

#### THE SAXON NEWS

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#### BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Lesley Reed

Our May meeting, and the last before taking a recess for the summer, was held on the 21st. We had eight members present and enjoyed a pizza dinner and some fellowship beforehand. A recent article from the Canton Repository newspaper featuring our members Shari and Jerry Edwards was shared. They have an inspiring testimony to say the least! Also prior to the meeting, we joined the men's branch to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of our fellow Saxon, Dave Kunkel. His legacy as a longtime member and his 40+years serving as our men's club treasurer will be unsurpassed.

Motions were made and passed to make two monetary donations this month. One will go to the Alliance YWCA - ABC for Kids program and the other to the Saxon Relief Fund, in honor of our



The following Branch Presidents received their Branch President pin at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Branch Presidents meeting: Karl Hermann, President of Branch 25 – New Castle; Chris Phillis, President of Branch 18 – Salem; and Denise Crawford, President of Branch 8 – Alliance.

branch's 120th anniversary this year.

As an order of Old Business, Denise Crawford filled us in on more details about this summer's Heimattag that she learned at the recent Branch Presidents meeting. She mentioned that she will be attending the Bowlers' convention next month and reminded us of all of the ATS activities taking place this summer and into fall.

Under New Business, she wished a happy birthday to the seven ladies who have birthdays that we have missed or we will miss until our next meeting. A motion was made and passed to suspend our meetings for the summer months.

Our next local branch activity is a picnic taking place at John Aeling's on Sat., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon. It was brought up and agreed upon that the ladies will have White Elephant gift exchange that day. Everyone wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift worth no more than \$15. We also heard and accepted our latest Treasurer's report.

One last item of business was to review our branch events coming up this fall. These include branch meetings on September 17 and October 15 and on November 8, our annual holiday dinner at Hart Mansion. Have a wonderful summer, everyone!





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford ATS Nat'l President



On Saturday, May 17th, the ATS Board of Directors met in Columbus, Ohio. The topics discussed ranged from a review of the first guarter financials to upcoming ATS events. Our financials showed a healthy first quarter profit. During the week leading up to the meeting, the Investment Committee met with our Investment Counselor, as we do prior to every Board Meeting. Our independent advisor evaluates our portfolio and monitors the ratings of our investments on a continuous basis. He reassured the committee that the ATS investment portfolio is well positioned and that he does not foresee any major issues with our investments. With the recent ups and downs in the stock market, I want to reassure our members that their life insurance and retirement plans in the ATS are safe and secure.

Following the Board Meeting, the ATS Branch Presidents met. We had the following Branch cities being represented: Alliance, Chicago, Cleveland East, Cleveland West, Columbus, Detroit, Lorain, Merrillville, New Castle, Salem, and Youngstown. The 2024 year-end financials and investments were discussed. Reports were also given on last year's Cultural, Fraternal, and Youth events as well as upcoming ones. Scholarship awards were announced, with the Branch President receiving a certificate to be presented to their members who won. The ATS **Subsidy Grants were awarded to the Cultural Groups** and Branch Sharing checks were distributed. Chris Phillis, Branch 18 - Salem, Karl Hermann, Branch 25 -New Castle, as well as I, Branch 8 - Alliance received new Branch President pins. Local Branch Officer duties and information, ATS information, and ATS programs were reviewed. We also had a discussion on the topic "What is a Fraternal Benefit Society". Those that stayed for dinner enjoyed a beautiful and fun evening watching the harness racing at the racetrack, picking out horses with the best names, and then saying "I should have placed a bet" when that horse actually won. We thank Branch 10 - Columbus, and Mike Roth and his committee, for all of the hard work put forth in hosting this event for the ATS.

The next Branch Presidents meeting will be hosted by Detroit, in the year 2027. The year 2026 will be the Convention year. It will be hosted by Branches 1

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Countdown to our
North American Saxon Heimattag
Youngstown, Ohio July 11 - 13, 2025
35 days left!
See Page 5 for Reservation
and Hotel Information



#### Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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#### 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,



# CONVENTION

**Bowlers convention** this year is June 14 in New Castle. Audit 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.

**Please contact Rich Baker at** (724) 854-0149 by June 7 and let him know how many are **coming from your** branches. Refreshments will be served. **Location: Eintracht Singing Society 108 Taylor Street New Castle, PA** 

#### A great snack for the birds

One nutritious snack for wild birds may surprise you: cooked potato.

Peeled, cooked, plain potato may be added to feeders in the summer, according to Homes and Gardens, but bird lovers must be sure the potatoes are peeled and cooked thoroughly. Raw potatoes contain solanine, a toxin that is harmful to birds and can cause stomach and brain issues, and even death. Add no salt or butter to the cooked potato, which should be mashed or finely chopped.



