



BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Taste the love this Valentine's Day at the Sachsenheim's special dinner featuring Surf & Turf. Reservations can be made by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888. "All you need is love" but some delicious food can't hurt.

Fat Tuesday is the day before the beginning of Lent and an all-around day for celebrating by eating good food and partying. And that is how the Sachsenheim will celebrate Fat Tuesday on February 17 with a Mardi Gras buffet prepared by Grumpy along with our weekly Taco Tuesday menu. Grab your beads and helps us celebrate this special day.

Reservations are in for our Branch 4's Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. This is our fundraiser that helps defray the expenses of our children's parties and other expenses at the Sachsenheim. We are thankful for the items and monetary contributions that enables us to hold the event and are grateful to all that attend to make our fundraiser a success. Reservations were a must; there are no admission tickets sold at the door. We will enjoy a delicious meal and an afternoon of fun for all ages. We are ready to get together and raise some funds for our Club.

Saturday, March 14 the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will host their 16th Annual Chili Cook-off. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the tasting of chilis start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be by contacting any Dance Group Member. The group is welcoming anyone who wishes to enter their chili for competition. If you want to enter your chili for judging in the contest, email them at csdg7001@yahoo.com or contact [Amanda Donnellan](mailto:Amanda.Donnellan) for details. Prizes will be awarded for top entries based on ballots cast by attendees. It is a fun evening. Let's show

our support to the Dance Group.

Get your Green on for St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17 and celebrate it at the Sachsenheim when the Gemuetlichkeit Clevelaender Musikanten will host a St. Paddy's Day Polka Party at 7:00 p.m.

Well, the months of February and March offers you and your friends some of our great activities at the Sachsenheim. We need your support to make our efforts successful!

A reminder to our members that our upcoming Branch meeting will be held on Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you then.



**Next TSBA Session
February 15, 2026
Hunt Club Lanes
Railroad Street
Salem
Meal to follow**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



How is your craft project coming along? The Handicraft Exhibit at the ATS Convention will be here before we know it. Any ATS Member can enter the contest. You do not have to be a Delegate at the Convention to place an entry. The categories this year will be Ceramics, Crewel/Cross Stitch/Needlepoint, Crocheting/Knitting, Quilting, Painting, Photography, and an Open Class for anything else (ex: stained glass or wood-working). There is also a Junior category for ATS Members aged 13 and under.

Branch Secretaries: Did you mail the 2026 Branch Roster form to the ATS Home Office? This form is what we use to update the contact information in the back of the Volksblatt. Every Branch, Cultural Group and Retirees Group is required to send this form to the Home Office. We use these names and positions to send various mailings out to the Branches throughout the year. Thank you to those Branches and Groups who have turned theirs in already.

January was a busy month for the ATS Home Office. Approximately 1,500 Form 1099s were mailed out, along with about 2,200 Annuity Account Statements. Anyone who withdrew money from an annuity account received a 1099-R form showing the total amount withdrawn. In addition, anyone with a life insurance policy who has their dividend option set to accumulate, whose interest earned on the accumulated funds exceeds \$10, gets a 1099-INT. Those people can eliminate that 1099-INT if they were to change that dividend option to purchase additional paid-up insurance. Call the ATS Home Office if you are interested in changing your dividend option. All in all, the Home Office Staff worked very hard getting all of this information out to you, our members, in a timely manner. I thank the Home Office Staff for their dedication, hard work, and extra hours. Whew, we're tired!

Happy Valentines Day to everyone! Part of loving someone is making sure that your loved ones are taken care of if something happens to you. An ATS Life Insurance Policy can help you make that happen. Do you have enough coverage on yourself that they can make it without you? Do you have enough coverage on your loved ones? If not, call your local ATS Sales Deputy or the Home Office for information on our Life Insurance plans.

