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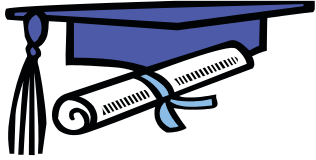
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President

Happy Birthday, America! Wow, 250 years old! Whether you yourself traveled to America to become a citizen or your parents or grandparents did before you, be thankful that we are living in the greatest nation on earth. Independence Day should serve as a reminder of the freedoms that we enjoy on a daily basis. When you think about how this "new" nation was formed 250 years ago, it really is impressive how the forefathers drafted the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, and how their insight into procedures and checks and balances that was so important then, is still important today. God Bless America!

It's hard to believe, but two of our ATS summer events are already over. Saxon Summer Camp had 10 children attending, coming from Cleveland East and West and New Castle. Margie Ziegler, Chairperson of the Youth Activities Committee, and I went to Camp Frederick on Thursday, June 18th to visit with the young campers and have our little "Saxon night". We sang Siebenbürgen, in German, while reviewing the English translation. Next was the traditional picture-taking with the youngsters wearing the Saxon Church Coats. It sure seemed like all of them were having a great time.

Next up was the ATS Fishing Charter on Saturday, June 20th. A total of 16 men and women went out on a choppy Lake Erie for an afternoon of breezy winds, sun, and walleye. Members came from the Cleveland East, Ellwood City, Salem, and Alliance Branches. Even though not everyone caught something, a good time was had by all. Plenty of fish went home and I understand that some good eating was the result of the hard work. I even had one person send me their recipe for breading and frying. Thank you!

Next up on the summer schedule is the Jugendlager. As I write this, our two participants and the group leader are busy packing their suitcases. Their flight is on Thursday, June 25th, and I'll be meeting them at the airport to see them off.

After that, is the Heimattag in Aylmer, Canada on July 10 - 12th (hope you reserved your hotel and meals) and then ATS Family Day at Waldameer Amusement Park and Water World. Both of these are well-attended events and a great way to mix and mingle with Saxons from other Branches.

Did you know that on July 3, 1775, George Washington rode out in front of the American troops gathered at Cambridge common in Massachusetts, drew his sword, and formally took command of the Continental Army? According to History.com, Washington was a prominent Virginia planter and veteran of the French and Indian War. He was appointed commander in chief by the Continental Congress two weeks earlier. While agreeing to serve the American colonies in the war for independence, he declined to accept payment

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Attention Heimattag Bus Travelers

The bus will be leaving the
Youngstown Saxon Club
on Friday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m.

We will be leaving the
ATS Home Office in Cleveland
at 10:30 a.m.

Tentative return time
in Cleveland on
Sunday, July 12th is 7:30 p.m.
and 9:15 p.m. in Youngstown

Don't forget to make
your meal reservations
and bring your passport!

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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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.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

Branch 33's most recent meeting was held on June 10th; we started the evening with Party Tray supper.

Eric Litschel did a great presentation on the ATS Archives and Library he is organizing at the Home Office in Cleveland. So interesting and pleased to hear about all the historical documents, photos, and Saxon items available.

President Margie Ziegler talked about a new ATS Youth Activity scheduled for October; we look forward to having our Junior members attend; stay tuned for details. Br. 33 welcomes Mora Ziegler, moving up from Junior to Adult member.

We remember in our thoughts & prayers many members who have been 'under the weather', including Holly Prankas, Debbie Lange, Pam Bonnett, Joan Blaha, Karen Bretz, Bette Schmidt.

New Business presented:
• Bowling Convention June 13, the session schedule will be set, watch Volksblatt for dates.

• Branch 33 Annual **Summer Picnic** is August 9 at Penitentiary Glen. Reservations required, call Arline Suts (440) 867-6103. Information is also in Volksblatt ad. Catered BBQ dinner, Games, Gemütlichkeit; We look forward to seeing you!
• **Clambake** planned for September 26, Messiah Lutheran Church. Further info in future articles.

Remember **NOMEETINGS** in July and August. Next business meeting will be September 9th. Hope to see many members at Heimattag in Canada, Waldameer Park, then our Picnic... have a safe and wonderful summer!



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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, JULY 8, 2026	FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026	FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026	FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 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

ATTENTION: Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2026-2027 Application for
Bill and Sue Foisel Scholarship/Reimbursement
for Part Time College Expenses

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.
DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 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

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name: _____

DEADLINE IS July 15, 2026:
 Mail to: Karyn Schmidt
 4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

BILL AND SUE FOISEL VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP
(TUITION REIMBURSEMENT)
For Branch 33 Members

Branch 33 members are invited to apply for 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. Awards of up to \$1,000 are available.

Applicants for this scholarship must be a Branch 33 member in good standing, with a minimum of two (2) years' continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of July 31. Applicants can be a high school senior or older.

Requests for an official Branch 33
Vocational & Trade School Scholarship applications
may be made by completing the Form printed below
by July 15, 2026
Completed official Applications for scholarship grants
must be received before July 31, 2026.

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 Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

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 Name

 Address

 City, State, Zip Code

 Tele:

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Cruising on Medicare: What the "6-hour rule" really means

You booked the cruise. You packed the sunscreen. But before the ship leaves the dock, there is one piece of fine print every senior should understand: Medicare's so-called 6-hour rule.



Here is how it works. Original Medicare may pay for medically necessary care from the ship's doctor only while the vessel is in a U.S. port or within six hours of one. The moment your ship is more than six hours from a U.S. port, Medicare stops paying - even for a heart attack, a broken hip, or anything else.

Six hours sounds like a quick afternoon outing. In cruising terms, it is almost

the whole ship. A Caribbean sailing out of Miami, an Alaska run through international waters, a Mediterranean tour Ñ almost all of it happens outside that six-hour bubble.

Part D drug plans do not pay for prescriptions filled on board or in foreign ports. Bring enough medication, plus a few extra days' worth in case of delays.

Ship medical centers expect payment upfront, often by credit card. You file for reimbursement later -

and most of the time, you will not get much back.

Medicare Advantage plans must meet the same minimum rules, but some include extra emergency or urgent care benefits abroad. Check your plan before you sail.

Most Medigap supplement plans (C, D, F, G, M, and N) offer foreign travel emergency coverage. They pay 80 percent of approved emergency care during the first 60 days of a trip, after a \$250 deductible, with a \$50,000 lifetime cap.

That \$50,000 sounds generous until you price a medical evacuation by helicopter at sea. For real protection, most experts recommend a separate travel medical policy that includes evacuation.

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FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- July 10 - 12, 2026
North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag
Aylmer, Ontario Canada
- July 25, 2026
ATS Family Day at Waldameer, Erie, PA
- September 20, 2026
TSBA Bowling - New Castle
- October 4, 2026
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland West
- October 17 -18, 2026
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Salem

LOCAL EVENTS

- July 31, 2026
New Castle Br. 27 "Robinhood Ain't Looking So Good" Comedy/Mystery Dinner
Eintracht Picnic Grounds
- August 8, 2026
Alliance Branches 3 and 8
Summer picnic @ John Aeling's
- August 9, 2026
Cleveland East Br. 33 Summer Picnic
Penitentiary Glen, Kirkland, OH
- August 15, 2026
Cleveland Sachsenheim Oktoberfest
- August 16, 2026
Lorain Br. 5 Summer Picnic, Lakeview Park
- September 26, 2026
New Castle Br. 25 and 27 Oktoberfest
Cleveland East Br. 33 Clambake
- December 13, 2026
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party
Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party

Jugendlager participants head to Germany



From left: Katelynn Pechatslo, ATS President Denise Crawford, Group Leader Jonathan Barkett, Alexander (Alex) Spack. They will be participating in the 2 week international program being held in Germany.

