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## BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

So it is November, time to get ready for the Holidays! We have avoided snow so far, it's been quite a lovely Autumn.

First want to send good wishes and thoughts to all our "shut-in" members. George Schneider is home on Hospice; Debbie Lang recovering after a fall. Many more members we have not seen in quite a while, and we are thinking of you.

Margaret Bratek passed away; she was one of our longest members. Sympathies to her family. We also just found out Social member William Fleischer passed away some time ago. We remember both members fondly, may they rest in peace.

Congratulations to our Branch 33 Scholarship recipients: Austin Bonnett, Elizabeth Krestel, Sarah and Jessica Keefer; Lauren and Jacob and Andrew Ziegler. We are happy to help with your education!

Branch 33 will be making Saxon Sausage on Saturday, December 5th, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Highland Heights. Members that would like to help (and we will need plenty of help! Always so much to do!) we will start at about 8 a.m. Also to everyone reading this, please remember to order sausage. Fred Krestel is taking orders (440) 639-1775 for sausage with or without garlic. But if you ask me, garlic is like the MAIN ingredient that makes our sausage so good! Also if you come to work, you will be fed; the ladies fry up the first batch for a "Worker's Lunch!" Nothing like fresh made sausage and Palukes!

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Dinner on December 13th at Pine Ridge Country Club. More details to follow.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 11th. Before the meeting we will have a Pot Luck Supper; Members are asked to bring your favorite Saxon/German dish to share. Dinner starts at 7 p.m., meeting to follow.

Happy birthday to all members who are celebrating this month!

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

Saxon News from the West Coast

The Trachtenball will be in the Ballroom tomorrow night, November 7th, doors open at 6 P.M. If you haven't purchased tickets contact Bob Bachinger, there may be tickets available.

The Youngstown Saxon Club Pork & Kraut Dinner will be served on Sunday, November 15, 2015, 11:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. \$9.50 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children, includes coffee, tea, pop, and dessert. Open to the Public - take out available. Enjoy the Dinner and help Branch 30 financially. This committee works hard to serve you a great meal, all are volunteering their time.

Sunday Bingo in the Ballroom. Doors open at 5 P.M., talk with friends and meet new ones or enjoy something to eat until play starts at 6:45. There is a Queen of Hearts drawing on Bingo Night also. You can give Barry and his committee some help, call him or the Office and offer some help. You can get Queen of Hearts also on Thursday in the Lounge drawing at 8:35 P.M.

A reminder that the Lounge and Dining Room is open until 10:00 P.M. on Friday, also entertainment and or Karaoke on Saturday night. Bring your wife or date for a great time out, and meet with some friends. Come and have dinner before the entertainment.

Both Branches Ladies 22 & Men's 30 meet on Sunday November 8, 2015 at 2 P.M. For the Men, nominations will be considered for officers and trustees. If you can't be present have someone place your name in for nomination. Elections will be at the December meeting. Show your support and take a position as an officer or trustee.

The Craft Show in the Ballroom on Saturday, November 14, open 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Free admission. Refreshments available. Tables \$30.00. Contact Betty Garhammer for information.

The Youngstown Saxon Club will be closed on Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy the day.

A reminder from Don Hoelzel, membership dues are being received until December 31. You should contact Don to keep your card active. Come to the November or December meeting or send payment to Don or the Saxon Club, Attn: Don Hoelzel.

Are your children, grandchildren, or other members of your family members of the ATS, and Branch 22 or 30? They can benefit from the fraternal programs, and also the programs of the local Branches 22 and 30. Contact the Saxon Club Office at 330-792-7973 to get in touch with the Fraternal Secretary.

The *Volksblatt* is seen by three friends, members of the ATS, in various states, Norma, Sally, and Pauline. Being from the Youngstown area they like to get the local news. Hello to them.

So Goes the News

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



The Annual ATS Open Bowling Tournament was held in Youngstown, Ohio, on October 24th and 25th. It was hosted by the combined branches of Youngstown and New Castle in a joint effort, the first of its kind. It was a very well conducted tournament. Our congratulations go to both Youngstown and New Castle, and especially to Tom Simon and Jake Spor for chairing the event, along with their committees. We enjoyed seeing so many familiar members from various ATS Branches. There were a lot of smiles and greetings extended. Thank all of you for your participation.

A very exciting event took place on Sunday during the team event. Tom Simon from Youngstown threw a perfect 300 game. I was bowling about four alleys away from him and saw the game in progress. Our congratulations go to him. Details of the tournament will be published in the *Volksblatt*.

On a sad note, we were informed that Dan Both from New Castle, had an accident a few days prior to the tournament. I understand that he fell off a ladder while picking apples and suffered some broken ribs. We wish him a speedy recovery so he can get back to bowling in the TSBA which he has done for many years. I am sure he would appreciate some get well cards from his friends.

We are all looking forward to Thursday, November 26th, which is Thanksgiving Day. We should all be thankful for many things including our families, our health, our friends, and our freedom. We should count our blessings and pray for God's guidance. Liz and I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and bountiful Thanksgiving. Just like the turkey, I am sure that I too will be stuffed.

