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CONGRATULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE WINNERS OF THE
2025 CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST:

AGE GROUP 3-4

ALLISON LINZ
BRANCH 9 - CHICAGO, IL

AGE GROUP 5-6

JUDAH STELLE
BRANCH 25 - NEW CASTLE, PA

AGE GROUP 7-8

BODHI KRAHE
HOME BRANCH

AGE GROUP 9-10

SAMUEL FLOYD
BRANCH 26 - MERRILLVILLE, IN

The ATS Youth Activities Committee thanks the following junior members who sent in their colored Christmas pictures.

Francisco Barrios
Francesca Blount
Mason Brown
Jacob Burick
Trace Burick
Angelo Castelucci
Hudson Condon
Shepard Condon
Richman Cook
Claire Cunningham
Chelsey Cunningham
Alice Emig
Kenzie Finzel
Julian Gellner
Flora Jones
Christian Kirr

Jillian Lewis
Jack McCune
Daniel Mezzara
Dean Phillis
Grant Phillis
Ella Popovich
Emmarie Popovich
Emillia- Jayne Sanchez
Isaac Schaefer
Ema Scheely
Heidi Smith
Sophia Smith
Henry Stelle
Jacob Stelle
Lillian Vidal
Amelia Werner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



The ATS Youth Activities Committee is looking for five young ATS members to attend the 2026 International Jugendlager in Germany this summer. Details are starting to come in regarding this event. The dates are June 25 through July 9, 2026. The age group for participants is 16 – 20 years old. We have sent a mailing out to just under 300 possible participants. Interested young people will need to return their application before March 15th in order to be considered for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If they are interested, they need to be working on obtaining their passport if they don't already have one. This is a chance to make lifelong friends in the worldwide Saxon community.

This International Jugendlager or Youth Rally is one of the events that the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons sponsors. The Federation is made up of the Saxon organizations in Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania, and the United States. The Jugendlager is held every two years in alternating countries. Another Federation sponsored event is the Cultural Exchange program. This also occurs every two years in alternating countries. As you recall in 2025, the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group toured Austria and Germany. Next year, in 2027, a group from Germany will be coming to the United States and Canada. We hope that they will be performing at our Heimtag / 125th ATS Anniversary celebration on July 9 – 11th, 2027. As in years past, we're also hoping that a couple of our local Branches will host that group throughout the week they will be in the USA before heading to our counterparts in Canada.

It's not too early to think about filing your tax return. As you start to get tax forms in the mail, you may want to consider opening either a Traditional IRA or a Roth IRA with the ATS. You have until April 15th to make a deposit for last tax year. Call the ATS Home Office or your local Sales Deputy to get an account set up. Already have an IRA account with the ATS? Great! You also have until April 15th to put money into your account for the 2025 tax year. The limit for last tax year is \$7,000 (\$8,000 for those aged 50 and older). That doesn't mean you have to put the maximum amount in. Any amount that you can set aside for retirement is always a great idea. As the back page of this issue tells you, the key to a better retirement is starting early!

Did you know "The Lone Ranger" first rode onto the scene on January 30, 1933? With the stirring notes of the *William Tell Overture* and a shout of "Hi-yo Silver! Away!", The Lone Ranger debuts on Detroit's WXYZ radio station, according to History.com. Radio station owner George Trendle and writer Fran Striker created the "masked rider of the plains" which became one of the most popular and enduring western heroes of the 20th century. Their character, John Reid, was

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Next TSBA Session
February 15, 2026
Hunt Club Lanes
Railroad Street
Salem



Meal to follow
Call Glenn
(234) 320-4132
for meal cancellations by
Tuesday February 10

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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2026 ATS SAXON
SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION
AND
APPLICATIONS

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

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!

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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, etc.

BRANCH 30 YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 2: Officers Meeting 6:00 p.m.

February 8: General Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays Dinner and Drawings.

Thursdays Bar Bingo Nite.

Fridays Fish Dinner, open to the public.

Sundays Breakfast until 2:00 p.m.

February 15 Pork/Kraut Dinner, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m., Take out or in the Ballroom

Some dates as possibilities to look forward to: Superbowl Party, Valentine's Dinner, St. Pat's Party; Check your calendars for updates.

Thanks to Val and Gene Thomas for their leadership in renovations to the lounge and bar area. Your continuing donations to "update" our Club are making a big difference. Thank you for your continuing support via the office.

Send your dues to the office in care of Val Thomas or to her residence: 5947 Tippecanoe Rd., Canfield, OH 44406.

Contact Julaine Gilmartin, 4173 Timberland Trail, Canfield, OH 44406 for our new Scholarship Program - any accredited college or university on Ohio qualifies - not just YSU.

Over the years, we have been fortunate to have Helga and Wolfgang Wengler host the German Hour, on Saturday mornings. They have arranged to have it continue, Saturday mornings from 10:30 - Noon, WKTL FM, Struthers Radio led by a professional musician from Cleveland, calling it The German Heritage Hour for all of us, here and abroad.

You can send in requests to : ADussing@yahoo.com by e-Mail. This is something you will enjoy listening to.

Please support your Club; maybe enjoy the new Game Room.

Happy New Year with good health and joy in the future.



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Westlake, OH 44145

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE

ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

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

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

To be eligible for a Freshman Academic Scholarship Grant you must be a high school senior with an accumulated grade point average in high school of 2.8, or better.

TWENTY-FOUR Scholarships will be awarded to new freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States.

- \$1,000 Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Four-Year Renewable Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
- \$2,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
- \$2,000 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
- \$1,000 Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship
- \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 10 – Columbus Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
- \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
- \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 5 – Lorain Scholarship
- \$1,000 Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Dr. David E. Schuller Appreciation Scholarship in honor of his parents Elsie and Daniel S. Schuller
- \$1,000 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
- \$1,000 Donzella Herman Scholarship
- \$1,000 George R. Spack Sr. Appreciation Scholarship
- \$ 750 Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years' continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 1. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, an official ATS Scholarship Application Form will be mailed to you. The completed official ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 1, 2026.