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for his services beyond reimbursement of future expenses.

His first direct military experience was as a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia colonial militia in 1754, when he led a small expedition against the French in the Ohio River Valley, beginning a fight that resulted in a disastrous defeat for first Washington and then British General Edward Braddock. This launched the Seven Years War, but Washington had resigned his military post and had returned to his planter's life in Virginia. He later took a seat in Virginia's House of Burgesses. (The House of Burgesses was the first legislative body in the colonies, allowing elected representatives to voice the interests of the colonists. It served as a model for future legislative assemblies across the United States, influencing the development of democratic governance.) During the next twenty years, Washington openly opposed the escalating British taxation and repression of the American colonies. In 1774, he represented Virginia at the Continental Congress.

After the American Revolution erupted in 1775, Washington was nominated to be commander in chief of the newly established Continental Army. Some in the Continental Congress opposed his appointment, thinking other candidates were better equipped to handle the post, but he was ultimately chosen because, as a Virginian, his leadership helped bind the southern colonies more closely to the rebellion in New Eng-

land. Even with his inexperienced and poorly equipped army of civilian soldiers, General Washington led an effective war of harassment against the British forces, while encouraging the intervention of the French into the conflict on behalf of the colonists. On October 19, 1781, British General Charles Lord Cornwallis, surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia; General Washington had defeated one of the most powerful nations on earth.

After the war, Washington retired to his estate at Mount Vernon, but in 1787, he heeded his nation's call and agreed to preside over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, PA, where the Constitution was written and approved. The drafters created the office of the president with Washington in mind, and in February 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected the first President of the United States. During his term, he sought to unite the new nation and protect the interests of the new republic at home and abroad. He successfully implemented executive authority, making good use of brilliant politicians such as Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson in his cabinet. He handed down a legacy of strength, integrity, and national purpose. In 1792, he was unanimously reelected. Four years later, he set precedent by refusing a third term. George Washington died in 1799, at the age of 67, at his Virginia plantation, Mount Vernon.

Until next time...



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.

Paul M Schaible

Age: 89

Died: November 27, 2025
Branch 10, Columbus

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Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

**YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON RETIREES**
By Ro Dundon

This is going to be a short note as I was unable to attend the meeting in June. I heard it was a good one.

This is a reminder to the members that our next meeting will be on July 9th. It will be held at Amen's Restaurant in Girard at the regular time of 12 noon. If there is a change, President Rose-Marie will notify all of us.

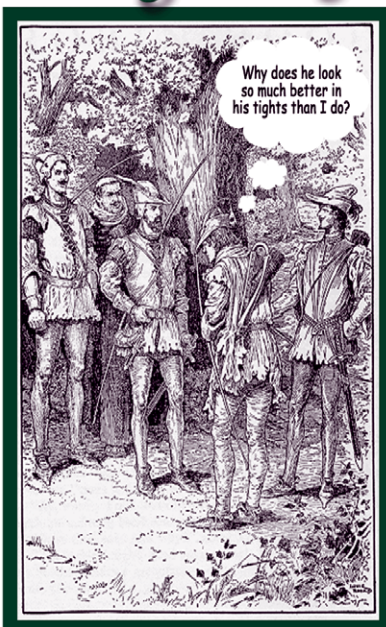
Happy Summer to all—it's official!! I hope all Fathers had a great Day. Also, congrats to all the graduates, from Preschool to College. Happy days are ahead.

I'll see everyone on July 9th. I hope we can all make it—this includes me.

Until we meet,
As usual—it's RO

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"Show starts at 6:30"

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Travis M. Griffith



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2026



Lydia R. Parkonen

2026 ATS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to all our scholarship applicants for the scholastic records in their respective schools. Best wishes to all as they continue their education in the schools of their choice.

Twenty-One recipients were awarded **Freshman Academic Scholarships** this year:



Lauren Q. Badertscher

Travis M. Griffith	Home Branch	\$1,000 Victor Deptner Renewable
Lauren Q. Badertscher	Br. 27 – New Castle	\$1,000 Rev. & Mrs. Foisel Renewable
Alison R. Reif	Br. 9 – Chicago	\$2,000 Rev. & Mrs. Foisel Memorial
Kasen J. Weaver	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$2,000 New Castle Br. 27 Award
Maya C. Malue	Br. 4 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Past ATS Officers Award
Lydia M. Temple	Br. 4 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Henry Schindler Award
Lydia R. Parkonen	Br. 27 – New Castle	\$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Award
Caitlin M. Blankenship	Br 18 – Salem	\$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Award
Natalie A. Klein	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Award
Jack M. Lawrence	Br. 26 – Merrillville	\$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial
Michael W. Gerthung	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial
Brady L. Roth	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Branch 10 Columbus Award
Joshua T. Rau	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
Madeline R. Snow	Br. 8 – Alliance	\$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation
Rylan P. McConville	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Award
Jeweliana R. Farmer	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$1,000 John & Mary Guip Memorial
Laura J. Andrews	Br. 26 – Merrillville	\$1,000 Lorain Branch 5 Scholarship
Raymond L. Appleby	Br. 19 – Salem	\$1,000 Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman
Joshua D. Joki	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$1,000 Dale & Rose Segedi-Kaufman
Kaden R. Windham	Br. 5 – Lorain	\$1,000 David E. Schuller Family Award
Kathleen I. Brooks	Br. 26 – Merrillville	\$1,000 New Castle Branch 27 Award



Natalie A. Klein



Alison R. Reif

The recurring recipients of the Renewable Scholarship Awards are:

Drew R. Sloan	Br. 30 – Youngstown	Year 2 of Victor Deptner Renewable
Andrea M. Griffith	Home Branch	Year 3 of Victor Deptner Renewable
Sofia K. Sattely	Home Branch	Year 4 of Victor Deptner Renewable
Alexa R. Clark	Br. 30 – Youngstown	Year 2 of Rev. & Mrs. Foisel Renewable



Jack M. Lawrence

Twenty-Four recipients were awarded **Undergraduate Continuing Education Scholarships** this year:



Kasen J. Weaver

Olivia B. Showalter	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$2,000 Branch 18 - Salem Scholarship
Catherine E. Leprich	Br. 37 – Detroit	\$2,000 Branch 37 - Detroit Scholarship
Payton A. Leunis	Br. 7 – Farrell	\$1,000 Marie Stirner Memorial Award
Alec R. Schmidts	Br. 9 – Chicago	\$1,000 Marie Stirner Memorial Award
Taylor N. Tully	Br. 33 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Marie Stirner Memorial Award
Abigail L. Haydu	Br 33 - Cleveland	\$1,000 Marie Stirner Memorial Award
Andreas J. Schobel	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Gertie & Ernie Gottschling Award
Andrew M. Greger	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$1,000 Lorain Saxon Ladies Br. 11 Award
Olivia M. Zinz	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$1,000 Joan Miller-Malue Award
Grace M. Zgola	Br. 5 – Lorain	\$1,000 Donald G Miller Memorial Award
Kara N. Pasquale	Br. 32 - Ellwood City	\$1,000 Donzella Herman Award
Matthias R. Fabian	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$1,000 George R. Spack Sr. Appreciation
Sofia K. Terlesky	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$ 750 Niles Br. 20 National Scholarship
Bailey K. Klein	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$ 750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
Thalia R. Fabian	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$ 750 Erie Branch 2 Scholarship
Olivia K. Lang	Br. 27 - New Castle	\$ 750 George H. Schneider Memorial
Macy N. McConville	Br. 4 – Cleveland	\$ 500 ATS Br. 34 Cleveland East Award
Catherine R. Klinek-Cornell	Home Branch	\$ 500 Karl & Charlotte Klamer Memorial
Addyson L. Jones	Br. 8 – Alliance	\$ 500 Farrell Br. 7 Scholarship
Sophia G. Agnew	Br. 32 – Ellwood City	\$ 500 Gerald Slusny Memorial Award
Karley F. Gerst	Br. 30 – Youngstown	\$ 500 Sofie & Franz Hum Memorial
Michael A. Ivanov	Br. 1 – Cleveland	\$ 500 ATS Continuing Academic Award
Jackson A. Hardy	Br. 25 – New Castle	\$ 500 ATS Continuing Academic Award
Lucille A. Kuhn	Br. 33 – Cleveland	\$ 500 ATS Continuing Academic Award



Michael W. Gerthung



Lydia M. Temple

Two recipients were awarded **Vocational and Trade School Scholarships** this year:

Olivia C. Andrews	Br. 26 – Merrillville	\$ 500 Frank Hum Memorial Scholarship
Olivia C. Andrews	Br. 26 – Merrillville	\$ 500 ATS Vocational & Trade School
Owen A. Gavio	Home Branch	\$1,000 ATS Vocational & Trade School



Brady L. Roth

ATS Scholarship Winners - Cont'd from Page 5



Joshua T. Rau

Following are the recipients' academic, athletic, and community achievements:

Travis M. Griffith, Home Branch recently graduated from Mauldin High School in Mauldin, South Carolina, where he played varsity tennis for four years. Other hobbies include being outside in nature biking, hunting and fishing, and rock climbing. Travis will be attending Clemson University and studying Mechanical Engineering.

Lauren Q. Badertscher, Br. 27 – New Castle is a graduate of Tampa Catholic High School in Tampa, Florida, where she was a member of different honor societies and clubs, as well as dance teams in school and competitively. She says maintaining a connection to her heritage has taught her the importance of community, hard work, and honoring the people who came before us. Lauren will be attending Florida State University where she plans to major in History and Criminology while pursuing a Pre-Law track.

Allison R. Reif, Br. 9 - Chicago graduated from Antioch Community High School in Antioch, Illinois, where she was a STEM major. She enjoys reading about new research and milestone discoveries across various fields, most often related to space. In her free time, Allison plays field hockey, sewing and embroidery and other arts and crafts. She will be attending the University of Florida and plans to major in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

Kasen J. Weaver, Br. 30 – Youngstown recently graduated from West Branch High School in Beloit, Ohio, where he was the Valedictorian and Commencement speaker. Kasen participated in soccer, basketball, cross country, and track. He was a member of the National Honor Society and other clubs, and enjoyed volunteering with a group that helps feed the elderly. Kasen will be attending The Ohio State University and plans to major in Biomedical Engineering on the Pre-Med track.

Lydia M. Temple, Br. 4 – Cleveland graduated from Magnificat High School in Rocky River, Ohio, where she participated in cross country and track, as well as Student Council and other clubs. She spends time hanging with friends and family, serving at her church, and babysitting. Lydia will be attending Xavier University and plans to major in Marketing.

Lydia R. Parkonen, Br. 27 – New Castle recently graduated from Neshannock High School in New Castle, PA, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in several clubs, including Future Business Leaders of America, Culinary Club, and Mock Trial Advocacy. Lydia was also a member of the Student Government. She plans to attend Robert Morris University and major in Accounting with Law School in the future.

Natalie A. Klein, Br. 30 – Youngstown is a graduate of Fairfield Warde High School in Fairfield, Connecticut, where she was the captain of the indoor and outdoor track team, a member of National and French Honor Societies and secretary of the Animal Shelter club. Natalie enjoys baking and cooking, yoga, traveling, and fashion. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin –

Madison and majoring in Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies, hoping to pursue a career in the fashion business.

Jack M. Lawrence, Br. 26 – Merrillville recently graduated from Assumption High School in Davenport, Iowa. During school, he was a section leader in band, assistant stage manager in the drama department, a member of the National Honor Society and earned his Eagle Scout rank. Jack will be attending Iowa State University in the fall and pursuing a degree in Engineering.

Michael W. Gerthung, Br. 30 – Youngstown graduated from Springfield Local High School in New Middletown, Ohio. He was involved in many different school and community activities. Michael enjoys volunteering, spending time with family and friends, listening to music and watching movies. He has always had a strong interest in math and science, which is leading to his attending Youngstown State University majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Brady L. Roth, Br.1 – Cleveland is a graduate of Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Ohio. While in school, he participated in National Honor Society, Huddle, and LINK Crew, cross country, and track. Brady enjoys working out, hanging out with his friends, and going to concerts. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati and majoring in Accounting.

Joshua T. Rau, Br. 1 – Cleveland recently graduated from Grassfield High School in Chesapeake, Virginia, where he was in the National Honor Society, the STEM program, and various clubs. He enjoys playing video games, hanging out with friends and designing model rocket engines. He also grows super-hot peppers which he turns into different sauces and sells. Joshua will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this fall and majoring in Computer and Electrical Engineering.

Madeline R. Snow, Br. 8 – Alliance graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio where she was a member of the National Honor Society and the Art Club. She enjoys reading, writing, and especially drawing. Madeline will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall and majoring in Graphic Design.

Rylan P. McConville, Br. 1 – Cleveland is a graduate of Padua Franciscan High School in Parma, Ohio, where he was an honor student and was recognized for assisting other students. He enjoys working out, hanging out with his friends, playing tennis and just being outside. He works part-time at a local grocery store. Rylan will be attending Bowling Green State University and majoring in Engineering and Exercise Science.

Jeweliana R. Farmer, Br. 30 – Youngstown recently graduated from Austintown Fitch High School in Austintown, Ohio, where she lettered in varsity softball, basketball, volleyball, and golf. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and Spirit Club. Her interests include country music, shopping, and vacations. Jewel will be attending Youngstown State University this fall and will major in Radiology to pursue a career as a Radiation Therapist.



