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BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION

**RUSTY BUCKET
RESTAURANT & TAVERN**
73 N. HAMILTON ROAD
GAHANNA, OHIO 43230
(614) 475-4435
March 16, 2026
12 Noon

(Look for possible alternate meeting dates, times and locations in upcoming months)

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Mike Roth (March 21) and Rob Betts (March 27). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Happy Anniversary to Marlene and Rob Betts (March 22). Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Jahrestag.

SPECIAL MENTION

Hedy Fleischer is taking advantage of her new home and the long drive. She is staying in shape by walking her 325' drive numerous times a day. Regina Kellner has completed her strenuous rehab and ready for new challenges. Sophie Untch is continuing her recovery from fall surgery and hopes to be able to get out again once the snow has completely melted. Jill Blum is still recovering from carpal tunnel surgery and looking to bounce back. Susi Mueller is facing challenges and could use prayers. George Lassel and Don Blum are facing similar upcoming surgeries and could use your prayers to see them through the procedures.

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)

When we left Mike, he and the family were gathered together and staying at his brother's house. So, Mike and his family began their life together, reunited in America.

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TSBA BOWLING Next Session Youngstown March 15, 2026

11:00 a.m.
Holiday Bowl
777 Youngstown Poland Rd
Struthers OH 44471
(330) 755-1444

Dinner following at
Youngstown Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd
Youngstown OH 44509
(330) 793-7973

Any meal cancellations
please call Tom Simon
no later than March 10
(330) 720-7988

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



We're now in the middle of the ATS Bowl Where You Are event for our young members. Each child in the age bracket received a score sheet at their house. They simply need to go to their local bowling alley, bowl three games, get their form signed and mail it to the ATS Home Office. Then, everyone's scores are tabulated and winners announced. It's just one of the events that the Youth Activities Committee holds for our young people. Please make the effort to take your child or grandchild to a bowling alley so that they can participate. All participants will receive a T-shirt. In addition, this is an ATS event that the child can list when they're old enough to apply for scholarships. This participation could be the difference in receiving a high school senior scholarship or not, as points are awarded for ATS and Local Branch activities, as well as their scholastic accomplishments.

I hope that you are enjoying the articles that Eric Litschel has been including in recent issues of the *Volksblatt*. We are so happy that he's cataloging everything for us and "organizing our history". Most of our members will never stop and visit the ATS Home Office, so Eric is working on bringing our library and museum items to our members!

So, my family had a scare earlier this month. My husband had a heart attack and spent a week in ICU. He's now home and well on the road to recovery, but it makes you stop and think – what if? What if he didn't make it? What if, instead of planning healthier meals, we had to plan a funeral? What if we didn't have enough life insurance to pay for that funeral? Thankfully, he does have an ATS life insurance policy that would cover the cost of a funeral. Do you? I thank God that we didn't have to use that life insurance yet! If you don't have enough life insurance to cover those expenses, please think about getting some. You just never know when you're going to need it.

Did you know that on February 27, 1935, the first-ever kid-sized "juvenile" Oscar was awarded to 6-year-old Shirley Temple? According to History.com, the trophy measured roughly half of the height of a full-sized Oscar. Little Shirley appeared in six different films in 1934, including *Stand Up and Cheer!*, *Little Miss Marker*, *Curly Top*, and *Bright Eyes*. (*Bright Eyes* featured one of her most famous songs "On the Good Ship Lollipop".)

In its earliest years, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences didn't single out children for a separate award. After the first child actor nominated for the award lost out in 1931, the Academy established a special award for actors below the age of 18. Mickey Rooney, Deanna Durbin, and Judy Garland were among the dozen or so subsequent recipients. The last actor to win the juvenile award before it was discontinued was 13-year-old Hayley Mills in 1960 for her role in *Pollyanna*.

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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 _____

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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.

Scientists turn lead into gold (just for a second)

Medieval alchemists can finally claim a victory after scientists at Europe's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) managed to turn lead into gold. But there's a catch: The newly transformed gold is too small to see and doesn't stay gold for very long.

According to ABC News, scientists used the LHC to fire lead atoms in opposite directions, calculating the trajectories to ensure that the atoms were close enough for their electromagnetic fields to interact, but with enough space to avoid a head-on collision. The near-miss disrupted the magnetic fields enough to knock three protons loose out of each lead atom -- and transforming them into gold atoms for a tiny fraction of a second before they break apart entirely.

The researchers were able to replicate the results on successive experiments, and found that they could create about 89,000 gold atoms per second. In total, the experiments have yielded around 86 billion gold atoms. Those atoms are long gone now, but had they remained, they would have added up to around one-trillionth of one gram.

It's a triumph for modern scientists, but perhaps a mixed bag for the medieval alchemists who labored for centuries with much less success. Either way, no one ends up with extra gold in their pockets.

What you don't do is often more important than what you do.



