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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

We had a very enjoyable Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The children really had a good time and enjoyed the Yo-Yo Show. I have heard from some parents that their children are trying to duplicate the tricks using their yo-yos they received during the egg hunt. It is so gratifying to see our members of all ages, starting at age 1 ½, getting together at our holiday parties. We want to thank everyone who helped out to make this event successful. We thank our junior member Katelyn Pechatsko for being our MC and Sydney Patterson from Lorain for once again helping out throughout the morning (See Page 7 for photos - Ed.)

The Saxon 250 Club's banquet was held on Friday, April 11. We congratulate the winners for this season. We thank everyone who helped at the banquet and was happy Grumpy came to prepare the evening meals. Thanks to Stephanie Miller who has taken the job of administering this program. We are looking to add a few more new member for the 2025-2026 season. The cost to join will again be \$50.00 for annual membership. This is a great opportunity to support our Sachsenheim while taking a chance on some great prizes. Beginning on April 21, we will draw numbers for 50 consecutive weeks and each winner will be awarded \$25.00, with the exception of week 25 where a special prize of \$100.00 will be awarded. At the end of the club year, each member will be entitled to one ticket to our year end banquet and will be entered into a grand prize drawing where cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 - \$1000.00 will be awarded (winner need not be present). It is not necessary to be a Branch 1 or 4 member to join – membership is open to all adults ages 18 and older. If you are interested in joining, please make checks payable to Saxon 250 Club and mail to: Stephanie Miller, 23500 Wingedfoot Dr Westlake, OH 44145. Should you have questions, please email us at saxon250club@gmail.com

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group is preparing for its Annual Trachtenball that will be held on Saturdat, May 3, 2025. Doors open at 5:30 and a Schnitzel dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Come dressed in

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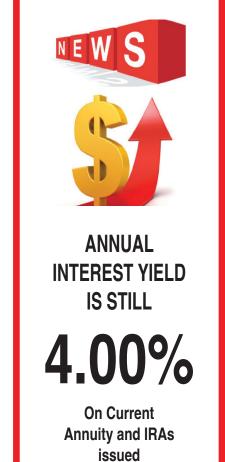
TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY

Tracht and join in the Aufmarsch. After the group's performance, Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine will play for the evening dancing. Cost is \$25 for adults and children ages 10 and under \$12. To make your reservations go online: Trachtenball-may-03-2025-reservations.cheddarup.com. Deadline for tickets is April 25, 2025.

Time to order more homemade sausage! Our great group of volunteers are getting to make our Saxon Sausage on Saturday, May 10. Orders must be made in advance. Orders will be taken in 3 lb or 5 lb packages with garlic or non-garlic. Place your orders by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888 or email sachsenheim@yahoo.comorcall Rob Hanek at (440) 356-5582 email rhanek8@yahoo.com Deadline for orders is May 2! Volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday. Call Rob Hanek to let him know you can help.

The Sachsenheim is holding a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The menu will include pancakes, biscuits and sausage gravy, egg benedict, fresh fruit. Croissants, bacon, ham, sausage, etc and a Bloody Mary Bar. Reservations are required by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888.

Our May monthly meeting will be held on Monday the 19th at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you at the meeting.



July 1, 1996

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



With all of the recent turmoil on the stock market, I wanted to stress that your funds invested with the ATS are not contingent on the whims of the stock market. We invest no more than 2% of our total investment portfolio in stocks. We have a very conservative approach to our investment policy and are often in contact with our investment advisor regarding our portfolio. At the Board of Directors meeting held on Saturday, April 5, the Board voted to maintain our current interest rate that we are paying. For those with newer annuities, this rate is 4.0%. For those of you who opened their annuity accounts prior to July 1996, your rate is still 4.5%.

That same weekend as the Board Meeting, the Transylvanian Saxon Bowlers Association held their season-end tournament, hosted by the Lorain Saxon Bowlers. The TSBA League Championship team was New Castle #1, consisting of the Both Family (dad Dan Both Jr. and sons Chris, Ryan and Zach). See the back page for more pictures of league and tournament winners. This League has a lot of fun during their season. They bowl 7 sessions, in different cities and end their season with a tournament. If you're not currently bowling with the TSBA League, consider joining them next season, when they start again in September.

During January, the Board of Directors and our Sales Deputies participated in a little "tax seminar" put on by an Accountant and a Financial Planner. The attendees learned a lot from the various topics and discussions. We, meaning the Board, wondered if there would be any interest in providing an event like this at a couple of our branches. We would combine a few of the branches located close to each other and invite their members to participate. Do you think this is something you would like to attend? If so, send an email to Office@ATSaxons.com and let us know. We'll consider planning the seminar if we receive a good response.

