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BRANCH 2, ERIE

By Lee Wolfe

Hi; No meeting in August, nor was there one in July. I did not put out a column in July as there wasn't anything new to report, and nothing new for August either. The only thing going on will be the ATS Open Bowling Tournament which will be held in Youngstown – New Castle will also be involved, handling the paperwork. It would be nice if we could send a team from Erie. Some of us remember the days when we had two bus loads going, and what good times we had. But time takes its toll, and with so many passing away or in poor health that precludes some of us from attending. And, of course, age has crept up.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 2:30 p.m.

I forgot to mention in the above about the bowling tournament. If you are interested in participating call Corey McLaughlin at 462-6342.

Happy and belated Birthday to our August and September celebrants: AUGUST: Corey McLaughlin, Robert Garafalo, Wilma Wood, Sara Comi, Marge Pinczewski, Joanne Kurczewski, Karl Gaber, Sarah Lohse, Maureen Nicholson, Louis Hesch, Thomas J. Manning, Joseph Marshall. SEPTEMBER: Susan Kulik, Julie Iavarone, Brian Barthelmes, Robert J. Wingerter, Megan L. Goellner, Anthony J. DiSantis, Brian Kulik, George Elliot Cook, Eric Morschauer, Kayla Goellner, Lucan Goellner, Edwin Maras, Fred Wellman, Kyleigh Scutella, Gail Webb, Aislin Shannon, and Monica Himmel.

Happy and belated Anniversary to our August and September couples: AUGUST: Joseph and Esther Neilsen, 51 years; Ronald and Eleanore Uglow, 61 years; William and Eileen Reed, 63 years; Roger and Nancie Stowe, 63 years; Bill and Donnalee Morschuser, 59 years; Dick and Lee Wolfe, 56 years; Lester and Margaret Carr, 53 years; and John and Eileen Agostini, 35 years. SEPTEMBER: Eugene and Marcia Rougeux, 61 years; Vincent and Hildegard Marshall, 73 years!!!!; Lawrence and Sandy Prylinski, 20 years; Ray and Frances Van Horn, 65 years; George and Mary Cook, 69 years; James and Linda Alonge, 33 years; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel C. Lasher, 34 years; and Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Bennett, 54 years.

See you at the September meeting.

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BRANCH 5 LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

Upon the opening of our monthly meeting held on August 1, 2015, we observed a moment of silence for another Saxon Brother who has passed on before us. Richard G. "Rick" Ralph Jr. 57, of Vermilion, passed away on Friday July 24, 2015, following a brief illness. Our deepest condolences to his mother Sister Betty Ralph and his sister Debbie Tomusko of Branch 11, brothers Tom and Bob Ralph, and brother in-law Bob Tomusko who are also members of Branch 5, and to his daughters Angela and Ashley Ralph.

The merger committee of both Branch 5 and 11 have not been able to meet due to everyone's busy summer schedules, but would hope to resume discussions in the coming months.

The annual summer picnic took place on August 16 at the French Creek Reservation. On a beautifully hot summer day those who made it out enjoyed delicacies from the grill and wonderful side dishes and deserts from the ladies of Branch 11. It was good to see so many enjoying themselves that we haven't seen in awhile.

August was a time for other celebrations; Happy Birthday to Brothers Al Lachman Ron Stephanchick, Brent Sanders, Nick Filler, and Robert Brenner. Many Junior members also having Birthdays this month; Wendy Weber, Jacob Collins, David Goss, Victoria Goss, Jordyn Gibbs, and Jillian Peters. We hope you all had a wonderful day and enjoyed the Birthday cards that were sent out to you.

Our next meeting will be Saturday September 5, 2015 held at the American Slovak Club at 8:00 PM. Hope to see you then. Continue to enjoy your summer!