Raymond L. Appleby



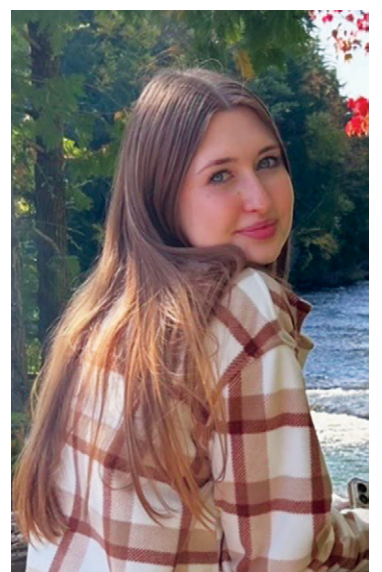
Kaden R. Windham



Kathleen I. Brooks



Olivia B. Showalter



Catherine E. Leprich



Madeline R. Snow



Rylan P. McConville



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Laura J. Andrews

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Payton A. Leunis



Alec R. Schmidts



Taylor N. Tully



Abigail L. Haydu



Andreas J. Schobel

Laura J. Andrews, Br. 26 – Merrillville graduated from William Henry Harrison High School in West Lafayette, Indiana, where she was an honor student. She was selected to participate in the local Career Academy which offers hands-on learning experiences to prepare students for college, a career, and the work force. She enjoys gardening, cross-stitching, spending time outdoors, and going to antique stores. She's been a member of the 4-H Club, showing her rabbits at the fair. She also works as a CNA at a local nursing home. This fall, Laura will attend Indiana University – Kokomo to study Nursing.

Raymond L. Appleby, Br. 19 – Salem is a graduate of Stow-Munroe Falls High School where he spent the last two years in the Career and Technical Education Construction Technology Program. While in school, he played different types of saxophones in various bands and was a 4-year Varsity member of the Stow Swim and Dive team. He's been active in 4-H, as well as his church. Raymond will attend Stark State College this fall and major in Construction Management.

Kaden R. Windham, Br.5 – Lorain recently graduated from Hilliard Davidson High School in Hilliard, Ohio. He was a letter-winning football and basketball player, a scholar athlete, and volunteered at various local fundraisers. In his free time, he enjoys wakeboarding and surfing and just being outdoors. Kaden will attend the University of Findlay this fall where he will be a member of the football team and pursue a degree in Physical Therapy.

Kathleen I. Brooks, Br. 26 – Merrillville graduated from Valparaiso High School in Valparaiso, Indiana, where she participated in swimming and track and the Art Club. She enjoys hiking, swimming, and various sports while being outside. She makes art using both 2-D and 3-D mediums and also likes listening to a wide range of music. Kathleen will be attending Indiana University in the fall.

Olivia B. Showalter, Br. 30 – Youngstown will be a senior at Youngstown State University this year and is also part of the Honors College. She is studying Exercise Science. Olivia plans to continue her education by going to graduate school to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy. She is currently employed as a fitness attendant. In her free time, she enjoys working out, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

Catherine E. Leprich, Br. 37 – Detroit is entering her final year in the Nursing Program at Saginaw Valley State University. Following graduation, she plans to begin her career in the emergency department. She would like to continue her education and become a Nurse Practitioner. Outside of school, Catherine enjoys spending time with friends and family, and participating in outdoor activities and traveling. She is also involved in a program where she mentors high school students who are interested in the healthcare field.

Payton A. Leunis, Br. 7 – Farrell recently completed her first year at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. She is majoring in Creative Media Production. She was busy navigating college life by becoming

a member of the Campus Programming Committee, taking advantage of campus bus trips, fundraisers, and becoming a member of a sorority. Payton is looking forward to a family beach vacation before hitting the books again in the fall.

Alec R. Schmidts, Br. 9 – Chicago is attending Illinois Wesleyan University. While there, he plays on the basketball team. He enjoys spending time with his friends, especially playing sports. He plans to become a U.S. History teacher and would like to have the opportunity to coach at the school where he teaches.

Taylor N. Tully, Br 33 – Cleveland will be a sophomore this upcoming year at The Ohio State University where she is studying Biology. She enjoys running, hiking, reading, traveling and exploring different national parks.

Abigail L. Haydu, Br. 33 – Cleveland is a senior Business Management student at Ursuline College. She is working towards both her bachelor's degree and a Certificate in Project Management. She's hoping to pursue a master's degree after graduation. In her free time, Abigail enjoys playing softball and spending time with family and friends.

Andreas J. Schobel, Br. 1 – Cleveland is attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (having moved from Ohio in 2019). He enjoys swimming, playing video games, reading, and writing in his free time when not at school.

Andrew M. Greger, Br. 1 – Cleveland will be a sophomore this fall at Baldwin Wallace University where he is studying Accounting. In his free time, he likes to play golf and go to the gym and work out.

Olivia M. Zinz, Br. 30 – Youngstown is attending the Southern New Hampshire University and pursuing her bachelor's degree in English Literature. She also works as a hairstylist. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking and baking, doing crafts, spending time outside and with her family and pets. She says she is excited to continue learning.

Grace M. Zgola, Br. 5 – Lorain is attending The Ohio State University – Mansfield Campus. She will be in her fourth year and is pursuing a major in Zoology. The past few summers she's been working at the African Safari Wildlife Park. Her hobbies include theater and drama.

Kara N. Pasquale, Br. 32 – Ellwood City will be a junior this fall at Slippery Rock University, where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Kara also competes on the school's volleyball team. She enjoys leisure activities like church events, hiking, kayaking, and other outdoor activities.

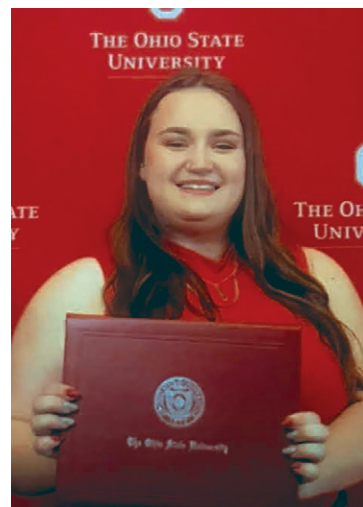
Matthias R. Fabian, Br. 1 – Cleveland is in his final year studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Akron. He is passionate about innovation and creative problem solving and is excited to begin applying those skills in the real world after graduation. In his free time, Matthias enjoys sports like golf, tennis, soccer, pickleball, and sand volleyball.



Andrew M. Greger



Olivia M. Zinz



Grace M. Zgola



Kara N. Pasquale



Matthias R. Fabian

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Sofia K. Terlesky

Sofia K. Terlesky, Br. 30 – Youngstown is attending Miami University (Ohio) and studying Psychology and minoring in Spanish and Criminology. Outside of school, she enjoys reading, hanging out with friends, exercising, and listening to music.

Bailey K. Klein, Br. 30 – Youngstown will be a junior this fall at Indiana University – Kelley School of Business. She is studying Marketing and is looking to add on International Business. While at school, she is part of the Women's Rowing Team. She grew up in Connecticut, and her hobbies include drawing and painting, architecture, cooking, and reading. She recently learned to play the guitar, which has become a new hobby. After graduation, she plans to become a consultant.

Thalia R. Fabian, Br. 30 – Youngstown will be a junior at Missouri State University this fall. She is studying Digital Fashion Design and Merchandising. Thalia sings with the school's Women's Chorus in the soprano section. She enjoys crafts such as sewing and crocheting and plans to go into the wedding business after graduating.

Macy N. McConville, Br. 4 – Cleveland attends Kent State University and is studying Sociology with a minor in Psychology and English. In her free time, Macy enjoys thrifting and hanging out with friends.