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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

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

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

#### **DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:**

**DEADLINE** 

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025 WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025 FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025** FRIDAY, JULY 18, 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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and 4 from Cleveland West and take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd. Mark your longrange calendar for this weekend. In addition, you may want to start working on those handicraft exhibit items so that they will be complete in time to enter the contest at the Convention!

It's Graduation Season! We congratulate all the students who are graduating this year. Whether it's high school or college, we wish you good luck in your future endeavors. See the back page of this issue for our 2025 ATS Scholarship Award winners.

June 14th is Flag Day. This day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Fly your American flag proudly!

Sunday, June 15, is Father's Day. To all of you out there who still have their Dad, make sure he knows you love him. For those who do not still have their Dad, think of a happy memory of a time spent together. To all the Dads out there, enjoy your day!

Did you know that the Allies started storming the Normandy coast on June 6, 1944?

The Allied forces launched "Operation Overlord", the largest amphibious invasion in history on this date, marking a pivotal turning point in World War II. According to HaveFunWithHistory.com, the invasion involved a meticulously planned assault on the Normandy Coast of France, which was occupied by the Nazi's. Led by General Dwight D Eisenhower, the operation included forces from the United Canada, and other Allied nations. The invasion began with airborne assaults and a massive naval bombardment, followed by the landing of 156,000 troops

on five beach heads, which were code named Utah. Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword.

By daybreak, according to History.com, 18,000 British and American parachutists were already on the ground. An additional 13,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion. At 6:30 a.m., American troops came ashore at Utah and Omaha beaches. The British and Canadians captured Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. Omaha beach was a much harder task than the rest. The U.S. First Division battled high seas, mist, mines, burning vehicles, and German coastal batteries, including an elite infantry division which spewed heavy fire. Many wounded Americans ultimately drowned in the high tide. By the day's end, the Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches and were then able to push inland. These landings were originally planned for June 5th, but postponed due to bad weather. More commonly known as D-Day, this victory paved the way for the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi occupation.

Unlike V-E Day (Victory in Europe) or V-J Day (Victory over Japan), the "D" in D-Day doesn't stand for anything. As early as World War I, the U.S. Military used the term D-Day to designate the launch date of a mission. One reason was to keep the actual date out of the hands of spies; another was to serve as a placeholder until an actual date was chosen. The bravery and heroism displayed by troops from the Allied countries on D-Day has served as inspiration for several States, United Kingdom, films, most notably The Lon- August 10: General meeting gest Day (1962) and Saving Private Ryan (1998). It was also depicted in the series Band of Brothers (2001).

Until next time...

## INVEST YOUR SAVINGS IN AN ATS ANNUITY PLAN

#### 2025 Bowl Where You Are Tournament

The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Bowl Where You Are Tournament. Keep up the good work and we look forward to you bowling next year!



#### **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Winners!

Each winner received a plaque with their name on it.

Nash Foisel Camden Jackson Alexander Spack BR 33 BR 19 BR 19 Ages 6-7 Ages 10-11 Ages 14-15

Jameson Donnellan Luke Thellman Haley Hess BR1 BR 30 **BR 33** Ages 12-13 Ages 16-17 Ages 8-9

#### **Participants**

Allie Shroll, BR 4 Allison Phillips, BR 33 Amelia Werner, BR 18 Caiden Phillips, BR 33 Connor Tully, BR 33 Cooper Shroll, BR 1 David Deaton, BR 33 Harrison Hum, BR 33 Jordan Hess, BR 30 Joshua Rau, BR 1



Kylie Jackson, BR 18 Lexi Seiler, BR 4 Linkin Smith, BR 26 Lucy Deaton, BR 33 Matthew Rau, BR 1 Molly Hartstock, BR 4 Mora Ziegler, BR 33 Paul Runnals, BR 1 Quill Suts, BR 33 Ray Appleby, BR 19

#### **BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN** By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events: Wednesdays:

Dinner and drawings Thursdays:

> Bar Bingo resumed 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts Drawing

Fridays:

Fish dinner, open to the public

Sundays:

Breakfast till 2 p.m. Meeting second Sundays July 7: Officers meeting July 13: Saxon Picnic No general meetings in June or July

September 7: Pork/Kraut Dinners resume

September 14: General meeting

September 21: Speck Fry

We now have a Game Room-Billiards Table, Dart Game and Slot Machine in the Lower Lounge. Come and bring your friends and enjoy an evening.

Trash and Treasure Flea Market is open Mondays from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Fee to enter is minimal at \$5. Come and check out its treasures.