NOTES OF THANKS

... Thank you for choosing me to be the recipient of the Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship. I am truly honored as my grandparents were active members and served as officers of the Erie Branch for many years. I am sure they would be extremely proud of this accomplishment. I will be attending Slippery Rock University and receiving this scholarship has definitely lightened my financial burden.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hess

... Thank you for awarding me the \$1,000 Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship Award. The money received will help me throughout college and allow me to easily further my education at Youngstown State. I greatly appreciate it and will be sure to put this money to good use.

Thank you again,
Timmy Erskine

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



Another ATS event has taken place. The annual ATS Open Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, August 8, 2015, and was hosted by Branch 19 in Salem, Ohio. We thank the Chairman of the tournament, Glen Spack, and his committee. There were 32 men and women who enjoyed the golf, refreshments, and prizes as well as the meal which was served at the Salem Saxon Club. Details of the tournament will be published at a later date.

Another ATS event to look forward to is the ATS Open Bowling Tournament to be hosted by New Castle, Branch 25. The bowling event will be held in Youngstown and the banquet will be held at the Youngstown Saxon Club. It will be held on October 24th and 25th, 2015. We thank Youngstown, Branch 30, for their cooperation in this joint effort. Entry forms can be found in this issue of the *Volksblatt*. The tournament is always a great opportunity to meet with some of your friends that you have not seen in a while. I hope to see you there.

This is the time of year when many of our branches resume their monthly meeting schedules after the summer break. It is important that you attend these meetings. Your branch needs your support and with your help it will be stronger. Also, it is important that you assist your Deputy with the sales of life insurance and annuities by providing him or her with the names of prospective members.

This is a child's version of the meaning of the Ten Commandments. One Sunday morning, the Sunday School teacher was teaching her class about the Ten Commandments. She asked the class if there was a commandment that pertained to parents. Little Mary popped up and said yes, "Honor thy father and mother". The teacher said that it is correct. The teacher then asked if there was a commandment pertaining to brothers and sisters. Little Bobby, who was sitting in the back of the room, jumped up without missing a beat and said, "Thou shalt not kill".

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



Dear ATS:

Thank you for all the help these past two years. Moving onto sophomore year, the expenses seem to be getting larger and larger. Your scholarships make it that much easier for me to attain my degree and begin my own life. I am honored and grateful to be a part of the ATS.

Thank you!
Jacob Ziegler, member of ATS Branch 33

**A Glimpse from the Past:
J. Schörwerth's Siebenbürger Band**



Michael J. Kautz, a member of ATS Branch 33 in Cleveland sent this 1916 photo to the ATS Home Office for our archives. He is unable to identify all the members of the band, but thought some families in Cleveland might be able to identify one of their relatives. At the center is John Schörwerth, leader of the band. Seated at the far right is Michael Kautz (Michael J.'s father) who became the band leader after the passing of John Schörwerth. Lying on the floor at the left is John Krech and third standing member from the right is George Brantsch, Sr.

The photographer was Henry Haner from Lakewood, Ohio. Perhaps there are some descendants of these musicians who could identify them. Please notify the ATS Home Office if you can add a name to the photograph. We thank Michael J. Kautz for sending us a photo from our early years. Michael J. is currently live in San Diego, CA

**BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue**

Summer is almost at its end and we will be getting back to our regular monthly meeting schedule. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Payment for local dues will be taken at 6:30 pm.

We extend our get well wishes to Donna Jankow, Christine Roppelt and Renate Jakupca. Donna had a short visit to the hospital and is back home. Chrissy had emergency surgery and is recovering at home. And as the time of writing, Renate is in Intensive Care Unit at Metro Health Hospital. We send our prayers to our dear Sisters for a quick recovery.

We express our sincere sympathy to our member Dorothea Schade on the recent loss of her husband, Gerhard. Gerhard was a member of Branch 1 for nearly 60 years. For many years, he proudly donated a freshly cut Christmas tree from his property for the upstairs ballroom. I will always remember him as a gentleman that was proud of his Saxon heritage.

Now for some good news: We congratulate Jennifer Miller on her recent marriage to Jason Potts. Jennifer was a member of the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group for many years. We wish them a lifetime of happiness.