Quote of the Day: "We shall never have friends if we expect to find them without fault." Do we ever rule out friendship with someone because of some personal flaw we've seen in them? It is good to be careful about the character of those we choose for close friendship, but sometimes we are a little too quick with our judgments. We may miss out on a friendship that could bring fresh perspective into our lives. If we are impossible to please, we may find ourselves enjoying our high standards alone.

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

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

Unfortunately, we must start on a sad note by reporting the death of our dear friend, Dieter Herbert. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife, Christa and daughters, Vivianne and Alexandra.

Dieter was a good friend to all of us at the Sachsenheim and we can be grateful that we can share so many wonderful memories of him. The Sachsenchor will certainly miss his strong bass voice. He was an inspiration to us with witnessing his strength and positive attitude as he faced the burden of being on kidney dialysis for over twenty years. He was witty and had a caring heart. He was a proud Transylvanian Saxon that will be remembered dearly by his family and friends. There is a saying: "It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, and a day to love them, but it takes an entire lifetime to forget them!" Rest in peace, Dieter.

Our November meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 pm. Please bring your gifts for the Community Corners Christmas Gift Program. We are collecting new toys, make-up sets, etc. for children ages 8 and up. No battery operated items or play guns! This is our special charity project for the season which will benefit needy families on the near west side of Cleveland.


We had a great Halloween Party with 50 children in attendance and 80 adults. The judges sure had a hard time judging the costumes, they were all fantastic. Winners in the age 2 and under: Lillian Vidal, Tyler Quallich and Katie Hanek. Ages 3 – 5 winners: Quinn Pechatsko, Adrianna Vidal and Martin Turk. Ages 6 – 8 winners: Alexis Perry, Anthony Torreyter and Kyle Smith. Ages 9 & up winners: Grace Zgola, Stacy Kauntz and Dylan Axe. Adult winners: Tim Jankow /Leslie Axe and Chantel Kloos. We wish to thank everyone who had helped with preparing for the party, set-up, during and clean-up. After the program everyone enjoyed donuts, witches brew, Frankenstein pudding, witches hat cookies and grape snakes. It was a fun evening!

Cleveland-West's Bowling

Team took 4th place in the ATS Open-Bowling Tournament that was hosted by New Castle and Youngstown Bowlers which was held in Youngstown. The team included Stephanie Miller, Jenny King, Joan Miller-Malue, Sylvia and Tim Wolff. We wish to thank New Castle and Youngstown for a well ran tournament. Next year's tournament will be held in New Castle.

The garlic aroma will be permeating through the Sachsenheim as the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor will hold its annual Wurstmarkt on Thursday, December 3rd. You can order the sausage with or without garlic. The cost is \$3.60/pound. Also, you can pre-order a sausage/sauerkraut with polenta dinner for \$8. Orders are being taken by Maria Fischer at (216) 741-1398. (If you reach the answering machine, please leave name and phone number and Maria will call you back) Or you may email your order to: [Kranstuber@roadrunner.com](mailto:Kranstuber@roadrunner.com) (email orders will receive a confirmation of your order). There is a deadline for orders: November 24th. All orders are to be picked up at the Sachsenheim after 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 3rd.

It is hard to believe, but we are already getting ready for the Children's Christmas Party at the Sachsenheim. Invitations will be sent to the junior members of Cleveland-West, Cleveland-East and Lorain to attend the party on Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 pm. We will invite our junior members to perform a song, recite a poem or play an instrument to enhance our Christmas program. Every child will make a craft before the entertainment. Santa has promised to be there and will bring a gift for each child, so he has asked that everyone make their reservations as early as possible. Reservations are to be made by calling Patty Cunningham at 216-398-7520 or email her at [prscunn@yahoo.com](mailto:prscunn@yahoo.com) by November 21st...no later! The party is free to ATS junior members, adults \$5 and non-member children \$15. Also, we request everyone bring a can or box of non-perishable food for Community Corners Food Bank.



Dear Saxon Friends,

Two of our Branch 22 and Branch 30 members, who served us so wonderfully for so many years, are about to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary, Tom and Dorothy Fizet.

Dorothy was the secretary of Branch 22 for many years and Tom still is the major reporter to the *Volksblatt* for Branch 30, even long distance. He, among other things, was the chairman of the Restoration Committee bringing much expertise to the job. These are two people we cannot thank enough.

They would love to hear from friends for their 65<sup>th</sup> celebration, Nov. 14, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Phone 253-820-5023, [srajwilliams@net-venture.com](mailto:srajwilliams@net-venture.com) or 7312 Zircon Dr. SW, Lakewood WA. 98498-6446.

Respectfully,  
Rosemarie Kascher

**Health in the News**  
**Study: Chemo won't help end-stage cancer patients**

Families want something, maybe chemo therapy, for their family member who has terminal cancer.

A new study now shows that half of cancer patients received chemo, which causes grueling side effects, in their final months, even though it had no chance of curing them or making them feel better. Study co-author Holly Prigerson, co-director of the Center for Research on End-of-Life Care at Weill Cornell Medical college in New York, says that for the healthiest end-of-life patients, quality of life actually got worse after chemo.

The study was published in JAMA Oncology and included only people expected to live six months or less.

