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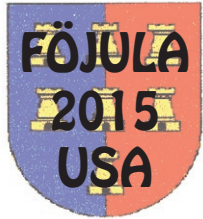
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## FEDERATION OF THE TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS' 23<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL JUGENDLAGER JULY 7 – 20, 2015 HOST: ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS UNITED STATES

Five of our ATS Members will have the chance to attend the 2015 Jugendlager which will be held in United States starting Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and ending on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Announcements and applications have been sent to our ATS members ages 16 – 19.

Participation in this Jugendlager will be limited to five young people from each country. The USA Group Leader will be Heidi Weber, a member of Youngstown Branch 22. USA participants must be ATS members in good standing between the ages of 16 –19. Participant must have a valid passport and medical insurance. The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons will provide the housing, meals and transportation during the Jugendlager. The ATS will pay the Participation Fee for each of the USA participants.

The reason each participant needs a valid passport is for travel to the 2015 Saxon Heimattag that will be held in Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, the weekend of July 10 – 12.

All applicants should be interested in sharing their family's Saxon traditions and be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the national organization, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

This is a two week program that will be filled with fun activities as well as offer an individual a chance to share their family history with others, to learn about our Saxon heritage, and to make friends that will last a lifetime.

*If you wish to be considered, please return the application  
that was sent to you by no later than April 30, 2015.  
Applications are to be mailed to the ATS Home Office,  
5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129.*

### BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

May I wish each of you a happy Springtime, With that, at the Youngstown Saxon Club, that means a Spring housecleaning, inside and out, Branch 30, Branch 22, and Social members, too , please. They are Saturdays, April 25 and May 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Even if you have a little time to spend keeping your Club refreshed, it would be very much appreciated. Cleaning supplies and lunch provided but bring your own bucket or rake, please.

Mamas and grandmas, encourage your younger family members to come and be a part of our Saxon Club activities, meetings, food and fun.

Club Activities:

Saturday, April 25

Spring Housecleaning, all members 9:00-2:00 p.m.

Pete Karsti Band 7:00 p.m.  
German menu

Sunday, April 26

Mother/Daughter Banquet –  
Ballroom; doors open 12:30 p.m.  
Reservations deadline: April 22;  
Dinner 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29

Officers Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 2

Clean-up, Housecleaning, all  
members 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 3

Branch Meeting, Lower Lounge  
2:00 p.m.

Remember WKTL 90.7 FM for German melodies, Saturdays 10:30-12:00 p.m. presented by Helga and Wolfgang Wengler. This can prove to be a delightful and special time in your Saturday.

Keep those dues coming so you don't lose your benefits.

Get wells were sent to Olive Norton, Thinking of you to Gloria Hahn, Thank you to Helen Bendel and Easter greetings to Dorothy Fizet and Gloria Hahn. Sympathy on the passing of Hildegard Honse, a long time member of the Concordia Chorus.

Keep your support coming for our Saxon Relief Fund. Only when you see food packages stacked in the Saxonia office, Romania, do you realize how important our dollars mean to feeding and giving medical care to our fellow Saxons. The need is great. Thank you.

Birthdays: Regina Teutsch, Samantha Marucci, Betty Deskin and Betty Garhammer.

Please don't forget our Saxon Bingo, Sunday Evenings; either come and play or volunteer to help out. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; starts 6:45 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



Spring has finally arrived! The grass is getting greener, the trees are perking up and the daffodils are starting to bloom. Spring can be a very busy time of the year. Just a few days ago we raked the last of the leaves that gathered in the back of our yard . Many of us have to clean up the flower gardens, prepare the soil for the vegetable gardens, and soon be trimming and cutting the grass which can be quite a lot to keep us busy. But after all the work is done, it is all worth the effort. Besides, all of these chores are good exercise and you can be outside to enjoy the warm fresh air after our long, cold winter.

By now, Spring Break is a thing of the past for all school students and they are working hard to prepare for final exams. We wish them well in the preparations and success with their final grades. Many senior proms will be held. It is always a great feeling when we see the young couples come into a restaurant all dressed up in their gowns and tuxes before their prom. It brings back some fond memories.

Sometimes it can be difficult to decide what kind of gift to give to your child or grandchild for their birthday or graduation, etc... Why not give them an ATS Life Insurance Policy or ATS Annuity. The ATS offers a large variety of life insurance policies at very reasonable rates, or you can purchase an ATS Annuity for a child from birth thru the age of 15 for a minimum of only \$150.00. This is a great way to save for their future. Please contact your Branch Deputy for more information.