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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE

ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 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
- \$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. _____

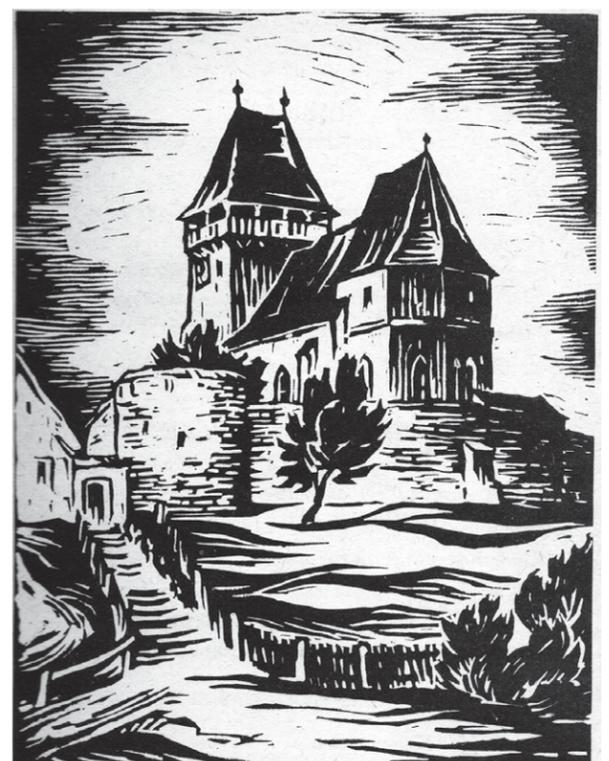
Request must be received by March 16

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



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- February - March, 2026
Bowl Where You Are Contest
 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

- 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
 March 28, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Club
Presidents' Goulasch Dinner
 May 2, 2026
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball

Finding peace of mind in troubled times

Anger, grief, and troubles are all around, but they don't have to control your life.

Here's some advice from people and philosophies with ideas that have notably common threads: acceptance, inner strength, and viewing troubles as transformative.

The Dalai Lama (Buddhism) views suffering as an inherent part of life that can lead to strength. He advises, "If there is a way to overcome the suffering, then there is no need to worry; if there is no way to overcome the suffering, then there is no use in worrying."

Christian leaders point out that scriptures repeatedly proclaim that God is with you, even in trouble. Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you."

Islamic Teachings (from the Quran and scholars) stress 'sabr' (patience) as a divine virtue. The Quran states, "Indeed, Allah is with the patient," and promises relief after hardship: "Verily, with hardship comes ease."

Hindu teachings (from the Bhagavad Gita) view difficulties as temporary illusions for the eternal soul. The Gita advises performing duties without attachment to outcomes: "We are eternal souls navigating temporary trials."

Self-help gurus often emphasize personal empowerment, mindset shifts, and resilience-building practices.

Noted speaker Tony Robbins says, "Every problem is a gift – without problems we would not grow." He promotes practices like maintaining discipline, learning from others, and not giving up, as "persistence overshadows even talent."

Eckhart Tolle, a spiritual teacher focused on presence, advises accepting the present moment without resistance. He says, "To offer no resistance to life is to be in a state of grace, ease, and lightness."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont'd from Page 1

Shirley Temple was born in 1928 in Santa Monica, California, and started appearing in a series of short films spoofing current movies, called Baby Burlesks, at the age of four. At six, she had attracted attention with her complex song-and-dance number "Baby Take a Bow" in the 1934 movie Stand Up and Cheer! Based on this success, 20th Century Fox signed her to a seven-year contract. Her bouncy ringlets and irrepressibly sunny personality offered American moviegoers something wholesome and hopeful during the depths of the Great Depression, providing a cheery alternate universe for audiences suffering the effects of widespread unemployment and general economic hardship. 20th Century Fox revised the terms of her contract in 1936, paying her an unprecedented sum of \$50,000 per picture. They also famously altered the year on her birth certificate, making it appear that she was a year younger in order to prolong her adorable child-star status.

By 1938, Shirley was the number one box-office draw in America. The public loved her and she routinely upstaged her adult counterparts on the big

screen. Over the course of the 1930s, she had more than 40 successful films. Her career began to slide during her teenage years. In 1950, she retired from movies, though she narrated the television series Shirley Temple's Storybook from 1957 to 1959. Also in 1950, she married naval officer Charles Black, changing her name to Shirley Temple Black. They had two children, joining the one that she had in her previous short marriage.

Twenty years after retiring from Hollywood, Shirley launched a political career but didn't win. The following year, President Nixon appointed her as an ambassador to the United Nations; she worked for the State Department in the United States and overseas for more than two decades. Shirley was the first woman to ever serve as the United States Chief of Protocol, a post she held for 11 years. She also served as a spokeswoman for breast cancer awareness. In 1999, she received a medal from the Kennedy Center for lifetime achievement to the United States and the world. She died on February 10, 2014 at her home at the age of 85.

Until next time...



INVEST YOUR SAVINGS IN AN ATS ANNUITY PLAN



Gemütlichkeit!
Cleveländer Musikanten
St. Paddy's Polka Party
at the Sachsenheim!

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

ARE YOU PROUD TO BE A SAXON?

