

Meet your newest ATS Trustee Debbie K. Ferguson

Debbie Ferguson, the newest ATS Trustee, is from Branch 37, Detroit, Michigan. She has 25 years of service to her local branch, serving as Trustee and Second Vice President. Committee work includes Heimattag Committees (1999 and 2000), Bowl Where You Are events (various years), Detroit's hosting the Transylvania Dancers (2018) and hosting the Traun Group from Austria last year. Community service included blood drives, March of Dimes, donating art supplies to Latchkey and Day Care organizations, helping her neighbors and driving seniors to appointments. Debbie is retired from various retail companies, serving as manager, trainer, inventory specialist, and opening new locations. She was also a school bus driver for six years. Debbie has been married to her husband David for 45 years, and they have three sons.

Debbie states, "I enjoy working with people from my club. Whatever comes up, we seem to figure out a way to make it happen. I look forward to working with the National group at the ATS."

Welcome to the ATS Board of Directors!



Debbie K. Ferguson

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

Summertime brings us a break from our July and August Branch meetings, but we have a lot of good times to be had at the Sachsenheim. We hope that you will enjoy a meal and drinks on the patio over this summer. Tuesday through Sunday you can choose from great daily specials and a variety of great German beers on tap.

We hope you will help us celebrate Krampus in July on Wednesday evening, July 24 at 5 p.m. The Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer Musikanten is bringing Krampus to the Sachsenheim to help them find out who is on the "naughty or nice list" while providing us with an evening full of great music and fun. Tickets for this event are sold on Eventbrite.com only. There will be food and cold drinks available throughout the evening.

The next event at the Sachsenheim will be the Summer Oktoberfest on Saturday, August 24. Once again we will be entertained by the Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer Musikanten and performance by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group plus plenty of food and drinks to enjoy throughout the evening. Join us as we start the fest season in Cleveland with our Summer Oktoberfest!

We invite you to enjoy some Summer Vibes at the Sachsenheim.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



The International Saxon Youth Rally (Jugendlager) in Canada is well underway as I write this. By the time you read this issue, the two-week event will be over. We'll meet the participants while attending the North American Heimattag being held in Kitchener, Canada. I'll write about both events in the next issue.

It's not too late to get your tickets for the ATS Family Day at Waldameer Park and Water World in Erie, PA. Saturday, July 27th is the date. Coaster Pavilion #1 is the place to be. We can make arrangements to get the tickets to you or you can pick them up at the pavilion that day, if need be. Call the ATS Home Office now at (440) 842-8442 so you don't miss out on the fun.

A couple days after Waldameer, 80 participants will be traveling to Transylvania for the ATS sponsored trip to the Sachsentreffen being held in Hermannstadt on August 2, 3, and 4. Following the festival weekend, we will be touring Transylvania for a week and returning home the following weekend. We're all getting excited for the trip. Anyone wearing a Tracht can march in the parade in Hermannstadt, if they want to. The Youngstown Culture Group's Brass Band will be performing during the Sachsentreffen, also.

Did you know the month of July is named after Julius Caesar? The Roman senate named it for the famous general as it was the month that he was born. Various other facts about the month include the following. July was the first time a rabies vaccine was successfully given to a patient. Famous French microbiologist Louis Pasteur administered the vaccine to a nine-year-old in 1885 who had been bitten by a rabid dog. Pasteur was unsure whether it would be successful, but thought it was worth testing. It worked! The first bikini was revealed in July, 1946, in a swimming pool in Paris. Two-piece forms of swimwear existed previously. However, none used as little fabric as the bikini. I cannot confirm whether it was an itchy-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow polka-dot one or not. The first man to fly from one country to another flew in July, 1909. Louis Bleriot flew from the coast of France and landed across the channel near Dover, England. The first international phone call was made in July, 1881. The call originated in the Canadian province of New Brunswick and was received in the state of Maine. The birthstone of July is the ruby. At one point in time, it was considered to protect warriors on the battlefield if it was embedded in their armor. Nowadays, as a birthstone, it is said to protect against evil, or it represents wisdom,