Did you know that on Feb 15, 1953, Tenley Albright, a 17-year-old from Boston became the first American female to win the World Figure Skating Championship? According to History.com, all seven judges at the event in Davos, Switzerland, gave her a first-place vote. The event was held at an outdoor rink. Albright performed a double axel, double loop, double rittberger, and a double solchow before a sellout crowd of 4,000. At the time, a Swiss skating expert said, "Such combinations never have been seen performed before by a woman".

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AND
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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

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!



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Three years later at the Winter Olympics in Italy, she became America's first female skater to win a Gold Medal. She overcame an injury to her right ankle suffered less than two weeks earlier. Afterwards, she said "I was in great pain, but I figured for four minutes I could put up with anything."

After the earlier winning performance, her father, a surgeon, said no to thoughts of her becoming a professional skater. "Tenley has to go to college and is too young to become a professional star", he said. Tenley said "I love skating for skating. I want to continue as an amateur". After the Olympics, Albright retired and attended Harvard Medical School. She graduated in 1961, one of five women in a class of 135, at the age of 25. She became a noted surgeon. She practiced for 23 years, continuing as a faculty member and lecturer at Harvard Medical School. In 1982, she became a vice president of the U.S. Olympic Committee. She is now 90 years old.

What made Tenley's first win even more remarkable? She had contracted polio six years prior. As figure skating historian James R Hines put it: "Skating provided much needed physical therapy." Since her illness left her muscles "weak and withered", she started training at the Skating Club of Boston as part of her rehabilitation, which she found exhilarating.

The 2026 Winter Olympics are again in Italy, the country where Tenley Albright became the USA's first Gold Medalist in figure skating. Enjoy the Olympics this month, everyone!

Until next time...



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 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

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2026

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
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- \$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
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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



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 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
- March 17, 2026
Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM
St. Paddy's Polka Party
- March 22, 2026
Chicago Br. 9 Bowling Party
- May 2, 2026
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball

BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Lesley Reed

Our first meeting of 2026 was held on January 21st. We had six members present, enjoying a delicious meal and some fellowship time beforehand. Tonight's recipients of our two attendance awards were Denise Crawford and Barb Esterly.

Under "old business," we discussed the wonderful brunch we gathered for at Hart Mansion restaurant earlier this month to celebrate the 120th anniversary of our ladies' lodge.

Moving on to "new business," two delegates were nominated to attend the ATS convention in May. Those members are Courtney and Casey Crawford. We thank them for representing us. Another topic touched upon was the possibility of adding trade schools to our student scholarship offerings. This would warrant further research before taking any action. Our lodges' events calendar for the year was presented. Those already scheduled include the following: meetings on March 18, May 20, September 16, and October 21; ATS Convention on May 2-3; a dinner at Hart Mansion on Saturday, April 25; a summer picnic at John Aeling's on Saturday, August 15; our holiday dinner at Hart Mansion on November 14.

Our last item of business was to review ATS events coming up later this year. The Saxon Summer Camp is June 14-19, the Heimattag is July 10-12 in Canada, the Family Fun Day at Waldameer Park is on July 25, and the Open Bowling Tournament is October 17-18 in Salem. We were also reminded that entries to the handicraft exhibit taking place during the convention on May 2-3, are still being accepted.

Hoping everyone stays warm and healthy until we see you on March 18th!



Siebenbürgen Sachsen Branch 9 is having a Bowling Party



Sunday, March 22, 2026 from 12:45pm-3pm.

*Arlington Lanes
3435 N Kennicott Ave
Arlington Heights, IL*

**Children ages 6-17 with an ATS policy - No Charge
Guests Bowling-\$23.00**

Includes: shoes, two games, pizza & soda.

Reservations requested by: March 13, 2026
Call Liz 847-685-9821

Gemütlichkeit! Cleveland Musikanter St. Paddy's Polka Party at the Sachsenheim!