Quote of the Day: "Jealousy is the only vice that gives no pleasure." We can be touched by jealousy, even when we know it is silly. Our kindergartener tells us she loves her teacher, and we're jealous. Our father praises one of our siblings, and we're jealous. Our partner remarks that a celebrity is attractive, and we're jealous. Jealousy is not an indication of the strength of our feelings for the other person; it is an indication of our insecurity. If we are confident that our children, parents, and partner love us, we won't be jealous of their attention to others.

Take care until next time and may God bless the members of the ATS.

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
MAILED WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2015**

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**CLEVELAND EAST, BRANCH 33**  
By Arline Krestel-Suts

This week, just want to write a few notes and reminders.

First, please make your reservation for our annual Spring Membership Dinner-Dance scheduled for Sunday May 3rd at Pine Ridge Country Club 12 p.m to 4 p.m. Dinner at 1:30 p.m. Call Fred or Ingeborg Krestel at (440) 693-1775, Reservation fee for Branch 33 members is \$20, (Members fee refunded at the Dance). Guests' cost is \$25.00. Make checks payable to ATS Branch 33. Weather should be good so hope to see all members there!

The Application for Branch 33 Scholarship for our members attending college is printed in the *Volksblatt* for the next few weeks. Please fill out and send to Karyn Schmidt.

Reserve your spot for the Lake County Captains Game on Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$12. We will be having a "picnic" dinner of BBQ chicken and burgers. Branch 33 will be paying for the meal. Barb Hum is taking the reservations.

Next meeting is May 13th. Before the meeting we will have a Speaker talking about Domestic Violence. We are asking attendees to bring items for their Women's Shelter, such a toiletries, kids toys, diapers.

Branch 33 has voted to make an amendment to our Constitution. An AdHoc committee was formed to review our Membership by-laws. Branch 33 Membership is hereby notified of the following Change: Article III – Membership, Section 1 will have a phrase added to the last sentence.

Currently reads: "An applicant for membership in Branch 33 must be a National Alliance Member as an owner of an Alliance Life Insurance Certificate and/or an Annuity Savings Plan. He must retain either one throughout his membership. " The following phrase will be ADDED "...or until he becomes an exempt member."

We will be posting this addition in the next 3 *Volksblatt* editions to notify Branch 33 members.

**May brings return of migratory birds to our localities**

Millions of birds are in the process of migrating to the United States and Canada from their winter habitats in Central and South America. They are driven by their instinctive urge to return to their summer nesting grounds.

International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) is May 9. The Smithsonian Bird Center originated the event in 1993, but it became the major education and conservation program of Environment for the Americas (EFTA) in 2007. Now, it highlights the habits of 350 migratory bird species in the Western Hemisphere.

This year's IMBD theme is "Restore Habitat, Restore Birds." It emphasizes the preservation and environmental efforts that directly affect migratory birds.

Why should you become a birder? Think about these inspiring facts:

- More than 251 species are recorded at the Chicago Botanical Garden, including flycatchers, tanagers, orioles, and up to 36 species of warblers.

- About 280 species are recorded in New York City's Central Park.

- Some 500,000 Sandhill Cranes and endangered whooping cranes use the Central Platte River Valley in Nebraska as a staging habitat during their migration to Canada and Alaska.

- More than 98 percent of the 338 species of migrants are recorded in Texas. May brings ruby-throated hummingbirds, sandpipers, yellow cuckoos, flycatchers and warbler species.

- Most of the 6,000 species of migratory songbirds are seen in May.

- An amazing 20 million shorebirds and waterfowl use the Copper River Delta during spring migration in April and May.

- Of the over 320 species of hummingbirds, only 26 are found north of Mexico. After flying across the Gulf, they migrate 20 miles per day. Their wings flutter 80 times per second, but not in flaps; in a figure eight, which enables them to fly backwards and to hover.

Migrating birds cover thousands of miles in their annual travels and have amazing navigational skills, including by the stars, sensing changes in the earth's magnetic field, and even by smell.

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**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.**

You may either

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**Westlake, OH 44145**

**FAX: (440) 399-9339**

**E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com**

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

**DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:**

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015	FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015	FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015	FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015

**Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.**

**Did you miss the deadline?**

**Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?**

**Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.**

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

**Youngstown Saxon Club**



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DOORS OPEN @ 5PM ~ BINGO STARTS @ 6:45PM

\$10, \$15 & \$20 Special Packages • Tear Offs

Birthday Specials • Pig Number

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Food Available! Security Inside & Outside!