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and health, depending on which internet site you're reading. The first crewed mission to the Moon, Apollo 11, launched on July 16, 1969. Four days later, Neil Armstrong made history by taking the first steps on the moon. The famous Running of the Bulls festival, called San Fermin, takes place in Pamplona, Spain in July. The Wimbledon tennis tournament, one of the oldest and most prestigious tennis events, occurs during the month, as does the Tour de France. Independence Day in the US and also Canada is celebrated during July. Disneyland theme park opened in July, 1955. The largest snowflake on record (measuring 15 inches in diameter) fell in July, 1887 in Montana. The first ATM machine was installed in July, 1967. The first electric guitar was patented in July, 1937. The first patent ever in the United States was issued in July, 1790.

Other quirky days include: World UFO Day, International Kissing Day, National Tequila Day, International Town Criers Day, National Day of the Cowboy, Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day, Cheesecake Day, Stay Out of the Sun Day, Fried Chicken Day, Teddy Bear Picnic Day, Etch-a-Sketch Day, Eat Your Jello Day, Mac and Cheese Day, Be a Dork Day, Junk Food Day, and Hammock Day.

July is also National Ice Cream Month, Chocolate Month, French Fry Month, Hot Dog Month, Watermelon Month, National Grilling Month, Blueberry Month, National Bison Month, Family Reunion Month, Horseradish Month, and National Anti-Boredom Month. No need to worry about boredom in the ATS Home Office in July. We're always busy!

Until next time....

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024	FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024
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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

Annual Branch 30 Saxon Day Picnic

**Sunday, July 28th
 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
 Fraternal members - FREE**

**Social members - \$5.00
 Guests of social and fraternal members
 \$10.00 per guest**

Children under 12 - FREE

**Included is food, soft drinks,
 beer and entertainment.
 Please RSVP by July 23rd at the Bar
 or call Val Thomas (234)201-3993.**

Youngstown Saxon Club

FLEA MARKET NOW OPEN!

Mondays

8 a.m to 2 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

2024 ATS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Following are scholarship recipients' academic, athletic and community achievements that were not included in the previous issue of the Volksblatt:

Nicholas Gelsinger recently graduated from Santa Rosa High School in Santa Rosa, California. He loves being outdoors. He played varsity football and baseball in High School and was a scholar athlete. He likes snowboarding and hiking. Nicholas will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College, studying nursing.

Alexander Bungert is a rising junior at DePaul University in Chicago. He is pursuing a degree in Performance Arts Management in the School of Music. Alex is an avid guitarist and performs with a local band in Chicago. He enjoys playing music, listening to music, and spending time with his dog, Lola.

Erica Schenker will be completing her final year at the University of California in Santa Barbara. She is pairing her Sociology degree with two professional certificates in Business Administration and Technology Management. In her free time, she volunteers with local organizations, serving as VP in her sorority, enjoying the California beaches, and spending time with family and friends.

Macy McConville has completed her first year at Kent State University. She is studying Sociology and Psychology. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, thrifting, and hanging out with friends.



Nicholas Gelsinger



Alexander Bungert



Erica Schenker



Macy McConville

NOTES OF THANKS

The following excerpts are taken from notes/letters written to the ATS from this year's recipients of ATS Scholarships:

I wanted to give a huge thank you for selecting me to receive the scholarship. I am incredibly honored and very appreciative.

Esther Anderle

Thank you for awarding me the ATS Scholarship.

Andreas Angiolelli

It is with immense gratitude that I acknowledge the ATS for selecting me as a recipient of the Marie Stirner Scholarship.

Alec Bosnjak

I'm truly grateful to the ATS for awarding me the Branch 33 Scholarship. I'm committed to making the most of this opportunity.

Ava Bosnjak

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Vocational and Trade School Scholarship and the opportunity you are giving me to attend school.

Zachary Both

Thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the

Michael W Schassburger Memorial Scholarship!

Mia Carder

Thank you for the opportunity.

Duncan Dockstader

Thank you so much for this opportunity. This is going to help me further the gifts God has given me.

Thalia Fabian

This scholarship will help me greatly in achieving my dream.

Owen Gavio

Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship.