Cancer specialists may prescribe chemo because they assume a patient has nothing to lose and may feel better. Prigerson's study overturns that assumption. She says that in people with end-stage cancer, they found no positive outcome to chemotherapy.

A growing number of hospitals offer palliative care, a better choice, that focuses on relieving symptoms and supporting patients and their families.

Sometimes in-home hospice care is more comfortable for patients.

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

You may either

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**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, NOVEMBER 11, 2015	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015
****TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015
****PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE CHANGE DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

**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.**

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB**  
**PORK-KRAUT DINNER**  
**November 15, 2015**  
**11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**\$9.50**  
**Children \$5.00**  
**includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**



**BRANCH 2, ERIE**  
By Lee Wolfe

Our Supper/Business meeting was held Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. We all enjoyed a Swiss Steak dinner before the meeting. We held a moment of silence for deceased members Ruth S. Plyler and Donald G. Slater. Included in our prayers was Jim Guth whose mother Helen Frontino reports that he is progressing, but slowly, from injuries sustained from an accident.

A few days after our meeting we note that Fred Wellman passed away. Fred was a Vice President of our Branch. He was a fine man and true gentleman. We all know how much he missed his beloved wife Myrell after she passed away. We like to think they are now happily reunited. We send out our sincere sympathy to Fred's family and friends.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m. We will hold our Chi Party on Sunday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. At this meeting, members are requested to bring a couple dozen or so of cookies. Tea and Brandy will be served. At this meeting we will remember our members who passed away in 2015. The next Supper/Business meeting will be held Sunday, January 17, 2016. The menu will be discussed at a later meeting.

We give you the above dates so you can mark your calendars.

The auditors checked the books and all is accurate and in good order.

Please pay your annual dues of \$6 by submitting your check to Liz Manning at 1027 West 30th

Street, Erie, PA 16508. Make your check payable to ATSERIE BRANCH 2.

A very Happy Birthday to all of our November babies some of whom are: John Paul Manning, Karen Olson, Polly Kupnieski, Charlene Manning, Hilda A. Borgia, Lance Goellner, Katie Euston, Jessica E. Reed, Edward Goellner, Sr., Lauren Humes, Cassidy Shannon, Edward M. Nicklas, Tim Barthelmes, Edward Kulesza, Michael Barthelmes and James Alonge.

A very Happy Anniversary to our November couples: Thomas and Janet Crandall, 61 years; and Edward and Veronica Kulesza, 62 years. Our best wishes to the above for a happy and wonderful day.

A few interesting and funny things I read recently.

Bumper Stickers: If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane... The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.... Did you know that you are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider... In Indiana it is illegal to ride public transportation for at least 30 minutes after eating garlic...

A sign I read in a restaurant: The only reason some people are alive today is because it is against the law to murder them...

Something to ponder: If a store is open 24/7, why do they have locks on their doors?

Karen Olson won the 50/50 and George Cook won the Club's Dinner Gift certificate. See you at the November meeting. Take care and enjoy the fall foliage as too soon it will be covered in white.

**HAPPY  
90TH  
BIRTHDAY!**



**Walburga "Walli" Spack**

The family of Walburga "Walli" Spack will celebrate her 90th birthday at the Salem Saxon Club on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with an open house reception and would like to extend an invitation to our Saxon family and friends to share in this joyous occasion. Cards welcome, but no gifts please.

**No one is  
listening  
until you  
make  
a mistake.**

**What to do when a  
caregiver is at a  
loss for words**

On some days, are you feeling out of one-way conversation material? Paula Spencer Scott, the contributing editor of Caring.com, says many caregivers report this curious feeling.


When you're glad to be at an uncommunicative loved one's side, yet are at a loss for words, try these wonderful ways to spend time with a loved one who may have dementia:

Simply sit in companionable silence, holding hands. Let the language of touch do the talking for you. If your loved one would like it, gently stroke a scented lotion into his or her hand.

Start humming. The tune doesn't really matter. Old hymns, holiday tunes, Beatles hits, nursery songs, or "Happy Birthday" all work. You'll set a comforting tone and feel more relaxed.

Weave the story of your lives together, starting at the beginning. It's like storytelling, but the characters, details, and plot aren't made up; they're true.

This can be deeply satisfying to both talker and listener.



**SAUSAGE SALE**  
*Just in Time for the Holidays*

**EINTRACHT-SAXONIA SACHSENCOR  
WURSTMARKT/SAUSAGE SALE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015**

**Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

**Pork Sausage with or without garlic  
\$3.60 per pound**

**Deadline for Sausage Orders:  
November 24, 2015**

**Sausage/Sauerkraut with Polenta Dinner  
\$8.00 per meal (must preorder meal)  
Sausage Sandwiches will be available for purchase**

**Orders will be taken by:  
Maria Fischer - (216)741-1398**

**If you reach the Answering Machine, leave your name  
and phone number—Maria will call you back  
(Please do not call after 9:30 pm)**

**Or**

**Email Orders: [Kranstuber@roadrunner.com](mailto:Kranstuber@roadrunner.com)  
(Email orders will receive an order confirmation)**

**All Orders can be picked up at the Sachsenheim  
AFTER 1:00 PM (NOT BEFORE)  
on Thursday, December 3, 2015**

**What's App? Tossup**

Ever try to get a group of people to figure out what to do for fun? If you have a bunch of people who can't make up their minds, it can be a long and frustrating conversation. Tossup is an app for Android and iOS that makes this process easier. You can plan lunch or dinner, entertainment options, vacation destinations, and movies to see from within

this app. Simply toss out an idea to a group of friends and everyone can vote either yes or no, or they can offer up an alternative. While you certainly could accomplish this via text messaging, that can quickly become too complicated. Tossup simplifies the process and is easy to implement over email, SMS, or Facebook. Best of all, it is free!

**BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE**  
By Helen Brooks

Saxon meeting of Branch 26 was held on October 4, 2015. The Pledge was said to the flag. Secretary Sam Palyok conducted the meeting in the absence of our President Randall Floyd. Roll showed four officers absent, but excused and they were Randall and Brigitte Floyd, Zeta Palyok and Daniel Schuffert. Minutes were read and accepted. Pete Guip gave the financial report and was also approved and accepted. It was reported John Rempier was not feeling well.

Information about the upcoming Bowling Tournament was discussed. Our bowling shirts

were passed out. They are very nice with our names on them.

We were reminded that because of the change of time and early darkness our meetings for the next four months will begin at 2 p.m. Our Memorial service and Thanksgiving dinner will be held at our November 1 meeting. The raffle was won by Mike Gottschling and the attendance was won by Judith Stryzak Young. The meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner and the ladies home baked goodies. We had 21 in attendance and enjoyed friendship.

Till we meet again!

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ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW  
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**The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group  
46th Annual**

**Trachtenball Dinner**



**Saturday, November 7, 2015**  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.



**The Youngstown Saxon Club**  
710 South Meridian Road  
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

For Dinner Reservations please contact:  
Robert Bachinger at [rcb1017@zoominternet.net](mailto:rcb1017@zoominternet.net)  
Mike Bachinger (330) 788-7535  
\$15 Adult - \$10 Children 12 and under  
Tickets will be held at the door

The evening will feature a Schnitzel Dinner and performances by the Deutscher Musik Verein (DMV), Eintracht Singing Society, New Castle The Youngstown Saxon Band.

Please reserve early to attend one of the Valley's great European Cultural events!



# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES By Teri Laret

### NATIONAL EVENTS

May 14 - 15, 2016  
ATS Convention  
Hosted by Br. 19 Salem - Celebrating 125th Anniversry  
June 24 - 26, 2016  
North American Saxon Heimattag  
Hosted by Br. 30 Youngstown

### LOCAL EVENTS

November 7, 2015  
Salem Sausage Sale Pick- up 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Trachtenball  
November 8, 2015  
Cleveland Br. 1 & 4 Veterans' Day Dinner  
Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet  
November 9, 2015  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
November 11, 2015  
Salem Bingo (door 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.  
November 12, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
November 13, 2015  
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
November 15, 2015  
Youngstown Pork Dinner  
November 18, 2015  
Salem Bingo (door 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.  
November 19, 2015  
Salem 2016 Planning Meeting Bar 8:00 p.m.  
Salem Bar open 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
November 21, 2015  
NO SALEM BREAKFAST BUFFET  
November 25, 2015  
Salem Bingo(doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.  
New Castle Thanksgiving Eve - Club open  
November 26, 2015  
Salem Bar Closed  
New Castle - Club closed for Thanksgiving  
November 27, 2015  
Salem Decorate for Christmas 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
(Free drinks for all members who decorate!!!)  
December 2, 2015  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.  
December 3, 2015  
Salem Bar Open 8:00-10 p.m.  
New Castle Election of Officers  
Cleveland Sachsenchor Sausage Sale  
December 5, 2015  
Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party  
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale  
Lorain Brs. 5 and 11 Christmas Dinner - Jackalope's  
December 7, 2015  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
December 9, 2015  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.  
December 10, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
December 11, 2015  
Salem Joint Social Dinner & 6:30 p.m.  
Children's Christmas Party  
December 12, 2015  
New Castle Children's Christmas Party  
December 13, 2015  
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party DANK Haus 1 p.m.  
December 14, 2015  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
December 15, 2015  
New Castle Singers' Christmas Party 6 p.m.  
December 16, 2015  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.  
December 17, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
December 19, 2015  
NO SALEM BREAKFAST BUFFET

The following are the minutes of the Saxon Retirees meeting held on Thursday, October 8 at 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio. Our gathering is in the main dining room – WOW! We must have done something good. Maybe this puts us one step higher on the ladder. We really do like being in the annex and are more friendly as a group there. We will see what happens.

Our President Kay Ring opens the meeting with a prayer to our Creator in thanksgiving for all our blessings, just being here today is a blessing she recited the Irish Blessing!! Amen. We recite our dedication to the flag of our nation in words and in song "God Bless America!" Hostesses for today are Carolyn Rauschenberg and Hildegard Dunkerly, how much more German can you get? I love it! The dinner smells so good and tastes good too, good choice.

Now back to business. Birthdays for November are Carolyn R. and Ro Dundon. We sing Happy Birthday to them today and many more birthdays to come. The secretary screwed up as you will find the account of September's meeting tomorrow when the *Volksblatt* comes in the mail. Our treasurer's name is on the sick list it was quite a surprise to her and to yes also, John too. She will be okay as long as she does what the doctors tell her.