Did you know that the Library of Congress was established on April 24, 1800? Then President John Adams approved legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress". The first books arrived, according to History.com, from London in 1801 and were stored in the US Capital (the first home of the library). The first library catalog in April 1802 listed 964 volumes and nine maps. Twelve years later, in August 1814 (during the War of 1812), the city of Washington was invaded by the British Army and the capital was burned, including the 3,000 volumes now contained in the library. Former President Thomas Jefferson, who supported the expansion of the library during his two terms in office, sold his entire personal collection to re-start the

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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.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

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Please indicate if donation is in memory or honor of someone

ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND





We petition our Saxon fraternal community members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

The need is still great and we ask our members and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Fund program with generous contributions.

Please send your contributions to our ATS office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Write checks payable to the "ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND". Thank you for your help!



NOTE: Gift packages can be ordered for delivery to a specific relative or friend in Transylvania for a minimal cost of \$50.00. Send your check payable to the "ATS Saxon Relief Fund" and the exact name and address of the recipient to our ATS Office. Please print or type for clarity. The package contents include non-perishable items such as: Coffee, Milk, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Margarine, Soup, Chocolate, Cheese, Sausage, Yeast,

ATS Branch 1 Saxon 250 Club

The ATS Branch 1 Saxon 250 Club is inviting current and new members to join us for the 2025-2026 club year. The cost to join will again be \$50.00 for annual membership. This is a great opportunity to support our club while taking a chance on some great prizes. Beginning in April, we will draw numbers for 50 consecutive weeks and each winner will be awarded \$25.00, except for week 25, when a special prize of \$100.00 will be awarded. At the end of the club year, each member will be entitled to one ticket to our awards banquet and will be entered into a grand prize drawing where cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 - \$1000.00 will be awarded (winner need not be present). It is not necessary to be a Branch 1 or 4 member to join - membership is open to all adults ages 18 and older.

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Should you have questions, please email us at saxon250club@gmail. com.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

Our meeting was held on April 7. All the minutes were read and accepted,

We currently have no one on the sick list that we are aware of at this time.

Next meeting is May 5, at 7 p.m.

We hope you all had a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Life isn't weird it's the people in it.



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SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025 WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025 FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025 **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025 FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025**

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

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library. At the time, Jefferson's was considered the largest and finest library in the country. The purchase of 6,487 volumes was approved the next year. The collection grew slowly, but suffered another major fire in 1851, which destroyed two-thirds of Jefferson's original books as well.

After the Civil War, the collection was greatly expanded, and by the 20th century the Library of Congress had become the de facto national library of the United States and one of the largest in the world. In 1870, according to Wikipedia, the library gained the right to receive two copies of every copyrightable work that was printed in the US. It also built its collections through acquisitions and donations. Between 1890 and 1897, a new library building, now called the Thomas Jefferson Building, was constructed. Two additional buildings, the John Adams Building (which opened in 1939) and the James Madison Memorial Building (which opened in 1980) were added. Today, the collection which is housed in these three large

Trees with email addresses attract fans

In 2015, the City of Melbourne gave about 70,000 trees unique ID numbers and email addresses as part of an urban forestry project. The goal was practical: let people report issues like fallen branches or vandalism. Each tree's email was tied to its ID in a database, so city workers could track maintenance.

But it didn't stay practical. (330) 505-9935 People started emailing the trees directly—writing love letters, life updates, or just chatting. One elm got a message saying, "I hope you're doing well this autumn!"

The city leaned into it, and it became a cute PR thing. Some correspondents do get replies (which tends to sap the time of Melbourne employees.) Nonetheless, it has emerged as a fantastic public relations tool.

But, technically speaking, Australian trees aren't checking their Gmail.

buildings contains more than 17 million books, as well as millions of maps, manuscripts, photographs, films, audio and video recordings, prints, drawings and digital materials.

The Library of Congress serves as the library and research service for the United States Congress. It provides digital, microfilm, and paper copies as well as custom reproductions for a fee from the Library's collections. A department of the Library, the US Copyright Office, also administers the Nation's copyright laws and offers services and support to authors and users of creative works. The Federal Research Division provides customized products and services using the Library's extensive English and foreign-language collections on a cost-recovery basis. Your local library can even borrow materials from the Library of Congress that cannot be found elsewhere on your behalf, with the stipulation that they be used inside the borrowing library only.

Until next time...