Because of some recent

heavy building repairs that must be done, etc., a letter of requests for monetary help will be sent to members now, social members, later. We appreciate your support in these matters of maintenance.

Happy Springtime!

Nothing is impossible to the person who doesn't have to do it.



#### FRATERNAL CALENDAR

#### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

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 - 12, 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**

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 13, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Day Picnic

July 19, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim / Gemütlichkeit Musikanten Krampus in July

July 20, 2025

Cleveland East Br. 33 Goodtime III Cruise

August 16, 2025

**Cleveland Sachsenheim Sommer Oktoberfest** 

August 17, 2025

Cleveland East Br. 33 Annual Picnic

**Penitentiary Glen** 

August 20, 2025

Chicago Br. 9 Performance of the Youth Dance Group

from Herzogenaurach Germany

Donauschwaben Club, Des Plaines

September 7, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/Kraut Dinner

September 21, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Speck Fry

**September 27, 2025** 

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake October 15, 2025

**Cleveland Sachsenheim Lagerfest** 

October 24, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Children's Halloween Party

November 9, 2025

Cleveland Sachsenheim Veterans' Day Dinner

November 19, 2025

**Cleveland Sachsenheim Tree Trimming** 

**December 5-6, 2025** 

Clevelaland Sachsenehim Sausage Making / Sale

ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW A CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATS CAN HELP YOU TO SAVE!



#### Alliance of **Transylvanian Saxons**



#### YOUNGSTOWN **SAXON RETIREES** By Ro Dundon

Hello Everyone:

On May 8th we met at the Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant in Austintown. It's so good to get together to join in a meal and conversation.

We welcomed Barry back to the group after a long confinement for rehab. Still missing is Kay and Eileen Ring and Bev. Hopefully they will be with us soon.

The conversations and compliments about the delicious meals coming out of the kitchen-makes me hungry thinking of them.

A sad note...John Baconi, our Clubs former Cook, passed away. John was with us for many years. I worked with him during the years he was there - he was dedicated to his job and the club. Although he had left the club, he but visited often, he was and will be remembered fondly.

Our next meeting will be at Amen's Restaurant in Girard at 12:30. Anyone wanting to join us, please come...you will be welcomed. As always if anything should change regarding the meeting, our President RoseMarie Zamary will be on the phone to everyone.

I hope all the mothers had a wonderful Day on May 12th. Now coming up is Father's Day. Please all the fathers, have a great day with family and friends.

Until we meet again.....As usual..lt's RO

#### Skin care products recalled for elevated benzene

Several acne treatment products have been recalled after lab testing revealed elevated levels of benzene, a chemical linked to cancer. Walgreens Acne Control Cleanser, Proactiv Skin Smoothing Exfoliator and La Roche-Posay Effaclar Duo Dual Acne Control are among the affected products to be pulled from store shelves, according to CNN Health. Health officials noted that benzene exposure raises cancer risk only slightly after several decades, and that consumer risk from short-term exposure in the affected products was very low.

#### **Cleveland Saxon Dance Group European Tour Schedule**

June 18th (Wednesday) -"Haus der Heimat" Vienna

June 21st (Saturday) -Community evening in Traun

> June 22nd (Sunday) -Blasifest in Elixhausen

June 24th (Tuesday) -Community evening in Augsburg

June 29th (Sunday) -Kronenfest Herzogenaurach



#### Come join the Siebenbürger Sachsen as we welcome the

Transylvanian Youth Dance Group Herzogenaurach



Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Donauschwaben Facility 625 Seegers Road, Des Plaines, IL Dinner will be served at 5:00pm

Dance performance at 6:30 pm Advance tickets are \$30.00 per person which includes Buffet Dinner & Show- No refunds

> Make your reservation(s) on line: https://forms.gle/NTTaBkNLJJpcQTQ6A Any questions contact Elfi at 847-732-0939 Reservations required by August 13.

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



#### Other Heimattag Hotels/Motels available:

#### **Quality Inn**

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

#### **Hampton Inn**

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

#### Home 2 Suites by Hilton 5580 Patriot Blvd

Youngstown, Ohio 44515 (330) 505-9935

#### Days Inn

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

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

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

#### Call for price and availability



#### 2025 SAXON HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM

July 11 – 13, 2025

Host: ATS Branch 30 - Youngstown Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian Rd Youngstown, Ohio 44509