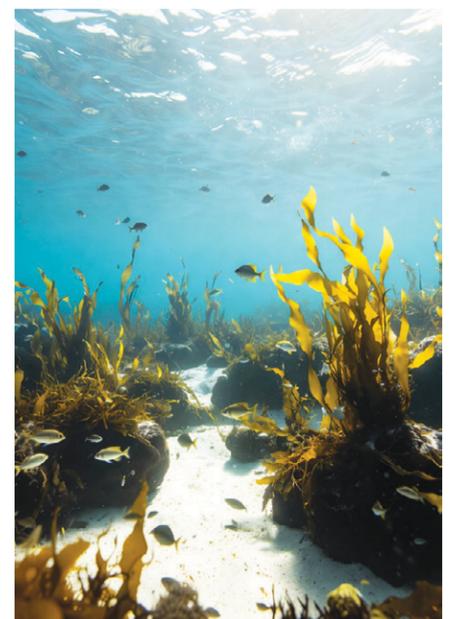


**March 17th, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

Sweaters from seaweed?

A new effort to find a planet-friendly clothing material took a deep dive into fibers and landed on kelp.

Yes, that's seaweed and it has some things going for it. It's abundant. It grows back easily. It doesn't contain pesticides or fertilizers, and isn't infected by



microplastics. Plus, when kelp is turned into fiber, it helps create a flame-resistant, biodegradable, non-toxic material.

The developer, Keel Labs, calls the kelp fiber kelsun and it has already partnered with Stella McCartney and Outerknown to release the clothes made of the fiber.



**ATTENTION
CLEVELAND 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.**

CHURCHES



**St. Peter's
German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**
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stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

Merck updates cancer drug with an assist from NASA

The versatile cancer drug eytruda is now available as an injectable formula, thanks in part to research conducted aboard the International Space Station. According to NASA, Merck Research Labs has flown crystal growth experiments to the space station for over a decade to support its efforts to develop drug formulations that readily dissolve in liquid. The new injection takes about one minute every three weeks to administer, while intravenous Keytruda required at least 30 minutes every three weeks -- a significant time savings that is also expected to reduce treatment costs.

New medication may control hard-to-treat hypertension

An experimental oral medication for hard-to-treat hypertension is one step closer to approval. According to Fierce Biotech, drug-maker AstraZeneca released new data from Phase III clinical trials that showed significant reductions in average nighttime blood pressure readings among trial participants compared to a placebo. Elevated nighttime blood pressure is associated with increased risk of heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular events.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

Our first meeting of the year will be on March 2, at 7 p.m. Since December our club has experienced much sadness due to the loss of three more kindhearted dedicated members. Many of them held offices, sang in the choir, taught dancing, baked delicious treats and gave their hearts of volunteering to Branch 9 and the Saxon culture. Branch 9 extends our deepest sympathy to all the families. We pray God's blessings to all of the families in their times of sorrow.



In loving memory of Sister Erika Mueller- Pardo

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Erika Pardo on December 7, 2025, beloved wife of Mario Pardo. Mother of Sister Anna Mueller, Brother of Rolf (Tracy) and Werner (Carmen). Erika was a devoted and loving sister, aunt, stepmother, grandmother and friend, whose presence brought comfort and joy to all who knew her. She found happiness in life's simple pleasures-soaking up the sun in Mexico, visiting her happy place at the casino, sharing her warmth

and kindness wherever she went. Erika's gentle spirit, sweet nature, and big heart touched everyone around her. We invite all who knew and loved her to keep her memory alive through the cherished moments shared with her. May she rest peacefully, surrounded by the love she gave so freely. Services were private.