We take a minute to celebrate the life of Richard Scott. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in please. Amen. We express our sympathy to you, Lisa.

There was no old business. New business could be the Christmas party, NO gift exchange. The officers as a team will be the host and hostesses for the event. It will be on Thursday, December 10; please mark your calendar. Remember Thursday, December 10 – Noon. If there is a change in your reservation, either by cancellation or add on, please call one of the officers on or before Sunday, December 6 or be charged for your dinner. Raffle time and the winners are: Norma Bishop, Cindy Blubaugh, Lisa Scott, Kay Ring, Carolyn R., Garland Dunkle, Joan Cunningham and Hermine Gentile. That's all folks ... So Ein Tag!

P.S. Carolyn celebrated her birthday at the refreshment counter, for us to enjoy.

### Travel Tip

If you are traveling with your family, divide each person's belongings across all the luggage. Do this instead of giving each person a dedicated bag for their things. Then, if one bag gets lost, you have not lost all of a single person's belongings.

## BRANCH 33 CLEVELAND EAST SAUSAGE SALE December 5, 2015



Branch 33, Cleveland East, will be making and selling Saxon Sausage on Saturday December 5th, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church 1000 Ford Road Highland Heights

Orders being taken by Fred and Ingeborg Krestel, at (440) 639-1775. Sausage price will be \$3.75 per pound. Orders taken for sausage with OR without Garlic. Deadline for orders December 2nd. Orders can be picked up between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at St. John's

### Home for Thanksgiving

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son shouts.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his

sister, who explodes on the phone, "No way are they getting divorced," she exclaims. "I'll take care of this."

She calls her father immediately and says, "You are not getting divorced! Don't do a thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, understand?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up the phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own airfares."

### Youngstown Saxon Club



In our Main Ballroom Sunday Evenings  
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## CHRISTMAS DINNER

LORAIN BRANCHES 5 AND 11

DECEMBER 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM

JACKALOPE LAKESIDE  
301 LAKESIDE AVE  
LORAIN, OH

DINNER WILL BE BUFFET STYLE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

SALMON  
PRIME RIB  
PORK LOIN

THE DINNER IS FREE FOR ALL LOCAL MEMBERS.

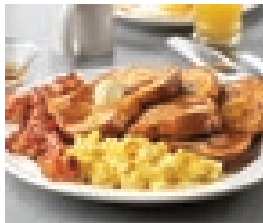
GUEST ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND FOR THE COST OF \$25.00  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY CONTACTING

MONICA GILLES at (440) 309-7894

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015

DEBRA ROSE WILL BE ENTERTAINING US FOR THE EVENING.

Also, please bring non-perishable items for donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you.



Salem Saxon Club Breakfast Buffets for November, and December have been cancelled. We will start up again on January 16, 2016. Watch for an announcement!



## 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

Rev. Waldemar Gies  
Pastor

pastorgies@sbcglobal.net

10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery School

Coffee following service.

Bible Study, Senior Circle,  
Sunday School, Church  
Choir, Bell Choir

### St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road  
Highland Hts., Ohio  
(440) 449-1334  
Rev. Roberta Davis-Newhouse  
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

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# Cleveland/Lorain Halloween Party



Age 2 & under: Ladybug – Lillian Vidal;  
Bumblebee – Katie Hanek;  
Minion – Tyler Quallich



Ages 3 – 5: Mickey Mouse – Martin Turk;  
Angel – Quinn Pechatsko;  
Witch – Adrianna Vidal



Ages 6 – 8: Cowboy – Kyle Smith;  
The Hulk – Anthony Torreiter;



Ages 9 & up: Dorothy – Grace Zgola;  
Bunny – Stacy Kauntz;  
Egyptian boy – Dylan Axe



Hangin' with Frankie



Adults: Egyptian Family – Leslie, Sienna,  
Dylan Axe and Tim Jankow;  
Witch – Chantel Kloos



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.

### James C. Evans

Age 72

Died: August 13, 2015  
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

### Dieter Herbert

Age 73

Died: October 17, 2015  
Branch 1, Cleveland OH

### Minnie Temnick

Age 95

Died: October 17, 2015  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

### Hans Franz

Age 86

Died: October 21, 2015  
Branch 1, Cleveland OH

### Fredrick Wellman

Age 89

Died: October 24, 2015  
Branch 2, Erie PA

### George T. Schneider

Age 89

Died: October 28, 2015  
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

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### Attention Junior Members Branches 1, 4, 5, 33

You are invited to a  
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Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Saturday, December 5, 2015  
2:00 P.M.

Make your reservations early by calling:  
Patty Cunningham – (216) 398-7520

Email: prscunn@yahoo.com

(If reaching the answering machine, please leave  
a message and your telephone number)

Deadline for Reservations is November 21.

