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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

So sad to have to write on the abrupt closing of the Cleveland Sachsenheim. It is very disappointing and devastating to many of us. We are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of our past officers, membership and friends that provided our community with wonderful events and activities. While the doors are closed, the memories and friendships remain in our hearts. Thank you, thank you for making our lives fuller by sharing our cultural heritage within the Cleveland community in a location that always had a open door.

During the past few months we thought we could work to resolve our financial problems, but the vision was not strong enough for the work to continue. For those who made financial donations to be used for maintenance expense can request the return of their funds by emailing clesachsen@gmail.com. As we turn the page to continue our fraternal activities elsewhere, we look forward to our membership's support. We have a history that we can be proud of and a future to build on our Saxon future.

We were fortunate that the Cleveland Maennerchor reached out to Branch 4 immediately to offer their help. We were grateful for their invite that we held our October meeting at their clubhouse. We truly appreciate their kindness. Our next monthly meeting will be held at the Cleveland Maennerchor on Wednesday, November 4th at 6 pm. The Maennerchor is located at 4515 State Road.

Good news for our Junior members! Branch 4 will host a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, 2026. The party will be held at Bethany English Lutheran Church located at 15460 Triskett Rd in Cleveland. Invitations will be mailed to our Junior members.

A quote I always liked from Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON
By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone has enjoyed the extended warmer weather into October. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 15, when we will be having lunch followed by our meeting.

It seems things keep becoming more expensive with many more folks being in need. If you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the Canton ladies lodge who are in need, please let us know so we can be of help. Just a simple email to me at sherlee5@aol.com, or a text or call to me at 330-312-5112, can get them financial assistance. I will forward any requests on to others in the branch so we can help.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and please join us at Meyers Landing on Sunday, November 15, at 1:00. See you then.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF CLEVELAND WEST BRANCH 1

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2 at the Sachsenheim at 7 p.m.

We will continue to meet at the club until the sale of our property is finalized.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



As I write this article, we're enjoying a nice summer-like day in northeast Ohio with temperatures in the 80s. Our prayers go out to those in the south, including some of our members, who sustained damage from the first hurricane of the season, Isaias. With it already being Fall for almost a month, all too soon the warm weather will be gone completely, and we'll be dealing with that cold white stuff.

This weekend will be the ATS Open-Bowling Tournament held in Salem, Ohio. I'll have pictures of this last big ATS event of the year in the next issue. Other than the normal TSBA bowling sessions and local events, the year is winding down. Most of the Branches have a Christmas Dinner or Party planned. The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group will host their Trachtenball on Saturday, November 7th; the New Castle choirs will have their Christmas concert on Saturday, December 5th; and the new Cleveland East choir will perform at their Branch 33 Christmas Party. Please attend your local events. The Branches put them on for your enjoyment.

Did you know that on October 20, 1962, a Halloween song hit Number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart? Before I go into details about the song, I want to talk about a well-known actor who is indirectly responsible for the song. Boris Karloff was an English actor known primarily for his horror film roles. He portrayed Frankenstein's monster in the 1931 film Frankenstein. He also starred in the sequels Bride of Frankenstein (1935) and Son of Frankenstein (1939), as well as many more films. I knew him more from the 1966 TV special Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas. He was the voice of the Grinch as well as the narrator. I still look forward to watching this animated TV show every year!

Now, back to the song. According to History.com, the song was a toss-off idea by Bobby "Boris" Pickett. Pickett grew up loving horror films mainly due to his father's position as a local movie theater manager. He had grown up in Massachusetts and served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959 and was stationed in Korea and eventually moved to California.

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



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

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

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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.

A golf hazard with an appetite

Charl Schwartzel's tee shot on the 134-yard seventh hole landed on the green, spun backward, and trickled into the pond. Golfers lose balls to water every day. What came next was different. A fish rose out of the murk and swallowed it.

The moment was caught on video during the final round of a LIV Golf tournament in Bedminster, New Jersey, on Aug. 9, according to Reuters. Schwartzel, the South African who won the 2011 Masters, took a one-stroke penalty and settled for bogey. A broadcaster calling the round said he had never seen anything like it.