We will host our Annual Membership Banquet on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00 pm. The banquet is free for our local dues paying members and \$12 for non-members. The dinner will be stuffed chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, salad, vegetables and dessert. To make reservations please call Rob Cunningham at 216-398-7520

by September 21st. So let's get together for an afternoon of Saxon gemütlichkeit.

Don't forget to come down to the Sachsenheim on Tuesday nights for the famous Taco Tuesday and Friday night for great fish dinners and a nightly special or two.

You will never change your life until you change something you do daily.

*John C. Maxwell,
author of books on leadership*



BOWLING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20	Alliance
October 4	New Castle
November 15	Salem
December 6	Cleveland East
January 10	Cleveland West
February 14	Lorain
March 6	Youngstown

**2016 TSBA Tournament
Youngstown April 2 & 3**

**BRANCH 22,
YOUNGSTOWN
By Rosemarie Kascher**

Here are events forthcoming at the Youngstown Saxon Club:

BINGO - Sunday Nights, Ballroom - Come and bring a friend to have an enjoyable evening.

Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m., All officers Meeting, L.L.

September 9, 6:00 p.m., Br. 22 officers, meeting, L.L.

Thursday, September 10, Noon, Retirees, Ballroom

Saturday, September 12, Saxon Culture Group Fall Sausage Sale; Pavilion 9 am - 2 pm

Saturday, September 12, 6:00 p.m., 300 Club, ballroom

Sunday, September 13, NO BRANCH MEETING, Speck Fry, Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20, Oktoberfest, 3:00 p.m. on

May we call to your attention to the Saxon Club Oktoberfest to be held on September 20 which is open to the public. Two bands will be featured with lots of good food. Free admission!

Get well cards sent to Margaret Troll and Rose Marie Zarny.

Birthdays: Bonnie Baker, Marge Whitacre, Diana Kommel, Carmella Markel, Cindy Blubaugh, Lucy Secka, Sue Bachinger.

Anniversaries: Helen Fotiuk, Diana Kommel, Betty Garhammer, Ro Dundon, June Hoelzel.

We brought into membership a delightful Rosemary Knepp, by transfer whose parents were longtime members of the Saxon Club.

Additional Events:

September 27, Pork Roast Dinner, ballroom, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Come play Patio Bingo on Friday nights after fish dinner at 7:00 p.m. Special thanks to Kim for her special events at the bar area.

May you have a good August.

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You may either

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB'S 5TH ANNUAL
Oktoberfest
 Join Us! **2015**
Sunday, September 20
2pm to 7pm
 Youngstown Saxon Club
 710 South Meridian Road

- **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- **FREE Admission** • Cash Bar
- Schnitzel, Bratwurst & Kraut, German Potato Salad, Hot Dogs, Soft Pretzels and Desserts!
- **German Beer on Tap**
- Live Music and Performances!
- **FUN** for the **WHOLE FAMILY!**
- **Dancing and More!**

Celebrate German Heritage with food, dancing + drink!

Featuring Peter Karsti & Friends, the Saxon Culture Group Brass Band, and the Apollo Maennerchor!



ATS OPEN-BOWLING TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All bowlers must be Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon members in good standing to participate in this tournament.
2. Each bowler will receive 100% of the difference between his or her average and a two hundred ten (210) scratch with no limit on pins.
3. Averages to be used are:
 - a) The average of the past five years' tournaments.
 - b) If the bowler has no tournament average then the bowler will establish his or her average after the first three games rolled in the tournament, which will remain the bowler's average for the remainder of the tournament.
4. A bowler may bowl only once in each event in this tournament.
5. The tournament management has the right to return for correction any entry, which does not comply with the above rules.
6. Prizes will be awarded at the ration of at least one (1) prize for each ten entries. One hundred percent of the prize fee must be returned. Prizes will be awarded by handicapped scores and not by gender.
7. It shall be the duty of the tournament manager to keep a running record of all bowlers' averages participating in each event.
8. Tournament starts on October 24 and ends on October 25, 2015.
9. Closing date for entries is October 12, 2015.
10. There will be no refunds of fees after October 19, 2015.
11. All Event Winners will be determined by actual scores bowled.
12. We will start with Doubles Event followed by the Singles Event on Saturday.

**ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS
 NATIONAL OPEN HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT**
 hosted by: Youngstown and New Castle
 Holiday Bowl



777 Youngstown-Poland Rd
 Youngstown, OH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
& SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015



Team Name _____ Branch No. _____ City _____

Name, Address & Phone Number of person submitting entry (meal tickets will be held in your name):

Entry Fees	Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events – Actual Pins
Prize	\$ 50.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$2.00
Bowling	\$ 45.00	\$18.00	\$ 9.00	-
Expense	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	-
TOTAL	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$2.00

Prize fee returned 100% - All events is optional

Check in on Saturday at 10:30 am

DOUBLES: Saturday, October 24, 11:00 am **SINGLES:** Saturday, October 24, at 1:15 pm

Cert. No.		Cert. No.	
1. _____	_____	1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____	6. _____	_____

Team Event: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:00 a.m. (Check in at 9:30 am)

Name _____ ATS Cert. No. _____

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

ALL EVENTS	ALL EVENTS
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____

Deadline for Entries: October 12, 2015
(No Entries after this Date)

All fees **MUST** accompany this Form
 No Refunds after October 19, 2015

Submit all Entries to Jacob Spor
 2940 Plank Rd, New Castle PA 16105
 Any further questions call Jacob at Telephone: (724) 657-3773
 or Email: spor2940@verizon.net

Make checks payable to: New Castle Saxon Bowlers

Team Events _____	@ \$100.00 = \$ _____
Doubles _____	@ \$40.00 = \$ _____
Singles _____	@ \$20.00 = \$ _____
All Events _____	@ \$2.00 = \$ _____
Non-Bowler Sunday Banquet Reservation _____	@ \$18.00 = \$ _____
Bowler Sunday Banquet Reservation _____	@ \$4.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 24-25, 2015
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
 Host: New Castle and Youngstown Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

August 29, 2015
 New Castle Eintracht Golf Outing
 Cleveland Br. 1 & 4 Oktoberfest

September 2, 2015
 Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

September 2, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

September 3, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

September 9, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

September 10, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

September 11, 2015
 Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

September 14, 2015
 Salem Br. 18/19 Joint Mtg 7:30 p.m.

September 16, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

September 17, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

September 19, 2015
 Salem Breakfast Buffet 7a.m.-10a.m.

September 23, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.

September 24, 2015
 Salem Bar open/ Peanut Night 8:00 p.m.-10p.m.

September 27, 2015
 New Castle Last day the Grounds is open
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Membership Banquet
 Youngstown Pork Dinner

October 3, 2014
 New Castle Oktoberfest at Cascade Park
 Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake
 Salem 50 Year Dinner (CH) 6:00 p.m.

October 5, 2015
 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

October 7, 2015
 Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

October 7, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.

October 8, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.

October 9, 2015
 Salem Joint Social Dinner & Halloween Party (CH) 6:30 p.m.

October 10, 2025
 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest

October 11, 2015
 Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet

October 12, 2015
 Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.

October 12, 2015
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

October 14, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

October 15, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

October 17, 2015
 Salem Breakfast Buffet 7 a.m.-10 a.m.

October 18, 2015
 Youngstown Prk Dinner

October 21, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.

October 22, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

October 24, 2015
 New Castle Kids Halloween Party at the Club 3 p.m.
 New Castle Fall Festival Party at the Club 7 p.m.
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Children's Halloween Party

October 28, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

October 29, 2015
 Salem Bar open/Peanut Night 8p.m.-10p.m.

November 1, 2015
 New Castle Fall Sauerkraut Dinner

November 8, 2015
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Veterans' Day Dinner
 Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet

November 15, 2015
 Youngstown Pork Dinner

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's Fall Sausage Sale

Pickup is Saturday, September 12
 from 9:00 to 2:00 in the pavilion

We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage

All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links or 5lb bulk packages (each with a little overage).