Catherine R. Klinek-Cornell, Home Branch will be entering her third year at Duquesne University where she is studying to become an Elementary School Teacher. At school, she's in four education clubs, a sorority, and is a senator for Duquesne's Student Government. This past semester, she studied abroad at the school's campus in Rome. During the summers, she works at a children's institute. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends, traveling, listening to music, and reading books.

Addyson L Jones, Br. 8 – Alliance is in her final year at Kent State University as an undergraduate, majoring in Speech and Language Pathology. She hopes to continue her education towards a master's degree to become a future Speech and Language Pathologist. At school, she's in numerous clubs. When not in school, she works as an adult geriatric companion and substitute teacher. She likes playing soccer and pickleball.

Sophia G Agnew, Br 32 – Ellwood City just completed her freshman year at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a Biology major, with hopes of attending Medical School. At school, she's a member of the Women in Health club and likes to spend any free time with friends, reading, or playing tennis.

Karley F Gerst, Br. 30 – Youngstown will be in her second year at Otterbein University where she is studying Nursing and playing on the school's Lacrosse team. Outside of school and sports, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, baking and cooking, running and working out, skiing, and volunteering in her community.

Michael A Ivanov, Br. 1 – Cleveland is entering his second year at the University of Akron, studying Electrical Engineering. He likes to work on electronic projects at home in his spare time. He also likes playing video games and board games with friends when he finds time, as well as cooking and trying new foods and restaurants.

Jackson A Hardy, Br. 25 – New Castle will be a sophomore at Western Oregon University studying Criminal Justice with a concentration in Law Enforcement. In his free time, he enjoys bass fishing, going off-roading in his Jeep, and volunteering. His career goals are to become a police officer.

Lucille A Kuhn, Br. 33 – Cleveland will be a junior this fall at the University of Toledo. She really enjoys her major in Business Finance. She has continued teaching dance classes and working at the local YMCA and a coffee shop in her spare time.

Olivia. C Andrews, Br. 26 – Merrillville recently graduated from William Henry Harrison High School in West Lafayette, Indiana. She will be attending Ivy Tech Community College in the fall where she plans to study healthcare. She enjoys entomology and listening to music.

Owen A. Gavio, Home Branch will be starting his final quarter at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in Pittsburgh, PA to become an Aviation Mechanic. He has been learning everything he can about aircraft and how to fix them. He's done a complete overhaul on a reciprocating engine and knows how to find problems in an electrical circuit. He's made his own small wing that he then had to repair and paint. Outside of school, he likes to do things with his family and friends, ride his four-wheeler, play video games and watch movies.



Addyson L. Jones



Sophia G. Agnew



Karley F. Gerst



Michael A. Ivanov



Bailey K. Klein



Thalia R. Fabian



Macy N. McConville



Catherine R. Klinek-Cornell



Lucille A. Kuhn



Olivia C. Andrews



Owen A. Gavio



Jackson A. Hardy

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

I am going to start with a quote by Steve Jobs, former CEO and co-founder of Apple Inc.: "Great things in business are never done by one person, they're done by a team of people." Here at the Cleveland Sachsenheim we are thankful for the many great past and present officers and members that have made us a Cleveland legacy in promoting our Saxon heritage and fellowship throughout the community.

Our history takes us back to May 1, 1895, when 27 Saxon men organized the first Saxon Society in Cleveland (Erster Siebenbueger Sachsen Kranken Unterrstuetzungs Verein) looking to strengthen their fellowship and mutual assistance in sickness and death. In 1897 the Eintracht Singing Society was organized and in 1904 Branch 1 and the Eintracht united as one organization, beginning a period of intensive civic and cultural work in Cleveland.

On March 2, 1902, the Saxon women decided to support the men by organizing the First Ladies Sick Benefit Society - Branch 4. Soon after the organization of Branch 1 they knew they needed a place that they could gather together socially and to hold their meetings. A "Saxon Home" was needed. The first donation for the building fund were the receipts from a Saxon stage play "Am Zween Kretzer," presented in August 1903. The building efforts produced \$5000 that enabled the purchase of a frame building in 1907 located at our present location, 7001 Denison Avenue. The building had to be renovated for the growing membership.

In 1910, an addition to the Sachsenheim was created to include a dance hall, two bowling lanes, dining hall and music room. In 1925 the new front building of the Sachsenheim was built. Over the years a garden lot and a home east of the building was purchased as well as the property west of the building.

Our Sachsenheim has a historic legacy here on the Westside of Cleveland and our hard working, loyal officers and membership had made sure we were to be proud of our accomplishments. There were so many wonderful memories made by our Singing Societies, Transylvania Theater Society, The Transylvania Saxons Juniors, The

Saxon Vets, Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and so many cultural and youth activities. We are so grateful that they are a part of our Saxon history.

Well, that is a brief history of how our Sachsenheim was built. It took financial support from its membership, and we are needing to ask for your financial help in contributing to our maintenance fund so that necessary repairs can be made to keep our Saxon Home fellowship alive and continue to make wonderful memories that we can share with our families and friends. Branch 1 has setup a GoFundMe account that you can donate online: <https://gofundme/c53f74a75> or you can send a check to Branch 1 Treasurer, Hanz Hermann, 29076 Fall River Dr. Westlake, OH 44145. Make your check payable to ATS Branch 1. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity in helping us maintain the Sachsenheim.

Even the nails came on a ship

The houses in colonial America were built by local hands - but with hardware from somewhere else.

According to multiple maritime histories, nearly every manufactured item in a colonial household arrived by ship. The cast-iron nails holding the timbers together came from English forges. The window glass came from English glassworks. The tools that shaped the wood - saws, planes, hammer heads, augers - came in crates from Sheffield and Birmingham.

So did the rest of daily life. According to Connecticut History, country stores stocked English cloth, iron, glass, and crockery alongside East Indian silk, tea, and spices, and West Indian sugar, molasses, rum, salt, fruit, and coffee. A colonial pantry was a small map of the world.

The luxuries traveled the same routes. According to Smarthistory, the silver tea service that signaled wealth in a Boston parlor was as-



sembled from imported parts: Chinese tea, Caribbean sugar, English silver, and porcelain shaped after Chinese rice bowls. Madeira wine, a favorite of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, came from a Portuguese island in the eastern Atlantic.

Even the rebellion came by ship. According to the Progressive Policy Institute, the tea dumped into Boston Harbor in December 1773 had been purchased in Guangzhou, China, two years earlier and shipped halfway around the world before three dozen Sons of Liberty heaved it overboard.

When the tall ships sail past the Statue of Liberty this July, they will be honoring the vessels that built American homes - one nail at a time.



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 July 10th, 2026

BRANCH 37, DETROIT
By Trudy Kalvin

June 7th was not only our monthly meeting, Branch 37 also celebrated Mother's Day, Father's Day, and our Branch's 113th Anniversary. We especially wanted to honor our long-standing President Susanna Fleischer of her 36-year service. Debbie Ferguson presented her with a gift from the members, a beautiful peacock sculpture. President Fleischer and husband Sam had many branch gatherings in the summer at their home in the countryside where they had many live peacocks living there. Ruth Kracker said that whenever she sees a peacock feather, she thinks of the peacocks that she saw at the Fleischer home years back.

As always, President Fleischer started the meeting with a special prayer of thankfulness, hope and unity.