"Cash? Gee, I'm new here and I haven't been trained in making change. Would you like to open a store charge?"

**BRANCH 11, LORAIN**  
By Monica Gilles

Our monthly meeting was held on Saturday, April 4 at Slovak Home. Before the meeting, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at the new downtown Lorain restaurant called Underground Grille. It's a mixture of Latin and American cuisine located on Broadway near 4th Street.

I am happy to report that we currently have no members on the sick list. To be placed on the sick list, please contact Jane Mowery at 440-246-3004.

On June 19, we will be hosting a private party at Painting with a Twist located in Avon on Detroit Road. The painting party will start at 7 p.m. and everyone is asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior. Everyone is allowed to BYOB and to bring

snacks. If you are interested in attending, please contact Juliana Johnson at 440-225-5256. Space is limited so get your reservation in now.

Congratulations to June Nau on becoming our newest 50-year member.

Don't forget to send your local dues for 2015 to Sharron Powell; 1704 N. Urban Circle; Lorain, OH 44053.

Happy Birthday to Sisters Ginger Romes, Barbara Gilles, and Debbie Tomusko.

Shirley Mitoff, who was not present at the meeting, was drawn for the attendance prize. Betty Ralph won the door prize.

The next meeting will be Saturday, May 2 starting at 8 p.m.

Moneywise  
**Consider tax  
breaks before  
using '529' funds**

If you will have a college tuition bill this year, be sure to examine available tax credits before paying the whole bill from your 529 savings account.

A 529 savings account is a tax-advantaged account designed to help people save for college. It has become popular because savings earn interest over time and then when it's time to pay educational expenses, money can be used tax-free.

(A proposal by the Obama administration to eliminate the program has been withdrawn.)

Before you use all of your 529 savings on qualified education expenses, take into consideration the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC), according to edvisors.com.

The AOTC can reduce your income tax bill by as much as \$2,500. You can claim an AOTC tax credit for all of the first \$2,000 of qualified education expenses, plus 25 percent of the next \$2,000. You don't want to leave the tax credit on the table by paying everything out of the 529 plan.

It's not available to wealthy taxpayers, but the income limits are higher than other options.

You can maximize your tax benefits by spending \$4,000 from your cash, savings, or loans for qualified education expenses. Then, any remaining expenses can be paid with money from your 529 plan.

Financial aid, scholarships and grants will reduce your qualified expenses. After taking them into account, focus on finding expenses that qualify for the AOTC credit. Room and board isn't a qualified expense but is usually an expense for 529-plan distributions.

If you drink a lot of bottled water and don't want to deal with the hassle of a pitcher water filter, consider installing an under-sink water filter. These systems are usually less than \$100 and provide filtered water right at the tap. Using this instead of buying bottled water can save you hundreds of dollars a year.

**SALEM SAXON RETIREES**  
By Nancy Stumperth

The Salem Saxon Retirees met for their regular meeting on April 1st with 29 members present. It was so nice to come out on a beautiful, sunny day. We had the usual tasty snack table. Thanks to the committee for all the goodies! After our great catered lunch, we had our usual short meeting. The 50/50 was won by Gloria Judy. A motion was made by Bob Kekel, 2nd by Flossy Spack, to keep the same officers again for next year. Of course, the motion was carried. This team of officers has been together now for several years and they do a great job. We really need to give them a huge "Thank You" for doing it again. A special thanks to Katy Lederle for taking reservations and money each month. It is so much easier to have the same person take reservations each month. Our May meeting will be on May 6th. This will be a dinner instead of just a lunch, so it is imperative to have reservations. The cost this month for the dinner is \$10. Please call Katy at 330-533-5154 to make or cancel reservations before April 30th. We have to pay for all dinners ordered, even if you do not attend. We had our usual

games of Bingo after the meeting. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. Better luck next month to all of those "who only needed one more number!"

We are reminded that Br. 18 and 19 have Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. How about coming out and trying your luck? Maybe those who are so lucky in the afternoon should stay and see if their luck holds on Wednesday night. Their proceeds go to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Also they can always use donations for the kitchen. Call Flossy Spack if you can donate something. Also remember the breakfasts on the third Saturday of each month. You won't go home hungry from one of their breakfasts!