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	Ticket Price	Number Tickets	Total
FRIDAY EVENING (Food served 6:00 - 8:	00 p.m.)		
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	x	\$
•	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x	_
Church Service, then Cultural performar	nces all afternoon		
SATURDAY DINNER (6:00 p.m.)			
Saxon Buffet (Schnitzel, Sausage, etc)	Adults \$40	x	\$ \$
Vegetarian option	Vegetarian \$40	x	\$
	Free for Children		
	Ages 12 & Under	x	
Additional Cultural performances and D	ancing		
OPTIONAL:			
<b>Sunday Breakfast at Youngstown Saxon</b>	Club (9:30 – 2:00)	#	\$ menu price
Branch 30 Membership Picnic (noon to	??) non-members \$10	х	\$
	GRAM	ND TOTAL	\$
Name			
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

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#### Fairfield Inn

Indoor Pool

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

#### Wingate by Wyndham

5570 Patriot Blvd 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 Breakfast included Indoor Pool



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

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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

#### **Short chuckles**

I put this sign on my son's room door: "Check out time is 18!"

I married my wife for her looks, but not the ones she's been giving me lately.

Home is where you can say anything you like. Nobody listens to you anyway.

#### BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

We met for our monthly meeting the third Monday in May to conduct business as usual. After the minutes of the last meeting were read, reports from special committees for the Branch 5 summer picnic which will be on Sunday, August 17 and the Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 6 were made. I'm happy to report as financial and dues secretary that all members' dues are paid for the year and no one is reported as being on the sick list as reported by our vice president Sister Jane

Mowery. President Sister Monica Gilles gave a report from the ATS Branch Presidents Meeting that she attended and presented to the floor our branch share check from the ATS investments in 2024. Our next meeting will be held as usual at the American Slovak Club on Monday, June 16 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Last month I wrote a request for our members to share announcements of their graduating seniors so that we could congratulate them in this month's article



Julianna and Violet Piller with the Easter Bunny

#### Attend the North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag to hear the story of the Golden Charter!

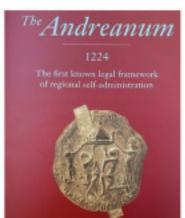




During the Heimattag this summer, a representative from the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons will present the story of the Andreanum—the Golden Charter. This year-long celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the signing of the charter will come to America. We hope you will join us in learning about this historical document and all the rights and privileges that came with it. Our Transylvanian Saxon ancestors, who settled in the Carpathian Mountains region in the 12th century, had unique freedoms that lasted for centuries.





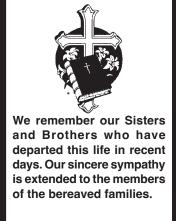


and received only one. Tyler Henderson, a junior Branch 5 member and a proud senior at LCJVS, is graduating this year with a 3.75 GPA where he studied Cyber Security. While excelling academically, he also lettered four years in both golf and bowling for his home school, Firelands High School. Tyler has been accepted to Tiffin University, where he'll continue his studies in Cyber Security and compete as a member of the university's bowling team. Congratulations and the best of luck to you Tyler on behalf of the members of The Lorain Branch 5 Saxons. Members continue to send throughout the summer graduation announcements, and news I can share in this article. Use either email mikjo79@gmail. com or USPS ADDRESSED to Michael Johnson, 2151 Lakeland Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107-5715.

There are events throughout the year that our junior members are invited to participate in that are planned by the ATS youth committee. We thank Cleveland Branch 1 for their invitation to our junior members in many of the events they have for their youth. One of which was breakfast with the Easter Bunny. My daughter Sister Juliana and granddaughter Violet Piller were able to attend and did enjoy their time.

Members celebrating birth-days this month of June are Sisters Arleen Gilles, Lesley Hochevar, Brother Paul Kirschner, junior member Kayla Ali and a special Happy Birthday to our most senior member Sister Shirley Mitoff who will turn 95 on June 13! Happy Birthday to you all and may you celebrate in your favorite way.

There are many opportunities to enjoy summer's activities presented by our sister branches published in your issue of the *Volksblatt*. Be sure to check them out and consider making plans to be a part of the fun. Until next month, stay healthy and safe this summer.



Janet Horst Age: 90 Died: May 23, 2025 Home Branch

More people can be greater leaders than they think they can, but they need a purpose greater than themselves.

William J. Clinton, 42nd president of the United States.

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.

Frequently attributed to
Abraham Lincoln,
16th president of the
United States

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan, "Press on," has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States













## BRANCH 37, DETROIT By Trudy Kalvin

On May 4th, Detroit Branch 37 celebrated its 112th Anniversary. Our President Susanna Fleischer started it off with this prayer: "Thank you LORD for bringing us together to celebrate our 112th Anniversary and Mother's Day with family and friends. GOD of all the nations, you desire for the world to be united in peace. You have gifted the planet with people who speak in many languages and celebrate their culture in creative and colorful ways. Help us celebrate all that we share on this beautiful planet. Komm HERR JESUS, sei unser Gast und segnet was du uns bescheret hast. AMEN."