In loving memory of Sister Justine Schuller

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of Justine Schuller on January 9, 2026. Loving Mother of Manfred and Steven Schuller. The best Oma to Stephanie Schuller, Kristina Steffes (Chase Steffes), Stingray Schuller (Jessica Zalenski), and Br. Chicago Schuller, SM. She was preceded in death by her husband Stefan Schuller; siblings Mathilda Schuller (Hans Schuller) and Hans Schmidt; nephew Klaus Schuller; and her parents John Schmidt and Justine Schmidt. Visitation and service took place on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Burial followed at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL



In loving memory of Sister Katharina Thut

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of Katharina Thut on January 27, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband Georg; siblings Sofia, Michael, Franz and Anna. She is the loving mother of Margarete (Manfred) Maltling, Georg (Diethild) Thut, Walter (Kathy) Thut, and Helga (Rick) Faehnrich. Also by her five grandchildren, Victoria, Alec (Catherine), Markus, Kyle (Emmy) and Karina. A wake was held at the Rago Brothers Funeral Home on Saturday, January 31st. The internment of the urn was held on Wednesday, February 4th at the Irving Park cemetery.

Events

Bowling Party

Please note: The annual Bowling Party will be on March 22, at Arlington Lanes from 12:45 pm to 3 pm. Children ages 6-17 with an ATS policy - No Charge
Guests Bowling-\$23.00 Includes: shoes, two games, pizza & soda. Reservations requested by: March 13, 2026. Please make reservations with Liz at 847-685-9821

Saxon Picnic: The Picnic is scheduled on Saturday, June 27 at Lynn Woods, Morton Grove, IL. Details to follow.

Until next time, stay warm and safe! See you on March 2.



We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

Arlene Calhoun

Age: 91
Died: October 14, 2025
Branch 27, New Castle, PA

Robert Carter

Age: 82
Died: January 1, 2026
Branch 37, Detroit, MI

Michael Bloch

Age: 81
Died: January 7, 2026
Home Branch

William French

Age: 82
Died: January 7, 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Erika Begue

Age: 73
Died: January 9, 2026
Branch 17, Canton, OH

Justine Schuller

Age: 90
Died: January 9, 2026
Branch 9, Chicago, IL

Thomas Becker

Age: 90
Died: January 13, 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

"I saw that you were perfect, and so I loved you. Then I saw that you were not perfect and I loved you even more."

Angelita Lim

"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides."

David Viscott

"Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

Robert A. Heinlein

"True love is selfless. It is worthy of the person it loves."

BetterHelp

The big rewards come to those who travel the second, undemanded mile.

Bruce Barton





The tradition of complaining about Valentine's Day

There are conflicting theories about the origin of Valentine's Day. Some say that it's just a repackaged version of the Roman festival Lupercalia, while others point to the martyred St. Valentine. Regardless, the holiday has been associated with romance for centuries, and something resembling our modern celebration came into fashion in the mid-19th century.

Naturally, the complaints started right after that.

According to Time, Valentine's Day cards went from a niche custom to a mainstream pursuit during the 1840s thanks at least partly to enterprising stationers who cashed in on a promising opportunity. By 1847, Valentine's Day cards were everywhere, and the New York Daily Tribune had published the first known gripe about it. "There was a time when Valentine's Day meant something," the writer opined.

The complaint achieved nothing, and Valentine's Day continued apace. The British confectioner Cadbury introduced the classic heart-shaped box of chocolates during the 1860s, and Hershey jostled for its own piece of the Valentine's Day market when it introduced Kisses in 1907.

If you love Valentine's Day, ignore the complainers and enjoy yourself. But if you're a critic, consider that the complaints didn't matter in 1847, and they probably won't matter now.



all you need



is = love =

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
before February 23, 2026





AI education to personalize school system

In December 2025, xAI announced a landmark partnership with the Government of El Salvador, led by President Nayib Bukele, to launch the world's first nationwide AI-powered education program. This initiative deploys Grok -- xAI's advanced AI chatbot -- as a personalized tutor across El Salvador's public school system.

Over the next two years, Grok will roll out to more than 5,000 public schools, reaching over 1 million students (from kindergarten through high school) and supporting thousands of teachers.