The diner appeared to be a largemouth bass. According to New Hampshire Fish and Game, largemouth bass are visual hunters that swallow prey whole and strike at sudden movement -- the very reflex that makes them so easy to fool with an artificial lure.

Anglers spend good money on lures built to trigger that reflex. This one settled for a golf ball.



Cleveland East Br. 33 is hosting ATS Bowling League session on Sunday November 15, 2026 at North Woods Lanes 10435 Valley View Rd. Macedonia, Ohio Bowling starts at 12 noon NO MEAL

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Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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Pickett was known for doing Boris Karloff impersonations at talent competitions, while pursuing an acting career. He co-wrote a song with Leonard Capizzi in May 1962 as a spoof of popular contemporary dance crazes. In less than an hour, the two recorded the song with a band that they called The Crypt-Kickers. The song featured Pickett singing in his "Boris Karloff voice".

Pickett brought the recording to a record producer, who took it to four different labels. It was rejected at each of those record labels. But then a radio station played the song and it became a hit. London Records, one of those initial rejections, finally gave Pickett a deal. The song was considered controversial. In fact, BBC Radio banned it saying it was "too morbid" to play on the air.

Did you figure out the song yet? It was the "Monster Mash". It hit number one just in time for Halloween in 1962. It spent the last two weeks of October on the top of the charts. It re-charted in August 1970, and then again in May 1973. It has remained a beloved Halloween classic decades later.

Until next time…

Why Magic Day falls on Halloween

The date is not spooky theming. National Magic Day lands on October 31 because that is the day Harry Houdini died, in a Detroit hospital, at 52. This year marks 100 years since.



He was the most famous performer alive. Born Erik Weisz in Budapest, he built his name escaping handcuffs, chains, locked crates, and a milk can filled with water, and he made a habit of daring the police in each city he visited to restrain him in their own jails. He once escaped a straitjacket while hanging upside down from a building.

The last chapter of his career was stranger. Houdini spent his final years hunting down fraudulent mediums. Spiritualism was at its height, and grieving families were paying strangers to contact their dead. Houdini, who knew every method in the trade because he had used them, began attending seances in disguise, waiting for the moment he caught the trick, then standing up to announce who he was.

In 1924 he joined a Scientific American panel offering $2,500 to any medium who could demonstrate genuine powers under controlled conditions. He observed more than a hundred. The money was never claimed. The campaign cost him his friendship with Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes and a devoted believer, and the two ended as public antagonists.

Houdini died of peritonitis after his appendix ruptured. A student had struck him in the abdomen days earlier, and the story has been told ever since as the cause, though medical historians have never settled it. Within a year, magicians had claimed the date. His widow blessed the idea, and it began as Houdini Day. It is now a full week, and magicians spend it performing for free in hospitals and schools.

The first new painkiller in 20 years comes with a two-week limit

There is one, and it is real. The Food and Drug Administration approved suzetrigine, sold as Journavx, in January 2025 -- the first new class of pain medicine cleared in more than two decades. It is not an opioid, it is not a controlled substance, and it is not expected to cause dependence.

Opioids work inside the brain, dulling the response to a signal that has already arrived. Suzetrigine works earlier, blocking a sodium channel in the peripheral nerves so the signal never completes the trip. Staying out of the brain, it does not produce the euphoria that drives addiction.

It is also not stronger. In the two pivotal trials, published in Anesthesiology, patients recovering from abdominal or bunion surgery got more relief than from a placebo, and roughly the same as from hydrocodone with acetaminophen. Not more. What differed was tolerance. In one trial, 20 percent on suzetrigine reported nausea or vomiting, against 33 percent on the opioid.

The label covers short-term pain only, for no more than 14 days. That restriction is not about danger. Side effects were mild, with itching in about 2 percent of patients and muscle spasms, rash, and a rise in one muscle enzyme each near 1 percent, and no serious reactions were tied to the drug. The cap exists because 14 days is the longest anyone has studied it.

Arthritis and chronic back pain are a separate question, still unanswered. A mid-stage trial in nerve-related low back pain barely beat placebo. A late-stage trial in diabetic nerve pain is enrolling 1,100 patients now.

Then there is the price. Without insurance, a 30-tablet supply -- about one full course -- runs an estimated $475 to $675, and coverage is uneven. A patient whose plan says no is back to the same choices as before.