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

E-Mail: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 16

Completed Application must be received by April 1, 2026

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
 ATS Home Office
 5323 Pearl Road
 Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503
Request Forms must be received by March 16, 2026
Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering TWENTY-ONE Academic Undergraduate Continuing Education Scholarship Grants to our members who are not current year high school graduates and are not entering college in their freshman year of study but are in an undergraduate program.

- \$2,000 Branch 18 - Salem, OH Scholarship
- \$2,000 Branch 37 - Detroit, MI Scholarship
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Marie Stirner
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
- \$1,000 Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship
- \$1,000 Joan Miller-Malue Scholarship
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Donald G. Miller
- \$ 750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
- \$ 750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
- \$ 750 Award in memory of George H. Schneider
- \$ 500 ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East Scholarship
- \$ 500 Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
- \$ 500 Farrell - Branch 7 Scholarship
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 Award in memory of Gerard Slusny
- \$ 500 Award in memory of Sofie & Franz Hum

Applicants must be ATS members in good standing, with continuous membership for a minimum period of two (2) years. They must have a grade point average of at least 2.8. They may be any age; however, they cannot be a current year high school graduate or entering their freshman year of college.

Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate program as a **full-time student** at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Requests for official ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 16, 2026.

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 1, 2026 Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee

REQUEST FOR ATS UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

E-Mail: _____

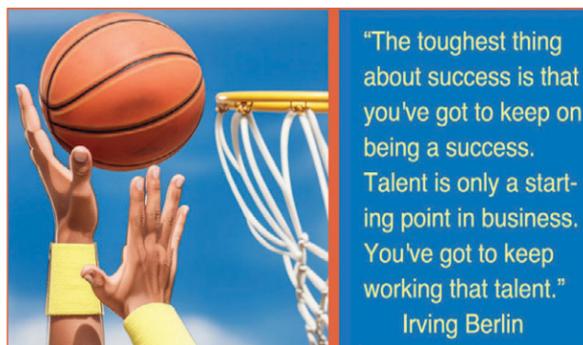
Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 16

Completed Application must be received by April 1, 2026

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
 ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road
 Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Request Forms must be received by March 14, 2025
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration



VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The ATS is offering scholarships for eligible Vocational & Trade School education programs. Applicants may attend a vocational school, trade school, technical school, certification training program, or credential program. Eligible fields of study include, but are not limited to, advanced manufacturing, automotive technology, computer technology, construction, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical, HVAC, health care, industrial maintenance, machining, plumbing, or welding.

Applicants for this scholarship must be an ATS member in good standing, with a minimum of two (2) years' continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 15. Applicants can be a high school senior or any age.

In addition to ATS awards, the following scholarship will be awarded:

\$ 500 Award in memory of Frank Hum

Requests for an official ATS Vocational & Trade School Scholarship applications may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 16, 2026

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 1, 2026.

REQUEST FOR ATS VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

E-Mail: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 16

Completed Application must be received by April 1, 2026

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
 ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road
 Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1503

Request Forms must be received by March 16, 2026
Please Note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

•• All Scholarship winners will be notified by mail, after being announced at the ATS Convention

Kids are having a device-heavy learning experience in school

The older students are, the more time they spend on digital devices in school.

In fact, during the average 6-hour U.S. school day, middle-school and high-school students spend at least three hours on devices. Take away gym and lunch and you have a kid on a device.

A New York Times survey, published in October 2025, shows that 8 in 10 American teachers say that students have devices assigned to them. That is up from around a third of teachers who said the same in 2019.

The survey found that elementary school students used devices the least. About 68 percent spend less than or equal to one hour on devices at school. By middle school, about 40 percent of students spend more than three hours on their devices.

This matters because experts suspect that students frequently copy-paste information from Websites and AI tools, resulting in shallow learning, reduced retention, and a decline in critical thinking.

On the other hand, a meta analysis by researchgate.net found an overall average positive effect on educational results from mobile devices.

According to Commonsense.org, the key may be to balance traditional methods with technology.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

February - March, 2026

Bowl Where You Are Contest

February 15, 2026

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Salem

March 15, 2026

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Youngstown

April 18 - 19, 2026

TSBA Season-end Tournament - Salem

May 2-3, 2026

ATS National Convention

Hosts: Cleveland West Branches 1 and 4

June 14 - 20, 2026

Saxon Summer Camp

July 10 - 12, 2026

North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag

Aylmer, Ontario Canada

July 25, 2026

ATS Family Day at Waldameer, Erie, PA

October 17 -18, 2026

ATS Open Bowling Tournament

Host: Salem

LOCAL EVENTS

February 8, 2026

Salem Branches 18 & 19 Family Bowling Party

Hunt Club Lanes

February 15, 2026

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

February 22, 2026

Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner

March 14, 2026

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cookoff

March 15, 2026

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

May 2, 2026

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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born in 1850 and was the sole survivor of a group of six Texas Rangers, including his older brother Daniel, who were ambushed by outlaws. Tonto found him and nursed him to health. (Tonto had remembered John, as John had once saved Tonto's life when they were boys.) Reid then donned a black mask made from his dead brother's vest, mounted his trusty steed, Silver, and along with Tonto, roamed the West as the Lone Ranger to aid those in need, to fight evil, and to establish justice.

Neither Trendle nor Striker had any connections to or experience with cowboys, Native Americans, or pioneers of the real West, but that didn't matter to them. The men simply wanted to create an American version of the masked swash-buckler Zorro, arming their hero with a revolver rather than a sword. A strict code of conduct for their hero was important to the men, while historical authenticity was far less important. The Lone Ranger never

smoked, swore, or drank alcohol; he used grammatically correct speech free of slang; and most importantly, never shot to kill. On the flip side, Tonto the scout, spoke in a comical Native American tongue totally unrelated to any authentic Indigenous dialect.