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

CHURCHES



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German and Saxon
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11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

Ads coming to ChatGPT

OpenAI is introducing ads to the free and low-cost versions of its ChatGPT chatbot as part of its continuing effort to boost revenues. According to the New York Times, OpenAI netted \$13 billion in revenue in 2025, and expects that number to triple in 2026. But the company continues to spend even more -- about \$115 billion in planned spending between 2025 and 2029.

Blue Origin to launch a satellite internet service

The Jeff Bezos-backed commercial space start-up Blue Origin announced that it will add satellite internet to its portfolio, a direct competitor to SpaceX's market-leading Starlink and Amazon's Leo. According to CNBC, the new TeraWave network is targeted for enterprise, data center, and government users. Blue Origin plans to begin deploying satellites in late 2027.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

Thanks to everyone attending Branch 33's meeting February 11th. We started the meeting with Social Hour: thanks to Lorie Novak and Britney Perkins for bringing bakery, and to Fred Krestel for the birthday cake to help celebrate wife Ingeborg's birthday. During the Social, we had a "Share your Saxon Memories" participation. I would like to share what members spoke about and presented.

Fred Krestel, born in Transylvania, the village of Klein-Alisch, spoke briefly about the Germans arriving many centuries ago. He brought a book about Klein-Alisch; it was written in 2023 in honor of the town's 700th anniversary! So much Saxon history, as well as town and family stories in this book. Then speaking further about Klein-Alisch... well I am a bit of a rock/stone collector, so I brought a stone brick that sits on my kitchen window-sill; this brick, in 2005 visiting Klein-Alisch, my father (the aforementioned Fred) plucked from the house he was born in, the family home his grandfather built in 1862, then brought home to me in America! My son, Dan Suts, mentioned the absolute delicious home cooked meal (roast buffalo) he had while visiting Opa's hometown, "I don't think I've had anything as good since!" ; then sitting up on the hill behind the old Krestel house, the exact same spot Opa sat as a boy, looking down at the village.

John Foisel brought a pillow that has a covering embroidered (*Siebenbürgen Süsse Heimat*) by his grandmother, and still in pristine shape. Then John shared a collage of photos taken of him and siblings (Maria and Mike) with their father and relatives on a visit to the Foisel hometown, Oberneudorf. Walking through the town, the cemetery, and especially the church, centuries old, climbing the bell tower ("Don't ring the Bell!" lol)... so meaningful and a treasured memory!

Maria Foisel Phillips shared the memory of a bridge over a river in Austria, as a toddler/child she was so scared to cross... But visiting that bridge as an adult... well, come to find the river is nothing more than a ditch with trickle of water, Hah!

Donna Foisel mentioned how proud she is to learn so many of the German/Saxon traditions of the Foisel family- like learning to make cabbage rolls for Christmas Eve dinner- and

passing these traditions on to the young generations.

Maria Thellmann sent a note reminding everyone how important "Name Day" was in German/Saxon culture, and February 2nd was her name day- Marientag.

Ema Litschel spoke further about Name Day- Ema noted that the church would send a calendar to all families with the parishioner's names and the date of their Name Day; She brought an actual calendar from 1982 that had all the names for that year! And she shared some of the traditional ways the young would celebrate their own and friends' Nameday... Fascinating, more important than Birthdays!

Margie Ziegler shared the memory of finally meeting her grandmother in Germany. She brought an unfinished Tracht apron that her and friend Christy (sic) are embroidering for niece Mora. Then Margie showed a decorative wood plate her father John brought from Transylvania, around the rim of the plate is the saying: "*Wo du als Kind gespielt und gesungen, sind sie Glocken der Heimat nicht verklungen*" – Where you played and sang as a child, the bells of home have not faded away. Oh my, this evening had many eyes tearing up! Thank you to everyone who shared!

During the meeting, President Margie Ziegler reminded the ATS National Convention will be in May at the Westside Cleveland Sachsenheim. Volunteering to be Convention delegates are John Foisel, Donna Foisel, Henry Hum, Arline Suts, Dan Suts, Maria Phillips, Ema Litschel.

Branch officers met last week and hammered out the Budget for 2026 - reviewed and approved by members. We congratulate our newest 50-year member- John Adam.

Branch 33 Bowl Where You Are Party is February 28th, though this is trying to make the event easier for our junior members to complete, all members are free to attend. Make reservations with Maria Phillips. And our Branch choir will begin practice again on Sunday February 22 at 6 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please come and sing with us!! Our next meeting is Wednesday March 11, and we will be meeting by

computer on ZOOM- please remember no meeting at the church. Your Zoom invitation will come via E-Mail from Maria Phillips 1 to 2 days before the meeting.

And finally, due to a generous monetary donation from William Foisel, Branch 33 is sincerely thrilled to announce we have an additional higher education Scholarship Fund. The BILL and SUE FOISEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND will be available this Fall for Branch 33 members attending University or Vocational programs post-high school. As educators, Bill and Sue Foisel understand the importance of education and their monetary assistance will have a real-life positive impact. We believe their commitment to education, and generous financial support, will be an inspiration to our young members. Bill and Sue, your thoughtfulness and fraternal support will be felt for many years to come! Words cannot express how truly appreciative Branch 33 Officers and Members are for your commitment to helping our, and YOUR, students. THANK YOU!!