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE
By Dolores Both

The red maple trees have begun turning colors announcing fall's arrival and time to celebrate our Oktoberfest at Cascade Park. September 26th was a beautiful day and we all enjoyed the people coming to hear the music, enjoy the singing and dancing, but most of all, the food and beer. Thanks to all who supported us by having a good time. We are happy to report that we broke our old sales record in the basket raffle and dessert sales. We were pleased to support Br. 25 by donating all proceeds towards their planned projects.

Thank you to the potato cooks and peelers for their expert help. The potatoes were perfectly cooked for the German potato salad. There's a rumor circulating that prayers were said so the potatoes were cooked to the appropriate tenderness. And they were! Rosemary and Pete Montini need to be commended for doing an excellent job making the German potato salad which received many compliments. Abig thank you to Katy Hudak who spent many hours in the kitchens at the Eintracht and Cascade Park.

Now it's back to business. Get well wishes go out to Carol Schlumberger and Pat Both who are recovering from health issues.

Our October Outreach was very successful with 76 items donated to the Holy Spirit Parish food pantry. For each item donated, members received a raffle ticket and the lucky winner of a $25 gift certificate to Giant Eagle was Doris Shenker. Congratulations Doris.

Judy will be sending her October letter to all members. The letter will arrive via email for those who have provided that information or via the postal service. The letter includes a reservation form for the Christmas party, a ballot of officers, and a reminder about 2027 dues. It also includes a reminder about the availability of the Wendell August ornament. What a great Christmas gift! The Christmas party is December 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the club house in Hunters Woods. Jeremy from Hill House will cater the meal. Watch your mail or email for the reservation form.

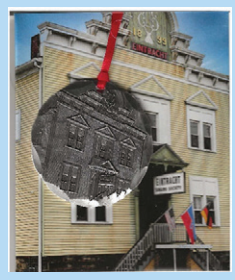
We are looking forward to helping at the Children's Christmas party. Further plans will be discussed at the November meeting.

Looking ahead to 2027, it was suggested we plan a day to clean and organize the club's kitchen area. More information on this project later.

The winner of Judy's "Multiple Choice Halloween Quiz" was guest, Debbie Holt. She won a Halloween dish towel with a cute pumpkin design. Congratulations Debbie. The best part of our gathering was singing Happy Birthday to Sherri Fenski on her October 1st birthday. Best wishes for many more happy birthdays. The delicious cake Sherri's mom, Linda Stoops, brought was the perfect send-off before we left for home. Thanks for the treat.

Meeting time for the November 5 meeting is 5:00 p.m. at Soni's instead of 6:00 p.m. due to the "fall back" time change and earlier darkness.

Keep your memories alive with this Wendell August ornament
$20



"A Brief History of the Transylvanian Saxons"
booklet compiled by Ron Hietsch, New Castle, PA 2000
$1.50

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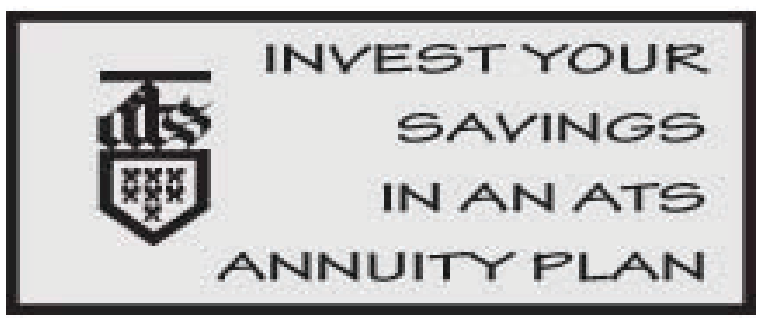
FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

November 15, 2026
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland East
December 13, 2026
TSBA Bowling - Lorain
January 17, 2027
TSBA Bowling - New Castle
February 7, 2027
TSBA Bowling - Salem
March 7, 2027
TSBA Bowling - Youngstown
April 3 - 4, 2027
TSBA Tournament - Youngstown
May 15, 2027
Branch Presidents Meeting - Detroit
July 9 - 11, 2027
ATS 125th Anniversary Celebration / Heimattag
Cleveland