### ATS Junior Members:

Can or box of non-perishable food

Adults: \$5.00 Non-Member Children: \$15.00

Plus can or box of non-perishable food  
for Community Corners Food Bank









# ATS BRANCH DIRECTORY

## Cleveland, OH Br. 1

Mtg. 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
Sachsenheim 7001 Denison Ave.  
(216) 651-0888  
PRES: Martin Schuller  
7619 Webster Rd Middleburg Hts 44130  
(440) 243-3376  
SEC'Y. Robert Cunningham III  
9005 Memphis Villas, Brooklyn, 44144  
(216) 398-7520  
rbcunningham@roadrunner.com  
ATS SEC'Y. R.Cunningham  
LOCAL DUES to R. Cunningham

## Erie, PA Br. 2

Mtg. 3rd Sunday, 2:30 p.m.  
Siebenbürger Hall 2114 French St.  
(814) 452-4712  
PRES. Thomas J. Manning  
1027 W. 30th St. Erie, 16508  
(814) 864-6072 ettmann1@neo.rr.com  
SEC'Y. Lee Wolfe  
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(814) 456-9982  
ATS SEC'Y. Liz Manning  
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LOCAL DUES to Liz Manning  
1027 W. 30th St. Erie, 16508  
(814) 864-6072

## Alliance, OH Br. 3

Mtg. 3rd. Wed.- 6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post 166  
141 W Main St Alliance OH  
PRESIDENT John H. Aeling  
15590 Georgetown St. NE Minerva, 44657  
(330) 862-3706 JDAlI852@yahoo.com  
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909 E Broad St Louisville OH 44641  
(330) 205-2586 maeling1@gmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Denise Aeling Crawford  
15970 Cenfield St.NE, Alliance, 44601  
(330) 821-5125  
dcrawfordcpa@yahoo.com  
SICK NOTICES & LOCAL DUES to  
Vincent Pisanello  
800 15th St S Sebring OH 44672

## Cleveland, OH Br. 4

Mtg. 3rd. Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
Sachsenheim 7001 Denison Ave.  
(216) 651-0888  
PRES. Monica M. Weber  
19625 Riverwood Ave. Rocky River, 44116  
(440) 356-5936  
SEC'Y. Joan A. Miller-Malue  
17105 Hilliard Rd. Lakewood, 44107  
(216) 251-6036  
ATS SEC'Y Rosemarie Zimmer  
9996 Lynn Dr N Royalton OH 44133  
(440) 237-7549  
SICK NOTICES to Joan A. Miller-Malue  
LOCAL DUES to Rosemarie Zimmer  
Address as above

## Lorain, OH Br. 5

Mtg. 1st Sat. 8:00 p.m.  
American Slovak Club  
2915 Broadway, Lorain  
PRES.Ned A. Jones  
3600 Beavercrest Dr Apt 67  
Lorain OH 44053  
(440) 282-2796  
SEC'Y. Brian J. Gilles  
244 Ashwood Dr Avon Lake 44012  
(440) 315-5214  
ATS SEC'Y. Elmer Schneider  
226 Iowa Ave. Lorain, 44052  
(440) 244-7625  
SICK NOTICES to Robert Tomusko  
1511 Pennsylvania Lorain OH 44052  
(440) 288-8668  
LOCAL DUES to Michael W. Johnson  
41868 Earlene Ct, Elyria OH 44035  
(440) 324-2534 mikjo79@gmail.com

## Farrell, PA Br. 7

Mtg. 3rd. Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
Farrell Lions Den 810 Lions Club Lane  
(724) 981-7130  
PRES. Bertha Chec  
941 Sharon-New Castle Rd., #121  
Farrell, 16121 (724) 342-3139  
SEC'Y. Betty Holmes  
409 Patt Dr. Farrell, 16121  
(724) 981-7130  
ATS SEC'Y. Bonnie Gregorich  
55 Oak Tree Ct West Middlesex 16159  
(724) 528-0309  
SICK NOTICES to Betha Chec  
LOCAL DUES to  
Kathy Schuller  
PO Box 834 Andover OH 44003  
(440) 293-6973

## Alliance, OH Br. 8

Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Post 166  
141 W Main St Alliance OH  
PRES. Helen E. Aeling  
15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva 44657  
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com  
SEC'Y. Sharon Edwards  
1415 Broad Ave NW Canton OH 44708  
(330) 453-0362  
ATS SEC'Y. Denise Aeling Crawford  
15970 Cenfield St, Alliance 44601  
(330) 821-5125 dcrawfordcpa@roadrunner.com  
SICK NOTICES to Phyllis Biggs  
LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed  
16373 Freed St NE Minerva OH 44657

## Chicago, IL Br. 9

Mtg. 1st Mon. 8:00 p.m.  
DANK Haus 4740 N. Western (2nd floor)  
PRES. Diethild Thut  
923 E Slayton Dr Palatine IL, 60074  
(847) 934-6308  
SEC'Y. Elfi Sanderson  
1425 London Lane Glenview IL 60026  
(847) 998-0939 elfisanderson@gmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y:  
Hildegard Schmidts  
1824 Dover Ct Arlington Heights, 60004  
(847) 818-3884

## Columbus, OH Br. 10

Mtg. 3rd Mon. 1:00 p.m. all months  
Berwick Party House  
PRES. Richard Kautz  
1259 Medford Rd. Columbus, 43209  
(614) 235-7661 rkautz@wideopenwest.com  
SEC'Y. Susanna Mueller  
726 Preston Trls Pickerington OH 43147  
(614) 837-2221 opiomii@aol.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Hilda F. Kautz  
1259 Medford Rd. Columbus, 43209  
(614) 235-7661 rkautz@wideopenwest.com  
LOCAL DUES to  
Marlene Mueller  
36 North East St, Pickerington OH 43147  
(614) 834-1060