Nicholas Gelsinger

Thank you so much for presenting me with this scholarship.

Sean Graaf

Thank you for awarding me with the Gerald Slusny Memorial Scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will be very helpful in continuing my path to becoming a nurse.

Olivia Greger

Thank you very much for

choosing me for this scholarship.

Jackson Hardy

Thank you. This helps tremendously with being able to attend school in the fall.

Breanna Joki

I am very thankful for the scholarship that I have received.

Samantha Joki

Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of the George H Schneider Scholarship. Thank you so much for all that you do for your members. It is greatly appreciated.

Addyson Jones

Thank you for awarding me the Reverend & Mrs. Foisel Memorial Scholarship. It will provide me with the support I need to attend Youngstown State in the fall and focus on my studies. It is greatly appreciated.

Emmy Jones

I want to thank the Saxons for this great scholarship. It will help me out very much this fall.

Lucille Kuhn

Thank you so much for the Lorain Saxon Ladies Branch 11 Scholarship. I am greatly honored and appreciative.

Lukas Lang

Thank you for the scholarship!

Macy McConville

Thank you for awarding me with the Dale & Rose Segedi-Kauffman Memorial Scholarship. I am grateful that you have given me the opportunity to have these funds to help pay for college.

Kassandra Miller

Thank you so much for choosing me for the Branch 14 Scholarship. I am so honored to receive this scholarship from the ATS.

Kara Pasquale

I want to thank you and graciously accept the scholarship you have awarded

me. Thank you so much for aiding my future career goals and educational aspirations.

Samantha Penzone

Thank you very much for granting me the Gertie & Ernie Gottschling Scholarship. Receiving this support is so meaningful as I complete my final year of college and I am grateful to be a part of the ATS.

Erica Schenker

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I truly appreciate the support.

Hudson Schneider

Thank you very much for the scholarship. I am truly blessed.

Olivia Showalter

I am very honored to be receiving this scholarship and I greatly appreciate every-one who made it possible.

Alexander Temple

Thank you so much for the opportunity.

Sofia Terlesky

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for choosing me for the Vocational and Trade School Scholarship. It will make a nice dent in my tuition for the program and I appreciate it.

essica Weihs

I would like to thank the ATS Scholarship Committee for choosing me. It will go towards my tuition for next year and I appreciate it greatly.

Julia Weihs

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I could not be more grateful.

Jennifer Zayac

Thank you so much for the opportunity and the honor of being chosen.

Sadie Zeedrich

Thank you for choosing me as the recipient. I am astounded with joy about it and can't wait to get back to school!

Grace Zgola

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

July 27, 2024

ATS Family Day at Waldameer

October 19 - 20, 2024

ATS Open Bowling Tournament

Host: New Castle Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

July 24, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim Krampus in July

July 28, 2024

Youngstown Br. 30 Saxon Day Picnic

August 18, 2024

Cleveland East Annual Summer Picnic

Penitentiary Glen

Lorain Br. 5 Summer Picnic, Lakeview Park

August 24, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim / GCM

Summer Oktoberfest

September 15, 2024

Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree

September 28, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

October 19, 2024

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest

October 25, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party

December 7, 2024

Cleveland West Sausage Sale

December 14, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party

Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

Thoughts and program for the Homeland Day in Austria

"Don't worry, God is protecting you and God is already there, in that strange place where you are going with your child."

These are the meaningful, comforting words of a Tschippendorfer to his 20-year-old Mariechen, when she set off into the unknown with her one-year-old son in September 1944 together with many mothers and their children. Nobody knew where the journey was going, the pain of separation was unspeakable, the adults who said goodbye at the Bistritz train station cried louder than the children.

We, the third generation, who only know these moving hours from stories, cannot undo these events 80 years ago. We, the descendants, cannot erase the memories of our parents and grandparents fleeing their villages in Transylvania. We do not know the feeling of homelessness. We can only imagine what it means to leave everything behind, to set off into the unknown and, with the strength of faith, to look confidently into the future.

