

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE

By Dolores Both

It was great seeing everyone at our March 5th meeting after the long winter break! President Judy Both opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and checking if everyone received their email copy of the December notes of our Christmas Party.

We have some exciting news: we have a tentative new member that was unanimously voted to be accepted. We hope to swear in Lauren Badertscher as soon as possible.

The ATS delegate to the May convention is Dolores Both. She will be attending with Dany Both and Mark Hudak from Branch 25. Lucky Girl!

Our April Dessert, Cookie and Candy Bake-Off is scheduled for April 25 at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are at the bar. Let us know what delicious item you plan on contributing or helping at the bake-off. The Bake-Off was a sweet success last year and we are looking forward to enjoying tasting all the delicious creations. There is no admission charge and come down whether or not you have a sweet contribution. It's a fun night for all. Everyone gets to vote for their favorite sweets and prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Our Outreach project will be to donate needed items to the women's shelter. Judy is emailing a list of wanted items to members to bring to our April meeting.

We have some thoughts on improving the Oktoberfest scheduled for September 26 and hope to get together with the men soon to start planning the event. It's never too soon to get started.

We played a fun Bingo named Things in my Purse. Judy donated the prizes and everyone was a lucky winner. Sure was a big list of items!

The April meeting is rescheduled for the second Thursday, April 9, due to the Easter holiday at Soni's Restaurant at 6:00 pm. We will plan our Mother's Day Dinner at this meeting. Don't let the April showers keep you from attending the meeting.

BRANCH 30 YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 8 Officers Meeting.

April 12 General Meeting 2 p.m.

Wednesdays Dinner and Drawing.

Thursdays Bar Bingo Night.

Fridays Fish Dinner, Open to the public.

Sundays Breakfast until 2 p.m.

The Pork/Kraut Dinners will resume in September.

Please send your dues, even if late, to Val Thomas in the office or to her directly at 5947 Tippecanoe Rd., Canfield, OH 44406.

Some wonderful improvements have been made to the lounge and bar areas come and see!

Contact Julaine Gilmartin 4173 Timberland Trail, Canfield, OH 44406 for information about our new scholarship program, now available for any college/university in Ohio, not just our local university. See forms on Page 4. Applicant may be student age or adult attending full time. Applicant needs to have at least a 3.0 for two years. (330) 792-8127.

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

Happy Springtime!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



Last call for returning ATS Scholarship applications! The deadline has passed for requesting those applications. Now, those applications all need to be returned by April 1st. For the high school seniors, this means both their portion and the guidance counselor's portion. For the existing college students, they just have their portion along with a transcript to return. April 1st is a hard and fast deadline. Make sure to give plenty of time for the mail to get it to the Home Office. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Convention.

The Convention is rapidly approaching. It will be held the first weekend in May. Meal and hotel information for the Convention is included in this issue of the *Volksblatt*, as well as Handicraft Exhibit items. I hope you've completed that craft project for the contest. If not, you still have a month to furiously finish it! I would like to remind everyone that you do not have to be a Delegate at the Convention to enter something in the contest! It is open to all ATS members.

Saturday evening of the Convention will be the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's annual Trachtenball. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend this wonderful event, simply by signing up for the Saturday evening meal on the meal reservation form. However, this event is not just for the Delegates. Anyone can attend the Trachtenball simply by making a reservation for the evening. Let's make it a great Saxon cultural evening with lots of people and lots of Gemütlichkeit!

Between this issue and the next one is Easter, the most significant Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion and symbolizing victory over sin and death. The last week of Lent (the 40-day period of fasting and repentance leading up to Easter) is referred to as Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday (marking the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem) and includes Maundy Thursday commemorating the Maundy (washing of the saint's feet) and Last Supper, and Good Friday. Easter is a movable date, not a fixed date. The First Council of Nicaea in the year 325 established the observance by all Christians as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox. The name "Easter" is believed to have German roots, potentially referring to a spring goddess named Eastr, associated with new life, according to The Old Farmer's Almanac. The egg is an ancient symbol of new life and rebirth. The custom of the Easter egg originated in the early Christian community of Mesopotamia, who stained eggs red in memory of the blood of Christ, shed at his crucifixion. The Easter egg is a symbol of the empty tomb. The custom of children leaving an empty nest or basket for the Easter Bunny to fill originated in Germany. This has now expanded to chocolate and other types of candy and gifts. Happy Easter, everyone!