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.

Martin Teutsch

Age: 93

Died: November 30, 2025
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Mary Stryfeller

Age: 92

Died: December 21, 2025
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Marilyn A. Herron

Age: 88

Died: December 31, 2025
Branch 18, Salem, OH

Katharina Thut

Age: 91

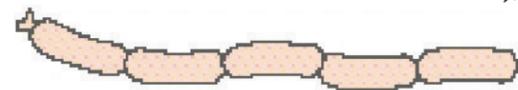
Died: January 27, 2026
Branch 9, Chicago, IL

Donna C. White

Age: 91

Died: February 8, 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group



Spring Sausage Sale Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**We are now taking orders
for hot, mild, and garlic sausage.**

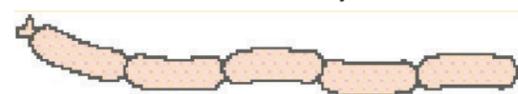
**All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links
or 3lb and 5lb bulk packages
(each with a little overage).**

The price is \$4.00 per pound

**You can call in orders to
Michael Bachinger (330) 540-5168
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Robert Bachinger (330) 980-0911
You can also email your order to
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**Pick-up is from 9 AM to 2 PM
in the Pavilion**

**Orders will be accepted
until March 10^h, 2026**



**BRANCH 30
YOUNGSTOWN**
By Rosemarie Kascher

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2 Officers Meeting 6 p.m.
March 8 General Meeting 2 p.m.
Wednesdays Dinner and Drawings
Thursdays Bar Bingo Nite
Fridays Fish Dinner, open to the public

March 28: Presidents' Goulash Dinner honoring the Man and Woman of the Year. The Saxon Band will be playing for your listening pleasure as well as dancing later in the evening. Doors open at 6 p.m. Make reservations either at the Bar or in the office at (330) 792-7973. Call the Club for details.

Send your dues, please now due, 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 information about our new Scholarship Program available for any college/university in the state of Ohio. (330) 720-8127. It includes adults, too, if full time. Applicants need a 3.00 GPA.

Some wonderful physical improvements have been made to the lounge and bar areas. Come see!

Do you have a wedding, shower, graduation or another special occasion and need a venue? We offer a grand ballroom or if you need a space a little more intimate, we have the Pavillion. Please contact Tammy Hahn in our office (330) 792-7973 to secure your date. You do not have to be a member to rent our facilities.

Please check our website: YOSAXONCLUB.COM or our Facebook Page for information or other events.

**Your personal mission statement:
How to get what you want out of life**

If you don't know where you're going, you probably won't get there. You've probably heard that before, but how do you know where you should be going?

Thinking about and writing a personal mission statement gives you a clear purpose, a basis for defining all of your activities, who you are and what you're about.

In her book, *The Path: Creating Your Mission Statement for Work and Life* (Hyperion), Laurie Beth Jones, a leadership trainer, says thinking about your mission statement will change the way you view everything.

The statement should be short

**CLEVELAND SAXON
DANCE GROUP**
By Grace Botsch

As we begin a new year, we extend our sincere gratitude to our outgoing officers for their dedication and contributions to the success of our dance group. Their leadership has strengthened our community and helped preserve our traditions. We are also pleased to welcome our incoming officers for 2026. As follows, President Amanda Donnellan, Vice President Geoffrey Wittine, Treasurer Ema Litschel, and Secretary Grace Botsch. I am honored to join the board as the incoming Secretary, and I look forward to supporting the group throughout the year ahead.

Our 16th Annual Chili Cookoff will take place on Saturday, March 14th, and we encourage everyone to join us for this fun and flavorful event. Those wishing to enter their chili may email csdg7001@yahoo.com, and all entrants will receive free admission. Prizes will be awarded to the top chilis based on attendee ballots, so bring your best recipe or your appetite. Tickets may be purchased through our Cheddar Up link at my.cheddarup.com/c/16th-annual-chili-cookoff-cleveland-saxon-dance or from any dance group member.

Looking ahead, please save the date for Trachtenball on May 2nd, one of our most cherished annual celebrations of music, dance, and heritage. In preparation for the upcoming season, we are officially back to practice. We are currently meeting every other Friday until March, at which point we will return to weekly practices.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable year together!

and to the point. You should be able to say it to yourself immediately. For example, Abraham Lincoln's mission was to preserve the union. FDR's mission was the end the war. The statement should be easily understood.

Your job is not your mission; jobs change. Your role is not, because being a mother, for example, is not a mission. Everything people do has an impact on other people, so every mission is important.

Consider what inspires you, what your vision of yourself may be, and what your resources are. Then write your mission statement and live it each day. Remember that missions evolve. You can change yours.