When the Transylvanian Saxons living in the north of the Carpathian arc, in the so-called Nösnerland (i.e. the area surrounding the towns of Bistritz and Saxon-Regen) and from seven border communities in this area (Fellendorf, Rode, Maniersch, Draas, Zuckmantel, Zendersch and Katzendorf) were evacuated in 1944 before the approaching Eastern Front, half of Europe was on the move.

For the majority of them, their escape ended in what was then the Upper Danube region, now Upper Austria and Salzburg, and some of the treks were transferred to Bavaria. In their host towns, the Transylvanian Saxons have settled in with diligence and perseverance, preserving their community and folk culture, and are now recognized and valued citizens in their places of residence. The end of the historical settlement and cultural character of the old homeland is contrasted by the beginning of a new chapter in our history with new community tasks.

The escape movement began on September 9, 1944, with around 40,000 northern Transylvanians leaving their homeland, which had been culturally and economically shaped by them for centuries through their sense of community and family, Protestant faith, sense of order, hard work and awareness of tradition, in wagon treks and rail transports.

After an arduous escape, the treks reached the then Reich border at the beginning of November. Some were overrun by the Red Army in Lower Austria and repatriated, the majority reached Upper Austria, where around 30,000 refugees were housed in over 20 rural communities in the districts of Braunau, Ried, Eferding, Vöcklabruck, Gmunden, Linz-Land, Steyr-Land and Wels. By 1950, the number of Transylvanian Saxons who had settled permanently in Upper Austria had fallen to around 20,000 as a result of resettlements to Germany, Canada and the USA.

After the war, the newcomers found work, mainly in agriculture, the construction industry and later in the industrial plants of the cities. Through their participation in the reconstruction of the war-torn country,

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an die Flucht und Evakuierung 1944
aus Siebenbürgen



in der Landesmusikschule Wels/Herminenhof
und
in der Welscher Stadthalle

through social contacts in everyday life and also through the awareness of former historical similarities between Austria and Transylvania, the Transylvanian Saxons underwent an integration process, which was expressed above all by the recognition of their historical community and the cultivation of their customs and their church traditions. On these foundations, the Transylvanian Saxons found a new home in Austria after 1945 (legally after 1954), built Protestant churches in 10 settlement locations, maintained their communities and made a new beginning in their history. All homeland, memorial or remembrance days held so far have served to deal with and come to terms with the past. History is unchangeable, and despite the losses suffered, the fates, the homelessness, it is gratitude that should be the focus of a memorial day.

Gratitude to our parents and grandparents who defied fate and, in their belief in the good, created a new home in safety and stability for us, as their descendants. The homeland of the generation who experienced it may still have its place in the hearts, but now it is we who shape it and carry on the legacy, even after 80 years, which is why this year's homeland day is under the motto "80 years of Transylvanian Saxons in Austria", to which the Federal Association in Austria cordially invites you to the celebrations and other events from September 20th to September 22nd, 2024 in the twin city of the displaced persons in Wels.

Programm subject to change!

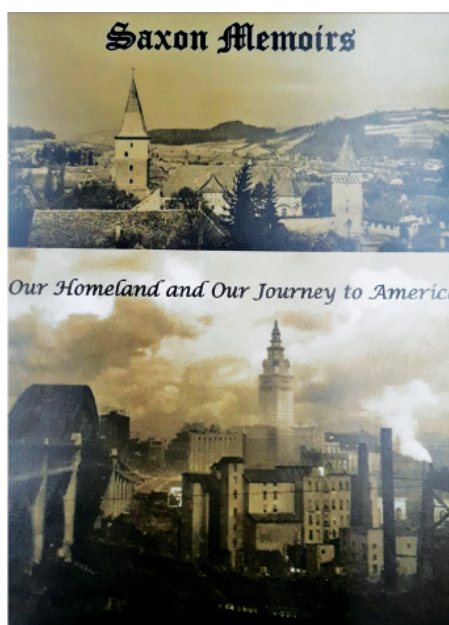
Information about the events or registrations to participate in the homeland day please contact Federal Chairman Kons. Manfred Schuller.

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BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

To begin with, I knew that if I was still contributing to the Volksblatt as the one submitting an article to this publication, that one day I would be making an announcement of one member's passing that would be the most difficult to write.

