zamary 3202 Starwick Ct Canfield OH 44406 (330) 792-0388 rzamary@yahoo.com

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Ellwood City, PA Br. 45 Mtg. 3rd Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview St. (724) 758-3268 PRES. John Dengel 305 Stamm Hollow Rd. Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724) 622-1593 SEC'Y Dawn Dengel Same as President (724) 622-0152 ATS SEC'Y Cathie Bender 801 Park Ave. Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724) 544-7232 LOCAL DUES to Kathy Carsele 318 Golf Ave. Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724) 758-3002 Sick Notices to Cathie Bender Same as ATS Secretary

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The Romanesque basilica with buttresses, western tower and chancel with apse was finished in the mid-13th century, thus replacing the former 12th century church. In the fortification phase of 1494 defence levels were built on the tower, nave and chancel. The chancel's walls were strengthened and heightened up to the nave's eaves and the side aisles were demolished. In the same period an 8m high defence wall with 5 bastions was erected and it is still preserved today. The Romanesque western portal is decorated with some of the most valuable stone carvings in Transylvania. From the Romanesque construction time the twin blindarcades, today functioning as windows, are still preserved as well as the walled up round clerestory windows. Ample restoration works have been carried out for several years now and have revealed frescoes on large areas. The valuable 1638 furniture was initially stored away because of the restoration works, but was later moved to a different church for safety reasons.

Place and surroundings

Centuries ago, inside the stone walls of the fortified church that bear the grey marks of passing time, one of the most important legends of Transylvania was born. This legend tells how the first Transylvanian Saxon settlers vowed eternal loyalty to the king, thrusting their swords into the sacred land and thus forming the sign of the cross. Back then they foretold that, as long as the two swords exists on Earth, their people would defend these territories. Yet, their people's disappearance from Transylvania was predicted to happen along with the disappearance of the weapons. The swords were then sent to the most distant places of the kingdom, one of them reaching Orăștie, the other one going to Drăușeni. Kept in the Evangelic church and hon-

ored throughout times as a symbol of courage and loyalty of the German people, but also as a testimony of their craftsmanship in creating weapons, the sword in Drăuşeni got finally lost in 1944 in the uproar of the war. Despite their disappearance in the darkness of battles, the two swords remained to this day on the coat of arms of the city of Sibiu.







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Across

- 1. Japanese pond carp
- 4. Receded
- 9. Nothing
- 10. Cool
- 11. Add-on
- 12. Winner of nine golf majors
- 13. Place for a lace
- 15. You and I
- 16. Cowboy contest
- 18. Not down
- 20. Nativity scene
- 23. Uniform shade
- 25. Sushi bar order
- 26. Consumed
- 27. "Raiders of the Lost ____"
- 28. About 1.3 cubic yards
- 29. Discouraging words

Down

- 1. "Trick" joint
- 2. Greasy
- 3. More sick
- 4. Common decongestant ingredient
- 5. Baby slipper
- 6. Large

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Walking bird								
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- 7. Old Testament twin 8. Cub Scout groups
- 14. Student's hallway hangout
- 17. Neptune's realm
- 18. Hawaiian strings
- 19. Excellent, in modern slang
- 21. Medal recipient
- 22. The "E" of B.P.O.E.
- 24. Ended a fast

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

Satz: Norbert Petri

Et wor emol e Bimchen

(Bäumchen)







- Do kåm e lastich Wänjdchen, e Wänjdchen end wēt se uëf.
 Kåm e Mēdchen, klouft se guër af.
- Et spålt den heschten Apel, den Apel af zwin halw Dil.
 Schäckt en halwich senjem Lefken him.
- Und än dem halwen Apel, dem Apel do wor en Kär.
 Alle Kniëcht hun inich Medcher gärn.

*) Die ersten beiden Verszeilen werden beim Singen

jeweils wiederholt.

- Es war einmal ein Bäumchen
- Es war einmal ein Bäumchen, ein Bäumchen im tiefen Tal.*)
 Hing mit roten Äpfelchen ganz voll.
- Da kam ein lustig Windchen, ein Windchen und wirft sie ab.
 Kam ein Mädchen, klaubt sie alle auf.
- Es teilt den schönsten Apfel, den Apfel wohl in zwei Teil'.
 Schickt den halben seinem Liebsten heim.
- 4. Und in dem halben Apfel, im Apfel, da war ein Kern. Burschen haben schöne Mädchen gern.

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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.

- John McCrae