**Join us for the
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's
16th Annual
Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**

**Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, OH**

Saturday March 14, 2026

**Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
with chili tasting beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Tickets = \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door

**Contact any Dance Group member
for tickets or purchase online at:
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/16th-annual-chili-cookoff-cleveland-saxon-dance>**

**Includes admission, three chili samples,
accompaniments and desserts
Additional chili samples \$1 each
A cash bar will be available,
as well as the opportunity to
take a chance on various raffle items!**



**Please contact us via email at
csdg7001@yahoo.com with questions
or if you would like to enter
a chili for judging in the contest.
Registered contestants will be admitted
to the event free of charge
and prizes will be awarded to the top
scoring entrants based on
ballots cast by attendees.**

**Don't have a retirement plan?
Call the ATS today!**

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Rd**

**PORK & KRAUT DINNER
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
\$12.00**

**TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN
PUBLIC WELCOME**

**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.



The revival of full-fat dairy

In a groundbreaking shift, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) released the dietary guidelines that mark a significant reset in federal nutrition policy, prioritizing full-fat options, including whole milk, yogurt, and cheese, recommending three servings per day for a 2,000-calorie diet, adjusted for individual needs.

This departure from decades of low-fat advocacy reflects evolving science that suggests not all fats are equal, and promoting dairy as a cornerstone of healthy eating patterns.

Whole milk is prioritized because it provides essential healthy fats without added sugars. Unlike low-fat versions, which often compensate with sugars or processing, full-fat dairy retains its natural composition, making it more satiating and beneficial for long-term health. Nutritionally, whole milk and full-fat dairy offer high-quality protein for muscle maintenance, vitamins like A and D for immune and bone health, and minerals such as calcium and potassium for heart and skeletal function. Research links full-fat dairy to reduced weight gain, neutral or lower risk of heart disease, and decreased childhood obesity, challenging fears of saturated fats. For children, it's crucial for energy needs and brain development, with guidelines advising a switch to whole milk at 12 months.

Full-fat dairy's importance extends beyond basics—its fats aid in absorbing fat-soluble vitamins, promote gut health through natural probiotics in yogurt, and contribute to a balanced microbiome. By incorporating full-fat dairy, Americans can achieve better satiety. However, moderation is key. The guidelines recommend saturated fat limit of 10 percent of calories.



**TSBA
BOWLING
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1. Holiday Inn Express Salem
5 miles to Salem Saxon Club - 10 Min,
2 miles to Hunt Club Lanes-5 min.
240 North Cunningham Road
Salem, Ohio 44460
(330) 408-9119; Fax (330) 337-8875
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King @ Rate \$129.00-10 Rooms blocked;
Doubles @ \$139.00 - 15 Rooms blocked.
Reserve by 18 March 2026 for April 18, 2026.
Use Group Code ATS

2. The Stables Inn & Suites
at Timberlanes Complex
4 miles to Salem Saxon Club - 10 Min;
1 mile to Hunt Club Lanes -5 Min.
544 East Pershing Street
Salem, Ohio 44460
(234)567-4761; fax (234) 567-4689
website-http://www.timberlanescomplex.com
King @ \$127.00- 3 Rooms blocked;
Queen @ \$93.00- 12 rooms blocked;
2 full beds @ \$110.00-6 rooms blocked.
Reserve by 3 April 2026
for Friday/Saturday April 17/18 2026
Use Group Promo Code- ATS417

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



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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Volunteers are needed to
work the fish fries and donate cakes.
Please contact Chris Phillis at (330) 853-8834.

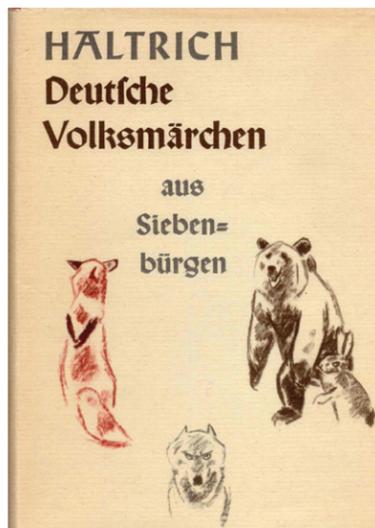
A primary goal of my work with the ATS is to organize and catalog the ATS library collection with the aim of making it easily accessible to our membership. This work is underway and will take several months to complete, as we are in possession of over one thousand books, journals, and magazines. I'll be providing updates in the Volksblatt as the project progresses.

You can help in this effort, too. The ATS is happy to receive donations such as books, handcrafts, manuscripts, photos, etc. which pertain to our Saxon heritage and can be included in the collection. Please feel free to contact me by email at Eric@ATSaxons.com if you have any questions about the library and archives, or if you're interested in donating. Thank you!

This week I'd like to share a short folk tale I came across while cataloging. The tale is called *Der Fuchs und der Bär* (*The Fox and the Bear*), and it comes from a well-known collection of folk tales published 170 years ago by the Saxon author, teacher, and folklorist Josef Haltrich (1822-1886). Haltrich was born in Sächsisch-Regen, northern Transylvania, where he first began his studies. At the age of 14, the young Haltrich moved to Schässburg, studying at the Gymnasium Schässburg - a school which now bears his name. After finishing there, he attended the University of Leipzig, Germany. In 1856, Haltrich published his most famous work, *Deutsche Volksmärchen aus dem Sachsenlande in Siebenbürgen* (*German Folk Tales from the Saxon Lands in Transylvania*). *The Fox and the Bear* is a very short, humorous tale. It's an example of an "origin story" in which some feature of the animal world is given a fictional explanation for how it came to be - like, "How the giraffe got its neck", or "Why the robin's chest is orange". I've included both the original German text and an English translation. I hope you enjoy!