We arrived at the hall that was decorated in vibrant Spring colors for the occasion. We enjoyed a wonderfully catered luncheon, a beautifully decorated cake, plenty of food and drinks, and homemade pastries provided by member Herta Benesch.

Everyone received a special gift to commemorate the anniversary, a small notebook with the Saxon logo on it, and a pen.

It was interesting to learn the history of our Detroit Branch. The Siebenbürgen Sachsen Verein (Transylvanian Saxon Club) of Detroit, Branch 37 was founded February 23, 1913 by 11 men. Originally, the membership consisted of only men, but in 1916, the membership was opened to women.

Shortly thereafter, the Detroit Saxons became part of the ATS as Branch 37. In 1925 the Detroit Saxons bought a wooded property that for many years was used as a playground for the young people to play basketball and baseball. The Youth Group formed a sports club that regularly played against other groups from Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. Also, in 1925 a clubhouse was purchased where regular meetings and festivities were conducted. It was also used by the newly founded St. Peters German & Saxon Evangelical Lutheran Church under the direction of Pastor Hans Teutsch.

During the time of WWII everything seemed to be at a standstill, since many men were away at war.

In the early 1950s, many Transylvanian Saxons immigrated to the U.S. and joined the Saxon Club, and sub-groups were formed like the Saxonia singing group, who later joined the G.B.U. Saxonia Chorus.

Then, in 1963, the Saxons bought an old Baptist Church, where a new Saxon Club came into existence. In 1976, a Cultural Youth Group was formed under the leadership of Kaetchen Breckner and Ruth Kracker, and these groups regularly participated with others at the yearly Heimattag of the ATS.

Many properties have been bought and sold through the years, but the association between Branch 37 and St. Peters German and Saxon Lutheran Church still exists today, as we have our monthly meetings and special events at the Church.

A good time was had by all who attended the Anniversary event. We joined in singing the Siebenbürgen Anthem and "Der Mai Ist Gekommen". It was announced that Robert Schneider and Mike Rehner will be carrying the Saxon flag in a parade in Frankenmuth, Michigan, and anyone who wants to join them is welcome.

Members of Branch 37 wish all a very happy, healthy Spring and Summer. After our June meeting, meetings resume in September.

Special thanks to our President Susanna Fleischer and Debbie Ferguson for their efforts to put together a great party!















### BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

#### **MONTHLY MEETING**

June 16, 2025 Hickory House 550 OfficeCenter Place Gahanna, Ohio 43239 12 Noon

Our meetings are the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 the beginning of May. 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.

#### PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Columbus, Branch 10 was honored and privileged to host the Presidents' Meeting with the assistance of ATS Home Office. The meeting was held on May 17th at the Eldorado Scioto Downs Racetrack. We understand there may have been some winners from the Racetrack and/or the casino slot machines. While the meeting was held at the Hampton Inn at the Racetrack, there was a wonderfully catered luncheon by Schmidt's Sausage Haus of Columbus to include some German Heritage food. The menu included Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Bahama Mama, Green Bean and Spatzle, German Potato Salad, baked chicken and Schmidt's

famous Cream Puffs. Later a fun dinner was served in the Clubhouse restaurant overlooking the racetrack. Everyone enjoyed watching the harness racing from the clubhouse restaurant. Mike Roth did an excellent job of coordinating the event in conjunction with President Denise Aeling Crawford. Mike had help at the event from Sara Alzner-Brown, Marlene Mueller, Christene Oehlman and Olga Hesch participated in the organization. Our own Christine Oehlman opened the luncheon with greetings to the various branches and a prayer.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

At our monthly meeting on May19, we recognized Daniel Betts for receiving an ATS Scholarship Award. Danny is very deserving of the Scholarship as he has accomplished personal and academic achievements. Danny is 19 years old and just completed his first year at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, majoring in Computer Engineering. He has had a special interest in computer programming for many years, wanting to know how the hardware works as well as the software. He is part of several clubs on campus, including the Christian organization, CRU, an Anime club and the Young Republican club. He graduated with an Honors Diploma in 2024 from Bellbrook High School outside of Dayton, Ohio and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was active on the tennis team for all 4 years. Danny achieved the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scout program. He was an active



Daniel Betts and Br. 10 President Mike Roth

member of the youth group at his church and still helps with Sound team when he can. Danny has always had a kind, helpful spirit and is very grateful to ATS for the Scholarship. We wish Danny continued success in school and life.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

Happy birthday to Sara Alzner-Brown (June 22). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Happy anniversary to Marsue & Heinz Birtler (June 16) and Sara Alzner-Brown & Steve Brown (June 23). Alles Gute zum Jahrestag!