Other Heimattag Hotels/Motels available:

Quality Inn

870 N. Canfield Niles Rd. Youngstown, Ohio 44515 (330) 544-2378

Hampton Inn

880 N. Canfield Road Youngstown, Ohio 44515 (330) 544-0660

Home 2 Suites by Hilton

5580 Patriot Blvd Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Days Inn

5425 Clarkins Drive Youngstown, Ohio 44515 (330) 553-9200

Holiday Inn Express

5575 Cerni Place Youngstown, Ohio 44515 (330) 349-9900

Call for price and availability

All Hotels are located near the I-80 and Canfield Niles Road (Rt 46) interchange



2025 SAXON HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM

July 11 – 13, 2025

Host: ATS Branch 30 - Youngstown Saxon Club

710 S. Meridian Rd



Youngstown, Ohio 44509 Zusammen Seite an Seite / Together Side by Side

	Price	Tickets	Iotai
FRIDAY EVENING (Food served 6:00 – 8:0	•		
Western BBQ Buffet (Pulled pork, etc)	Adults \$20	х	\$ \$
Vegetarian option	Vegetarian \$20	x	\$
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x	
SATURDAY LUNCH (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)			
Sandwich, Soup & Salad Bar	Adults \$20	х	\$
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	х	_
Church Service, then Cultural performan	ces all afternoon		
SATURDAY DINNER (6:00 p.m.)			
Saxon Buffet (Schnitzel, Sausage, etc)	Adults \$40	х	\$ \$
Vegetarian option	Vegetarian \$40	х	\$
	Free for Children		
Additional Cultural performances and Da	Ages 12 & Under	х	
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OPTIONAL:			
Sunday Breakfast at Youngstown Saxon	Club (9:30 – 2:00)	#	\$ menu price
Branch 30 Membership Picnic (noon to ?	?) non-members \$10	х	\$
	GRA	ND TOTAL	\$
Name			<u></u>
Address	Phone Nu	ımber	
	Email		

Prepaid Reservations Only

Deadline for Reservations: June 20, 2025

All tickets will be held at the door

Mail or Fax reservation form and checks (US currency only) to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 5323 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44129

> Phone: (440) 842-8442 Fax: (440) 842-5442 Email: Office@ATSaxons.com

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Fairfield Inn

801 N Canfield-Niles Rd (Rt 46) Youngstown, OH 44515 (330) 505-2173 Group Block: Saxon Club

Deadline for discounted rate is June 20

2 Beds - \$149 + tax per night 1 King - \$159 + tax per night Smoke Free Hotel Breakfast included Indoor Pool

Wingate by Wyndham

Youngstown, OH 44515 (330) 544-0300 Group Block: Saxon Club

Deadline for discounted rate is June 20

2 Beds - \$121 + tax per night 1 King Bed - \$111 + tax per night Smoke Free Hotel Breakfast included Indoor Pool

Sleep Inn

5555 Patriot Blvd Youngstown, OH 44515 (330) 544-5555 Group Block: Saxon Club

Deadline for discounted rate is June 20

2 Beds - \$94.99 + tax per night 1 King Bed - \$94.99 + tax per night Smoke Free Hotel Breakfast included Indoor Pool



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 17, 2025

Branch Presidents Meeting
Host: Columbus Saxons, Br. 10

June 14, 2025

TSBA Convention Host: New Castle

June 15 - 20, 2025

Saxon Summer Camp at Camp Frederick

June 21, 2025

ATS Annual Fishing Charter
Linda Mae Charter, Eastlake, OH

July 11 - 13, 2025

North American Saxon Heimattag

Host: Youngstown Saxon Club

July 26, 2025

ATS Family Day at Waldameer

October 18 - 19, 2025

ATS Open Bowling Tournament Host: Merrillville, IN

LOCAL EVENTS

April 26, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clean Up Day May 3, 2025

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
New Castle Eintracht Männerchor and Kinderchor
Sauerbraten Dinner 4:30 p.m. Concert 7 p.m.

May 5, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Cinco de Mayo May 9, 2025

New Castle Eintracht Männerchor Beer Tasting May 9 -10, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Making / Sale May 10, 2025

Cleveland East Br. 33 Krapfen Sale May 11, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Mothers' Day Brunch May 18, 2025

Cleveland East Br. 33 Membership Banquet Saint Noel's Party Center, Willoiughby, OH June 1, 2025

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

European Tour Dance Program Performance

June 15, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Fathers' Day Dinner June 18, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim / Gemütlichkeit Musikanten Pilsner Patio Party

June 29, 2025

Chicago Br. 9 Annual Summer Picnic July 19, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim / Gemütlichkeit Musikanten Krampus in July

August 16, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Sommer Oktoberfest August 17, 2025

Cleveland East Br. 33 Annual Picnic Penitentiary Glen

September 14, 2025

Chicago Br. 9 Banquet at Lone Tree Manor September 27, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

October 15, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Lagerfest



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The secret lives of dinosaurs

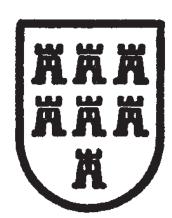
Ever since we learned about dinosaurs, we've been thinking about the differences between dinosaur sexes.