LOCAL EVENTS

November 7, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Trachtenball
November 28, 2026
Salem Saxon Club
Old World Style Christmas Makers Market
December 5, 2026
Lorain Br. 5 Christmas Dinner - Diso's II Bistro
New Castle Eintracht Männer und Kinder Chor
Christmas Concert
December 6, 2026
New Castle Br. 27 Christmas Party
December 12, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Club
Anniversary Dinner / Dance
Cleveland Br. 4 Children's Christmas Party
Bethany English Lutheran Church
December 13, 2026
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party
Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party Berwick Party House



YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Rd

PORK & KRAUT DINNER
OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN
PUBLIC WELCOME

BRANCH 30 YOUNGSTOWN
By Diane Kirr

It's another beautiful day in Youngstown. If you missed or could not attend our Speck Fry, you missed a perfect day. The weather was warm, the grill was hot, smoking and smelled so-o-o good with the speck sizzling over the hot wood coals. You also missed the fried green tomatoes – they were perfect! Thank you, Michelle and Kiki. If anybody has pictures of the Speck Fry, get in touch with Kiki or Michelle. DUES!

Our Craft Show was on October 17. DUES!

Our next Pork and Kraut dinner will be October 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We had a full house last month. See you there. DUES!

October 30 is our Children's Halloween party from 5 -7 p.m. I'm looking forward to see a lot of children both scary and friendly. I understand that there are some new things in the Kinder Korner and they could use some more games. We must check that out. I might even think of something. DUES!!

November 7 will be our Trachtenball, so get your Tracht out. See ad in this issue for details.

December 12 will be Branch 30 Christmas and anniversary dinner Dance. No children for this special night and no jeans please!!

Oh, I almost forgot DUES are due. Let's do this ASAP. See you at the club.

College Patron

A visitor to the local college was pleased to see that the new dormitory building had been named Hemingway Hall.

"It is so nice to see a building named for Ernest Hemingway," he said. "What a wonderful way to honor a great writer."

"Actually," said his guide, "it's named for James Hemingway. No relation."

"Oh," said the visitor. "Is James Hemingway a writer also?"

"Yes, indeed!" replied the guide. "He wrote a check."





CHRISTMAS at THE SAXON CLUB

Old World Style Christmas Makers Market
November 28, 2026 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Salem Saxon Club
1980 State Route 9
Salem, OH 44460
Vendors and Sponsors Needed!
Vendor Fee $20 – includes 8 ft table and 2 chairs
Plus a Donation of a Door Prize Item for the Guest to ENTER TO WIN!
Sponsorships will be promoted!
Can include donations for Door Prizes, Food, Christmas Trees or Christmas Lights
Contact: Chris (330) 853-8834

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Cleveland East Branch 33 had a Clambake on Saturday, September 26. What a beautiful day! Weather cooperated, and we had a nice turnout. Dinner was exceptionally good! Thank you to Mike Bretz for organizing, and to the many members who helped set up, cook, and serve. Everyone enjoyed the meal and sharing Gemütlichkeit. Donna Foisel managed the 50-50 raffle; Half the proceeds were donated to the local Food Bank, and congratulations to Wayne Kraus who won the other half. Thank you to Messiah Lutheran church for the use of their facility. Really an awesome day!

















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.

Rosemarie Eckenrode
Age: 97
Died: August 16, 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Martin Teutsch
Age: 92
Died: September 5, 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Frank B. Heim
Age: 81
Died: October 4th, 2026
Branch 25, New Castle, PA

Gregory T. Connors
Age: 43
Died: October 9. 2026
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

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10:00 Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.
Nathaniel Hawthorne

O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Robert Frost

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

Monthly Meeting
Rusty Bucket
October 19, 2026
73 N. Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Noon

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Susi Mueller (October 5) and MarSue Birtler (October 16). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

We Hope they had wonderful celebrations.

SPECIAL MENTION

We have several members; Sophie Untch, Hedy Fleischer and Susi Mueller who facing some challenges and could use a call, a card or a visit to let them know they are in our prayers. Gotte segne! Additionally, we have members Jill Blum and George Lassel that are working diligently through rehab sessions from previous surgeries.