Historical accuracy aside, the radio program was an instant hit. Children liked the steady stream of action. Parents approved of the good moral example offered by the upstanding masked man. The radio show was soon picked up for national broadcast by the Mutual Radio Network, with over 20 million Americans listening in three times a week by 1939. In an early example of the power of marketing

tie-ins, the producers also licensed the manufacture of a vast array of related products, including Lone Range guns, costumes, books, and a popular comic strip.

The Lone Ranger made a seemingly effortless transition from radio to motion pictures and television. The first movie appeared in 1938. The TV version of The Lone Ranger started in 1949 and was the first western program on ABC. The radio program ended in 1954, and the television show ended in 1957. The program helped define the golden age of the TV Western and inspired dozens of imitators like The Range Rider, The Roy Rogers Show, and The Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok. You can find old episodes of the TV show on YouTube.

Until next time...



BRANCHES 18 & 19, SALEM

By Chris Phillis

Reflecting on 2025 - 2025 was a very productive year.

We had 6 very successful Fish Frys for Lent, after not having them for several years. Thank you to all members that volunteered in helping make them successful. We also had two Fish Frys in the fall that were very successful and well attended.

Thank you to the very generous anonymous donation of the new zero turn lawn mower. It was very much appreciated.

The Dance hall, pavilion and other outer buildings were re-stained and the dance hall bathrooms were painted.

A new push mower was purchased, and a new cooler for the pavilion was purchased and paid for by a couple generous members. Thank you very much.

The Scholarship Committee had a joint social dinner in July to honor and present scholarships to the recipients.

The Retirees meet the first Wednesday of the month (excluding January and

February) for lunch.

The Presidents Meeting in Columbus was held in May and was very informative.

We held our first Christmas Makers Market on November 29, 2025. The dance hall was festively decorated. There was a nice variety of vendors, and German food was available to be purchased. Looking forward to the Christmas Makers Market to be even bigger this year.

A joint Christmas Party was held in December; it was well attended despite the nasty weather that night.

Moving into 2026 - Looking forward to having the Fish Frys starting February 20 - March 27. Volunteers and cakes are needed. Please contact Chris Phillis at (330) 853-8834.

The Family Bowling Party is February 8, 2026, 1:30 p.m., at the Hunt Club Lanes.

There are still dates available for venue rentals. Please contact Chris Phillis. Looking forward to more member participation again in 2026 to help make the club successful



Salem Saxon Club Branches 18 and 19

FAMILY BOWLING PARTY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

1:30 PM

HUNT CLUB LANES

188 Railroad Street Salem OH 44460

Free Bowling

Free Shoes

Pizza

Soft Drinks

**Free for Branch
18 and 19
Members**

**Non-Member guests
are welcome to join
the party. Bowling
and shoes will be at
guest expense.**

**Juvenile members
age 6 - 17 bring
your ATS Bowl-
Where-You-Are
scoresheet**

RSVP by

February 6, 2026

**Barbara Spack
330-501-1491**

**Federation of Transylvanian Saxons
2026 INTERNATIONAL
JUGENDLAGER
June 25 – July 9, 2026
Host Country: GERMANY**

Five of our ATS Members will have the chance to attend the 2026 Jugendlager, which will be held in Germany starting on Thursday, June 25 and ending on Thursday, July 9. Announcements and applications have been mailed to our ATS Members ages 16-20.

Participants from Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania, and the United States will enjoy two weeks of learning about our Saxon history and culture as well as sightseeing in the beautiful country of Germany. Meals and housing will be provided by the host country. Details of the itinerary are not yet complete.

Participation in this Jugendlager will be limited to five young people from each country, along with one Group Leader. Participants from the USA must be ATS members in good standing between the ages of 16-20. Each participant will bear the cost of their transportation to and from Germany and personal daily incidental expenses. The ATS will pay the Participation Fee for each of the USA participants.

Participants must have a valid passport and provide proof of medical insurance coverage.

All applicants should be interested in learning about our Saxon culture and traditions and be familiar with their own Saxon background. They should also be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and our national organization, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

This is a two-week program that offers an individual a chance to share their family history with others, to learn about our Saxon heritage, and to make friends that will last a lifetime.

If you wish to be considered, please return the application that was mailed to you prior to March 15, 2026. Applications should be mailed to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.



Name: _____

Age: _____ Branch No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Juvenile Members are encouraged to color and mail to the ATS Home Office for a special treat.

Please mail to the ATS Home Office; 5323 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129

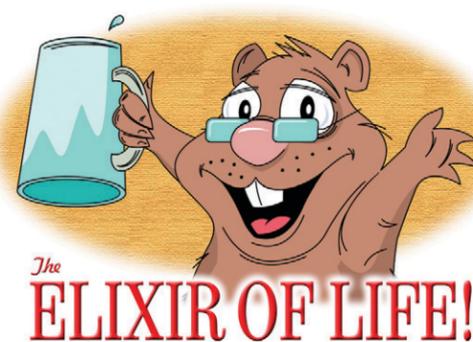
Groundhog Day: Check Phil's weather prediction!

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil, Pennsylvania's groundhog extraordinaire, will again stick his head out of his den. The nation awaits his verdict.

Groundhog Day is said to have its origins in ancient weather lore where the prognosticator was often a badger or a sacred bear. In the United States, its origin is said to come from a Pennsylvania German custom.

If Phil, peeking from his burrow, fails to see his shadow, winter will soon be over. If the sun happens to be shining and Phil sees his shadow, winter will continue for six more weeks.

The first trek to meet with Phil began in 1887. He has been emerging from his burrow in Pennsylvania ever since, always eager to greet his public.



Phil is private in many ways, but a few rumors have circulated about him.

• He gets his longevity from drinking the "elixir of life" of which he takes one sip every

summer during the Groundhog Picnic. This gives him seven more years of life.