#### **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.

#### **HUMOR**

A new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it activates, you hear the sound of distant thunder and catch the scent of fresh rain.

When you approach the milk section, you hear cows mooing and experience the aroma of fresh hay.

Near the egg case, hens cluck and the air fills with smell of bacon and eggs frying.

The vegetable department features the scent of fresh, buttered corn on the cob.

I DON'T BUY TOILET PAPER THERE ANYMORE!!!!!!!







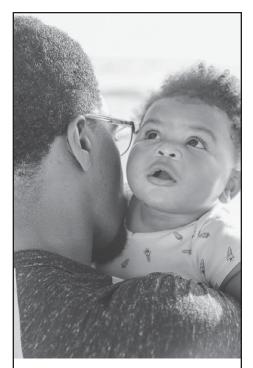












# Father's Day, June 15 Thanks, dad, we know how important you are

There's more to being a dad than earning a living and being an advisor to teenagers.

According to researchers in the Fatherhood Project at the Families & Work Institute, interacting with dad is crucial for child development. Researchers now know that even interactions with your infant or toddler influence how your kids will relate to other people later in their lives and how they will view the world at large.

A study at the University of Regensburg, Munich, Germany, shows that children whose fathers played with them in a sensitive, supportive and challenging way at age two tended to form closer, more trusting relationships with others at ages 10 and 16.

By age 16, fathers' play proved even more powerful and predictive than the mother-child bond. The researchers found that dads' play makes a pivotal and unique contribution to kids' growth.

Telling stories of family history and how your parents and grandparents overcame adversity has an influence on how kids handle difficult times. An Emory University study showed that the ability of children, ages 14 to 16, to retell parents' stories is linked to a lower rate of depression and anxiety.

Your stories, told with eye contact about how you and others overcame problems, can help your children view the world with optimism.



# Men's Health Week: June 9-15 Afraid to see a doctor? Don't be!

There's a chronic health problem among American men: They are more much more likely to avoid going to the doctor.

According to UAB Medicine, only about 60 percent of American men between the ages of 22 and 65 receive an annual physical, and many men will only seek care if they suspect a serious medical problem. And the Cleveland Clinic has found that about 65 percent of men will avoid going to the doctor for as long as possible.

Dr. Patrick Selph, a urologist with UAB Medicine, notes that avoid-

ing routine medical care means that medical conditions may go undetected for years. In his own clinic, Selph routinely diagnoses patients with diabetes or high blood pressure after they seek care for unrelated complaints like urinary tract infections. Many of these issues could have been detected earlier or prevented entirely with more routine medical care and annual physicals.

Why do people avoid care? Cost, inadequate insurance coverage, not enough local providers, and lack of time are some of the most common obstacles, according to Nash-

ville Medical News. But avoidance is common even if care is readily available. According to Texas Health, around one-quarter of men have felt judged by healthcare providers, and nearly half fear uncomfortable discussions about their sexual health. Other anxiety-provoking topics include their workout frequency, alcohol and tobacco use, and adherence to prescribed medications and treatment plans.

Selph urges men to remember that their health isn't just about them -major health issues can also create difficult and painful circumstances for family and loved ones.



# **ATS Family Day**

Waldameer and **Water World** 

220 Peninsula Dr. Erie, Pa.

Saturday, July 26, 2025

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

> ATS has reserved a Picnic Pavilion – "Coaster #1"

> > Free Parking

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

**Bring Your Own Picnic Basket** Grill available by Pavilion

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

**ATS Member** \$22.00 Non-Member \$40.00 (Children under age 1 Free unless they want to enter Water World)

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

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5323 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44129

QR codes are convenient, doesn't link easy to use, and increasing- to any legitily common in our everyday mate lives.

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#### A total knee replacement can be a good fix

Total knee replacement surgery is a clear choice for some people.

A person who has continuous pain and stiffness that limits daily activities and interferes with sleep is probably a good candidate. If symptoms don't respond to drugs or rehabilitation, knee replacement can be the best solution.

Today, knee replacement can relieve your pain and restore function. Those who once could not use stairs, walk or even get out of bed without pain should find relief with this surgical proce-

According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), approximately 850,000 total knee replacements (TKR) are performed annually in the United States as of 2023, a number that has risen due to an aging population and improved surgical techniques. The procedure is most common among adults aged 50-80, but younger patients with severe joint damage are increasingly considered, thanks to longerlasting implants.

In 2025, robots are getting involved in TKR. Robotic-assisted TKR, used in 20 percent of procedures in 2024, enhances precision in implant placement, reducing recovery time and complications, according to Orthopedics Today. Custom implants, designed using Artificial Intelligence and 3D imaging, are also gaining traction for better fit and function.