Scientists have been studying it for decades and now we know ... not much. However, there is a lot of speculation.

According to Smithsonian Magazine, the fossil record doesn't suggest any skeletal differences between a girl dino and a boy dino. However, one Tyrannosaurus rex femur bone gave us a clue. In 2005, scientists found a medullary bone, similar to those found in female birds. This bone is pivotal in female egg laying in modern birds. But that is just one type of dinosaur. Different breeds don't show such a bone.

Of course, there are a lot of differences in body traits. Some Triceratops have more horns or shield plates. Some are bigger. But is this a sex difference or just an individual trait? Were more elaborate horns or shields attractive to other dinos? Scientists don't know.

Unfortunately, one test is out of the question for determining dino sex: DNA. We have no dinosaur DNA, contrary to the premise of the movie Jurassic Park. Dinosaurs ruled the earth about 165 million years ago and, as far as we know, nothing preserves DNA quite that long.



ATTENTION:

Members Cleveland East Branch 33 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2025

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

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

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:Zip:	
Phone:	
College/University:	
Year: circle one	
Freshman Sophomore	Junior Senio
Parent/Guardian/Grandpa	arent Name:

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2025: Mail to: Karyn Schmidt 4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

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CHURCHES

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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

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES By Ro Dundon

We met at Austintown's Perkin's on April 10th.

Again, I'm sorry to say the Rings, Kay and Eileen, were missing from our meeting. Also, Bev was not there and Barry is in Rehab, unable to attend. Hopefully they all will be with us again.

The Goulash Dinner was on March 28th. I have heard it was one of the best dinners yet. Kudos to the kitchen help, cooks and assistants.

Congratulations go out to Ernie Roth, President, and Julaine Gilmartin, ATS secretary. They were named Man and Woman of the Year. They are very deserving of the honor. Ernie is always there and Juliane tending to her position.

Easter will be here before this gets printed. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy one and the weather was pleasant enough to be "In my Easter Bonnet."

Since Spring has Sprung we are wondering about Bocce... if, when, where and what time.

We are changing our meeting place to Ruby Tuesday's. It will be Thursday May 8th. At 12:30. Hope to see everyone there. If anyone wants to join us, please feel free to meet us there.

Everybody enjoy the weather, stay safe and healthy. Until we meet again.....

As usual ...it's RO.

Salem Branch 18 Family Bowling Party









your relatives and friends to join the crowd at ATS. Tell them about our fraternal society!









BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

Come one come all to an enjoyable evening tasting our luscious desserts and voting for your favorite at our Dessert Bake Off at the club on Saturday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. A flyer is posted on Facebook if you need to check details of the bake off. Branch 27 members who have provided their email address have been mailed flyers and flyers have been distributed at Branch 25's meeting and to the Volksblatt. Branch 27 members will furnish the desserts. Katy Hudak and Judy Both are donating the prizes for first, second and third place and other items needed for the event. Come and join us for a sweet time deciding which dessert is your favorite. We promise no calories involved!!

We are sad to learn of honor member Elisabeth Paal's passing. Our sympathies are with her family and friends. A moment of silence was observed in her honor. Our sympathies to Branch 27 members Doreen Hietsch and Katy McCune on the death of husband and father Ron Hietsch.

We received a very nice thank you from Eric Litschel who ordered an ornament and booklet. He briefly explained his Transylvanian heritage and his association with New Castle and the picnic grounds.

We are happy to report Ingrid Both-Hoesl has earned the appropriate insurance license and is interested in filling the position of ATS sales deputy for Branch 27. The motion to appoint Ingrid as the ATS sales deputy for Branch 27 passed and Ingrid will be in contact with the ATS office regarding details involved in the position.

Thirty-four letters were mailed out to members without honor status asking if they would be willing to pay the increased dues if there was a merger with Branch 25. The letter stated that a "no response" would be interpreted as a no vote. Thirteen responded yes, 2 responded not now, and 19 responded no (13 of those were no response). Judy plans to talk to

Denise regarding the merger at the President's Meeting in May. Both branches will meet in the near future.

Our community outreach project at our May 1 meeting and Mother's Day celebration is to collect items for ARISE, the domestic abuse treatment center in New Castle. The following items are needed: cleaning supplies, detergent, personal hygiene products such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products, etc. For every item donated the donor will receive a raffle ticket for a door prize donated by Judy Both and Katy Hudak.