The price is \$3.50 per pound

You can call in orders to
 Walter Benesch 330-398-5449
 Maria Bachinger 330-792-4005
 Andy Kuthy 330-792-4846

You can also email orders to akuthy@ymail.com.

We will take your phone orders through Tuesday, September 8 and email orders through Wednesday September 9. All are welcome to join us for German music, beer and sausage sandwiches the day of the pickup, September 12. Please mark this in your calendar.

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

Ladies Branch 27 met Thursday, August 6, at the club. President Marie Benedict cheerfully welcomed all members and called the meeting to order. It was great to have Arlene Calhoun and Gudrun Jefferis on the mend and at our meeting. The reports from officers were read and approved.

President Marie reminded members of the Open Membership Picnic this Sunday at 2:00 pm at the grounds. Hot dogs and corn will be provided by Branch 25 and members are encouraged to bring a covered dish. The Open Meeting will be at 6:00 pm so stay and get the latest updates and share your input.

We're happy to accept new candidate Rebecca Baisch and to have Leslie Calhoun accepted as a new member. Welcome ladies.

Our sincere sympathies to Ethel Hamilton and family in the passing of her husband Bruce.

Branch 27 donated funds to support our bowling teams and the Oktoberfest. We're looking forward to hearing about all the spot on strikes from the bowlers and we support Branch 25 in their second annual Oktoberfest.

Glad to hear Rosemary Fleckenstein is home from the nursing home. Keep up the good work and hope to see you at the club.

Our boots are made for walking! Our bus is nearly filled for the trip to the Ohio wineries on August 27. Give Dolores Both a call (724 658-7407) for reservations. It's \$31 per person. We will leave from the club at 10:30 am. Lunch will be on our own followed by tours of the Holiday

Winery, Hartford Hills Winery and Mastropietro Winery. After learning all about the wonders of wine, we will relax and enjoy the ride back to the club in our air conditioned coach.

Our trip to the casino in Erie still needs some details worked out but the date has been set for October 9. You will have a choice of going to the casino or the Mill Creek Mall. Dinner will be at the Erie Siebenburger before departing for home.

See you at the next meeting Thursday, September 3, 7:00 pm at the club. With fall quickly upon our heels, we'll have a delicious apple treat after the meeting at our social hour.

Why we brag so much

Harvard researchers have discovered that talking about ourselves, in person or on the web, triggers the same sensation of pleasure in the brain as food or money.

Researchers found that about 40 percent of everyday speech is devoted to telling others about what we feel or think. The study was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"People were even willing to forgo money in order to talk about themselves," says Harvard neuroscientist Diana Tamir.

Self disclosure heightened activity in the brain system that registers a sense of reward from food, money or sex.



Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland OH 44102



Join Us
Saturday, August 29, 2015

Kazoo March for Kids!
Face-Painting for Kids!



Bier Stein Holding Contest

Ein Prosit
 Good friends, good food
 Good times are here.
 It's time for Oktoberfest
 So come have some bier!

Entertainment
 by
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
Klang & Gesang

Doors open 4:00 p.m.
Serving Sausage Sandwiches
& Goulash Dinners

Admission \$3.00 Children under 12 years free



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10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery School
Coffee following service.
Bible Study, Senior Circle,
Sunday School, Church
Choir, Bell Choir

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1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
Rev. Roberta Davis-Newhouse
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

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Scholarship Fund
Homemade Dinners,
Sandwiches & Snacks
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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS
FOR TIMES.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Saxon Retirees meeting held on Thursday, August 13 at 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown OH.

Nice crowd here today, all with sun shiney faces. Maybe they brought the sun with them inside.

The first thing on the agenda is to open the meeting with our thoughts to Christ. So thank you Lord for your abundant favors you have bestowed on us. More than often we are not worthy, but thanks anyway. So again we pray to you to protect us and ours. Watch over the people dedicated to the safety of us and our country.

Welcome Carol Doyle who hails from South Carolina. She is visiting today. She is the baby sister to Jim Dundon.