• It is said he is named after King Philip, a famous Native American leader. In his more plebeian days, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

• He speaks only in Groundhogese, which luckily is a language understood by the President of the Inner Circle. The Inner Circle provides for Phil during the year, rather like a court provides for its king.

The city of Punxsutawney offers several days of celebration for those who gather from around the world to hear Phil's proclamation. The city offers food, music, carriage rides, magicians, crafts and games.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

First meeting of the new year, 2026, on January 14, began with a Social hour, and we enjoyed dinner together: our homemade Saxon Sausage and Sauerkraut. Delicious! Thank you to Ema Litschel, who did most of the cooking, and Cindy Schneider and Arline Suts who brought dessert. And despite the snowstorm, we really had a good turnout!

During the meeting, we welcomed five new members, Branch officers for 2026 were installed, and four members with perfect attendance received special recognition (see photos).

We videoed a special message to Bette Schmidt, celebrating her 100th Birthday on January 19th. Lots of love and good wishes too, Bette!

Thank you to the ATS Board

for the monetary Christmas gift and helping to sponsor our new Branch 33 Choir, much appreciated! And we would be delighted to have more members join our choir; we usually meet on various Sundays. Our next practice is January 25; you can certainly call me, and I'll let you know when practices are scheduled (440) 867-6103.

Our Sausage Sale in December went very well. Thank you to the 18 members who helped make the sausage; and to all who bought. Hope you enjoyed! We donated half the proceeds of the sausage sale to the Willowick Food Bank.

Our next upcoming "extra-curricular" event is the "BOWL WHERE YOU ARE" Party. Every year we put this together for the Juniors, and

we invite all adult members who want to bowl to come along; or you can watch and visit, and for non-bowlers, there are billiards tables available. "Bowl Where You Are" will be on February 28, free to Branch 33 members, \$10 for non-members; at Wickliffe Lanes in Wickliffe, Ohio. Please arrive by 2 o'clock, as bowling starts promptly at 2:30. Juniors, please remember to bring the "Bowl Where You Are" contest score sheet (ATS Home Office has mailed to your home). Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided. You do need to make reservations, so call Maria Phillips at (440) 552-1364.

Our February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 11th, Messiah Lutheran Church in Lyndhurst. We start with social hour at 7 p.m. AND it is Transylvanian Saxon Memory Day! We ask members to share a memory about Siebenbürgen (Transylvania); maybe a trip you took, a story shared by a family member or friend, or bring an item or photo you have from the "old country". Tell us a short tale, a family tradition, a food you remember, the music and dance. Everyone has a story, and we all want to hear it! Let's honor the loved ones who have passed and keep traditions alive for younger generations and our newest members.



How special is your birthday, really?

Your birthday, your special day. But how special is it?

According to Reader's Digest, about 20.8 million people worldwide share the same day of their birthday, if not the precise day and year. But that's actually an estimate. Seems no one has actually done the research.

However, we do know what are the 10 most common birthdays in the U.S. and all but one are in September, the most common birthday month.

The first top five are all in September. They are, in order starting with the number one most common birthday: 9, 19, 12, 17, and 19.

The sixth most common birthday is July 7.

The seventh through 10th most common birthdays are all in September: 20, 25, 16, and 18.



Branch 33 installed five new members at the January meeting. From left to right: Vice President Maria Phillips installing Lorie Novak, Joanie and Joe Huber, Dennis Mitchell, and Patrice Havreberg. Welcome!



Branch 33 Officers for 2026 installed by former President Ema Litschel: Trustees Sharon Volpe, Dan Suts, Sue Guip, Barb Hum; Secretary Arline Suts, Treasurer Lisa Deaton, Financial Secretary Mike Bretz, ATS Secretary Karyn Schmidt, Vice President Maria Phillips. (Absent President Margarete Ziegler).



Congratulations to the four perfect meeting attendance in 2025 members Cindy Schneider, Ema Litschel, Henry Hum, and Wayne Kraus.



Branch 33
Bowl Where You Are Party



Saturday, February 28, 2026
At Wickliffe Lanes
30315 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio

Free for Br. 33 members, \$10 for non members

Pizza, snacks and soft drinks included.

Junior and Adult members invited.

Arrive by 2 p.m. to get your shoes and bowling ball ready,

Bowling starts promptly at 2:30 p.m.

Junior members between the ages of

6 and 17 will be competing.

Kids, Bring your Scoresheets!

Junior and Adult members invited!

RSVP to

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FEBRUARY 15, 2026

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC WELCOME



SAXON FISH FRY
FRIDAYS

February 20 - March 27

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(or till sold out)

\$16 Adults / \$10 Kids

Choice of:

Fried fish, Baked fish or Pork chop, w/scalloped potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, or applesauce, roll, cake, and coffee or tea.

Dine-in or Take Out - Bar will be open!

Salem Saxon club

1980 Newgarden Rd (SR9)

Salem, Ohio

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From the Archives

By Eric Litschel Branch 33, Cleveland East

Hello 2026! Happy New Year to all the ATS members and their loved ones. The new year brings a new opportunity for me as ATS librarian and archivist. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the National Board of Directors for their support of this endeavor. In the year ahead, I'll be working with ATS home office staff to organize and catalog our organization's vast collection of historical materials - including books, manuscripts, photos, and physical artifacts. It's truly a great honor to have been granted this opportunity, and I look forward with excitement to the work of preserving and furthering our beloved heritage and culture.

As part of this effort, I plan to contribute short features in the Volksblatt showcasing interesting historical finds from our collection. For this issue, I've chosen the title page to the 1929 sheet music of the *Bundeslied der Siebenbürger Sachsen Amerikas*.

The *Bundeslied* was composed by Andreas Nikolaus (pictured right) with text by W.L. Rosenberg (pictured left). Published in 1929, it was written for the Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund von Nordamerika (Transylvanian Saxon Singers' Society of North America) as the group's official anthem. Arranged for men's chorus and set in major mode, the music is ceremonious and marked to be sung "mit Würde", with dignity.