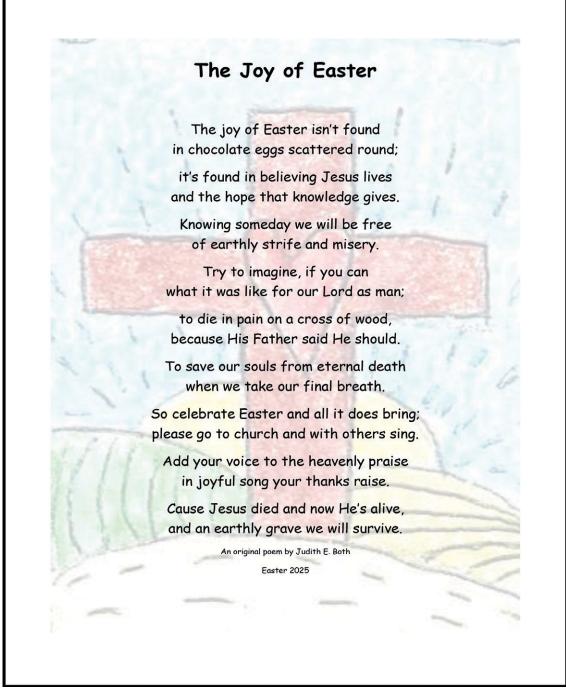
Mother's Day Meeting and Celebration is May 1 at Soni's at 6:00. It was agreed we would order our meal from the menu and members will pay for their meal. Dessert will be provided by Branch 27. Guests are welcome. Reservations are necessary so that the restaurant can prepare for our group. Judy will provide favors, a game and prizes. Members should call Dolores Both (724) 658-7407 to make reservations by Friday, April 25.

The ATS Presidents Meeting is in Columbus, Ohio which is about 3 hours away from New Castle. Judy Both and Katy Hudak will be attending.

Sherry Fenske won the Easter Word Scramble game and received a lovely floral tote bag donated by Judy Both. Judy read her original poem "The Joy of Easter" which was enjoyed by all.

Important dates to remember: April 25: Deadline for calling Dolores Both (724) 658-7407 with your reservations for the Mother's Day meeting at Soni's at 6:00. April 26: The Dessert Bake Off is at 5:00.

If you have not already provided Judy with your email address, please provide her with that information at jboth1512@comcast.net. If you won't be at the club to sign up for the bake off, email Judy or call (724) 654-0573) to let her know you will be attending and/or baking a delicious dessert. Blessings of Easter.



Great resources for healthy eating guidance

Eating healthy means different things to different people, and the volume of information (and misinformation) available with just a few clicks can make it seem like a hopelessly complicated project. But it really doesn't have to be -- as long as you know where to look.

MyPlate.gov, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, shows how to divide up your plate to create balanced meals with each food group represented. Click on each food group and you'll see more detailed information about nutritional benefits, serving sizes, and what to look for at the grocery store.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (eatright.org) provides evidence-based information about health and nutrition for people at all life stages. EatRight also provides a large library of dietitian-developed recipes with complete nutrition information. The Academy also tackles fad diets and trendy products to help you

cut through the marketing jargon and find a healthy, sustainable balance.

The Nutrition Source, a project from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, offers its own interactive balanced plate -- and it's available in 25 languages. The Nutrition Source's plate differs from

the USDA's, with a greater emphasis on vegetables and the addition of healthy oils. And since nutrition is just one part of a healthy lifestyle, the project also includes guidance about sleep, stress, disease prevention, and weight management.



Cleveland West, Cleveland East and Lorain Breakfast with the Easter Bunny























BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

Branch 33 held its meeting via Zoom on April 9th. Happy to report 26 members in attendance.

President Margie Ziegler congratulated Maria Phillips for winning the Westside Chili Cook-off! She made Chili with Br. 33 Saxon sausage; so when you all order in December, remember to add a pound of our sausage to Chili.

ATS Bowling season is completed, congratulations to our Team Bowlers; not the best year in scores, but plenty of fun! Thank you, New Castle, for hosting the final tournament and Banquet.

Upcoming events: Branch 33 is making Krapfen, May 10th, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Lyndhurst OH. At this time we are only taking orders from Br. 33 members, one or two dozen, \$10 per dozen. Ema Litschel is taking orders, phone (440) 479-9334. Pick up 1-4 p.m. at the church.

A Membership Banquet to honor all Branch 33 members is scheduled on Sunday ,May 18th, 1 to 5 pm. Dinner served at 2 p.m.. Free for Branch members, non-

BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON By Cheryl Schnebelen

Our ever changing weather has been pretty frustrating for many of us, but I hope you have been able to enjoy as many of our nice days as possible. The Canton Saxons will be meeting again on May 18, at 1:00. The Sunday before this is Mothers Day, so we would like to wish all of our mothers a wonderful and relaxing day.