Now we thank the hostesses for today who are Gert Galich, Susan Mraz, and Tillie Stefanick. They always have a nice party. I'm glad we are all here.

Kay Ring, our president, always has a great story to tickle our funny bone, and today was no exception.

Let's eat.

Birthdays for August are Susan Mraz and Cindy Blubaugh. We did serenade them in song.

Anniversaries are John and Joan Giba and Jim and Ro Dundon. To all our members who are celebrating this month we sing to them also. We extend our good wishes to them and they return their thoughts of gratitude in gifts to the refreshment corner. John and Joan, Jim and Ro, Gert Prest, Kay and Teri.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no additions, no exceptions, minutes stand as read.

The treasurer gave her account of the monies on hand. Both the checking and refreshment balances stand as read.

Sick list: It's nice to see that Jim Raymond's name is off the sick list. But now we are concerned about Carolyn Munson - we haven't seen her for some months.

The memorial plaque is now up to date, and back to the Retirees. Let's not add any more names for a long time. Everyone stay well.

No new business or old business.

Raffle time. Winners are Carol Doyle, Cindy Blubaugh, Richard Scott, Susan Mraz, Gert Galich, Martha Konrad, and Dom Sugar.

Our committee is having us play games which we haven't done for some time. It was really

a lot of fun. Thank you.

REMEMBER - September is School Supply month. What we have done in the past and will also in the future is to support the children of need at the Rescue Mission. Please be generous. The Mission and children look forward to our many donations of school supplies.

Hostesses for September are Joan Giba (330-782-5806) and Teri Laret (330-799-2789). If there is a change in your reservation, either by cancellation or an add on, please contact one of the above on or before Sunday, September 6.

That's all folks. So-ein-Tag.

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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.

Edward A. Rehfus

Age 80

Died: July 12, 2015
Branch 14, Canton OH

Louise A. Theiss

Age 99

Died: July 29, 2015
Branch 18, Salem OH

Bob Thomas

Age 69

Died: August 7, 2015
Branch 29, Monaca PA

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Age 80

Died: August 10, 2015
Branch 37, Detroit MI

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CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S ANNUAL TRAUBENFEST

Westside Sachsenheim

7001 Denison Avenue

Cleveland, OH

Saturday October 10, 2015

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

Enjoy a delicious Roast Pork dinner with all the trimmings!

Performance by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Dancing to the music of the Klang & Gesang

Children will be deputized and will throw all the "grape thieves" in jail.

Prepaid reservations are strongly recommended as seating is limited
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 October 3, 2015

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

If you can't be a good example, you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

Our trip to Siebenbürgen

Recently, I was fortunate enough to visit Transylvania. My dad, Dan Both, took my brother and me to visit the country where he spent the first 23 years of his life. To get this trip started, it took plenty of coaxing. While my dad is an extremely generous person, as many of you may already know from bowling with him in the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Bowling League and various other Saxon doings, he isn't one to go on big vacations. I can credit my brother and my mom with regularly encouraging him to visit the country and his village one more time with his sons. He finally relented last fall and the plans soon began.

Dad and my brother, Dan, met with one of my dad's closest friends, John Schobel in Cleveland. Onkel John, as I know him, had recently made the same trip with his family. He was a wealth of knowledge in helping us plan where to stay and where to visit. It had been over 15 years since my dad was last in Romania. Dan took what Onkel John had told them and started the painstaking process of booking flights, hotel rooms, and a car. He did a great job researching hotels and making sure that he had addresses for all of the places we planned on visiting.

Our journey began on Wednesday, July 22nd, at the Pittsburgh International Airport. By the evening Thursday, July 23rd, Romanian time, we were in our first city, Hermannstadt (Sibiu). There, we signed for our rental car, a 2014 Toyota RAV4, 4 cylinder diesel with a 6spd manual and a dash mounted GPS and made our way to our hotel. I was surprised that we were able to get an "American" car in Romania.