Born in Donnersmarkt, Siebenbürgen in 1879, composer and director Andreas Nikolaus was the longtime music director of the Sängerbund and a prominent member of the Westside Cleveland Saxons. Nikolaus emigrated to the United States in 1923, settling first in Detroit and later moving to Cleveland where he resided until his death in 1948.

Nikolaus was well-loved by his fellow Transylvanian Saxons and remained highly active in Saxon cultural activities throughout the interwar years.

Prussian-born writer and editor Dr. Wilhelm Ludwig Rosenberg emigrated to the U.S. in 1880. Rosenberg was active as a teacher, writer, and translator. He published several works throughout his long life, including a book of poetry and a German translation of the sonnets of American writer Mary Craig Sinclair - wife of Upton Sinclair. He was an active member of the Central Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen, lending his literary talents to many of the organization's activities. Rosenberg's final residence was in Lillian, Alabama where he passed away in 1934, 84 years of age.

The text of the *Bundeslied* consists of 6 stanzas of alternately rhyming lines. The poem is a celebration of the strength, resilience, and spirit of the Transylvanian Saxons of America. The first stanza reads:

*Kennst du das Land der Sachsen
im Siebenbürger Land?
Wir Männer hier und Frauen
als Sachsen sind bekannt.
Wo immer wir uns finden
auf diesem Erdenrund,
fest halten wir zusammen
zum großen starken Bund.*

(English translation)

*Know you the land of Saxons
in Transylvania?
Known - both men and women -
as Saxons here, we are.
Where'er we find each other
upon this great round earth.
We join in strength together.
A union of great worth.*

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

*******IMPORTANT
NO FEBRUARY
GENERAL MEETING*****
BOARD MEMBERS
MEETING
FEBRUARY
FEBRUARY 17- 11:00 a.m.
SCRAMBLERS -
PICKERINGTON**

SPECIAL MENTION

Susi Mueller has been facing some medical issues and we ask that you keep Susi in your prayers.

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We don't want you to be left out of events like Heimattag, Picnics, Christmas Party and numerous ATS events. We are getting ready to send out a mailing of events in 2026.

SAXON LIFE OF MICHAEL FARR (his story is paraphrased from excerpts of his story)

The story of Michael Farr continues, when in 1921, Michael and Rosie got notice and permission from the United States to come to America. The news on coming to America was both good and not so good.

The notice was for Michael. He received it from his brother George. George Gotzmeister got a notice too. Michael and George would go to Tekendorf Bezirk Court to get their passports. They met with the secretary to the judge, Rokoschi. They told Rokoschi they had received a letter of permission, showed it to him and they each gave him a bottle of schnapps to show their gratitude. Rokoschi told then he had to prepare the papers and they should go down to the restaurant below and he would join them. A little bit later, Rokoschi showed up with his wife and they all enjoyed a good dinner. After dinner they went back up to this office and Rokoschi went over some questions. One of the questions that Rokoschi asked Michael was if he had been in the army. Michael told him he had been in the Hungarian Army. Rokoschi found Michael's name in a book that has military names listed. He found Michael's name, struck out his name and marked down 'That Michael was never called to any service.' He knew that if he didn't do this there could have been a problem in issuing the passport. George had never been in the military, so it was not an issue for George. Rokoschi made the papers for the judge to sign. Finally, the judge came. The judge looked over the papers and got ready to leave. Rokoschi said, "Are you going home?" The judge said, "Yes." Rokoschi said, "Sign the papers before you go." Appar-

ently, the judge thought something wasn't right, possibly that he knew Michael had served in the army. The judge threw the pen on the table and said, "You know we are not allowed. America won't let any in." Rokoschi jumped up from the table and said, "These two men got a call from the United States to come, and you can't keep them here." Reluctantly, the judge said, "All right, I'll sign just so we don't get in trouble."

In August 1922, George Gotzmeister, his wife and Mrs. Frim, (George's sister) were ready to go to America.

In Michael's mind he knew there could be a problem. Even though they got permission to come to America, he knew there was the possibility that they could still get turned back. If they were all going to go, Michael would have to sell the house, belongings, animals and equipment; that would be everything. If they were turned back then they would have nothing left and would end up with nothing and have to live on the street. Michael had been away from Rosie for 3 ½ years while he was in the army and now, they were faced with another difficult decision to separate again. Michael was extremely upset with having to leave Rosie and the children. George Moser, a neighbor, said he would help Rosie and the family in taking care of the farm. Michael left, fighting the tears. Michael would tell Rosie that God willing you will be with me in one year.

Michael still had an issue that he was going to have to deal with in order to get through border checks. Michael had an issue with trachoma of his eye. It is a bacterial infection of the eye and is contagious upon contact. The problem was that it could flare up and cause a very noticeable redness. If discovered it definitely could cause him to be rejected at any of the border checkpoints. He decided he would avoid borders in Romania, Hungary, Austria and Germany. He would go to Constanta in Romania and catch a boat that would take him on the Black Sea and straight to America.