Der Fuchs und der Bär

Der Fuchs und der Bär hatten einmal großen Durst. Da sprach der Fuchs: "Ich weiß in einem Keller guten Wein, willst du, so gehen wir in der Abenddämmerung hin und holen ihn." Dem Bären war das ganz recht, und als es Abend wurde, gingen sie hin. Damals aber hatte dieser auch einen so langen, ja noch einen längeren Schwanz als der Fuchs - und warum sollte er ihn auch nicht gehabt haben, er ist ja größer und stärker? - "Gevatter, Ihr seid stark!" sprach der Fuchs, "lasset Euren Zagel zum Kellerfenster hinein, dann keule ich die Spitze fest ins Fassloch ein und Ihr zieht das Fass hinaus!" So geschah es; als aber der Fuchs fertig war, rief er: "Nun wartet, bis ich hinauskomme, dass ich auch ziehen helfe", und sprang hinaus. "Nun drauflos jetzt, Gevatter!" Der Bär zog, dass er kein Leben hatte, doch das Kellerfenster war zu klein,



und das Fass ging nicht hinaus, aber bei seiner gewaltigen Kraft brach der Bär die Mauer mit dem Fasse durch. Das gab ein fürchterliches Gerumpel. Der Wirt im Hause erwachte, sah hinaus und rief seine Leute gleich zusammen; sie eilten mit Stangen und Stöcken hinaus dem Bären und Fuchs nach, diese waren schon im Feld, der Fuchs voran, der Bär mit dem Fass Wein am Zagel hinterher. Als aber über einen Graben sprang, fiel das schwere Fass hinunter und nahm ihm ein Stück vom Zagel mit, doch war er froh, dass er vor den Nacheilenden in den nahen Wald entkommen konnte. Seit der Zeit hat der Bär einen Stumpfschwanz.

The Fox and the Bear

The fox and the bear were once very thirsty. The fox said, "I know of a cellar with good wine. If you like, we can go there at dusk and fetch it." The bear agreed, and when evening came, they went.

At that time, however, the bear had a tail that was as long, if not longer than the fox's. And why shouldn't he have, since he was bigger and stronger?

"My friend, you are strong!" said the fox to the bear, "put your tail through the cellar window, then I'll press the tip firmly into the barrel hole, and you pull the barrel out!" And so the bear did.

When the fox was finished, he called to the bear, "Now wait til I come out, so I can help pull." And the fox sprung from the house.

"Now! Go for it, my friend!" The bear pulled with all his might, but the cellar window was too small, and the barrel would not pass through. But with his tremendous strength, the bear broke down the wall, pulling the barrel out.

There was a terrible rumble. The landlord of the house woke up and looked outside. He quickly called his people together. Carrying poles and sticks, they rushed out after the fox and the bear who were now already off in the field. The fox ran ahead. The bear followed with the barrel of wine still attached to his tail. But when he jumped over a ditch, the heavy barrel fell and took a piece of his tail with it. The bear was glad though. He had escaped his pursuers into the nearby forest.

Ever since that time, the bear has had a stubby tail.

Dracula is so German: New insights into Bram Stoker's horror novel

In April 2025, the German daily newspaper DIE WELT published an article that caused quite a stir in literary circles. Berlin-based media and language expert Björn Akstinat took in this article for the first time an in-depth look at the German elements of Bram Stoker's horror novel „Dracula“. Many literary scholars have already studied Stoker's work, but they failed to recognize the significant role of these elements and, if they did, only mentioned them in passing. Akstinat is the first to explicitly point out that Stoker has Count Dracula speak German in his novel. But that's not all: The newspaper article demonstrates the significant role the German language plays in the world-famous work of the Irish-British author. This is primarily due to the vampire's chosen residence. In his 1897 novel, Stoker has Count Dracula reside in a castle in German-speaking Transylvania. At that time, Transylvania was not part of Romania, but rather within the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The region's most important cities today, such as Sibiu (Hermannstadt), Cluj-Napoca (Klausenburg), Mediaş (Mediasch), Braşov (Kronstadt), and Bistriţa (Bistritz), were all founded by Germans. At the beginning of the novel, the London lawyer Jonathan Harker travels via Munich to Transylvania to meet Count Dracula. For the Transylvanian towns near Dracula's castle mentioned in the original English text, Bram Stoker exclusively chose the German names such as Bistritz or Klausenburg instead of the Romanian names Bistriţa and Cluj-Napoca, which were already in common use at the time. In addition to choosing German city names, Stoker also has Jonathan Harker stay in a hotel with a German name and staff: „It was on the dark side of twilight when we got to Bistritz, which is a very interesting old place. . . . Count Dracula had directed me to go to the Golden Krone Hotel . . . I was evidently