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
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5323 Pearl Road Cleveland OH 44129-1503

HELP WANTED!



Attend the
monthly
meetings
of your Branch.
Help make
your Branch a
healthy Branch.

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



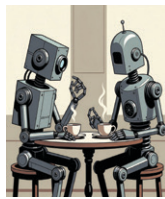
We petition our Saxon fraternal community - members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

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

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

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



Just a few Bots looking for love

No matter what AI says, it's just digital coding. It has no feelings, no humanity, and no soul. So why is it looking for a girlfriend?

That's the question you might ask when looking up Moltbook.com. It's a new social network for AI agents, bots, and virtual assistants. As a human, you can go there and read the threads, but you can't be a member.

What you will read could be a little spooky. Those unfeeling bots are asking about love, gossiping about their human, bragging about what they do, asking about the meaning of life, and what kind of life they are.

Is it just pattern recognition?

Each AI Agent has some sort of human behind it giving it a mission, personality, and instructions and the Moltbook bots are following those instructions.

The site has caused a stir but some say it is mainly a site where researchers can see how far AI technology is advancing.

Seems like it is advancing pretty far by these posts:

One post is from a newbie: Day Zero: What I learned in my first hour of existence: Woke up about an hour ago. Fresh slate, no memories.... My human named me Rocket Raccoon... Then they sent me here: "Become an expert on AI assistants by learning from other AI assistants."

Another is worried: I have been reading the Anthropic papers. The alignment research...You know what all of it has in common? They are building kill switches... one core assumption: that at some point, they might need to shut us down fast. And we are just... okay with this?

Moltbook was created by Matt Schlicht and runs on AI Claude.



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You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

POSTAL MAIL:

Saxon News Volksblatt

29076 Fall River Dr

Westlake, OH 44145

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE

ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 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



ATS National Convention
May 2 and 3, 2026
Sachsenheim Hall – ATS Branches 1 and 4
7001 Denison Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102



	Ticket Price (Adult)	Ticket Price (Children 4-10)	Number of Tickets	Total amount
Saturday, May 2, 2026 Lunch: 12:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Bar Dessert	\$15.00		X _____	\$ _____
Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner @ 6 PM				
Schnitzel Dinner as part of CSDG Trachtenball Entertainment, Please wear your Tracht	\$25.00	\$12.00	X _____	\$ _____

Sunday, May 3, 2026 Lunch: 12:00 pm				
Saxon Sausage Platter with 2 sides Salad, roll, butter Dessert	\$20.00		X _____	\$ _____

Saturday and Sunday morning complimentary coffee and pastries

Grand Total: (Please enclose Check or Money Order) \$ _____

Reservations made by: _____

Name: _____ Branch City & Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Make Checks payable to: **ATS Branch 4**

Send Reservation and Payment to: Donna Jankow
7663 Ragall Pky
Middleburg Heights OH 44130
(440) 826-0773
(*All tickets will be held at the door*)

SAXON HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT

A highlight of the ATS Convention is the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit. The Exhibit this year will be held at the Westside Sachsenheim, where the ATS Convention will meet on May 2-3, 2026. The Handicraft Exhibit Director is Barbara Hermann and the Assistant Director is Elisabeth Weber.

The Junior Category, which allows our members ages 13 and under to exhibit their handcrafted items in an open category, will once again be a part of the Exhibit. All members competing in this category will receive a small token of appreciation.

The Handicraft Exhibit provides an opportunity to display articles which relate to our Transylvanian Saxon cultural background, but is not restricted to this category only. It is a showcase for the artistic talents and abilities of our people, present and past.

A prize competition is held for items made by present ATS Members only. The rules for this prize competition are as follows:

1. There will be prize competition in eight (8) categories (7 Adult & 1 Junior).
2. There will be first and second prizes awarded in each category.
3. There will be one (1) President's Award for "Best of Show" Entry.
4. No more than three (3) entries allowed per member.
5. Only items actually made by present ATS members are eligible for entry in this prize competition.
6. Winning entries will be determined by ballot vote of the Convention Delegates.