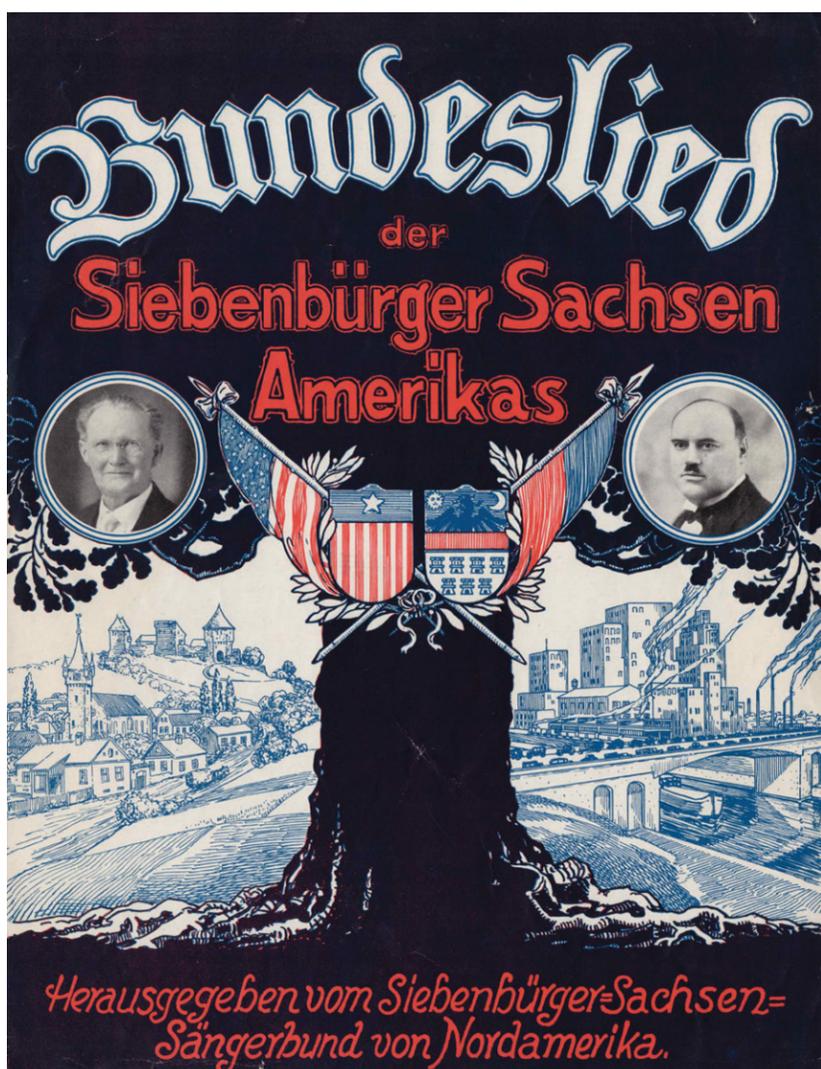
Michael's plan was successful. He boarded a French ship called Madona Marseila. It took him 21 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

On September 4, 1922, Michael completed his journey, and arrived at Union Station in Columbus, Ohio.

This is a good point to pause Michael's story. In the next article, we will see how things work out in America and Michael's plan to bring Rosie and the family to the United States.

HUMOR

Maturing in marriage is understanding when your wife says, "What." It's not because she didn't hear you, she's giving you a second chance to change whatever you thought you should have said to what you really should have said.



MESCHENDORF / MEŞENDORF / MESE



The early Gothic hall church built in the 14th century with western tower and polygonal chancel was prepared for defence in 1495. The tower was fortified with a wooden defence level, as well as the nave and the chancel. While the vaults of the church were removed because of the risk to collapse during the renovation work in the early 19th century, the tower has been preserved in its medieval form. The fortification wall was protected with three defence towers, of which two are still preserved and an outer bailey was built in the 16th century in the south-western part. A part of this wall was demolished in 1888, allowing a school to be built in that space. The three sides wooden gallery, decorated with Baroque paintings and the winged altar from 1693 above which the 1914 organ is installed, dominates the interior.

Place and surroundings

If one follows the picturesque main street of Meschendorf up the hill, passing by fruit trees and old farmhouses one reaches the fortified church. The best time here is in spring during the tree blossom: dogs bark, rooster crow and horse carts pass by. A simple fortification wall with interesting details surrounds the church. During religious service one can hear the sound of a beautiful Wegenstein organ. There is an hourglass made of four glass cylinders in the pulpit. This allowed the priest and the congregation to ensure the length of the sermon was observed.

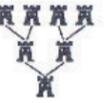
The enchanted atmosphere of the village is heightened by an old legend. The Kazkes, a mountain in the direction of Criş is supposed to be the home of an evil spirit – the canter. This gruesome character will haunt those who dare to go on the mountain at midnight.



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Looking for your Saxon Roots?

The Verein für Genealogie der Siebenbürger Sachsen e.V. presents genealogical family trees of the Transylvanian Saxons and other communities associated with them. At the moment the following local genealogies are available: Abtsdorf bei Marktschelken, Arkeden, BIRTHÄLM, Bonnesdorf, Bulkesch, Broos, Draas, Dunesdorf, Durles, Felldorf, Felsendorf, Gießhübel, Großpold, Hahnbach, Halvelagen, Haschagen, Heidendorf, Hermannstadt, Holzmengen, Jakobsdorf bei Agneteln, Kleinschelken, Kreisch, Kronstadt, Malmkrog, Martinsberg, Mediasch, Meschendorf, Michelsdorf an der Kokel, Mühlbach, Neppendorf, Nimesch, Petersdorf bei Mühlbach, Rätsch, Rauthal, Reußen, Reußmarkt, Rosenau, Rothbach, Scharosch an der Kokel, Schirkanyen, Scholten, Seiden, Stein, Tarteln, Tartlau, Taterloch, Urwegen, Waldhütten, Wölz, Zendersch, Zuckmantel, and more are being added all the time.

You can go to <https://vgss.de/genealogie-datenbank> to begin your research.