It was reported that Hilda Spack was in the hospital at the time of our meeting. We hope that by now she is back home and well on the road to recovery. We also hope those members who are ill at home will feel better soon. Our best wishes to all of our Shut-In members. We hope that the sunshine and warmer weather will make everyone feel a little better.

Happy Spring to all!!!

**INVITE** your relatives and friends to  
join the crowd at ATS.

CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S  
ANNUAL TRACHTENBALL  
Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue  
Cleveland, OH  
Saturday May 2, 2015



Doors open at 6pm Dinner served at 6:30pm

Enjoy a delicious Schnitzel dinner with all the trimmings!

Performance by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Dress in Tracht and help us perform the Aufmarsch

Dance the night away to Spaß

Prepaid reservations are strongly recommended  
Adults \$18.00 Children ages 4-10 \$9.00

Make checks payable to: The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Reservations are being taken by:  
Amanda Seiler-Botsch  
18920 Laurel Circle  
Strongsville, OH 44136  
(216) 235-5240

Meal tickets will be held at the door. Please indicate if you wish to sit with specific individuals.  
Deadline for reservations is April 25, 2015.

# Adult tickets @ \$18.00 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_  
# Child tickets at \$ 9.00 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit with the following people.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION: Members Cleveland East Branch 33  
2015-16 Application for Scholarship/Reimbursement  
College Expenses**

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are required to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2015-16 academic year. Branch 33 Scholarship Committee will no longer be sending applications to eligible members. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application. DEADLINE IS May 29, 2015.

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

1. One parent (at least) 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 themselves 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 GPA accumulative minimum 2.5
- Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies are invited to request an application by mailing in the application request form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at [mbks26@gmail.com](mailto:mbks26@gmail.com) or 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 May 29, 2015:  
Mail to: Karyn Schmidt  
4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

### NATIONAL EVENTS

April 25 - 26, 2015  
TSBA Bowling Tournament  
Host: New Castle Bowlers  
May 16, 2015  
Branch Presidents' Meeting  
Youngstown Saxon Club  
July 7 – 20, 2015  
Federation of Transylvanian Saxons Jugendlager  
Host: USA  
July 10-12, 2015  
Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag  
Host: Aylmer ONT, Canada  
July 19 – 24, 2015  
Saxon Summer Camp  
Camp Frederick, Rogers, Ohio  
August 8, 2015  
ATS Golf Outing  
Host: Salem Branch 19

### LOCAL EVENTS

April 25, 2015  
New Castle Wine and Beer Tasting Event in Saengerhalle  
Salem Sausage Pick-up Sale 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
April 26, 2015,  
Cleveland Sachsenheim Schnitzelfest  
April 29, 2015  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
April 30, 2015  
Salem Bar open/Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.  
May 2, 2015  
Salem Reverse Raffle(CH) 4:00 p.m.  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball  
New Castle Singers' Spring Concert  
May 4, 2015  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
May 6, 2015  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
May 7, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.  
May 8, 2015  
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
May 9, 2015  
New Castle Children's Fishing Tournament at the  
Grounds - 10 am (also Clean-up Day)  
May 10, 2015  
~~Salem Mother Daughter Brunch 1 p.m. - CANCELLED~~  
May 11, 2015  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
May 13, 2015  
Salem Bingo(doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
May 14, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.  
May 16, 2015  
Salem Breakfast Buffet 7a.m.-10a.m.  
New Castle Clean-up at the Grounds  
May 20, 2015  
Salem Bingo(doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
May 21, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10 p.m.  
May 23, 2015  
New Castle Opening weekend at the Grounds  
May 27, 2015  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
May 28, 2015  
Salem Bar open/ Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. -10:00p.m.  
June 1, 2015  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
June 3, 2015  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
June 4, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.  
June 8, 2015  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
June 10, 2015  
Salem Bingo(doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
June 11, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10. p.m.  
June 12, 2015  
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
June 17, 2015  
Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.  
June 18, 2015  
Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Spring seems to have gotten an even quicker start this year with Easter being in the first weekend. We met for dinner at the Blue Sky Restaurant on the day before Resurrection Sunday prior to our monthly meeting at the Slovak Club. We've missed a few of our regular attenders these last couple of months: Brothers Al Lachman, Elmer Schneider and Andy Schuffert seem to have been under the weather lately and we hope the best for them and others in our membership who are experiencing similar difficulties. Remember, if you're under a doctor's care to contact Brother Robert Tomusko to find out if you're eligible for sick benefits. You can give any of the officers a call if you would like a visit or help with something, we're all here for each other. Phone numbers are listed in the branch directories section in the back of every other issue of your *Volksblatt*.