## Lorain, OH Br. 11

Mtg. 1st Sat. 8:00 p.m.  
American Slovak Home  
2915 Broadway Ave.  
PRES. Jeanne Petty  
3728 Ivanhoe Dr. Lorain, 44053  
(440) 960-1696  
SEC'Y. Monica Gilles  
3520 Beavercrest Dr. #107 Lorain, 44053  
(440) 309-7894 gillemo76@hotmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Monica Gilles  
SICK NOTICES to Jane Mowery  
1024 Highland Park Blvd. Lorain 44052  
(440) 246-3004  
LOCAL DUES to Sharron Powell  
1704 N Urban Cir Lorain OH 44053  
(440) 282-4725

## Canton, OH Br. 14

Mtg. 2nd Sun. - 12:00 p.m.  
La Pizzaria 3656 Dressler Rd NW  
Canton, Ohio  
PRES. Thomas J. Rowinsky  
1656 Dunkeith Dr NW, Canton, 44708  
(330) 478-9333  
SICK NOTICES to  
Thomas Rowinsky  
Address as shown above

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Canton, Ohio  
PRES. Mary Rowinsky  
1656 Dunkeith Dr. NW, Canton 44708  
(330) 478-9333  
SEC'Y. Jeanne Kirsch  
2222 42nd St. NW, Canton 44709  
(330) 492-2856  
ATS SECRETARY: Rosanne Miller  
5186 Everhard Rd NW Apt 7  
Canton OH 44718  
330-933-4584 rchoochoo64@aol.com  
SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky  
LOCAL DUES to: Rosanne Miller  
5186 Everhard Rd NW Apt 7  
Canton OH 44718  
(330) 933-4584

## Salem, OH Br. 18

Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7:30 p.m.  
Saxon Club 1980 St. Rt. 9 Salem, 44460  
(330) 222-1770  
PRES. Florence Spack  
1500 Depot Rd Salem OH 44460  
(330) 337-3652  
SEC'Y. / ATS SECRETARY  
Barbara Spack  
1389 Brookview Dr Salem, 44460  
(330) 337-7487 babrayn@sbcglobal.net  
SICK NOTICES  
to Theresa Spack  
384 W Pershing  
Salem OH 44460 (330) 831-4119  
LOCAL DUES TO:  
Helen Aeling  
15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva 44657  
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com

## Salem, OH Br. 19

Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.  
Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd  
Salem OH 44460 (330) 222-1770  
PRES. Henry A. Spack, Sr.  
1500 Depot Rd. Salem, 44460  
(330) 337-3652  
SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr.  
973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460  
(330) 881-3346  
mvcobra27@gmail.com  
SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack  
943 Stewart Rd. Salem, 44460  
(330) 337-7575  
LOCAL DUES to Richard Vogt, Sr.  
c/o Salem Saxon Club  
1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460  
(330) 332-9996

## Youngstown, OH Br. 22

Mtg. 2nd Sun. 2:00 p.m.  
Saxon Club Lower Lounge Restaurant  
710 S. Meridian 44509 (330) 792-7973  
PRES. Bonnie J. Baker  
4535 Mellinger Rd. Canfield, 44406  
(330) 793-8691  
SEC'Y. June Hoelzel  
695 E Western Reserve Rd Unit 2601  
Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856  
ATS SEC'Y. Julaine Gilmartin  
4173 Timberland Trail Canfield 44406  
(330) 799-5171  
SICK NOTICES to June Hoelzel  
Address listed above  
LOCAL DUES to Betty Garhammer  
969 Canfield Rd. Youngstown 44511  
(330) 788-4274

## New Castle, PA Br. 25

Mtg. 1st Thursday 8:00 p.m.  
Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St.,  
New Castle PA 16101  
(724) 652-7221  
PRES. John McCormick  
293 Algoma Ln New Castle PA 16105  
(724) 944-2657  
johnmichaelmccormick@hotmail.com  
SEC'Y. Jerry Holzhauser  
3223 Frew Mill Rd New Castle PA 16101  
(724) 924-2203 holzhauserj@hotmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y: Wilhelm (Bill) Both  
1527 Harlansburg Rd  
New Castle PA 16101 724-658-7407  
doloresboth@verizon.com  
SICK NOTICES to Bill Both  
Address as shown above  
LOCAL DUES to: Doug Schaffer  
113 Okinawa Dr New Castle PA 16105  
(724) 652-3038

## Merrillville, IN Br. 26

Mtg. 1st Sun.2 p.m. Nov, Dec, Jan & Feb  
3 p.m all other months  
Slovak Club - 6920 Broadway  
(219) 756-5101  
PRES. Randall Floyd  
1806 E. 73rd Ave. Merrillville, 46410  
(219) 798-6908 rfloyd1066@msn.com  
REC. SEC'Y. Raymond (Sam) Palyok  
724 E. 25th. Pl Lake Station, 46405  
(219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net  
ATS SEC'Y. Randall Floyd  
Address and phone as above  
LOCAL DUES to Zita Palyok  
724 E. 25th Pl, Lake Station IN 46405  
(219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net