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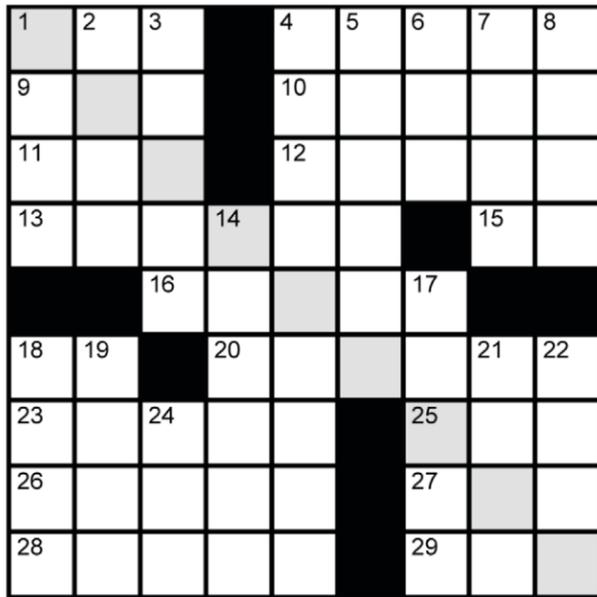
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Gemstones in February

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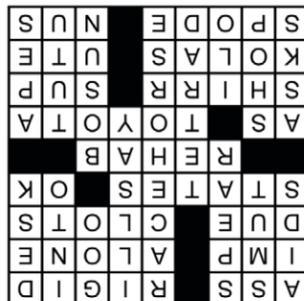
1. Biblical beast
4. Inflexible
9. Babysitter's handful
10. "Home ____"
11. Rightful
12. Artery problems
13. Expresses
15. Sooner St.
16. Get fit after injury
18. "Stubborn ____ a mule"
20. Corolla and Prius maker
23. Bake, as eggs
25. Dine
26. They're nuts
27. Colorado Indian
28. Some porcelain
29. Fraternity letters



Down

1. Boosts
2. Censor's target
3. Asparagus unit
4. Thoroughbred
5. "You got that right!"
6. Moo ____ gai pan
7. "What's gotten ____ you?"

8. Escritoire
14. Foursome
17. Petty-Officer on merchant ship
18. Questions
19. Boutique
21. 1984 Nobelist
22. "Planet of the ____"
24. 1969 Peace Prize grp.



The title is a clue to the word in the shaded diagonal.

ATTENTION BRANCH ONE MEMBERS

Monthly meetings have been changed to the third Thursday of the month. Next meeting is Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Overview of America 250 for February and March 2026

America 250, the official U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission initiative, commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026.

Established by Congress in 2016, it's a bipartisan effort led by America250.org, Inc., with honorary co-chairs including former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, and former First Ladies Laura Bush and Michelle Obama. The theme emphasizes reflecting on the nation's past, honoring all Americans' contributions, and envisioning the future. The goal is "350 by 250"—engaging all 350 million Americans through storytelling, education, service, and innovation.

Festivities kicked off in 2025 (Memorial Day) and will span 2026, with over 50 national, regional, and local events across all 56 states, territories, and jurisdictions.

A full calendar is available at america250.org/calendar. The White House's Salute to America 250 Task Force coordinates federal efforts, including a video series "The Story of America" with Hillsdale College.

The table below shows key national events in February and March 2026

Raise a glass of Syllabub to the U.S.A.'s birthday (or Valentine's Day!)

Here's a perfect 1776 dish that feels almost shockingly modern and delicious today — and was extremely popular during the Revolution:

The Syllabub was a whipped cream cocktail that absolutely everyone who was anyone in 1776 drank. It was served at taverns, balls, and even at Independence Day-style feasts. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams all drank gallons of it. In 1776 it was considered elegant, refreshing, and a little boozy — today it tastes like the love-child of a creamy lemon mousse and a pro-secco float.

It originated in England, naturally, where it was a popular treat from the 16th to the 19th century.

Authentic 1776 Everlasting Syllabub.

(Recipe adapted from Hannah Glasse's 1747 cookbook and Jefferson's notes)

Ingredients

(serves 6–8 small glasses)

- 1 cup (240 ml) dry white wine (in 1776: Madeira or dry sherry; today a crisp Sauvignon Blanc or dry Riesling works beautifully)

- ½ cup (120 ml) fresh lemon juice (about 3 lemons) + zest of 1 lemon

- ¾ cup (150 g) superfine sugar (or regular sugar blitzed in a processor)

- cup (80 ml) brandy or cognac (optional but very 1776)

- 2 cups (480 ml) heavy whipping cream (very cold)

- Freshly grated nutmeg (a generous pinch)



How they made it in 1776 (and you can still do it this way for fun):

1. The night before, mix the wine, lemon juice, zest, sugar, and brandy in a large bowl until sugar dissolves. Cover and let it sit overnight so the lemon oils infuse — this was called "letting it draw."

2. Next day, add the cold cream and whisk like crazy (they used a chocolate mill or bundle of twigs) until it holds soft peaks and almost doubles in volume. It will look like whipped cream floating on a boozy lemonade base.

3. Spoon or ladle into small glasses or punch cups. Grate fresh nutmeg on top.

- For the true 18th-century everlasting version: pour very gently into a glass bottle, cork it, and it will keep 2–3 weeks in a cool place (the acid and alcohol preserve it).

Modern shortcut

Just combine everything except the cream, then pour the cold cream in and whip with an electric mixer 2–3 minutes until thick and fluffy.

Event	Date	Location	Description
Super Bowl LX 	February 8	Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, CA	Kickoff to Bay Area's "triple celebrations" (250th anniversary, San Francisco founding, Santa Clara University 175th), tying into FIFA World Cup (June-July).
In Pursuit of Life, Liberty & Happiness Exhibition 	March–September	National Museum of American History, Washington, DC	300,000 sq ft exhibit with 250 artifacts, including Thomas Jefferson's drafting desk; explores Declaration ideals across three floors.
National Cherry Blossom Festival 	March 20–April 12	Washington, DC (citywide)	Blends spring blooms with 250th themes; features art, culture, and history events amid iconic cherry blossoms.
Evacuation Day Reenactment & Dorchester Heights Monument Overhaul 	March 17	Boston, MA Dorchester Heights Monument	\$25M NPS renovation; Shows British evacuation post-Siege of Boston with reenactments and Cambridge activities.

Become concerned and involved about the future of your Branch. Do something about it and it will flourish!