On July 2, 2024, in the early morning hours, my mother, Sister Katherine Elaine Johnson, passed away. She was 86. She was a full blooded Saxon from birth; her father being the late William A. Konnerth, who passed away just two months after Elaine was born, and her mother, late Sister Katherine "Kate" Elizabeth Thompson; both first American born Saxons.

You could say she had a connection to the Lorain branch located then at the corner of E 29th St. and Apple Ave. her whole life. The funny story she would share is that she cut her teeth on the legs of the bar stools as her mother Kate was on the club staff at the time waitressing and tending bar. The late Brother Elmer Schneider, her uncle, would become her father figure before and even after her mother would remarry.

In the years to follow Elaine would then join the Ladies Branch 11 and remain as a lifetime member after the merger with Branch 5 in 2017. If there was an event at the club, the picnic grounds, or other branches, my brothers and I would go with our Mom and Dad to learn of the traditions and history of the Transylvanian Saxons which she felt was very important for us to know.

I remember her being in full support of all activities offered, especially in covering the cost for me to take part in the Jugendlager in Germany back in 1980 and again for my youngest brother Timothy for the Jugendlager 1993 in Austria. She was also very proud of her granddaughter, sister Juliana Piller (Johnson), my daughter, when she represented the ATS Branch 5 as a princess in the Lorain International Festival in 2012. This dear lady will truly be missed by so many family and friends. Let's keep each other in prayer and support as we share with one another the life of Elaine and the remembrance of her. To read her full obituary you can visit <https://www.boyercool.com/obituary/Katherine-Johnson>

This year's Branch 5 Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday August 18, 2024 at Lakeview Park, 1800 W Erie, Ave, Lorain, Ohio, at the number 1 pavilion at the west end of the park. Make your RSVP to attend by August 9, 2024 by call or text to sister Barbara Gilles at (440) 541-7224. Let her know how



Katherine Elaine Johnson

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 p.m. 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.

At this time, I'm not aware of anyone new receiving any sick benefits. Remember if you are currently under a doctor's care or soon to be, you need to contact sister Jane Mowery at (440) 246-3004 to begin the process of receiving benefits due through your membership in Branch 5.

Birthday celebrations coming in the month of August are sisters Dawn Schindler, Jeanne Petty, Myrna Jones, brothers Brent Sanders, Robert Brenner, Nick Piller, Michael Koepke, and junior member Mark Cox. Happy Birthday and may you all celebrate in your own special way!

There will be no monthly meeting in the month of August. Do mark your calendar for our next Branch 5 meeting on Monday September 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club.

May you continue to enjoy your summer by staying hydrated, safe and cool in your travels. If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the content of this article, or member news you'd like to share in the next issue of the *Volksblatt*, contact me, Michael Johnson at (440) 324-2534 or by email mikjo79@gmail.com.



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.

Dianna R Kommel

Age 78

Died: June 28, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown

Katherine Elaine Johnson

Age 86

Died: July 02, 2024
Branch 5, Lorain

Richard Barney

Age 89

Died: June 13, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown

SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Norma Byers

On July 3, 2024, the Salem Saxon Retirees met at the club. Our President, Lois Whitacre quieted everyone so Tony gave the invocation and we all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time I want to thank Katie for taking notes since I was unable to be there today. Thanks Katie!

Lunch was served and I understand it was a picnic lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad and delicious cake for dessert.

(Sounds good, I'm sorry I missed it). Next was "Humor by Helen", but this month it was Humor by two, Helen and Nancy Stumperth.

Since we are so sad that we lost George last month, we decided to make a toast to him today!

Dianne and Katie gave their reports and Dora Lee conducted the 50-50 drawing.

Nancy Stumperth gave us the names of the Birthday members: Morey Johnston, Shirley Westphal, Nancy Stumperth! Happy Birthday Lady Saxons!

We stood and said the Lord's Prayer!

There comes Tony, bless his soul, with the BINGO box! Our next meeting is August 7!