As of this last month, no specific dates or decisions have been made concerning the merger of Branch 5 and 11. It's difficult to get the Board; which is made up of retirees and those still working, to go over items of discussion before meeting with the woman's branch. We hope soon to put together a timeline and begin to move forward in this milestone for each of our branches.

There are also no details other than the date and place which was set for the Branch 5 and 11 annual picnic. We'll all meet at the French Creek Reservation on August 16, 2015, and enjoy food, fun, and games as we have in the past. We don't want to wish the summer away before it even gets here so specifics will be known closer to the date.

We took a break from the business as usual to honor Brother Carl Nau on becoming a 50 year member of the Lorain ATS Branch 5. In the past, he has given his time and resources for club functions when we ourselves had the Saxon Club on Apple and 29th street. We congratulate his wife June Nau for receiving her 50 year pin as well from Branch 11. May you both stay active for many years to come.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 2 at 8 P.M. at the Slovak Club. Stay well!

If you  
understand  
something  
today, it must  
be obsolete.



Branch 5 President, Ned Jones, congratulates Brother Carl Nau while presenting him with his 50 Year Pin during the April meeting at the Slovak Club.



## Branch 22 Youngstown Mother/Daughter Banquet Sunday, April 26, 2015

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.,

dinner at 1:00 p.m.

Adult tickets \$14.00

Children \$7.00 (3 yrs to 12 yrs)

Children 2 yrs. and under, free

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY,

RESERVATIONS BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

Reservations through Lucy Secka  
330-799-6129

### MENU

Roast Beef au Jus with all the trimmings  
For children 3 – 12: Chicken nuggets, F.F.,  
fruit cup, juice box or pop, and dessert for all

Self addressed stamped envelope to:  
Lucy Secka 101 N, Turner Rd.,  
Youngstown, OH 44515

Checks payable to Saxon Ladies, Br. 22  
or through the Saxon Office 330-792-7973

Honoring the Mother of the Year, 40 year members,  
youngest girl and oldest mother attending  
Please come and enjoy this special day with us.

## BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

Our regular meeting was held on April 12. President Randall Floyd called the meeting to order. Roll was called – all were present.

Secretary Sam Palyok read the minutes from the previous meeting. They were accepted. Sam read a thank you for our donation to the Saxon Orphan Fund.

Pete Guip gave the treasurer's report, and it was accepted.

We welcomed all our sick members back and hope they continue with good health.

The sign up sheet was passed around for the Rail Cats game which is on June 28, 2015.

It was decided to sponsor the softball team again this year.

Randall mentioned the upcoming Heimattag which will be in Canada on July 11 and 12.

The cash drawing was won by Wally Szostak and attendance drawing by Heidi Smith.

The meeting was closed and we all enjoyed dinner, and of course, our delicious desserts.

Til we meet again.

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## BRANCH 18, SALEM By Barbara Spack

Greetings to our ladies in the nursing homes and those who are ill at home. We are thinking about you and our prayers are with you for recovery.

Happy April birthday wishes to Flo Spack, Marcia Spack and Diane Kuttler, who were present at the April meeting and received a birthday gift.

In other regular business, reports of the Fish Fry dinners, Joint Social, Easter egg hunt, and Bingo were given. Thanks to everyone who gave time to help for the fish fries. We had a successful event again this year.

The Branch 18 and 19 Easter egg hunt was well attended. Many thanks to Jill Drotleff for another job well done. The special prizes were found by Christian Martig, Angelina Burkey and Parker Lanham (see picture with the Easter Bunny).

Bingo has resumed its weekly schedule and Flo asked for donations of cakes on Wednesdays.

Please let her know in advance if you can bake a cake for the bingo kitchen. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen or on the bingo floor, there is always a need for more help.

Salem Saxon Scholarship applications are now available in the guidance offices at Salem High School, United High School, and West Branch High School and are open to all high school seniors meeting the qualifications which are stated on the application package. The deadline for receiving the applications is May 31, 2015. Scholarships will be awarded at the July 10th joint social.