How It Works

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Goals and Benefits

Bridge educational gaps (especially in rural areas), accelerate learning, reduce teacher workload, and ensure equitable access to high-quality instruction

"By partnering with President Bukele to bring Grok to every student in El Salvador, we're putting the most advanced AI directly in the hands of an entire generation," Elon Musk said.

Bukele highlighted El Salvador's vision to "leapfrog" through innovation.

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.



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Branch 33 Bowl Where You Are Party



Saturday, February 28, 2026
At Wickliffe Lanes
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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.

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From the Archives

By Eric Litschel ATS Home Office

Our Saxon hymn “Siebenbürgen, Land des Segens” was composed in 1845 by renowned Saxon composer Johann Lukas Hedwig (1802-1849). It is known throughout our Transylvanian Saxon diaspora.

In the middle of the 20th century, a continent and an ocean away, in Cleveland, Ohio, a lesser-known version of this beloved hymn came into being. This time with new verses alongside the old and sung to a brisk march. Arranged for mixed choir and piano, “Lieb Heimatland” (Dear Homeland) was the work of two east side Clevelanders - Alice Victoria Gramp (1894-1970) and Rudolph Erwin Schuster (1890-1968).

The song’s original verse was written by Alice Gramp (né Sax). Mrs. Gramp was a longtime and highly active member of Branch 34. Known to her fellow members as the branch “lyric”, she wrote numerous short poetic and musical works. She was also a dedicated parishioner of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, serving in church council and as

Frauenverein Schatzmeisterin (women’s committee treasurer). She also sang in and served as piano accompanist for the St. John’s church choir, as well as for choral groups including the Ostseite Liedertafel (Eastside Choral Society), Damenchor Saxonien (women’s choir) Saxonien, and the Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund (Transylvanian Saxon Singers’ Society). Despite the suggestion in her maiden name, Gramp was not of Transylvanian Saxon heritage. She was born in 1894 in the city of Mülhausen in the Alsace-Lorraine territory of the German Empire. She emigrated to the United States in March of 1910, settling first in New Jersey, then Philadelphia, and finally Cleveland with husband Gerhard and their three sons. The Gramp family, though not Transylvanian Saxon, was one of many such families past and present to find support and community among the Saxons in America.

The song’s words evoke the immigrant experience. A selection from the text:

*Sie zogen heraus Ländern aller Art,
im Weltenwechsel einer unruhigen Zeit,
zur neuen Heimat Amerika ward
das Land der Freiheit und der Einigkeit.
So auch vom fernen schönen Sachsenland,
der bied're Bürger hier Wurzel fand.
Gründet ein neues trautes häuslich Glück,
denkt mit Wehmut doch oft zurück.*

(English translation)

*They left from every sort of land,
In the changing world of a restless age,
to America, their new homeland,
the country of freedom and unity.
From distant, lovely Transylvania,
their honest citizens here too took root.
Though now contented with homely joy,
still oft with nostalgia their thoughts look back.*



ALICE GRAMP



PROF. RUDOLF SCHUSTER

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‘LIEB HEIMATLAND’ oder SIEBENBÜRGEN, LAND DES SEGENS MARSCH

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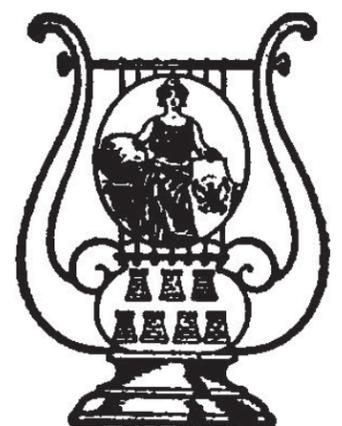
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ü- bers wei-te Meer und un-ter seinem Schutz ver-ei-net steht
Meer, hoch übers Meer
ü - bers wei - te Meer. Und unter seinem Schutz ver-ei-net steht, vereinet