I hope to see all of you! Please take care of yourselves, eat healthy, live, laugh and love. Stay well and we'll see you in August. TOODLE-OO.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO

By Rose-Marie Hauer

Thank you to all the members and guests that attended our annual Picnic on June 30. We had a beautiful day and many people attended. Thank you to the committee and Brother Georg Thut for barbecuing the delicious meat, and the Sisters Dede Thut and Claudia Schmidt for preparing and organizing the side dishes. Thank you, to all the ladies that baked the wonderful Tortes and other desserts. One certainly did not go hungry! Thank you to Sister Liz Hauer for conducting the huge raffle. Everyone went home with a prize. What a great get together (see photos).

Branch 9 extends a special note of congratulations, to Alec Schmidts, (see photo) son of Brother Horst Schmidts, and grandson of Sister Hildegard Schmidts. He won the \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship. We also congratulate Esther Anderele for winning the \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Scholarship.

On the Sick List we have Sister Margaret Maltig and Brother Michael Schmidt. We wish both prayers and a speedy recovery!

Many of members will be attending the Saxon Cultural trip in Romania. We wish them and our entire sister clubs attending an educational and safe trip!

German American Octoberfest September 5-8. Volunteers are need for set up, food tent and beverage tent. Last year many of our members worked at the festival and we received a large donation. Please contact



Alec Schmidts

Sister Dede Thut (847) 414-2660 or Sister Rose Hauer (847) 685-9821 if you can volunteer.

Steuben Parade - September 7, at 2 p.m. Please let Sister DedeThut know if you attend to march in the parade phone (847) 414-2660. We need representation.

BANKETT- The Bankett will be held at the Lone Tree Manor on Sunday, September 15, beginning at 11 a.m. -Lunch at 12 p.m. and festivities to follow. Cost \$40 per person. Please make your reservations with Rose at (847) 685-9821.

Enjoy your Summer! There is no meeting in August.

Krampus in July!



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CHICAGO BRANCH 9 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC





Siebenbürger Sachsen Bankett





Sunday, September 15, 2024

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7730 N. Milwaukee, Niles, IL
Doors open at 11:00 AM – Lunch at 12:00 PM
Tickets \$40 each----Cash Bar

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Hydration: The water, salt, potassium connection

Keeping your body hydrated by taking in enough fluids is an important part of good health. But even if you don't drink the recommended eight glasses of water each day, you probably don't have to worry.

Counting the food and beverages people consume each day, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) says Americans are usually getting enough water.

Men should get 13 cups, women 9 cups. Pregnant women should get 10 cups.

You can count caffeinated beverages IOM's Food and Nutrition board says there is little evidence that caffeinated beverages do contribute to hydration, but some are full of sugar and phosphates, which can weaken bones and teeth.

The real problem is salt. The average man takes in two to three times the amount of salt the body needs and women get twice as much.

The second problem is a lack of potassium, an essential nutrient found in spinach, potatoes, cantaloupe, bananas, almonds, and mushrooms. IOM recommends that adults get at least 4.7 grams of potassium daily, but the average man gets between 2.8 and 3.3 grams. Women get between 2.2 and 2.4 grams.

Doctors writing in HealthNews say getting too much salt and too little potassium increases the risk of high blood pressure. Balancing these two nutrients is very important.

Before exercising or when you are outdoors in hot weather, drink extra water to make up for what you lose through sweating.

By limiting salt, getting enough potassium, and drinking more on hot days, you should keep your body properly hydrated.



BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE
550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
July 15, 2024
Time 12:00 Noon

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.

Remember to bring a canned good item, household product or other food item.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

MEETING

We acknowledged the wonderful effort of Christine Oehlman and Olga Hesch in putting together the flyer, mailer and list of people for the Summer Saxon Club Picnic. We discussed details regarding the upcoming Heimattag and Transylvania Trips.

CELEBRATION

We want to wish a Happy Birthday Regina Kellner (July 20)(apologies to Regina who was identified as Gellner in the previous Volksblatt). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

PRAYERS

We continue to let you know about Paul Schaible. Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus. Paul has said that a highlight for him is to continue reading news and stories about various Saxon activities in the Volksblatt.