With the end of school year approaching and many going off to college or other forms of training, things can be very expensive. If you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies' lodge who are in need, please let us know. A simple email or letter to the Canton ladies lodge can arrange for help. We would need the name(s) and address of those needing assistance, along with the amount needed, and the reason for the request. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text me at 330-312-5112, or send a letter to me at PO Box 640, Carrollton, Ohio 44615, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. As always, we look forward to hearing from you and please join us at Meyers Landing on Sunday, May 18, at 1:00.

members \$45. Maria Phillips taking reservations until May 12th phone (440) 552-1364.

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FISHIN'

We are still working on putting together a fun outing for June or July. As I mentioned before, Goodtime Cruise is a possibility, Sunday July 20th. Details in upcoming Volksblatt. Mark August 17th on your calendar as the date for our Annual Branch Picnic at Penitentiary Glen.

Branch 33 has started a choir. We next meet for practice on Sunday April 27 at Messiah Lutheran Church at 5 p.m. Anyone can join, no experience necessary, just come and sing-along.

Prayers to members recently in hospital, Joan Blaha, Sharon Volpe, Jan Schneider, Inge Mahn, and all who have been unable to attend meetings, Don Weber, Joanne Janesco, Karen Bretz, Bette Schmidt, Debbie Lang, Elizabeth Friedsmanto name a few.

Out next meeting will be back to live and in-person, Wednesday May 14th at 7 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church in Lyndhurst. Social hour before the meeting will feature our Krapfen.

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket." (Evan Esar)

May Easter fill you with Hope and Peace and the Love of Family and Friends.

Kidney cancer vaccine shows promise

A personalized antitumor vaccine showed promising initial results in a clinical trial of nine patients with advanced kidney cancer, generating measurable immune responses in all participants. According to Harvard Medical School, cancer researchers at Harvard's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute created individualized vaccines for each study participant with genetic material from their own tumors in order to train their immune systems to target and destroy cancerous cells. The researchers say that these positive early results are a strong indicator that personalized vaccines are a feasible future treatment option for certain types of cancers.

ATS ANNUAL

FISHING CHARTER SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 LINDA MAE CHARTER 226 E. Island Dr. Eastlake, OH

Just 20 miles East of Downtown Cleveland \$35.00 for ATS members \$75.00 for non-members Pre-paid reservations only Including 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:
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Fishing Pole Rental \$15.00 (lost lures are \$5)
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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: May 31, 2025

Romance scams target dating app users

After losing his wife of 43 years, 72-year-old Gary was understandably lonely, and used technology to dip a toe back into the dating pool. According to NBC 5 Chicago, he connected with Nasha, who claimed to be a fellow Chicago suburbanite,

But months later, Nasha had vanished into thin air, along with \$50,000 of Gary's money

and the two connected over

shared interests.

Gary's money. Romance scammers are busier than ever, thanks to an endless stream of potential marks on bustling dating apps like Tinder, Bumble, Hinge and OkCupid. Even if you don't use Tinder, they're still looking for you on other social media platforms like Facebook and even the professional networking site LinkedIn. And they wouldn't do it if business wasn't good -- according to The Week, online ro-



mance scammers swindled Americans out of more than \$1 billion in 2023, and at least that much in 2024.

With AI tools that can quickly generate realisticlooking photos of anyone and anything, scammers have even taken to impersonating celebrities. According to the BBC, a scammer posing as the actor Brad Pitt used AI-generated photos to dupe one vulnerable French woman out of \$850,000. Pitt's own representative expressed sympathy for the woman, and cautioned others to beware of unsolicited messages from famous people.

The United States Secret Service advises Americans

- to look out for several red flags:
- Frequent requests for money for things such as travel expenses and investment opportunities
- Pressure for gifts of consumer goods, such as phones or laptops.
- Asking for gift cards and requests to send pictures of the codes through messaging apps.
- Asking for immediate assistance for an emergency situation.

To protect yourself from online romance scammers, follow this simple rule: Don't engage in financial transactions with people you've never met. That includes sending money, opening bank accounts or starting businesses on their behalf, or sharing personal information. Text messages are not proof of their good intentions, and voice and video calls can be faked.



What you eat can ease arthritis pain

Longevity is a blessing seem to complain a lot.

According to the University of Michigan's National Poll on Healthy Aging, about 70 percent of older adults experience joint pain, and around 60 percent have been diagnosed with arthri-

There are a number of medications that may alleviate joint pain and help you maintain an active lifestyle, but what and how you eat matters too. Two eating patterns -- the Mediterranean Diet and the DASH (Dietary approaches to Stop Hypertension) Diet both emphasize whole, unprocessed foods that can reduce inflammation and provide additional health benefits like weight management and decreased risk for many chronic diseases.