Prof. Rudolph Erwin Schuster was born in Arkeden, Siebenbürgen in 1890 and left for the United States in 1921. Shortly thereafter, Schuster became one of the most active and prominent members of the Cleveland area Transylvanian Saxons. Founding director in 1923 of the Damenchor Saxonien, he also served as director from 1945 to 1960 of the Ostseite Liedertafel. Schuster was also a founding member of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, helping the young pastor Hans Foisel to bring the congregation into being and serving on church council as first Protokoll Sekretär (meeting secretary). In 1924, Schuster started a music school that first operated from the basement of the newly built St. John’s Church on Eddy Road. He was highly regarded by his fellow Saxons and fondly remembered by students and those with whom he made music.

Glance at the music’s first few bars, and you may recognize in them the opening of “The Star-Spangled Banner”. After this rousing start, the music moves along at a bright tempo, in a style reminiscent of John Philip Sousa. It carries on this way until near the end when we hear a modulation and a change in the music’s character. Starting quietly, now more subdued, we hear familiar tones. The voices enter, soft, “...Siebenbürgen, Land des Segens, Land der Fülle und der Kraft...” After two full verses of the well-known

Lied, the music crescendos, ending with the familiar words, “...schlinge sich der Eintracht Band, schlinge sich der Eintracht Band”. The overall effect is an interesting combination of new and old, marching cheerfully forward yet looking back over its shoulder.

The exact year of its composition is not known, though it was most likely written sometime between the late 1940s and early 1950s. Its first known performance was Labor Day weekend of 1954. The occasion, the 25th convention of the Transylvanian Saxon Singers’ Society, held at the Westside Sachsenheim. Prof. Schuster served as the festival director for the weekend long event. “Lieb Heimatland” was the final piece performed at Sunday evening’s concert. The program note states that three choruses (Ostseite Liedertafel, Damenchor Saxonien, and Eintracht-Hermania) together with a full orchestra (Deutsches Konzertorchester) all joined in for the song’s performance, with Prof. Schuster holding the baton!



Proposed changes to the ATS Constitution

The following changes to the Constitution of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons are presented by the ATS Board of Directors for Convention consideration and approval. The change is being presented to cover any openings on the Board resulting from unfilled nominations or vacancies that occur, which are not already covered in the existing Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII – Election of Officers

Proposed Addition:

(New) SECTION 6. If all Offices are not filled in compliance with SECTION 5, or a vacancy occurs, the President has the right to appoint an ATS Member to that vacant position.

Old SECTION 6 becomes SECTION 7

Old SECTION 7 becomes SECTION 8

Old SECTION 8 becomes SECTION 9

Old SECTION 9 becomes SECTION 10

If the proposed change is approved by the Convention Delegates, the entire ARTICLE VIII will read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII

Election of Officers

SECTION 1. An election of Officers shall be held at the Convention.

The term of office for the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be for four years. These offices are to be filled in alternate Conventions in order to maintain a continuity of experienced personnel in office.

Trustees shall be elected at each Convention for a four-year term: three Trustees will be elected at one Convention and two Trustees will be elected at the next Convention.

The number of members elected to the Board of Directors from any one city, all Branches therein included, may not exceed four officers.

SECTION 2. All Officers shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. The election of Officers shall be by secret ballot. The candidate having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If there be but one nominee, the

Secretary or other Officer may be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of the candidate to office.

If voting needs to be repeated to attain a majority vote and more nominees are on the ballot than needed to fill the office, the member receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the previous voted ballot. In the event of a tie on a voted ballot, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

SECTION 4. The election shall be conducted by the President who shall appoint an election committee to assist in collecting and tallying the ballots.

SECTION 5. A Branch must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the Convention. The nomination must include a short description of the candidate's background and qualifications, and written permission from the candidate to let his or her name stand for election. The candidate must be elected as a delegate and must attend the Convention. When the nomination date has passed, the Board of Directors will provide the Alliance Branches with the list of nominees and their qualifications. Incumbent Officers of the Alliance are eligible for re-election and, if not present at the Convention, must send in writing a "consent to be nominated."