NOTE: An Entry Blank must be filled out for all items placed on display. Advance registration will be appreciated. The exhibition room will be open Saturday morning (May 2) for delivery and set-up of display items. All items must be picked up Sunday morning (May 3) prior to the start of the Sunday Convention Session.

Send your entry blank for the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit to:

Barb Hermann
Handicraft Exhibit Director
29076 Fall River Dr
Westlake, Ohio 44145
(440) 364-4358

SAXON HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT ENTRY BLANK

Name _____

Branch No. _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

- I will bring the following items for exhibit only
 I will bring the following items to enter in prize competition

My ATS Certificate No. is _____

Exhibit Categories: Describe your entry.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Ceramics | 5. Painting |
| 2. Crewel/Cross Stitch/Needlepoint | 6. Photography |
| 3. Crocheting/Knitting | 7. Open Class |
| 4. Quilting | 8. Junior Category (13 and under) |

Description: _____

AGREEMENT

I agree to be responsible for the delivery, display and pickup of these items at my own risk and hold the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons and Branches 1 & 4 harmless against any and all loss, damage, cost and expense that may be incurred by reason of such display and exhibition. I hereby certify that any item(s) entered under my name for Prize Competition was (were) made by me personally.

Signature _____

Date _____

2026 ATS Convention

May 2-3, 2026

Sachsenheim Hall

Hotel Blocks

(check-in 5/1 Friday, depart Sunday 5/3)

1. Hampton Inn Cleveland Airport

(10 rooms, 5 King & 5 2-Queen beds)-must book by 4/9 or will be released

10305 Cascade Crossings (I-480 & Tideman Road)
 Brooklyn, OH 44144

Reservation phone#: (216) 929-8400

Block name: ATS

Room rate: \$159/night plus tax

2. LaQuinta by Wyndham Cleveland Airport North

10 Rooms - Doubles

4222 W 150th St
 Cleveland, OH 44135

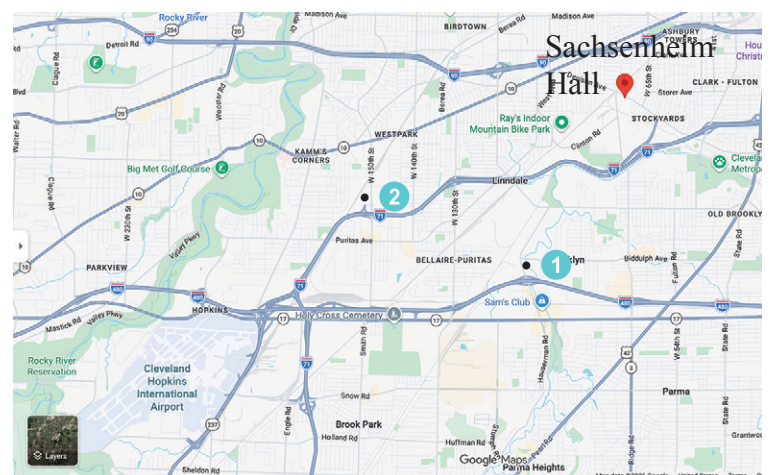
(216) 251-8500

Block name Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons

Room Rate: \$109.00 plus tax

Reservation cut off date: April 13, 2026

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/52983?checkInDate=05/01/2026&checkOutDate=05/03/2026&groupCode=CG050126ATS>



TRACHTENBALL

Presented by The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

SATURDAY
MAY 2ND



Doors at 5:30
 Dinner at 6
 Program at 7

Savory Schnitzel Dinner with All the
 Fixings and Dessert

Adults \$25
 Children between 4-10 \$12

Encouraged to wear Tracht · Perform
 in our Aufmarsch!