expected, for when I got near the door I faced a cheery-looking elderly woman . . . When I came close she bowed and said, „The Herr Englishman?“ – „Yes,“ I said, „Jonathan Harker.“ “The character Harker says in one of the first paragraphs of the book: „I found my smattering of German very useful here; indeed, I don't know how I should be able to get on without it.“ He is able to converse with all the locals in Transylvania in German as the story progresses. Count Dracula's coachman, who picks up Jonathan Harker at the Borgo Pass in the Carpathian Mountains east of Bistritz, also speaks perfect German: „The driver said in excellent German: „The night is chill, mein Herr, and my master the Count bade me take all care of you.“ “ Akstinat points out for the first time that the coachman is revealed later in the novel to be Count Dracula himself. This means that the vampire of all vampires has an excellent command of Goethe's language. No other literary study is known to have so clearly highlighted these sensational details. Bram Stoker knew Germany through his travels and revered the musical genius Richard Wagner. His love for German culture is probably the reason why he has several characters speak German, quotes a German poem in its original form, and initially intended to set the entire beginning of the novel in Bavaria and Austria. Thanks to Björn Akstinat, who has already published several specialist books on the international relevance of the German language (www.imh-verlag.de), we now know about the numerous German elements in this piece of world literature.

This article by Susann Niros was published in German in the „Siebenbürgische Zeitung“ at the turn of the year 2025/26: <https://www.siebenbuerger.de/zeitung/artikel/kultur/26725-so-deutsch-ist-dracula-neue.html>

**Besseres kann kein Volk vererben,
Als der eigenen Väter Brauch.
Wenn des Volkes Bräuche sterben,
Stirbt des Volkes Seele auch.**

**No people can inherit better things,
As the customs of their own fathers.
When the people's customs die,
The soul of the people also dies.**

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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Mike had gone to work at Kulp Bros. Block Co as a bricklayer. He enjoyed the work and was making a good wage. Rosie would find work taking care of their children and his brother's children. John Farr's wife worked so Rosie would take care of their 3 children and their children, Mike and Rosie. Rosie worked hard and Mike would work overtime in order to make more money.

John's house did not have a basement under his kitchen. He told Mike if you build me a basement I will pay 60 cents an hour. Mike worked hard. He would dig by hand and throw the dirt out through a window. After that, he would go out and pile the dirt in a wheelbarrow and dump it around the backyard. After work during the day and dinner, Mike would work on the basement until dark.

There was an older neighbor, Henry Pfeifer, that saw Mike working so hard. He told Mike that he worked so hard. Mike said, "If you want to live you had to work hard!" He told Mike if you are going to work so hard why don't you buy yourself a house? Mike said, "With what? I haven't got any money." Mr. Pfeifer was extremely nice and said, "If you want to buy a house, I will loan you \$800." Mike said, "That is so nice, would you really do that?" He said, "I would do today, tomorrow or any day you would like."

America was proving to be good for Mike and Rosie. They bought their first house in America at 716 South Fifth Street. They would pay \$3,00.00 for the house. This was done in February 1924. He bought the house on a land contract and would pay George Hoffman monthly. They didn't even have a chair for the house, so they bought some chairs from an older gentleman on Kossuth.

Mike was called into Harry Kulp's office. Mr. Kulp told Mike he had a guy, Charlie Gantz, that wanted a foundation built. He told Mike this guy is extremely particular, so you have to do a really good job. Mike told him he would do his best.

Mike didn't have a car so Mike would use the streetcar. Mike took his sack with tools, a mortar hoe, shovel and two buckets. He stood on the rear platform with all his tools and equipment. Mike did the job himself. At night he would cover up his tools and go home on the streetcar (if that was today, I am afraid his tools would be gone before the next day). After much scrutiny and many discussions with Mr. Gantz, Mike got the job done. Mike was pleasantly surprised that Mr. Gantz was extremely happy with Mike's work. Mr. Kulp would give Mike another job.

Mike wanted to work with his brothers George and John, but they were afraid they wouldn't have enough work. Mike ended up calling a friend, John Alzner. John was an

insurance man and had a car. Also, John wasn't making much money. Mike told John he had made \$56.00 building Mr. Gantz foundation. John jumped at the opportunity. They made an agreement on how to split what they would earn. Mike bought a wheelbarrow and they would load the tools in John's car.

Their first job was a muddy mess. Mike was pretty sure he would not see John the next day. John showed up early the next morning, ready to go. John was hard working and he and Mike would work together for another six years. John would make \$85-90 a job and Mike would make \$95-100. They would work 10-12 days, six days a week. Mike would work for Kulp for 19 years.

Work was not the only thing going in Mike and Rosie's life. The family was growing. They were living in the one-bedroom house on Fifth Street. It was Mike, Rosie, Mike (9 years old) and Rosie (7 years old). In 1924 Evelyn was born and in 1928 Hilda was born. Rosie told Mike we need a bigger house. In addition to the growing family, Rosie had medical problems in 1925 and needed surgery. Rosie told Mike he was going to have to take care of the children while she was in the hospital. Mike told Rosie not to worry, that he would take care of the children and she just needed to worry about getting better and coming home to Mike. His brother George's wife would take care of the children. After a week and half, Rosie was able to come home.