SAXON CLUB PICNIC

Thanks to the effort of a number of people, the picnic was a huge success. Special mention of Christine Oehlman and Olga Hesch. Christine conferred with Olga, and Christine came up with a wonderful flyer/invitation, that was mailed to a number of people (Christine and Olga worked feverously to accumulate a list from their personal information and information regarding members of Martin Luther Church). Olga led the picnic with an opening prayer in Saxon and English, and then gave a bit of the history of the Saxon Club dating back to 1908 and the founding of the club in 1910. Mike Roth talked about becoming a member and the financial benefit of ATS insurance and annuity opportunities. We enlisted the grill master expertise of Mike Roth and Rob Betts. A special thanks to the members and guests that provided scrumptious sides and deserts. Marlene

Betts helped setting up and making sure everyone had nametags. Suzi and Marlene Mueller came early and helped with the setup. Members brought delicious sides while Mike and Rob cooked brats, hot dogs and hamburgers. We have expanded the picnic from Olga's backyard to what has become a Saxon Club picnic from years ago. As you can see from the pictures everyone a great time reminiscing about Old Saxon memories and bringing each other up to speed on what is happening in their lives today. The picnic can only be described as "Wunderbare Sächsische Veranstaltung."

See you all next year at our Annual Saxon Club Picnic. Danke!

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10 (Facebook Group).

We are happy to announce that the group has grown to over 200 members. Please invite people to join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

HUMOR

A young man waned to invite his girlfriend to their farm but was embarrassed by the old-fashioned outhouse.

He kept bickering with his dad about getting a modern one with indoor plumbing, but the old-timer didn't want to give in.

Out of sheer desperation, he slips out one night, and with a huge shove pushes the entire outhouse down the hill. He knew it would be too damaged to drag it back up the hill.

The next morning at breakfast, his father asks him if it was he who destroyed the

outhouse, and at the same time, reminds him of the story of George Washington and the cherry tree.

"Yes, Dad," sighed the boy. "It was I."

"I'm glad you're so honest," said the father.

"And as punishment, you have to start digging the pit for a new one, immediately."

"But Dad," protests the boy, "when George Washington admitted it was he who cut down the tree, his father didn't punish him!"

"Yes, you're right," said his father. "But George's dad wasn't in the cherry tree when he cut it down!"



COLUMBUS SAXON CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC



Don't believe them.

The eyes don't have it

It's true because you saw it with your own eyes. And a picture is worth a thousand words.

Well, if those sayings were ever true, they won't be true for much longer.

AI-generated images and videos are poised to take over the world. Any jokester with time on his hands can generate a reasonable facsimile of a person doing something -- probably a bad something.

Recently, an image of Pope Francis went viral, showing the pope in a trendy Balenciaga puffer coat -- a garment that can run up to \$4,000. In the picture, the coat seemed to be tailored with a wide belt, the kind you see on the pope's robes. It was an AI output, of course.

On X (formerly Twitter), eagle-eyed users quickly pointed out the fake, but how could they tell?

With current AI images, the details can get skewed. Look at hands, eyes, skin, and light for unnatural flaws, according to National Geographic.

In the eyes, the reflection in each eye should be identical and the pupils should be round. There should be the correct number of fingers and hands should hold something naturally. In the case of the pope's picture, he was holding a paper coffee cup by the tab on the lid.

AI currently has problems with rendering light and shadow, and has difficulty with the effects of gravity on objects. In the fake pope picture, he wore a cross that seemed to float away from the coat, defying the forces of gravity.

But, beware, these errors won't be a problem for AI for very long as the technology continues to improve exponentially. The best bet for detecting fake pictures? Don't believe your eyes.

It's not too late to make plans to attend ATS Family Day!



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Erie, PA

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Coaster Grove #1 Picnic Pavilion

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Free Admission to Park & Picnic Pavilion

Bring your own Picnic Basket

Grill available near Pavilion

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Hours for Water World 11am - 7 pm

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Bingo at 2:00 pm at Pavilion

Drawing at 5:00 pm at Pavilion

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Drawing Winners Must Be Present

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