Tickets for the Scholarship fund reverse raffle are available for \$30.00 and the expense is tax deductible with proceeds benefitting the scholars and their education. The drawing will be held in the Club House at the Saxon

Club on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Price includes hors d'oeuvres served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. There will be music and a cash bar. The bar opens at 5:00 p.m and the raffle drawing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Winners need not be present to win; however, this is a wonderful opportunity to get out for a break after this long cold winter to meet with good friends and neighbors. You can buy your ticket in advance or at the event.

For scholarship applications or reverse raffle tickets, please contact Barbara Spack at 330-337-7487 after 5pm.

The next breakfast is scheduled for Saturday May 16 from 7am to 10am and is an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Our next meeting is on Monday May 11 at 7:30 p.m.



**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.**

**Mary Mc Cormick**

Age 82

Died March 15, 2015  
Branch 27, New Castle PA

**Howard L. Linz**

Age 82

Died: March 25, 2015  
Branch 14, Canton OH

**Esther A. Schreck**

Age 93

Died: March 26, 2015  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

**Hildegard Honse**

Age 88

Died: March 27, 2015  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

**Michael F. Bloch**

Age 93

Died: April 4, 2015  
Branch 1, Cleveland OH

## SALEM SAXON CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT



# PotPourri

## Your Horoscope

### MAY

ARIES: Without a doubt, you know what you could do in order to open the door to progress. While contemplating, let a co-worker carry the ball so you can catch up.

TAURUS: The next two weeks are going to be a feel-good time for you. Your energy will be high. It's the perfect time to consider that good idea you have and to present it.

GEMINI: Yes, you have an important decision to make. But unless you wait for a while, it might not hold. Lighten up if you can. New information could change your view.

CANCER: If you and your partner are having a tug of war about vacation plans, holding your position could have a big effect. Compromise or give in. It's your turn anyway.

LEO: Now, you seem to have an extra "edge" when appealing to superiors and co-workers. A new residence, working from home, or a new alliance could be in the offing.

VIRGO: While the facts about a person or situation are important, your personal intuition can offer a strong indication. Tap into your inner resources for additional wisdom.

LIBRA: You can't leave just yet for parts unknown.

The road of life you're already on is where you're supposed to be. Many future experiences will please and delight you.

SCORPIO: A winning attitude might mean saying you feel great even if you don't. Paste a smile on your face and bosses will recognize you for staying upbeat.

SAGITTARIUS: Topics that you may have avoided discussing in the past will not be as difficult to approach now. That goes for your personal life as well as your work life.

CAPRICORN: Today's the day to face up to the fact that you have creativity and imagination, but you aren't using them enough. Think about it and you'll know it's true.

AQUARIUS: Be forewarned. Spring fever is catching up with you and you're dreaming of playtime and travel instead of work. For now continue with your responsibilities.

PISCES: When you think about your past financial experiences, reflecting on your mistakes and your successes will help you make solid new financial decisions.

### May birthdays

- 1, Jamie Dornan, Fifty Shades of Grey, Northern Ireland, 1982.
- 2, Tina Maze, Olympic skier. Slovenia, 1983.
- 3, Dule Hill, The West Wing actor, East Brunswick, NJ, 1975.
- 4, Rory McIlroy, pro golf champion, Northern Ireland, 1989.
- 5, Henry Cavill, actor in Man of Steel, Channel Islands, 1983.
- 6, George Clooney, movie star, Oscar, Lexington, KY, 1961.
- 7, Shawn Marion, basketball player, Waukegan, IL, 1978.
- 8, Bill de Blasio, Mayor of New York City, New York, NY, 1961.
- 9, Glenda Jackson, actress, two Oscars, England, 1936.
- 10, Missy Franklin, Olympic swimmer, Pasadena, CA, 1995.
- 11, Jonathan Jackson, television actor, Orlando, FL, 1982.
- 12, Tony Hawk, skateboarder, executive, Carlsbad CA, 1968.
- 13, Stephen Colbert, comedian, TV host, Charleston, SC, 1964.
- 14, Cate Blanchette, actress, two Oscars, Australia, 1969.
- 15, Dan Patrick, sportscaster, radio host, Zanesville, OH, 1956.
- 16, Pierce Brosnan, movie star, James Bond films, Ireland, 1953.
- 17, Craig Ferguson, comedian, TV host, Scotland, 1962.
- 18, Tina Fey, comedian, actress, Upper Darby, PA, 1970.
- 19, James Fox, actor in many movies, England, 1939.
- 20, Cher, singer, actress, Oscar winner, El Centro, CA, 1946.
- 21, Mr. T, movie and TV actor, Chicago, IL, 1952.
- 22, Ginnifer Goodwin, actress in Big Love, Memphis, TN, 1978.
- 23, Drew Carey, TV actor, TV host, Cleveland, OH, 1958.
- 24, Priscilla Beaulieu Presley, actress, Brooklyn, NY, 1945.
- 25, Anne Heche, TV and movie actress, Aurora, OH, 1969.
- 26, Hank Williams, Jr., famous singer, Shreveport, LA, 1949.
- 27, Louis Gossett, Jr., movie star, Oscar and Emmy winner, Brooklyn, NY, 1936.
- 28, Elizabeth Hasselbeck, TV personality on The View, Survivor, Cranston, RI, 1977.
- 29, Annette Bening, movie star, Topeka, KS, 1958.
- 30, Jared Gilmore, actor in Mad Men, San Diego, CA, 2000.
- 31, Clint Eastwood, as director, two Oscars, San Francisco, CA, 1930.