CHRISTMAS
(NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS)
THE COLUMBUS SAXON CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Sankt Nikolaus is checking his list and his calendar, and he wants you to come join Sankt Nikolaus on Sunday, December 13th

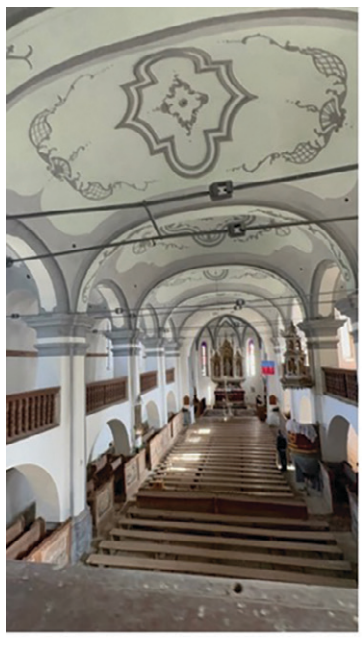
Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 13th. We will be sending out invitations to the Christmas Columbus Saxon Club event on November 1st. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please send a Private Message to Don Blum on Facebook or text (614) 580-8616

DON BOTSCH TO AMERICA HISTORY
(Fleischer, Moisch, Boehm, Sollner, Krautner, Lassel, Karst, Blum)

In our last segment, we talked about how it was interesting and fun to have been able to visit Botsch, Transylvania, where our family heritage began years ago. We discussed how it was humbling to be in the town, visit the church, cemetery and homes where our ancestors lived for centuries.

Bostch was similar to many of the other Transylvanian towns. At first, it was so small it was considered a commune. It was a real Saxon Market town. It had skilled shoemakers, blacksmiths, carpenters, cheese makers, a bookbinder, butchers, masons, farmers and even had an apothecary and a doctor. The town was thriving so much that in 1750, the town sent a memorandum to the Empress, Maria Theresa, delivered in person by the Botsch mayor, defending the rights to be a free market community. The village historians called the document unique in the history of Transylvanian Saxons. This was the type of community of which our family was proud to call their home. The town sits in Mures County in Northern Transylvania. As was previously stated, this Saxon village had Gothic church that began between 1380 and 1450. It is one of the oldest Gothic churches in Romania, older than the famous Black church in Brasov. The church burned in 1728 and was rebuilt, and has a stone that recognizes the names of the people who oversaw the restoration. Botsch (Batos-current Hungarian name) was a quiet but thriving community. Not much change had occurred in several hundred years. As we saw, in our visit to many Transylvanian towns some still used horse drawn wagons as transportation and as a means for farming. While we didn't see any horse drawn wagons on our visit to Botsch a few years ago, it was probably prevalent before and after WWII. We did visit other small towns where we did see horse drawn wagons.

While it is sometimes difficult to trace family history back through Transylvania, we know that our great-grandparents on my grandfather's side were George Sollner and Maria Boehm. On my grandmother's side my great grandparents were Johann Fleischer and Maria Mosich. The only one of our great grandparents that would eventually come to America was Johann Fleischer (we will discuss him further in a future article). My Grandparents were George Sollner-born 1891 and Maria Fleischer-born 1893.



We will focus on the grandparents, as they were the first individuals of the family that came to America. George Sollner and Maria Fleischer-Sollner were married on December 30, 1911.

They were married in the church that we saw in Botsch, and that my daughter was able to tour on her visit. They built a family together that consisted of George-born December 19, 1912, Johann - born November 25, 1914, Maria - born November 27, 1918, Maria (my Mutter) - born December 24, 1922, Susanna - born February 23, 1925 (this is my aunt who was born in America). My oldest uncle, George never came to America, passed away on July 22, 1936, from tuberculosis(George was the father to Maria, who later married Michael Lassel and Susanna, who later married John Karst-we will later hear about Michael and John). We are not exactly sure what happened to George, Jr., as he was only 11 years old when Maria and the family joined George, Sr. We do know that he eventually took over the Sollner farm. We are assuming that he was left with other family members until he could be independent and operate the farm. The first Maria-born in 1918, passed away on December 29, 1921, and would never come to America. Subsequently, my mutter was then named Maria when she was born in 1922.