According to Mass General Brigham Health, both eating plans encourage a variety of whole foods, including beans and legumes; fruits and vegetables; herbs and spices

Also encouraged:

• Seafood as the primary animal protein

- Small portions of poul--- unfortunately, our joints try, eggs, cheese, and yogurt consumed daily or a few times each week
 - Healthy fats like nuts, seeds, oily fish, and avocados
 - Whole grains

Some foods may worsen inflammation. including: fatty deli or lunch meats; fried foods; ultra-processed foods; meats with high saturated fat content; refined (white or brown) sugar; starchy foods like white bread or white rice

Mass General Brigham dietitian Nancy Oliveira recommends that you pay attention to how different foods make you feel and learn to identify which ones seem to cause joint pain to worsen. Oliveira also urges small changes over radical ones, such as incorporating one new plant-based food per week. Don't neglect sleep or exercise, either -poor sleep and lack of physical activity can both worsen inflammation.

The Cleveland Clinic and Mayo Clinic websites have more information on the DASH diet and Mediterranean diets



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Study sheds light on liver damage risk

A new study published in the journal of Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology shows that alcohol consumption nearly doubles the risk of severe liver damage among people with large bellies, diabetes, or high blood pressure. According to CNN, nearly half of all Americans have high blood pressure and more than a third have pre-diabetes.



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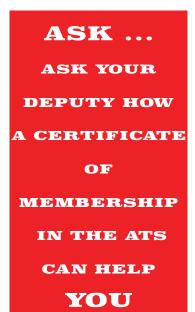
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BOOKS

The Saxon Cook Book - Third Edition Over 400 Saxon/American Recipes \$12.00 per copy (postpaid)

Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy by Barbara Ohler Weber A true story of the author's experiences during World War II and her immigration to America in the 1950's. \$14.00 per copy (postpaid)

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Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries, author Rev. John Foisel A paperback which provides a romantic account of the customs and phases of intellectual development of the Transylvanian people. Not intended to be a history of Transylvania, rather a story of our people based upon seventeen centuries of history. \$15 per copy (postpaid)

Why Can't Somebody Just Die Around Here?, author Gerhard Maroscher. Tells the story of how his family was impacted by World War II. His mother fled Transylvania with two young sons and his father reluctantly served in three Axis armies and was a prisoner of war by the Russians. Family immigrated to the USA to live the American dream. \$24.95 per copy (postpaid)

All books unless noted have English Text.

Proceeds from book sales go to the Saxon Orphan Fund Program.

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Meets 2nd Thursday 11:30 a.m. Youngstown Saxon Club (March - December)

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Meets 1st Wednesday of the month

Noon at 1980 NewGarden Rd

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BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING April 21, 2025

Hickory House 550 OfficeCenter Place Gahanna, Ohio 43239 12 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."

EVENTS

Olga has put together flyers for Heimattag, the summer picnic and a schedule of special dates for the entire year, including the Christmas Party. The mailer with these events went out about 10 days ago. If you did not receive the information and would like to be included please private message or email us so we can get you added and included.

TRANSYLVANIA TRIP

This will conclude our Transylvania Trip and a lifetime of memories that the trip provided for all of the 80 or so Transylvanian Saxons that were able to travel back in time (figuratively), to when our families, parents, grandparents, greatgrandparents lived in their hometowns in Transylvania. It unbelievable for me to walk the streets, view the houses, church and buildings where our family would congregate. We were fortunate to talk to the current mayor that remembered family names, even though almost all of the Transylvanian Saxons of Botsch have left long ago.

This is truly the most memorable vacation I have experienced in my life. Before I get much further, I feel it is only appropriate to mention the people that made this a wonderful trip. First and foremost, we have to recognize Denise Aeling Crawford. We want to thank Denise for extending the invitation to the Columbus Branch 10. Denise worked endlessly on making sure that every single detail of every event was planned and executed. Her tireless effort paid off for all of the attendees. Thank you so much for this wonderful trip. Next person to recognize is Jennifer

Fried with Direct Travel. I still marvel about what it took to coordinate all the flights, arrivals and departures to insure everything would occur just as planned (or close to plan, you can't plan for constant scheduling mishaps by Lufthansa). Additionally, Jennifer was a tremendous help in assisting me on my medical needs on the various flights. Finally, we have to thank our travel guide Bogdan Muntean. Bogdan would provide the most interesting historical facts and details for every single place we visited or passed along the way. He was our personal Britannica Encyclopedia. Additionally, he would play musical recording of the various areas as we traveled, as well as would serenade us on the bus and would demonstrate the acoustics of castles and churches, with his beautiful