## Wine Etiquette for Everyone

There are many people who enjoy wine but don't know a lot about how to choose it, serve it, or drink it. Here are some simple tips to help you navigate wine etiquette easily.

1. Trust your own taste-buds.

There are plenty of wine snobs who have strong opinions about certain wines, but you know what you like better than anyone. If you find a wine that tastes good to you, then be confident that it is an appealing wine. Knowing what you like and don't like is the key.

2. It is important to consider what food you are serving.

While you may like a certain wine with every meal, there is no doubt that certain foods go better with certain types of wine. A full-bodied red could easily overpower a simply prepared fish entrée. But this doesn't mean you need to know exactly which food-wine pairings work. Just offer both a white and red at each dinner. Then everyone can choose which they prefer for their own taste.

3. Get some nice glasses.

You don't need a different style of glass for every different type of wine, but it is good to have a few different types of glasses. Red wines are best served in taller and larger glasses than white wines. Dessert wines glasses are much smaller. With these three different styles, you can accentuate the best properties of each type of wine. When buying wine glasses, you'll also want to look for a sturdy construction that will hold up to everyday use and is dishwasher safe.



## Versatile sausage bake tops any menu



A combination of sausage and sweet potatoes can be dressed up for dinner or sweetened for breakfast or brunch.

If you are on a diet, sweet potatoes might seem like a bad choice, but that's not exactly so.

The average sweet potato has fewer calories and carbs than a white potato. It also has more fiber. That is not to say that a sweet potato is low in carbs. Not so. The average sweet po-

tato has 26 carbs with 4 grams of fiber. That fiber number effectively decreases the carb load by 4.

This recipe is useful because it can be altered to suit your diet, preferences and even what you have on hand. This recipe is designed for brunch and calls for an apple and a dash of sugar. If you want to prepare this for dinner, leave out the sugar and add some red peppers and cream cheese.

### Sausage and Sweet potato bake for 6

- 3 large sweet potatoes cubed
- 2 pounds chicken or pork sausage
- 1 onion diced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 apple diced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 375.

Cube the sweet potatoes and leave the skin on (Yes! you can eat sweet potato skin)

Dice onions and apples

Cut sausage into bite sized

pieces, or if you are using ground sausage, pull it apart.

For pork sausage, add 1/2 the olive oil. Put everything into a plastic bag and shake well.

Pour into a 13x9 pan. Bake for an hour and then look at the sausage to make sure it is browned. Sweet potatoes should be done in an hour.

For brunch for two, use one sweet potato, 1 pound of sausage, and 1/8 cup of olive oil. You can use a whole apple if you want and just a quarter of an onion. Use spices to taste.

## Trusting More As We Age

Researchers at Northwestern University have published the results of two studies that show that trust of other people increases as people age, which can be good for general well-being. The first study, conducted over 26 years, showed that older people had higher levels of trust of other people than younger people. Those study participants who had higher levels of interpersonal trust also reported higher levels of wellbeing. The second study was conducted to confirm these results. Participants were followed for four years and compared across age groups. This study also showed that interpersonal trust increased as we age.

There is a stereotype of the elderly becoming more cynical and suspicious, but

these studies show otherwise. The researchers did not look to see why this might be, but they did speculate that it could be due to a number of factors. Older people tend to be more optimistic and forgiving of the small clashes of personalities they have with others. They also tend to be better judges of character, with this perhaps coming from a lifetime of experiences with both trustworthy and deceitful people.