It was a lovely, lively meeting with many surprises. A video that John Benesch showed was amazing. Delicious food made by Sue Wilburn included breaded chicken cutlets, mashed po-

tatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls. Debbie Ferguson made the salad with all the fixings and supplied the celebration cakes and cookies. President Fleischer made a tasty beef stew. Great food and great company made for a memorable Sunday at St. Peter's German & Saxon Lutheran Church. Flowers on the tables were given to members to enjoy, and each active member received a lapel pin depicting the United States flag and the German flag.

We were missing several members from this event who are recovering from health issues: Karen Weihs, Susanna Krautner, and Mike Rehner. We wish them good health.

Our next meeting will be on September 13, with our special Speck and Zwiebel luncheon.

We wish all a wonderful summer with these famous words:

"IF YOU THINK YOU ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TRY SLEEPING WITH A MOSQUITO IN THE ROOM."



ATS Family Day
at
Waldameer and Water World

220 Peninsula Dr.
Erie, Pa.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Over 100 Attractions and Waterpark full of Wet n' Wild Fun for Everyone

ATS has reserved a Picnic Pavilion – "Coaster #1"
Free Parking
Free Admission to Picnic Facility and Amusement Park
Bring Your Own Picnic Basket
Grill available by Pavilion

Discounted Tickets for Combo Pass – Amusement Park Rides and Water World

ATS Member	\$25.00
Non-Member	\$42.00

(Children under age 1 Free unless they want to enter Water World)

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

TICKET ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS @ \$25.00.....\$

Name and Certificate Number of Members:

_____	Cert No. _____
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_____	Cert No. _____
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Number of Non-Members @ \$42.00.....\$

Number attending that will not purchase combo pass
Amount Remitted.....\$

Make Checks Payable to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons

Mail tickets to: _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Email: _____

Credit Card Number _____ Security Code: _____

Expiration : _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Deadline for Ticket Orders is July 06, 2026.
Mail Order Form to: ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44129



69th TSBA Convention Cleveland West June 13, 2026



The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Spack on June 13, 2026, in Cleveland, OH. President Glenn Spack thanked the bowlers from Branch 1 and 4 for hosting the event.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for former bowlers that had passed since the last convention. President Glenn Spack appointed Rich Baker, Branch 25 New Castle to act as Sergent at Arms. President Spack welcomed all delegates and special guests, ATS President Denise Crawford and Past ATS President Joan Miller-Malue.

Roll call of officers:

- President Glenn Spack - present
- Vice President Tom Simon – present
- Statistical Secretary CJ Schmitz – present
- Secretary/Treasurer Jenny King – present
- Auditors Monica Gilles, Rich Baker, & Bob Lohr – all present

A motion was made by Brother CJ Schmitz, Branch 1 Cleveland West, seconded by Sister Ginger Romes, Branch 5 Lorain, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 68th TSBA convention, since they were already approved and published in the Volksblatt. Motion carried.

The officers gave their reports. Bob Lohr gave the auditors' report and found there were no discrepancies. President Glenn Spack thanked the ATS for their support and the ATS subsidy grant of \$6800. He also thanked all the bowlers and officers for attending all the sessions and the tournament. A motion was made by Brother Tony Rothbrust, Branch 19 Salem, seconded by Sister Kiki Eberth, Branch 30 Youngstown to approve the officers' reports. Motion carried.

There was no unfinished business.

New business

The officer honorariums, allowances, branch and team fees, league fees, and meal prices were discussed. The honorariums and allowances will remain the same. The league will consist of four person teams. The sessions will remain at 7. The team and branch fee will remain at \$15 each. The bowler fees will remain at \$5 per bowler. The meal price will be \$12.00 or whatever the caterer charges. The individual awards will remain the same.

Brother Nick Roman, Branch 25 New Castle brought up good bowlers that don't have handicap have a difficult time winning awards. However, statistically a bowler with a higher average has equal opportunity to win against those with handicap.

Brother CJ Schmitz, Branch 1 Cleveland West made a motion that most improved bowler should

have 18 games bowled instead of the current 12 games and must also have an established average. The motion was seconded by Brother Bob Lohr, Branch 30 Youngstown. The motion passed with 10 in favor; 7 opposed.

President Glenn Spack appointed Brother Tony Rothbrust, Branch 19 Salem, Sister Bunny Rothbrust, Branch 19 Salem and Sister Kiki Eberth, Branch 30 Youngstown as the election committee. President Glenn Spack, Statistical Secretary CJ Schmitz, and Trustee Rich Baker all accepted another term to their respective positions. Brother Tony Rothbrust, Branch 19 Salem made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot to reelect the officers to their respected positions. Sister Bunny Rothbrust, Branch 18 Salem seconded the motion. Motion carried. ATS President Denise Crawford performed the installation of officers.

The city representatives were set for the 2026 - 2027 season. A list of branch representatives is to enable all bowlers to contact them during the season to make changes in meal reservations or bowling schedule.

Cleveland East	Arline Suts	440-867-6103
Cleveland West	CJ Schmitz	440-799-1940
Lorain	Monica Gilles	440-309-7894
New Castle	Milt Mc Coy	724-944-9282
Salem	Glenn Spack	234-320-4132 Home 330-501-9897 Cell
Youngstown	Tom Simon	330-720-7988

Tentative Schedule for 2026 – 2027

		Tentative Number of Teams
September 20, 2026	New Castle	6
October 4, 2026	Cleveland West	3
November 15, 2026	Cleveland East	2
December 6, 2026	Lorain	2
January 17, 2027	New Castle	6
February 7, 2027	Salem	2
March 7, 2027	Youngstown	2
April 3 – 4, 2027	Tournament in Youngstown	

All team entries will be due to the Secretary/Treasurer Jenny King by August 15, 2026.

Tournament forms will be available at the February session and will be due by the March bowling session.

Cleveland West Branches 1 and 4 will host the 2028 TSBA tournament. There are currently no bids for the 2029 tournament.

Salem Branches 18 and 19 will host the 70th TSBA convention in 2027. There are currently no bids for the 2028 or 2029 TSBA convention.

There is no good and welfare.

Brother CJ Schmitz, Branch 1 Cleveland West made a motion to suspense of the reading of the minutes of the 69th TSBA convention. Sister Diane Baker, Branch 27 New Castle, seconded the motion. Voted on and passed.

President Glenn Spack thanked all those who attended the 69th TSBA convention was adjourned at 12:10 PM followed by the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Gilles
Jenny King



70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration!!

Congratulations to Fred and Ingeborg Krestel on their Seventieth (Platinum) Anniversary! They are both members of Cleveland East Branch 33.

Friedrich was born in Kleinalisch, Transylvania, Romania; Ingeborg born in Chomotau, Czech Republic (Sudetenland). Through the Lord's Blessing, Angels' intervention, and serendipitous fate, Fred, an American soldier at that time (another story for another time) and Ingeborg, in town to visit her hospitalized sister, happened to meet at a Gasthaus in Darmstadt Germany in 1955. Fred approached Inge and asked her for a dance. They continued dating (as much as possible for a soldier on manuevers), then married on June 9, 1956 at the Courthouse in Darmstadt.

In July 1956, Fred was transferred back to the U.S. and brought his bride home to Cleveland, Ohio. A second wedding, religious, was held in May 1957 at St John's Lutheran Church in Cleveland, officiated by Reverend John Foisel.