Now for the international intrigue we encountered on the trip. When we left the U.S. the Summer Olympics in Paris were underway. There was one particular event that caused some international interest for U.S. citizens and Romania. This incident occurred at the beginning our trip. As everyone remembers there was an incident regarding U.S. and Romanian female gymnasts. The Olympic committee and the judges completely mishandled the entire dispute. Americans were upset and Romanian were upset. Both sides were upset by the bungling of the entire event by the Olympic committee and judges (it still has not been totally resolved to everyone's satisfaction, even after 6 months). ended with the Romanian Prime Minister boycotting the ending ceremony of the Olympics. While we could not totally understand the News Networks in Romania, we understood enough to know the Romanian people and government were, putting it politely, extremely upset with the results. It was the news in the morning, evening and throughout the day. Definitely, not something as Americans we wanted to bring up in conversations.

The other international

intrigue surrounded the invasion of Russia into the Ukraine. As we traveled the countryside, especially the most northern part of Transylvania, Romania, it was pointed out to us that there was a river to the right of the road we were traveling. We were told that on the other side of the river was the country of the Ukraine. Ukraine was extremely close, only a few short kilometers from the road. It didn't really register the impact of the closeness of the border until the end of the trip. Before we were ready to catch our return flights in Timisoara, Romania, Ukraine changed its military tactics and invaded some Russian border towns. This caused international implications and was definitely felt by us in our return flight from Timisoara. As we were moving about the airport we noticed groups of military personnel, dressed completely in black, with only their eyes visible and they were carrying automatic weapons. We clearly understood the seriousness of the war events and how we were personally impacted by the events. As you traveled through the different gates and check points you were aware this was being taken extremely seriously.

Unfortunately for me I was traveling with quite a bit of medical and electrical equipment. My equipment was something that airport security had never seen before. My wife and me were escorted to a special area for further review. Jill, unfortunately because she was traveling with me, was subjected to a thorough and invasive pat down by one of the female security personnel. I was escorted to a private room where I had to lower my pants so the guard could see the electrical line from my batteries to my heart pump. He was more intrigued than concerned about me potentially posing as a threat. Finally, after some discussion, the guard looks at me and says,"Electric Heart." I thought we reached a mutual understanding and agreed that I had an electric heart. Upon coming out to the main area, the other guards had removed all 8 of my backup batteries and my wall charger. Each battery is the size of an old 8 track tape. They were scanning the batteries and all of the other electrical equipment to make sure they were not bombs. And just when we thought they were done, one of the guards says my supervisor will have to approve the equipment. Fortunately, the supervisor didn't share the other guards' concerns, and would just say they are okay.

We were now free to board the flight and resume our return to the U.S. We did run into some difficulty with Lufthansa and missed our connecting flight in Munich. Jill, Mike Roth and myself would end up staying in Munich for one more day before our return.

The snafu of the international events did not deter from this being an extremely wonderful and memorable trip. If we are physically able, we are looking forward to the next Transylvanian trip in the next 8-10 years. If you have an opportunity to do this trip with the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons in the future, please don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Again, thanks Denise, you did a great job!!!!!

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Don Blum (April 22). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

HUMOR (Compliments of Sara Alzner-Brown)

A husband and a wife started dieting a week ago.

The wife suggested they have a cheat day today.

The wife went out and brought home KFC and McDonalds.

The husband brought home his secretary.

Hospital Visiting Hours are the same as usual 9 AM to 9 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

We are happy to announce that the group has grown to 235 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.

Our Facebook Group is an excellent place to share pictures that anyone would have of the Transylvanian Trip. It's a good reason to join and become a part of sharing Heritage information.



TSBA 2024-2025 Bowling Season

Season Champions: New Castle #1 Chris Both, Dan Both, Jr. Ryan Both, Zach Both

Team High Game: New Castle #3

Jerrod Palmer, Brandon Rappach,
Nick Roman, Ken Wansack

Team High Series: Cleveland West #1
Jenny King, Stephanie Miller
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High Game Actual:

Jen Wansack, Tom Simon High Game with Handicap: Robbie Clifford, Dave Vassen

High Series Actual:

Kathy Roman, Chase Vassen High Series with Handicap: Cheri Aey, Joe Maine

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Robbie Clifford, Chase Vassen























Winning Team: Lorain #2
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Russ Gilles, Bob Tomusko,
Doubles Winners:
Ryan Both, Zach Both
Singles Winners:
Sandra Maurer, Dan Both, Jr.

All Events with Handicap:
Kathy Roman, Mike Bretz

All Events Actual:

Sandra Maurer, Chase Vassen