A nominee for election to Office must meet the following:

- a. Be a member of the Alliance in good standing for the past three years
- b. Be an American citizen
- c. Not be an immediate family member of current officer or nominee (Immediate family member shall be defined as spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, stepparent or stepchild)
- d. Possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance
- e. Have served as a Delegate to at least one previous Convention
- f. Be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance
- g. Have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office

- h. Not be a current Officer in another fraternal benefit society

SECTION 6. If all Offices are not filled in compliance with SECTION 5, or a vacancy occurs, the President has the right to appoint an ATS Member to that vacant position.

SECTION 6 7. To be eligible for election to the office of President, a member must be in good standing and have served as an Officer of the Alliance for at least five years.

To be eligible for the office of First Vice President, the candidate must be a member in good standing and have served as an Officer of the Alliance for at least four years.

SECTION 7 8. Elected Officers shall assume their duties the first day of July, following the Convention.

Before assuming office, each Officer shall furnish bond, at the expense of the Alliance, in such amount as shall be designated by the Board of Directors or as may be required by statute.

SECTION 8 9. Upon the election of a new President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the retiring Officer holding that position shall be retained in an advisory capacity to his successor until the first day of August, following the Convention.

SECTION 9 10. In the event that the Convention is unable to elect a President, the Board of Directors, at the next official meeting of the Board, shall appoint a President who shall serve until the next Convention.

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BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

*******IMPORTANT
NO FEBRUARY
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**REGULAR MEETINGS
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SPECIAL MENTION**

We have had brutal weather over the past month. It's time to check in with members to make sure they are doing okay, to just say hello, see if they need anything, or to let them know we are thinking about them.

MAILING/CONTACT LIST

So that we may keep you updated on the Saxon Club and ATS activities please email me and/or text me your contact information: donaldblum@prodigy.net or 614-580-8616 or private message me on Facebook, @Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10.

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)

We pick up where Michael left us in our last article. 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.

It was September 4, 1922 (It was Labor Day), at 4:00 in the morning. Mike knew his way from the past. He went from Union Station to Front Street to take a streetcar. The streetcars didn't start running until 5:30 a.m., so he went to a small restaurant on the corner of Front and Long Streets. Naturally, Mike went to have a beer and wait for the streetcar. When he asked the man for a beer, he knew Mike was a stranger and asked where Mike was going. Mike told him he had come from Romania to meet his brother, John Farr. What a coincidence, the man was Romanian himself and said, "I know John Farr, he is a good friend of mine." He made Mike a big sandwich and gave him a cup of coffee. He said, "You must be hungry." Mike took out money to pay him, but he said, "Not one cent, it costs you nothing." Mike thanked him and they talked for a while until the streetcar came.

Mike got on the streetcar and told the conductor he wanted to get off at Stewart Avenue. The streetcar got to Stewart and Parsons and the conductor yells, "Stewart Avenue!"

Mike got off and was only ½ block from his brother's house.

When he got to his brother's house, they were still in bed. There was a neighbor lady on her back porch. Mike asked if this was John Farr lived here. She said, "Yes they're upstairs." John heard her and came downstairs and said, "Hello brother Mike, come in." They talked for a long while and Mike would board with John in his three-bedroom house.

Mike had a lot of work experience, was a hard worker and a quick learner. The next day he lined up three calls for work. Wittman called him to go to work at the brass foundry, and Mike promised him he would take the job. Soon after Mike got a call to work at Buckeye Steel Castings Company (Buckeye Steel was owned by George Bush Senior's Grandfather), where Mike had worked before. Then Mike got another call from Bonney-Floyd Foundry. They knew Mike was a molder, but he had already promised Wittman, so he honored his commitment, and went to work at the brass foundry for \$18-28.00 a week.