Enhanced recovery protocols, including same-day discharge for some patients and virtual physical therapy Never scan a QR code via apps like Hinge Health, aren't sure whether it's safe. times. Most patients walk Instead, use your smart-with assistance within 1-2 phone camera app to pre- days and resume normal acview the attached URL. If tivities within 6-12 weeks, it doesn't match the message per Mayo Clinic 2025 guide-

> New protocols, such as pre-surgical health optimization (managing diabetes, quitting smoking), and advanced infection prevention ing to a 2024 Lancet study.

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

Branch 33 meeting was live and in person on May 14th. We enjoyed our Krapfen during Social Hour before attending to business.

We want to welcome new Branch member Dylan Siffin, son of Hilda Siffin and Ziegler family member, sponsored by his Aunt Margie - our current President. We hope Dylan will join us in future events.

#### **Upcoming Branch Events:**

We have planned a Cruise on the Goodtime III for SUN-DAY, JULY 20! Sailing out of Cleveland (by E. 9th Street Pier) for about a 2-hour cruise. Boarding at 11:30, leaves dock promptly at 12 Noon. Snacks are available for purchase, but is cashless (will not accept cash, so bring credit card). Cost: Branch members age 13 to Adults \$10, Children ages 4-12 is \$5. Nonmembers: age 60 and up \$25, ages 13-59 is \$30, ages 4-12 is \$15.

There is a pay-to-park lot near the pier. Barb Hum is taking Reservations (440) 336-5290 and deadline is July 1st. This is a great deal brothers and sisters! Hope to catch you on the Goodtime!

Branch 33 Annual Picnic is Sunday August 17, at the Pavilion in Penitentiary Glen, Kirtland Ohio. Games start at 1:30 p.m. (lots of great fun!), dinner catered by Mission Bar-B-Que at 4 p.m. There is a children's activity park next to the Pavilion. And we are hoping to host a Dance group from Germany at the picnic. Cost is \$5 for all members, \$10 for Guests. Arline Suts taking Reservations (440) 867-6103.

ATS Family Day at Wal-

dameer Park in Erie PA is Saturday July 26th. Details for Reservations are in the Volksblatt. Such a great event at a great Park! Picnic Pavilion is available, games to play, rides to ride, and a waterpark too. Branch 33 will reimburse cost of members' admission, bring your receipt to the September meeting.

North American Saxon Heimattag is July 11-13 in Youngstown Ohio. Another great event that showcases our Transylvanian heritage and community. Details of Heimattag also printed in a Volksblatt ad.

Saturday, August 16th is Oktoberfest at the Westside Sachsenheim.

Plenty of events to spend time and share Gemütlichkeit with your Saxon family!

Our next meeting will be 'inperson' at Messiah Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 11; we start with Party Tray Supper and games (Cornhole and Bocce Ball) at 6:30.

Please keep all members in your prayers, especially those unable to travel and those who have been ill, Joan Blaha, Inge Mahn, Debbie Lang, Bette Schmidt, Donna Weber, Karen Bretz, Toni Latture. Jan Schneider is back and recovered from her rather eventful trip South. We pray for Sharon Volpe who is facing open-heart surgery in June.

And finally, we are sharing some pictures from Branch 33's Membership Banquet on May 18th. Nice attendance and a great meal!

Hope to see many of you at the June meeting or at least one of the Summer events.

















"Not being able to afford this medication is one of its side effects."



# **Celebrate America Show your patriotism:**

Fly the flag on June 14, Flag Day This is the day to give "Old Glory" its due.

There are many ways to honor the American Flag. Sometimes it's there for all to see on the lapel of a jacket, flying boldly in the front yard of a home, or being saluted as it blows in the wind from the flag pole of a building.

The most important part of Flag Day could be the moment or two when we pause to remember those in history who fought so it could fly and those who are still fighting to keep it flying today. As always:

We pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.



# Yellowstone volcano wears a cap

Researchers have discovered that the supervolcano inside Yellowstone has a helpful cap that holds in heat and pressure, but also vents enough so that the whole system doesn't flip its lid.

The cap is located nearly 3 miles under the surface, according to findings published in the April 2025 journal Nature.

According to Live Science, Yellowstone hasn't had a major eruption for more than 600,000 years. That's a good thing because the Yellowstone caldera measures about 30 by 45 miles, covering more than 1,300 square miles. There is so much magma that it could fill the Grand Canyon 11 times, according to the journal Nature. But, the good news is that only about 15 percent is molten.