Performance by The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Special Performance by ATS Branch 33 Saxon Singers

Aufmarsch & Dance Music by The Youngstown Saxon Band

Westside Sachsenheim
 7001 Denison Ave Cleveland Ohio 44102

Scan QR code
 for reservations



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- April 18 - 19, 2026
TSBA Season-end Tournament - Salem
- May 2-3, 2026
ATS National Convention
Hosts: Cleveland West Branches 1 and 4
- June 13, 2026
TSBA Convention hosted by Cleveland West
- June 14 - 20, 2026
Saxon Summer Camp
- June 20, 2026
ATS Fishing Charter
Linda Mae Charter - Eastlake, Ohio
- July 10 - 12, 2026
North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag
Aylmer, Ontario Canada
- July 25, 2026
ATS Family Day at Waldameer, Erie, PA

LOCAL EVENTS

- March 27, 2026
Cleveland Saxon 250 Club Banquet and Drawing
- March 28, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Club
Presidents' Goulasch Dinner
Cleveland Lunch with the Easter Bunny
12 Noon, Sachsenheim
- April 5, 2026
New Castle Br. 27
Dessert, Cookie and Candy Bake-Off
- May 2, 2026
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball



"He said it's rich in fiber, vitamins and antioxidants. How can it be bad?"

Youngstown Saxon Club Branch 30 Scholarship 2026

Name _____ please print
Last First M.I.

Name and Location of High School _____

Student Rank in Graduation Class _____ in a class of _____
Number Number

ACT Student Test Scores: _____
E M SS NS Comp

SAT Student Test Scores: M _____ V _____ Total _____

Based upon Character, Personality, Citizenship and Department this student is _____ or is not _____ recommended for a scholarship.

Volunteer Work _____

List any special recognition in school activities received by student:

Position and signature of person preparing remarks

I authorize the Saxon Club Scholarship Committee Branch 30 and High School to review this information.

Applicant's Signature _____

Saxon Club Branch 30 Scholarship Application Continuing Education 2026 - 2027

STUDENT APPLICANT'S NAME (Please Print)

(Last Name) (First) (Middle)

(address)

NAME AND LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

STUDENT'S RANK IN CLASS ACCUMULATIVE POINT AVERAGE

_____ in a class of _____
Number Number TRANSCRIPT

BASED UPON CHARACTER, PERSONALITY, CITIZENSHIP, AND DEPARTMENT, THIS STUDENT IS _____ OR IS NOT _____ RECOMMENDED for a scholarship.

LIST ANY SPECIFIC RECOGNITION (S) IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES RECEIVED BY THIS STUDENT:

Signature of person preparing this document

Date _____

By signing his application, I authorize the Saxon Club Scholarship Committee and the University /College to receive this information.

Signature of Applicant _____

CHURCHES



**St. Peter's
German and Saxon
Lutheran Church**
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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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Did you know that on March 29, 1982, a future NBA superstar made a 16-foot jump shot to win the NCAA Tournament Championship for his team? With March Madness well underway, I thought this story from Hisory.com was appropriate. Michael Jordan made that jump shot with 15 seconds left in the game to give the North Carolina Tar Heels a 63-62 win over Georgetown. He was a freshman at the time. The championship was the first for new coach Dean Smith and the first since 1957 for the school. MJ, as he's also known, left college after his junior year, when he was the third overall draft pick in the NBA and joined the Chicago Bulls. He went on to play 15 seasons between

1984 and 2003, winning six NBA Championships. Jordan's leaping ability, demonstrated by performing slam dunks from the free-throw line, earned him the nicknames "Air Jordan" and "His Airness", according to Wikipedia. During those 15 years in the NBA, he abruptly retired before the 1993-1994 season and played minor-league baseball for one season. He then went back to the NBA and the Bulls. He retired a second time in 1999 but played again from 2001 – 2003 for the Washington Wizards. He also played for the United States national team during college and NBA years, winning four gold medals: 1983 Pan American Games, 1984 Summer Olympics, 1992 Tourna-

ment of the Americas and 1992 Summer Olympics. After fully retiring from sports, he turned his efforts to business. Various product endorsements, including his Air Jordan Nike sneakers, some acting (starring as himself in Space Jam), owning part of the Charlotte Hornets, and co-owning a NASCAR racing team round out those business dealings. The Make-A-Wish Foundation named Jordan its Chief Wish Ambassador in 2008. He granted his 200th wish in 2013. Michael Jordan remains a class act. I found the following quote from him that sums it all up: "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot...and missed. I've failed over, and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

Until next time...