There can be a downside however, such as when a senior citizen gets duped by a fraudster trying to steal from them. But overall, an increase in interpersonal trust has significant benefits to overall health and feelings of wellbeing.



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# 2015 Easter Coloring Contest

We wish to thank and acknowledge the participants of this year's Easter Coloring Contests. The winners in each age division was sent an art kit and every participant was sent a letter of appreciation along with a Disney Grab and Go Art Pack.

## CONRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

### Ages 3—4

Brandon Kirr, Age 4  
Br. 25 New Castle

Evan Gerst, Age 4  
Br. 30 Youngstown

Chloe Schaef, Age 4  
Br. 4 Cleveland West

### Ages 5—6

Caiden Lawrence,  
Br. 17 Canton

Alexander Krafft, Age 5  
Br. 7 Farrell

Ella Izenour, Age 5  
Home Branch

### Ages 7—8

Thalia Fabian, Age 8  
Br. 22 Youngstown

Andrea Griffith, Age 8  
Br. 2 Erie

Ava Kolch, Age 8  
Br. 45 Ellwood City

### Ages 9—10

Catherine Leprich, Age 10  
Br. 37 Detroit

Macy McConville, Age 10  
Br. 4 Cleveland West

Andrea Schuster, Age 9  
Br. 4 Cleveland West



Eva Mueller, age 4



The Gerst Family  
Brooke, age 10; Karley, age 8; Evan, age 4



Catherine Leprich, age 10



Owen Gavio, age 9

## Honorable Mention

### Ages 3-4

Brayden Boyle, Youngstown  
Haley Slotnick Hebrank, Cleveland  
Gianni Italiani, Erie  
Kendall Kaba, New Castle  
Angelina Krafft, Farrell  
Grayson Lawrence, Canton  
Harper Lenca, Detroit  
Eva Mueller, Chicago  
Margarita Padilla, Chicago  
Dylan Schaef, Cleveland  
Brian Schuster, Cleveland  
Carsen Sergent, Lorain  
William Smith, Cleveland  
Addison Swanbeck, Youngstown  
Aaron Thellman, Cleveland  
Martin Turk, Cleveland  
Jaycie Westland, Canton  
Sadie Weaver, Youngstown

### Ages 5-6

Logan Aeling, Alliance  
Lauren Badertscher, New Castle  
Payton Boyle, Youngstown  
Travis Griffith, Erie  
Avery Lenca, Detroit  
Jonathan Malue, Cleveland  
Rylan Mc Conville, Cleveland  
Justin Preble, Youngstown  
Brady Roth, Cleveland  
Catherine Spor, New Castle  
Joey Springer, Columbus  
Ava Wimer, New Castle  
Sara Wilson, Salem

## Honorable Mention

### Ages 7-8

Ray Appleby, Salem  
Charlian Dienesch, Cleveland  
Karley Gerst, Youngstown  
Samantha Kirr, New Castle  
Payton Leunis, Farrell  
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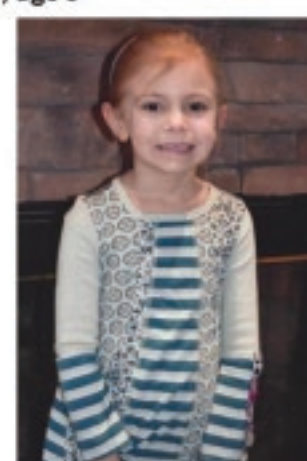
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Jack Pallo, Youngstown  
Andreas Schobel, Cleveland  
Olivia Showalter, Youngstown  
Kaitlyn Smith, Lorain  
George Turk, Cleveland  
Richard Turk, Cleveland  
Grace Zgola, Lorain



Harper Lenca, age 3



Sam Mueller, age 7



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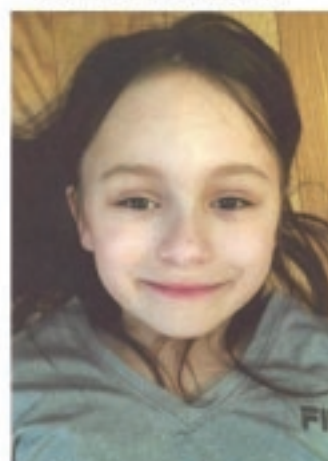
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