They would come in one of the earlier waves of Transylvanian Saxons that came to America. Most of our other relatives came to America following the quick exodus after WWII. George was a mason and farmer in Botsch. While they were happy in Botsch, and had a good life, they had heard so much about America and the opportunities available. Additionally, many Transylvanian Saxons had moved to various places in the Midwest and Canada. George and Maria decided they would seek out a new life in America. Like many Transylvanian Saxons they would venture out to see what opportunities could be ahead for them. They were fortunate, in that they were part of the earlier wave of Transylvanian Saxons, and were not driven out of their homeland by ruthless Russian aggression after WWII. Like many Saxons, having the entire family come to America, the entire family would not come as one family unit.

George would leave Maria and the family behind while he would travel by himself. George would arrive on October 9th, 1922. He would leave Hamburg and travel on the ship named Saxonia. George would arrive in Columbus, Ohio and meet up with many of the Transylvanian Saxons that had started a Branch of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, in Columbus, in 1910. George used his mason trade and skills to establish a future life for him and his family. It wasn't until the next year that Maria would come to America. Maria would travel with my 9 year-old uncle Johann (Johnnie) and my 8 month-old, mutter Maria on the ship named America. They would depart Bremen and arrive on October 6th, 1923. As you can see by the pictures of the ships, they were not luxury liners, with wonderful accommodations. Many of these ships carried as much cargo as people. This was common mode of transportation for immigrants coming to America.

First Name : George
Last Name : Sollner
Nationality : Roumania, German
Last Place of Residence :
Batos, Roumania
Date of Arrival :
October 9th, 1922
Age at Arrival : 31y
Gender : Male
Marital Status : Married
Ship of Travel : Saxonia
Port of Departure : Hamburg
Manifest Line Number : 0002
Sollner, George
PASSENGER I
603326040257
FRAME
626
LINE NUMBER
2



SHIP NAME
Saxonia
ARRIVAL DATE
October 9th, 1922
PORT OF DEPARTURE
Hamburg

First Name : Maria
Last Name : Sollner
Nationality : Roumania, German
Last Place of Residence :
Batos, Roumania
Date of Arrival :
October 6th, 1923
Age at Arrival : 28y
Gender : Female
Marital Status : Married
Ship of Travel : America
Port of Departure : Bremen
Manifest Line Number : 0001
Sollner, Maria
PASSENGER ID
601722020572
FRAME
754
LINE NUMBER 1

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SHIP NAME America
ARRIVAL DATE October 6th,

This is a good place to pause on the story until the next article.

HUMOR (compliments Sara Alzner-Brown)

A blond was taking helicopter lessons. The instructor said, "I'll radio you every 1000 feet to see how you are doing." At 100 feet, the instructor radioed her and said you are doing fine. At 2000 feet, the same thing was radioed, doing fine. Right before she got to 3000 feet, the propeller stopped and she twirled to the ground. The instructor ran to the crash and pulled her out of the helicopter. "What went wrong?" The blonde says, at 2500 feet I got cold, so I turned the big fan off!"

IMPORTANT

There is an election coming up in a few weeks. It is a privilege and right for every registered and legal citizen to vote. If you don't vote, then don't complain about the outcome!





"Well, for starters, you're employing way more flying monkeys than you really need."

From the Archives

By Eric Litschel ATS Home Office

It's been a few months since my last update. Things have been busy at the ATS Library and Archives. I'll try to catch you up on some of the developments since August.

First, I'd like to express my thanks to a handful of individuals. Thank you to Mrs. Maria Thellman of Cleveland East. She generously donated two beautiful Saxon dolls. Her mother, Maria Böhm, a gifted seamstress, made the intricately detailed clothing for both of the well cared for dolls. In addition to the dolls, Mrs. Thellman donated a large corner curio cabinet for displaying them. Thank you again Mrs. Thellman!

Next, I would like to thank Mr. David Umling of Petersburg, West Virginia. Mr. Umling donated two copies of a book he wrote and published titled "Reflections on My Lives: An Adoptee's Story". The memoir details Mr. Umling's life as an adoptee who sought out his biological family, who, he was to learn, were Transylvanian Saxons. It is a truly unique and even at times, Mr. Umling says, bizarre story. Thank you again Mr. Umling. Both copies of the book will be added to our library collection.