In 1928, they bought a nice big house at 761 Gilbert Street for \$6,750.00. Because the house was so big they needed to buy extra new furniture. Everything was going along so good and then the work stopped all of a sudden. This was 1929. They were \$ 6,000 in debt and the depression came. Mike had to pay \$ 40.00 a month. He could only afford to pay \$ 30-35. Buckeye Federal raised his interest rate to 7%. Mike got angry and went to the bank and argued about the high interest. They told him if he paid what he was in arrears, they drop the interest rate again. Mike said he would do anything, if they had any work he would do whatever they wanted. The officers at the bank told him they had nothing for him. Mike went to Franklin Federal. Mr. Kaiser gave Mike a loan for \$ 3,000 for the house on Gilbert at a 5% rate. Mike had nothing to do with Buckeye Building and Loan. In 1933, the work started up again, and Mike would work 10-12 hour days and even more. In 1937, Mike's hard work paid off, and he was able to pay off his mortgage.

Mike's troubles were not completely over. They still owned the house on 716 Fifth Street, which they were renting. The renter paid the first and second-month payments, then

stopped paying. Mike had to move them out. Before he could move them out, they tore up the wallpaper and damaged the house. The guy was even so disgusting he pooped in the upstairs register. Mike had a lot of trouble with that house. He tried to sell the house for \$ 2,000 but nobody wanted to buy it. Their son Michael got married to Helen, and Mike fixed up the house and they would move in. That was in 1945, and it looks like most of their problems were over.

After Mike paid off the house on Gilbert in 1937, he saved all he could and in 1942 they bought a house on Grebus Road. They wanted to move out of the city and buy a quiet place and live out their days.

World War II started in 1941. The work had been good and they were able to pay off the 5-acre place on Grebus Road. They wanted to build a house big enough to live with one of their children. They asked Mike and Helen, but they did not want to live in the country. Next, they asked Rosie and her husband, but they didn't want to live in the country, either. Mike got upset no one wanted to live with them, so he told Rosie (wife), "Tell the kids we are going to build a small house and nobody can come down!" Finally, Evelyn and Paul (Roth) said, "Mom and Pop, we'll come down and live with you." So, they built the house in 1947, where they would live with Evelyn and Paul. Mike and Rosie lived in a front bedroom behind the porch.

Rosie said, "Mike you know we are getting older, and if the young people have a party we will just be in the way." They would build a house, and as time passed, they would make additions to the house. The house didn't have a basement so Paul would dig a basement. Paul, Evelyn's husband did all of the block-laying and cement work. In 1955, Mike and Rosie moved to 4722 Grebus Road.

Going back a little in history on the first house on Grebus Road. When they bought it in 1942, it was full of thorns and bushes. Mike cleaned everything and burned it. He built a cave and a bridge across the creek. In 1946, they would have a double wedding. Rosie and Charles Wharton, and Evelyn and Paul Roth got married. They had a big wedding reception at the Croation Hall on Reeb Avenue. Everyone had plenty to drink and eat, and a good time was had by all.

In 1950, Hilda and Dick Kautz got married. Mike's little house was done but Hilda and Dick wanted their own place, so they didn't want to move in with Mike and Rosie. Hilda and Dick moved into their new house on Medford Road.

Mike and Rosie had many, many twists and turns, and challenges in their lives that began in Weillau, Transylvania. They faced wars, separations, hardships, challenges, difficult journeys and wonderful

times. Through it all they preserved against all odds and would travel to America to build wonderful lives for themselves, their children, their children's families and generations to follow. They never lost sight of what made this all happen; unwavering love, hard work and desire to achieve their goals regardless of the adversities they faced at every turn in life. I enjoyed learning about Michael Farr. I am not sure, but I think I counted at least five languages Michael knew and the cleverness he demonstrated in many situations. We hope you enjoyed the life story of Michael and Rosie Farr.

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 HUMOR (Compliments from Sara Alzner Brown)

A country doctor wanted to skip work and go hunting, so he told his janitor:

"Buddy, I'm going huntin'tomorrow. Watch the clinic for me and take care of the patients. I'll give you \$50."

"Yessir!" Buddy replied. The next day, the doctor comes back and ask, "How'd it go Buddy?" Buddy grins and says, "Three patients; First one had a headache, I gave him Tylenol."

"Bravo! And the second?" "Stomachache, I gave him Maalox."

"Excellent and the third?"

"Well, Doc, I was having a smoke when this lady came rushing in. She took off her clothes, everything. She laid on the table screaming, 'HELP ME, I haven't seen a man in over two years!'"

The doctor gasped and said, "Good Heavens, Buddy, what did you do?"

Buddy said, "I put drops in her eyes so she could see!" (Hahaha, you weren't expecting that)

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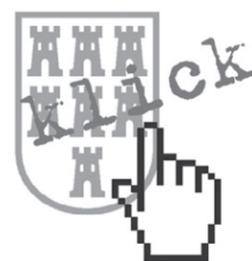
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