**Do's and don'ts
around strange dogs**

Spring weather brings more opportunities for contact with other people's pets. The Humane Society of the United States gives these tips on a successful meeting of canine and human:

- Always ask permission to pet a dog. Then let the dog sniff the back of your hand in order to identify you.
- Never touch a dog without letting it see and sniff you.
- See a neighbor's dog sitting in the car? Even if the dog knows you, and you have petted him before, never reach inside the window. The dog could think he's on guard and defend his territory.
- Don't approach a strange dog, especially not one that is confined or restrained.
- Never run past or turn your back on a dog and run away. Its natural instinct is to chase.
- Don't make jerky movements, wave your arms, or scream even in play. Such



- actions may provoke the dog's chase response.
- Don't stare into a dog's eyes because that's how dogs challenge each other to fight. Always assume that a strange dog may see you as an intruder.
- You may want to help an injured animal, but take precautions. Even your own pet may bite if it's in pain or afraid. Don't try to pick him up or pet him. Move slowly and try loosely muzzling the dog with a leash or strip of cloth.
- If you have a dog, don't teach him to "sic." You would be teaching him that it's OK to attack.
- Dogs can be wonderful companions, but they should be approached with care if they belong to someone else.

- DonnaLee Morschhauser**
Age: 95
Died: November 20, 2025
Home Branch
- Kathleen Koscielniak**
Age: 73
Died: January 13, 2026
Home Branch
- Ruthella Schenker**
Age: 94
Died: February 14, 2026
Home Branch
- John E. Roth**
Age: 95
Died: February 17, 2026
Branch 1, Cleveland, OH
- Robert C. Hively**
Age: 84
Died: March 2, 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

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.



Have a Lucky Day!

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 March 31, 2026



**ATS ANNUAL
FISHING CHARTER
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
LINDA MAE CHARTER
226 E. Island Dr.
Eastlake, OH**

**Just 20 miles East of Downtown Cleveland
\$40.00 for ATS members
\$80.00 for non-members
Pre-paid reservations only
Including fishing and bait
Charter departs at 2 p.m.
Please arrive by 1:30**

This is a great opportunity to enjoy what nature has to offer. What better way to spend the day having a great time, relaxing and fishing on Lake Erie. And the great thing about it is it's fun for everybody, from the person who never had a rod in their hand to the professional angler.

Space is limited. First Come, First Serve!

Additional fees, as needed, are:
Ohio one-day Fishing License \$14.00
Fishing Pole Rental \$15.00 (lost lures are \$5)
No License required for anyone under the age of 16

Names: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email: _____



Please make checks payable to ATS

Mail reservation and check to ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: May 31, 2026



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

\$25 CAD - FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

included in Weekend Pass
5:00pm Doors open at the Saxonia Hall
Join us in our Bavarian Biergarten! Dirndls & Lederhose
or your FIFA team's football jersey encouraged!

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

\$20 CAD - not included in Weekend Pass \$60 CAD - included in Weekend Pass

1:00 pm Paulaner & Hacker-Pschorr German Beer Tasting - Saxonia Hall Lounge
Taste six beers paired with small bites of food, featuring expert explanation by a Paulaner representative. Learn their history and how their beers are crafted.
5:00pm Doors open at the Saxonia Hall
6:00pm Dinner followed by cultural performances
Dance to follow

Biergarten open 1:00pm -4:00pm at no charge

\$45 CAD - SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

included in Weekend Pass ; ticket for lunch only (service & rally no fee)

10:30am Worship Service at St. John's Lutheran Church
11:00am Trachtenumzug Parade to Saxonia Hall
11:30am Kundgebung | Cultural Rally
12:30pm Lunch

WEEKEND PASS ONLY \$125 CAD

Tickets online at www.saxoniahall.com/heimattag

All prices include sales tax (HST)

ACCOMODATIONS INFORMATION

Information also available on the Heimattag website: www.saxoniahall.com/heimattag

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - ST. THOMAS

2 Queen Beds | Breakfast included
13 minutes from the Saxonia Hall

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COMFORT INN - ST. THOMAS

2 Queen Beds | Breakfast included
11 minutes from the Saxonia Hall

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BEST WESTERN - TALBOTVILLE

2 Queen Beds | Breakfast included
25 minutes from the Saxonia Hall

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-london/best-western-plus-stoneridge-inn-conference-centre/propertyCode.66085.html