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Salem, OH Br. 18

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Saxon Club 1980 St. Rt. 9 Salem,
44460 (330) 222-1770
PRES. Chris Phillis
3824 Depot Rd Salem 44460
affordablebbq@yahoo.com
SEC'Y. / ATS SECRETARY
Barbara Spack
1389 Brookview Dr Salem, 44460
(330) 501-1491 babrayn@sbcglobal.net
SICK NOTICES to Theresa Spack
384 W Pershing
Salem OH 44460 (330) 831-4119
LOCAL DUES TO: Helen Aeling
15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva
44657
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com

Salem, OH Br. 19

Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd
Salem OH 44460 (330) 222-1770
PRES. Glenn Spack
943 Stewart Rd Salem OH 44460
(234) 320-4132
SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr.
973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460
(330) 881-3346 mvcobra27@gmail.com
ATS SEC'Y Glenn Spack
Address and phone as above
SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack
address above
LOCAL DUES to Richard Vogt, Sr.
c/o Salem Saxon Club
1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460
(330) 222-1770

New Castle, PA Br. 25

Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St.,
New Castle PA 16101
(724) 652-7221
PRES. Karl E. Hermann
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Wampum PA 16157
(724) 732-3426
karlhermann@comcast.net
SEC'Y. Jacob Holzhauser
764 Rose Point Rd New Castle 16101
(724) 971-1260
newcastleeintracht@gmail.com
ATS SEC'Y: Danual Forsberg
385 Trihaven Ln
New Wilmington, PA 16142
(724) 971-3448
danualforsberg@gmail.com
Local Dues: Joshua Stelle
10 Ludwig Rd New Castle, PA 16105
(724) 699-3039 Stellejw1@comcast.net

Merrillville, IN Br. 26

Meeting first Sunday at 2 p.m.
Slovak Club - 6920 Broadway
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PRES. Randall Floyd
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(219) 798-6908
Rfloyd1066@msn.com
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(219) 688-6561
gittyfloyd@gmail.com
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Hobart IN 46342-5017
(219) 313-7854 219szos@gmail.com
LOCAL DUES to Zita Palyok
724 E. 25th Pl, Lake Station IN 46405
(219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net
Sick Notices to Brigitte Floyd
Listed above

New Castle, PA Br. 27

Mtg. 1st Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
Soni's Restaurant
3209 Wilmington Rd, New Castle
PRES. Judith Both
1512 Drespling Ln
New Castle PA 16101
(724) 654-0573
jboth1512@comcast.net
SEC'Y. Dolores Both
3512 Hunters Woods Blvd #1
New Castle PA 16105
(724) 658-7407 doloresboth@verizon.net
ATS SEC'Y. Judy Both
1512 Drespling Ln New Castle 16101
(724) 654-0573
LOCAL DUES to Katy Hudak
4097 County Line Rd
New Castle PA 16101
(724) 924-9286 katyb26@hotmail.com
SICK NOTICES to Judith Both

Monaca / Rochester PA Br. 29

Mtg. 2nd Monday 7 p.m.
Saxon Club 112 Simes Ave
Rochester, PA 15074
PRES. Cristy Roberts (724) 601-2047
SEC'Y Tiffiane Smilek (724) 709-1891
ATS SEC'Y Donald Ash (724) 777-9059
All correspondences should be
mailed to Saxon Club address above

Youngstown, OH Br. 30

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian
Youngstown OH 44509
(330) 792-7973
PRES. Ernie Roth Sr.
6280 Morningside Rd
Hubbard OH 44425
(330) 501-1110 ERoth4960@gmail.com
SEC'Y Fran Hinerman
4535 Mellinger Rd
Canfield OH 44406
(330) 507-1340
ATS SEC'Y Julaine Gilmartin
4173 Timberland Trail
Canfield, OH 44406
(330) 799-5171
LOCAL DUES Val Thomas
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Canfield OH 44406 (234) 201-3993
SICK NOTICES to
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Canfield OH 44406
(330) 792-0388
rzarnary@yahoo.com

Ellwood City, PA Br. 32

Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Saxon Club 901 Millview St.
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PRES. Laura Goehring
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(724) 971-2040
SEC'Y Johanna Jenkins
909 Old Zeliennople Rd.
Ellwood City PA 16117
ATS SEC'Y Lori Berendt
2260 Cherry Hill Rd
Ellwood City 16117(724) 714-1217
SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans
197 Portersville Rd Apt 3
Ellwood City PA 16117
(724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33

Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:00 p.m.
Messiah Lutheran Church
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PRES. Margarete Ziegler
38047 Parkway Blvd.
Willoughby OH 44094
(440) 488-6421
margarez@aol.com
SEC'Y. Arline Suts
413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024
(440) 867-6103
asuts@windstream.net
ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt
4979 Anderson Rd
Lyndhurst OH 44124
(216) 382-7397
SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts
Address and phone as above
LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz
388 East 317th St.
Willowick OH 44095
(216) 392-6241 meb3172@att.net

Detroit, MI Br. 37

Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:00 p.m.
St. Peters Lutheran Church
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(586) 978-3850
PRES. Susanna Fleischer
11060 Furbush Rd. Holly MI 48442
(810) 694-1860
beetlebugsue7@peoplepc.com
SEC'Y. Trudy Kalvin
2448 Orpington Troy MI 48083
(248) 925-9995
ACTING ATS SEC'Y.
Susanna Fleischer
Address as above
LOCAL DUES to Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson
11711 Lancer Dr Sterling Hts MI 48313
iwferguson@aol.com

Ellwood City, PA Br. 45

Mtg. 3rd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
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PRES. John Dengel
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Ellwood City, PA 16117
(724) 622-1593
SEC'Y Dawn Dengel
Same as President
(724) 622-0152
ATS SEC'Y Cathie Bender
801 Park Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117
(724) 544-7232
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318 Golf Ave.
Ellwood City, PA 16117
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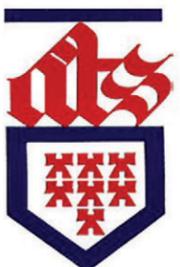
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