Yellowstone is one of the bestmonitored volcanos in the world. A supereruption would cover at least two states in three feet of ash, create a volcanic winter, destroy crops, and deplete the ozone layer. Fortunately, scientists think that is unlikely to occur anytime soon and, if the volcano became dangerous, they would know years ahead of an eruption.



# ATS Scholarship Awards 2025



#### Freshman Academic Scholarships:

Four-year \$1,000 per-year renewable Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship:

Drew R Sloan, Youngstown, Branch #30

Four-year \$1,000 per-year renewable Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Scholarship: Alexa R Clark, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$3,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship:

Sophia G Agnew, Ellwood City, Branch #32

\$2,000 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship:

Paul N Runnals, Cleveland, Branch #1

\$1,000 Past ATS Officers' Scholarship:

Karley F Gerst, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship:

Addison M Malue, Cleveland, Branch #4

\$1,000 Michael W Schassburger Memorial Scholarship:

Isabel M Martig, Salem, Branch #18

\$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship:

Payton A Leunis, Farrell, Branch #7

\$1,000 Branch 33 National Scholarship:

Andrew M Greger, Cleveland, Branch #1

\$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Scholarship:

Hudson R Hardy, New Castle, Branch #25

Luke E Thellman, Cleveland, Branch #33

\$1,000 Branch 10 Columbus Scholarship:

Kenneth M Wilson, Salem, Branch #19

Victor Deptner Renewable Memorial Scholarship:

Year 2 of 4 - Andrea M Griffith, Home Branch

Year 3 of 4 - Sofia K Sattely, Home Branch

Year 4 of 4 - Samual A Richardson, Cleveland, Branch #1

# ATS Vocational and Trade School Scholarships:

\$1,000 to Justin R Bloos, New Castle, Branch #25 \$1,000 to Zachary D Both, New Castle, Branch #25 \$1,000 to Owen A Gavio, Home Branch

\$1,000 to Jessica K Weihs, Detroit, Branch #37

Total New Scholarships Awarded: \$48,500



#### Adult Continuing Education Scholarships:

\$2,000 Branch 18 - Salem Scholarship:

Samantha I Joki, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$2,000 Branch 37 - Detroit Scholarship:

Addyson L Jones, Alliance, Branch #8

\$1,000 Scholarship in Memory of Marie Stirner:

Emmy M Jones, Alliance, Branch #8

Andreas C Angiolelli, New Castle, Branch #25

Kara N Pasquale, Ellwood City, Branch #32

Olivia K Lang, New Castle, Branch #27

\$1,000 Scholarship in Memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling:

Mia N Carder, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$1,000 Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship:

William D Krew, Cleveland, Branch #33

\$1,000 Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship

Michael A Ivanov, Cleveland, Branch #1

\$1,000 Scholarship in Memory of Donald G. Miller:

David M Andrews, Merrillville, Branch #26

\$1,000 Branch 14 Canton Scholarship:

Daniel R Betts, Columbus, Branch #102

\$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship

in Honor of ATS and Branch 33 & 34:

Brooke T Gerst, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship:

Hudson J Schneider, Cleveland, Branch #33

\$1,000 John & Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship: Thalia R Fabian, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$1,000 Lorain Branch 5 National Scholarship:

Matthias R Fabian, Cleveland, Branch #1

\$1,000 Dale and Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship:

Lucille A Kuhn, Cleveland, Branch #33

Austin D Schneider, Cleveland, Branch #33

\$1,000 David E Schuller Family Appreciation Scholarship:

Macy N McConville, Cleveland, Branch #4

\$1,000 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship:

Catherine R Klinek-Cornell, Home Branch

\$1,000 Donzella Herman Scholarship:

Breanna L Joki, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$1,000 George R Spack, Sr. Scholarship:

\$ 750 Niles, Branch 20 Scholarship:

Olivia B Showalter, Youngstown, Branch #30

Lucas K Lang, New Castle, Branch #25

\$ 750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship:

Amaree J Patterson, Chicago, Branch #9
Duncan Dockstader, New Castle, Branch #25

\$ 750 George H Schneider Scholarship:

Jayme E O'Neill, Cleveland, Branch #33

\$ 500 ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship:

Sofia K Terlesky, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$ 500 Scholarship in Memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer: Grace M Zgola, Lorain, Branch #5

\$ 500 Farrell Branch 7 Scholarship:

Joelle E Fabian, Youngstown, Branch #30

\$ 500 Scholarship in Memory of Gerard Slusny:

Esther G Anderle, Chicago, Branch #9

\$ 500 ATS Scholarship:

Samantha E Penzone, Canton, Branch #17 Catherine E Leprich, Detroit, Branch #37 Alec R Schmidts, Chicago, Branch #9

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