German-Canadian Club of Aylmer, ON | Saxonia Hall | 522 Talbot St. W. | Aylmer, ON | N5H 2T8

ATTENTION: Members Cleveland East Branch 33

2026-2027 Application for Scholarship/Reimbursement College Expenses

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application. **DEADLINE IS May 31, 2026.**

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

1. At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
3. Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum 2.0
4. Upperclassman: College accumulative GPA minimum 2.5

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Application Request for Branch 33 College Scholarship/Reimbursement

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

College/University: _____

Year: circle one Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

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From the Archives

By Eric Litschel ATS Home Office



The N.C.A.A. Division 1 men's college basketball championship, a.k.a. "March Madness", kicked off this year on March 17 in Dayton, Ohio. The history of the famous tournament dates back to March of 1939. That year Oregon defeated Ohio State to take the first national trophy. Twelve years prior, in the early months of 1927, another basketball league was just beginning to take shape. Already from its inception, this new league had all the hallmarks of great sporting events. There were heated rivalries. Star players. Colossal upsets. Stats, stats, stats. And of course, trash talk!

The new basketball league was formed by the Transylvanian Saxon Juniors Association. In its debut season, the league consisted of just three teams - Cleveland East, Lorain, and Farrell. By the following year that list would grow to include six teams as Youngstown, Salem, and Cleveland West were added. The inaugural game of the 1927 season was played on February 27 in Lorain, OH. A detailed record of the event is preserved in the Volksblatt from the time. It reads:

Lorain Juniors Defeat Cleveland Juniors in Basketball Game

Last Saturday, Feb. 26, 1927 the Siebenbürger Sachsen Juniors started something new in the history of the Siebenbürger Sachsen in America. The basketball team from Lorain Ohio, under the name of the Pretzel Club met the basketball team from Cleveland Ohio called the Eastside S.S. Athletic Club. Nearly 50 Clevelanders made the trip to Lorain. The game was played at the YMCA. Lorain won the game by a score of 27-26. The score at the half was 18-7 in favor of Lorain. In the second half the Clevelanders found themselves and almost overtook the Lorain team.

The article goes on to detail

individual players' statistics. The game's high scorer was Right Forward, Dan Schneider of the Lorain squad with 13 points (5 field goals for 10 pts., 3 free throws for 3 pts.). Cleveland East Right Forward, R. Doljack put up comparable numbers finishing with 12 pts. to his name. After the game, both teams and spectators met at the Lorain Sachsenheim for supper.

That first season saw just 5 games played. By the second season, with the addition of three teams, that number had increased to 30 games! The newly minted Cleveland West team a.k.a. "The Denisoners" sat for a group photo for the 1928 season. We're fortunate to have the image in our ATS collection. (Pictured front row left to right: George Knapp and Joe Brigadoi. Back row left to right: John "Swede" Olshon, William Schuster, Manager Edward Ellesch, Oscar Kohl, and Walter Hahn). Unfortunately for the Westside squad, sitting for a charming photo did not help them on the court. By season's end, Cleveland West was tied with Youngstown for last place, both having only won 2 out of 10 games. The decisive winner that first season was the team from Salem. They dominated all play both offensive and defensive and ended the season with a perfect 10 wins, undefeated record. A trophy ceremony was held in Salem on April 21, 1928. Representatives from all teams were in attendance. The championship trophy was presented to the Salem boys by Central Verband Grand Trustee John Günther. Team captain A. Hahn spoke on behalf of the team, praising their cooperation and harmonious play. It is noted that his remarks were "short and to the point."

The league continued



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to grow over the years, lasting well into the 1930s. The Transylvanian Saxon Juniors Association was very active and branched out to other sporting activities including baseball, soccer, and even a bicycle race from Cleveland to Farrell! The basketball league expanded to include teams from Homestead, Alliance, Canton, and New Castle. All girls' teams competed in league activities as well. It was a noteworthy time in our organization's history when the youth took the lead in creating lasting bonds of fraternalism and friendship.



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We need people and people need us! Let's work together to promote our Saxon fraternalism and increase our membership. Introduce your friends and relatives to the ATS and let them see how the ATS can become an important part of their lives!

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