One of his brother's neighbors, was a bricklayer and told Mike, "Why don't you come work with me and work outside with blocks and you'll make more money than in the foundry." Mike decided he would try it, and his first week he made \$42.00. He worked with Frank Siberik for 2-3 months as his helper. They had extra tools and he told Mike to go ahead and try laying the blocks. Mike did such a good job that Frank told him to go ahead and just lay blocks himself. They were doing good for a while, but the building business slowed down and they were only getting one foundation a week. Mike considered going back to work at Buckeye Foundry but that evening he talked to Frank Schaefer, who had hauled block for Frank and Mike, and he hauled block for Kulp Bros. Block Co. Harry Kulp said they needed a block-layer.

Before this had all happened, Mike had saved all the money he needed to bring Rosie and the children to America. Mike sent Rosie, 60,000 lei to come to America. She got her passport ready to come and she wrote back, "Mike, I can come but that is not enough money." Mike bought and paid for the ship tickets to come from Weillau to Columbus. So, on Labor Day, September 6, 1923, Rosie reached Ellis Island. The next day, Mike was done with work and got ready to go to the station to pick up Rosie. To his surprise, Rosie and the children walked into his brother's house, and into the kitchen. Jake Gotzmeister was an insurance man and knew they were coming. He had a touring car, picked them up and brought them to Mike's brother's house. Mike was so glad to see them. They had a great reunion, hugged

and kissed. Mike's little son, Mike started crying. He didn't know Mike, he said, "My Dad had whiskers." Mike had shaved off his whiskers.

Mike, Rosie and the children would stay at his brother's house for the time being. This is another good time to pause the story for Mike, Rosie and the family's life together in America. We will rejoin them and see the next chapter in their lives.

HUMOR (Compliments of Sara Alzner-Brown)

A middle-aged woman walked into her gynecologist office. She said, "I'm a little bit embarrassed."

The doctor says, "That's okay, you have been coming to me for years, you can tell me anything."

She says, "This is really strange." The doctor says, "That's okay, I'll be the one to decide that."

She says, "Okay, when I go to the bathroom, all of a sudden, I hear 'Plink, Plink, Plink,' and I look down in the toilet and there is a pile of pennies."

She says, "And in the afternoon I go to the bathroom, and all of a sudden, I hear 'Plink, Plink, Plink,' and I looked down in the toilet and there was an even bigger stack of pennies."

She says, "And in the evening I go to the bathroom, and all of a sudden, I hear 'Plink, Plink, Plank,' and I look down in the toilet and there is an even larger stack of pennies. I am terrified of what's happening."

The doctor looks at her, puts his hand on her shoulder and in a reassuring voice says, "It's okay," and with a

smile says, "**NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, YOU ARE JUST GOING THROUGH THE CHANGE!**"

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

We are happy to announce that the group has grown to 253 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 (donaldblum@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.



"LOVE DOES NOT
CONSIST IN GAZING AT
EACH OTHER, BUT IN
LOOKING OUTWARD
TOGETHER IN THE SAME
DIRECTION."

— ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY

BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON
By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Our December 14, Christmas luncheon was rescheduled to January due to a snow event, but it was good to see everyone and have a belated get together. Since I am not fond of football, I usually am unable to even tell who is playing in the Super Bowl. However, I do hope that all the parties were fun and safe for everyone.

With the changes in funding for service organizations, many people are in need of financial assistance. Please keep this in mind that if a member or direct descendant of a

member of the ladies' lodge needs help, there are monies available. To request financial assistance, we need the name(s) and address(es) of those in need, along with the amount needed, and the reason for the request. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text me at (330) 312-5112, or send a letter to me at PO Box 640, Carrollton, Ohio 44615, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. As always, we look forward to hearing from you. Please join us for our next luncheon and meeting at Meyers Landing on Sunday, March 15, at 1:00 p.m. See you there!



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