## New Castle, PA Br. 27

Mtg. 1st Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., 16101  
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PRES. Marie Benedict  
PO Box 25 Edinburg, 16116  
(724) 667-7395 bckskinbnny@verizon.net  
SEC'Y. Jean Kaba  
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(724) 658-1791 j.kaba@aol.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Dolores J. LeComte  
125 W North St Apt. 331 New Castle16101  
(724) 651-4111 deej65@yahoo.com  
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Gertrude Tizak 241 Cambridge St. #406  
N.Castle, 16105 (724) 652-1867  
Tizakg@yahoo.com

## Monaca, PA Br. 29

Mtg. 1st. Monday 7 p.m.  
Saxon Club 410 6th St.  
PRES. Leo Stiteler  
1610 Virginia Ave Monaca PA 15061  
(724) 601-4707 lstiteler@yahoo.com  
ATS SEC'Y. Terri L. Munroe  
1255 Chestnut St. Monaca, 15061  
(724) 544-0457 enchantra220@yahoo.com

## Youngstown, OH Br. 30

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m.  
Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian 44509  
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PRES. Ernie Roth  
6280 Morningside Hubbard OH 44425  
(330) 534-4960 djer1@netzero.net  
SEC'Y. Robert Bachinger  
5268 N Beacon Dr Austintown OH 44515  
(330) 792-5177 ygstsc@zoominternet.net

## Youngstown, OH Br. 30 cont'd

ATS ADULT & JUV. SEC'Y. Roger Fotiuk  
3849 Frederick Youngstown, 44515  
(330) 792-0034  
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695 E Western Reserve Unit 2601  
Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856  
SICK NOTICES TO:  
Robert Bachinger c/o 710 S Meridian Rd  
Youngstown OH 44509  
(330) 792-5177 ygstc@zoominternet.net

## Ellwood City, PA Br. 32

Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Saxon Club 901 Millview St.  
(724) 758-3268  
PRES. Sara Dudash  
619 Meadowridge Dr Ellwood City PA 16117  
(724) 758-4890  
ATS Sec'y. Sara Mullin  
600 Dover Ln. Ellwood City, 16117  
(724) 758-4764  
SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans  
197 Portersville Rd Apt 3  
Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 752-1109

## Cleveland, OH Br. 33

Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:30 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
1000 Ford Rd Highland Heights OH  
PRES. Ema Litschel  
8050 Conestoga Trail Concord, 44060  
(440) 358-1184  
SEC'Y. Arline Suts  
413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024  
(440) 285-9498 asuts@windstream.net  
ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt  
4979 Anderson Rd Lyndhurst OH 44124  
(216) 382-7397  
SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts  
Address and phone as above  
LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz  
388 East 317th St. Willowick, 44095  
440-943-4543 meb3172@att.net

## Detroit, MI Br. 37

Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:30 p.m.  
St. Peters Lutheran Church  
11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, MI  
(586) 979-3850  
PRES. Susanna Fleischer  
11060 Furbush Rd. Holly, 48442  
(810) 694-1860  
beetlebugssue7@peoplepc.com  
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(248) 879-3213 janetreadnelson@gmail.com  
ATS SEC'Y. George Schemmel, Sr.  
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(586) 791-8135  
SICK NOTICES AND LOCAL DUES to  
Samuel Fleischer  
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(810) 694-1860  
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## Ellwood City, PA Br. 45

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 7:30 p.m.  
Saxon Club 901 Millview Ave.  
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PRES. Tim Hardy  
224 Reno Rd Portersville PA 16051  
SEC'Y. Laura Crable  
703 Frew Rd Ellwood City PA 16117  
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## Veteran's Day

On Veteran's Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who  
Kept thinking red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights,  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank ALL veterans just the same.

*By Cheryl Dyson*

## The History of Veterans Day

November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. President Woodrow Wilson honored the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, struck out the word "Armistice" and inserted the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Between 1968 and 1975, Veterans Day was moved around on the calendar, sometimes even appearing on the last Monday of October. Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

As Americans, we owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to our veterans who, during peace and war, have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to safeguarding the principles upon which our nation was founded. We salute you and thank you for your service to America. Veterans Day should remind us of the solemn obligation we have to all of our veterans and their family members. For some, the challenges they face arise only after they leave the battlefield. From delays in health care and other claims to challenges in finding jobs once they return from service, our veterans today need our support more than ever.

We suggest our local branches think about starting a Saxon Veteran's organization within their local to help bring more energy into the organization. It can help your Branch get known within the local community. The Cleveland-West Branch 1 had a large veteran's organization that was formed in 1946 which provide social events for their members as well as helped to raise money to donate to various veterans' programs. Why not talk to several of your members who have served in the US military to see if they would be interested in starting up a Veteran's club where they can share their stories and provide support to those who need help.

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons thank all veterans everywhere for their service—an act of generosity that we can never repay. And a special thanks to all our members who are veterans, and their loved ones who are in active duty. We honor you today, and every day. Thank you so very much for all you did or currently do for us. You are in our thoughts and in our prayers!