Fred and Ingeborg were blessed with three children: Arline (Suts), Andrew and Jeff. The Krestel family has grown to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well; we all adore our Opa and Oma! We wish our family elders Happy Anniversary and Thank you for showing our family what commitment, grace, and true love really mean. Your marriage has been a true inspiration to us all!

Arline Krestel Suts



Ingeborg and Fred 1956



Ingeborg and Fred 2026



From the Archives

By Eric Litschel ATS Home Office

I recently had the privilege of speaking at the Branch 33, Cleveland East meeting where I described the work that I've been doing at the ATS home office. During that presentation, I mentioned that our library contains many more German language books than it does English. I expressed my intention to bring these numbers more into balance in order to better meet the needs of our ATS membership. A motion was brought and passed to make a donation to the ATS library with the express purpose of purchasing English language books for our collection. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the Branch 33 membership for their generous donation! The funds have already been partially spent, and I'd like to mention a few of the titles we'll be adding to our library due to the generosity of Branch 33.

1) **The Hunger Angel - by Herta Müller**

Herta Müller is a Nobel laureate in literature. She won the coveted prize in 2009, the same year her novel "Attemschaugel" ("The Hunger Angel" in its English translation) was published. The novel tells the story of a young Transylvanian Saxon from Hermannstadt who is one of the thousands deported to the Soviet Union at the end of the second World War. The book is based on Müller's mother's experiences as a deportee as well as those of the Transylvanian Saxon poet Oskar Pastior.

2) **Balkan Ghosts - Robert Kaplan**

This 1993 work of travel writing by renowned journalist Robert Kaplan was an enormous best seller. It continues to hold value for anyone interested in post-communist Eastern Europe. Though primarily a book about the broader Balkan region, it contains several chapters about Romania. One of these chapters, entitled "Transylvanian Tale: The Pied Piper's Children Go Back to Hamelin", is a first-hand account of the exodus of Saxons from Transylvania after the fall of the Ceaușescu regime.

3) **The Saxons of Transylvania - Pascual Martinez and Vincent Sáez**

This beautiful 2019 book of photography documents the fading presence of the Saxons in Transylvania. This book is a true work of art, blending historical photos with illustrations, contemporary photos, and narrative to create an eerie kaleidoscopic effect around this sad historical topic. It includes the stories of several Saxons who have chosen to move back to Transylvania in recent years.

4) **The Transylvanian Saxons and Their Books in the Middle Ages - Adinel Dinca**

"This research underscores the significance of the Transylvanian Saxons as actors in the cultural history of Europe. It addresses less studied aspects of the culture of medieval Transylvania, such as the local decoration and illumination of manuscripts, charters, and printed books. It also aims to provide an update on the current state of research concerning the literate behaviour of the Saxon communities in medieval Transylvania." (Publisher's description)

These titles have all been purchased and will be added to our circulating collection in the coming weeks. I am thrilled to be able to include them! Thank you again to Branch 33.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask our ATS membership and our Branch leadership to also consider contributing to the ATS Library Fund. All donations will go to expanding our offering of English language books pertaining to the Transylvanian Saxons. If upon considering this request you decide you would like to make a contribution, we ask that you send checks to:

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, OH 44129

Check made out to **Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons**.
Memo line **Library Fund**.

Jefferson's odd July 4 shopping trip

July 4, 1776, was a busy day in Philadelphia. The Continental Congress had just voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence. A document Thomas Jefferson had spent weeks drafting, defending, and watching his colleagues edit. You might expect the author to have spent the rest of the day reflecting on what he had set in motion.

Instead, according to Jefferson's personal account books, he went shopping. According to the Stanford Report, his ledger from that historic afternoon shows two purchases: a thermometer and seven pairs of women's gloves.

Historians have wondered for 250 years what was on Jefferson's mind. The thermometer fits a man known for his scientific curiosity. The gloves are harder to explain. Though most likely a gift for his wife, Martha, who was unwell at home in Virginia.

It is a small, very human footnote to one of the most consequential days in American history.

How a king became 42,000 bullets



For six years, a gilded equestrian statue of King George III had stood in Bowling Green at the southern tip of Manhattan. By the evening of July 9, 1776, it was scrap.

According to the National Park Service, the Declaration of Independence had been read that afternoon to George Washington's troops near the site of today's City Hall. Soldiers, sailors, and members of the Sons of Liberty then marched south down Broadway and pulled the king's statue from its

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Christine Oehlman

**JULY MONTHLY
MEETING LOCATION**
Hofbräuhaus Columbus
Grandview Yard
800 Goodale Blvd
Columbus 43212
614-294-2437
July 20, 2026
12:00 Noon

May Meeting Recap **We had a wonderful turnout at our May 15th meeting!**

Only one member was absent. Jill Blum, we hope you are feeling better and look forward to seeing you soon. We were also glad to welcome back George (and Liz) Lassel and Sophie Untch, who have been recovering at home. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces and hear their comments throughout the meeting.

As you see above, **we decided to move our meeting location**, with more seating space and better accessibility for our seniors. And we are looking forward to the German cuisine! Taste like home? We'll see. At our July meeting, we'll discuss if we will stay at the same location or try a different venue in August. Stay tuned.

We discussed the survey results, of which there were only 11 returned to date.

Results were given and good discussion followed. As response was sparse, we are going to have them available at our picnic on June 28th for folks to complete.

Speaking of picnic, I can only imagine that our turnout will be marvelous! I'm estimating that we will have approximately 50 folks in attendance! As I write this article, rain is expected (the first time in our picnic history). I pray that it holds off one day so we can enjoy the day dry and warm! The menu is set and will be delicious. Extracurricular activities are available on every table (card games of different kinds). The conversation of our Saxon friendships will be heartwarming! Picnic pictures will be posted in the next Volksblatt and on our Facebook page!

The last item that was on the agenda, but not discussed, was our **Christmas Party. Please save the date - December 13th, 11:30 - 3:00 @ Berwick Party House**. The board went to a tasting for our holiday meal and will be changing it up a bit. We will provide more information as the date approaches.

We ended our meeting celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. For July, we wish Regina Kellner the Happiest Birthday on **July 20th!** Alles Gute zum Geburtstag. (I incorrectly had her birthday as June 20th. Apologies.)

Finally, a couple of reminders. Two easy things to complete and check off your Saxon to-do list.

1. If you haven't done so, **PLEASE complete the survey and send it back!**
Your voice matters to us!

2. Save the date - **December 13th for our Columbus Branch 10 Christmas Party at Berwick Party House.**

With that, Columbus Branch 10, wishes everyone a very Happy 4th of July!
Bis zum nächsten Mal...



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Als der eigenen Väter Brauch.
Wenn des Volkes Bräuche sterben,
Stirbt des Volkes Seele auch.**

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

The \$4 frame that held a treasure

In the summer of 1989, a financial analyst from Philadelphia stopped at a flea market in Adamstown, Pennsylvania. According to the Los Angeles Times, he paid \$4 for a small painting of a country scene - not because he wanted the artwork, but because he liked the ornate frame.

Back home, when he tried to detach the canvas, the frame fell apart in his hands. Tucked between the canvas and the wood backing was a folded sheet of paper.