Next, I'd like to thank Horst and Edith Hebrank of Cleveland West for their assistance in helping the ATS to preserve the history of the westside Cleveland choral groups - the Eintracht Hermania and the Damenchor Saxonia. With the closure last month of the Cleveland Sachsenheim, the numerous items in the Sachsenheim's Music Room no longer had a place where they could be stored. Margie Ziegler of Cleveland East reached out to Mr. and Mrs. Hebrank to arrange to move the items to the ATS Home Office. I met with the three of them in early September, and we started the process. It took several weeks to relocate the countless pieces of sheet music in addition to commemorative plaques, trophies, and photos. All the items are now awaiting processing for eventual use and display at the ATS archives. Thank you



again to the Hebranks and to Margie Ziegler for initiating this effort.

With "Thank you"s done, I have a piece of belated news to share. The ATS Library and Archives was the recipient of yet another grant from the state of Ohio! In early August, we received a grant from the Ohio Arts Council. This grant will help us to continue the work of preserving and sharing our unique heritage with the broader community. The focus of this grant project will be on the artistic contributions of Transylvanian Saxons both historically and into the present day. The project is still in its early developmental stages. We expect to release more information regarding it in early 2027.

The ATS Library and Archives now has a Facebook page. On Facebook, search Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons - Library and Archives. Please check it out! Like and Follow. You can keep up with what's going on at the Library and also get access to our online Library catalog.

Candy season is 90 days long, not one night

Halloween is not really the problem. The problem is the stretch that follows -- the bowl by the door, the bag on the counter, the leftovers that migrate to the office, and then Thanksgiving and the Christmas tins. From late October to New Year's, there is candy within arm's reach almost continuously.

Everyone is going to sample some, and that is fine. The useful question is what the choices cost.

Start with the fun-size bar, the most misunderstood item in the bag. Most run 60 to 90 calories. They are not free. Consumer Reports nutritionist Amy Keating names the trap directly: people talk themselves into believing that fun size means they can have a lot of them.

Consumer Reports worked out how much of each favorite adds up to 100 calories. It takes about 14 pieces of candy corn. Or five Starburst. Or roughly 23 M and Ms, or four Tootsie Roll Midgees. It takes nearly one whole peanut butter cup.

The sharper number is sugar. Consumer



Reports found that 100 calories of these treats carries two to five teaspoons of added sugar. The American Heart Association's limit for a full day is six teaspoons for women and nine for men. Two fun-size bars can spend most of it.

Which points to the one choice that reliably matters. Chocolate with fat in it -- the peanut butter cup, the caramel bar -- costs more per piece. But registered dietitian Samantha Oldman notes that fat is what makes food satisfying, because it is slowest to leave the stomach. One piece you actually wanted beats three that leave you still looking. Pick the one you like. Then close the bag.

Not having enough Life Insurance can be frightening!

Do you have enough Life Insurance to cover your funeral expenses? Do you have enough Life Insurance coverage for your family to continue making the rent or mortgage payments? Will your family be able to continue paying the car loan or credit card payments?



Consider these facts:

- Only 51% of Americans have Life Insurance
- Only 42% of Gen Zers and 49% of Millenials have Life Insurance
- More than 45% of families would face financial hardship within six months should the primary wager earner die. 27% would struggle financially within one month
- 40% of people with Life Insurance say they wish they would have purchased coverage at an earlier age

Contact your local ATS Sales Deputy or the ATS Home Office to learn more about our Life Insurance Plans:

- **Single Payment Life** - only one premium pays this plan for life
- **Seven Payment Life** - payments are made for only seven years
- **Twenty Payment Life** - can complete the premium payments during one's best earning years
- **Life Paid up at Age 65** - premium payments are completed by retirement age
- **Whole Life** - provides the maximum amount of permanent life insurance cash value at the lowest rates

Putting off purchasing Life Insurance could be a very costly mistake. The younger you are, the lower the premiums. Generally, you're much healthier when you are younger. If you develop health issues later in life and try to obtain Life Insurance at that time, you may have to pay more for coverage or not qualify for coverage at all. What a scary thought! Call us today!



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