According to Snopes, a friend who collected Civil War memorabilia urged him to have the document appraised. The verdict: an original Dunlap Broadside - one of about 200 copies of the Declaration of Independence printed overnight on July 4, 1776, by John Dunlap, the official printer of the Continental Congress. Only 24 surviving copies had been known to exist. Sotheby's auctioned the find in 1991 for \$2.42 million.

The slab pie: An apple pie that's actually built for a picnic

Apple pie is the all-American Fourth of July dessert. The problem is a round apple pie was never really good at traveling.

Here's a way to have your apple pie that survives the trip to the picnic: the apple slab pie.

A slab pie is exactly what it sounds like - apple pie baked in a sheet pan (also called a jelly roll pan) instead of a round pan. The dimensions are usually 10 by 15 inches with a one-inch lip. The result is a flatter, sturdier pie that feeds 15 to 20 people, gets cut into squares like brownies, and can be eaten with a fork or with your hands. The crust-to-filling ratio is higher, which crust lovers will appreciate. And because it sits low in the pan, it travels far better than its round cousin.

Martha Stewart helped popularize the slab pie a few decades ago, but the form is older than that - it traces back to old-fashioned bake-sale and church-potluck cooking, where one pan had



to feed a crowd. For the Fourth, it is hard to beat. You can even cut star shapes from leftover crust scraps and arrange them on top before baking, then brush with egg wash and sprinkle with coarse sugar for sparkle.

A few tips for getting it right:

Use the right pan. A 10 by 15 jelly roll pan is the standard. A standard half sheet pan (13 by 18) also works for a larger recipe.

Mix your apples. Use both a tart apple (Granny Smith) and a sweet one (Honeycrisp, Gala, or Golden Delicious). The combination gives you better flavor than

either alone, and the firmer apples hold their shape instead of turning to mush.

Drain the apples first. Toss sliced apples with the sugar and a pinch of salt, set them in a colander over a bowl, and let them sit for 30 to 45 minutes. They will release a lot of juice. This step alone is the difference between a pie that holds up and one that turns soupy in the pan.

Don't skip the slits. Cut several vents in the top crust so steam can escape. Otherwise the top puffs up and pulls away from the filling.

Cool completely before cutting. At least an hour, preferably two. Warm pie cuts messy. Cool pie cuts clean. If you are taking it to a picnic, this is exactly what you want.

Cover with foil and travel.

Serve it plain at the picnic, or with a drizzle of caramel sauce or maple glaze if you want to dress it up. Either way, you brought apple pie to the Fourth of July - just in a smarter shape.

Oh yes, it's that time of year again...

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC Branch 33 Cleveland East



Penitentiary Glen Pavilion
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Sunday, August 9, 2026
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The 13th century Romanesque basilica was demolished at the beginning of the 19th century, after a new church had been built in the neighbouring precinct in the same time. Disregarding the canonical orientation, the construction was built on the NS direction, with the chancel northward and the bell tower southward. The fortification, which was constructed in the 15th century around the old church, was enforced by five defence towers and had an outer bailey. End of the 18th century the number of towers raised to seven, but only for a short time: just few years later a big part of the wall was demolished and the resulting material was used for the construction of several administrative buildings.

The interior furnishing of the church boasts a unitary neoclassical style. The original lining of the galleries is still preserved and it has the form of a shirred curtain.

Place and surroundings

On the side of the main road that crosses the village founded in 1150, the fortified church proudly appears, while across the street there is a rather dull little house. Its appearance may not be imposing, but its history is worthy of great esteem, this being the birthplace of the remarkable Baron Samuel von Brukenthal, the only Transylvanian Saxon who ever held the position of Governor of the Great Principality of Transylvania.

Born in 1721 in Leschkirch and deceased in 1803 in Sibiu, Brukenthal studied history, philosophy,



theology and administrative sciences in Germany. The beginning of his illustrious career was marked by his marriage to the daughter of the mayor of Sibiu, his success reaching a peak in 1753 with the audience he was granted by the Empress Maria Theresa, who would appoint him governor a few years later. A dedicated collector, Brukenthal possessed numerous art works, paintings and valuable coins that, together with an impressive library, he kept in the “Brukenthal Palace” in Sibiu. Years after his death, the stately museum was opened for the public in 1817, being one of the first such institutions in Europe.

Activities

The Leschkirch Scout Centre has set itself up in the parish house. The scout organisation with members from all over the world runs a pottery in the workshop buildings. Their customised products can be purchased directly on site or at various markets and events in the region.



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We met for our monthly meeting the third Monday in June to conduct business as usual. After the minutes of the last meeting were read, and May’s treasure’s report was given, a report from the special committee for the Branch 5 Summer Picnic was discussed.

The Branch 5 Summer Picnic will be held at Lakeview park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, OH on August 16, 2026 at the #1 shelter at the west end of the park starting at 12 Noon. Make your RSVP to attend by August 8, 2026 by calling or sending a text to sister Barbara Gilles at (440) 541-7224. Let her know how many people will be attending and the side dish for at least 6 people you plan to share. Branch 5 will provide the main dish of fried chicken, corn on the cob, dessert and beverages along with table settings. To our senior members if you would like to attend but need a ride, let that be known at the time of your reservation as well. The picnic committee is also asking that you not bring your dog or any pet to the picnic, and that one guest per dues paying member be allowed to attend free of charge as we have honored in the past. Any additional guests of that member will be \$20. We’ll begin eating at 1:00 PM and then enjoy the rest of the afternoon with bingo, water balloon toss, and corn hole. You could take a walk down to the lake, swim, or just hang out as long as you want since we have the pavilion all day.

The 2026 -2027 Transylvanian Saxon Bowling Association league will be starting in September. If you would like to bowl this coming season with the Branch 5 team, you must make a commitment by August 10, 2026 so our team can get registered. Contact Sister Monica Gilles at (440) 309-7894 to get signed up.

A motion was made and seconded to recess from our meetings in July

and August. Our regular scheduled meeting will resume at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway, Lorain, OH 44055 on September 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Sisters Debbie Tomusko and Sharon Powell are still on the sick list as reported by our vice president Sister Jane Mowery. Our hopes would be that each of you will be well soon.

There will be a July Dinner for members in good standing only, July 14th at 6:00 PM at Nemo Grille, 36976 Detroit Rd, Avon, OH 44011. RSVP is required before July 2 by calling Sister Jeanne Petty at (440) 670-3368.

The invitation is still open for our members to share announcements of their teen’s high school, college or tech school graduation, so that we can congratulate them in the coming month’s article. Send news and announcements I can share in this article by either email mikjo79@gmail.com or USPS ADDRESSED to Michael Johnson, 41984 Debra Dr., Elyria, OH, 44035.

Members celebrating birthdays this month of July are Sister Dana Brown, Brothers Kyle Cassidy, and Scott Kranstuber and junior members Clayton Cassidy and Addison Long. Happy Birthday to you all and may you celebrate in your favorite way

There are many opportunities to enjoy summer’s activities presented by the ATS and our sister branches published in your issue of the *Volksblatt*. It was voted on at the June meeting that if you are a member in good standing and you’d like to attend any of these events, either local or National, you will be reimbursed the admission cost after submitting a paid receipt for ticket entry at the following regular monthly meeting. Be sure to check them out and consider making plans to be a part of the fun. Happy 4th of July and until next time, stay healthy and safe this summer.



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