While we were all fairly sleepy after the connecting flights and various layovers, we were excited to be in Transylvania and eager to explore the beautiful city of Hermannstadt. Hermannstadt is a city of approximately 150,000 people, which is significantly larger than the village of Shermans Dale, Pennsylvania (population 5,300), where I live. We walked from our hotel to the Großer Ring (Piața Mare). It was a beautiful square that was surrounded by historic buildings and cafés. We sat down at one of the cafés and ordered a beer. For weeks leading up to the trip, my dad was afraid that he wouldn't remember enough Romanian and that there wouldn't be many people that still spoke German. His fears were completely unfounded. He was able to converse effectively with almost anyone we ran into. He was able to fairly easily move back and forth between English and Romanian and German.

At the café, he ordered Dany and I our first beer in Transylvania. Being hungry after just having airline "cuisine", we decided to order some food too. While it was my first time eating it at a restaurant, it was not the first time I had Mititei (Mici). My dad and Onkels had made it regularly since coming to the United States. It was a real treat to have Mititei on the grill at Onkel John and Tante Lizzie's house in the summer. I now know that my family knows exactly what they are doing when it comes to making mitte, because the restaurant quality version, tastes exactly the same as ours! After a few short hours in the square and filling



Inside of the church in Kreischi



L-R: Daniel A. Both, Daniel Both and Michael Both in front of the church in Kreischi

up on beer and Mititei, we returned to our hotel to get some rest.

Our first full day called for a thorough self-guided tour of the city of Hermannstadt. After breakfast, we walked the streets of the city. We were able to explore the walls and parts of original fortifications that were built to defend the southeastern border of Hungary from foreign invaders. Hermannstadt was one of the first cities that were colonized for that reason in the mid-12th century. The buildings, churches and cityscape, were nothing short of beautiful. Just as beautiful were the works of art that we were able to see at the Brukenthal National Museum. It was amazing to see artwork that was centuries old. One painting was actually from the manor Jan Both (1610-1652)...a distant relative, perhaps? We rested for a few hours in the hotel before returning to the square that evening for a free concert that was planned. As it turns out, Piața Mare is a well-known venue for concerts. A little research via the hotel's Wi-Fi connection taught me that on some occasions, as many as 20,000 people attend concert events there. I would estimate that there were at least 15,000 there that night.

Our next destination was Schäßburg (Sighișoara). On our way to Schäßburg, we had a few stops to make. The first stop was in Medias to tour one of the many fortified churches in Transylvania, the St. Margaret's Evangelical Church. It was breathtaking. I had never been in any building with so much history. I stared in awe looking at all of the hand carved walnut and stone. I found myself walking around with my mouth open, only able to say "Wow!". Our next stop was another fortified church in the village of Biertran. On our way to Biertran, we had a small glitch with our GPS. It routed us off of the main road and on to what appeared to be a dirt road. The dirt road got smaller and smaller and eventually turned into a pair of dirt ruts through the countryside. For about 5 miles, the ruts took us through the countryside. Our top speed was about 3 miles per hour, as any faster would have caused our car to bottom out on the uneven terrain. When we did finally find the paved road again, it was site for sore eyes. The rest of the trip, we were able to say "at least this road isn't as bad as it was in Biertran". The fortification and the view from atop the hill in Biertran was beautiful.

When we arrived at Schäßburg, we checked into the Hotel Binderbubi. After freshening up a bit, we were eager to drive to the village that my dad was born in, Kreischi (Criș). A small village with homes lining both sides of most roads, the population was estimated to be around 500. Our first stop was at a cousin of my dad's cousin, Dieter Weber. As we entered the courtyard of his home, Dieter was busy having his horse's shoes replaced. I immediately found myself being able to relate to the stories that Dad had told to me over the years. Dieter's wife Hilda was not home. She and another woman from the village were busy preparing

a reception dinner for us, for after the church service the following day.

Next we went to see the house where my dad was born and raised. As we pulled up to the house, we ran into some of my dad's neighbors from when he lived there over 50 years ago. It was exciting to see my dad smile and watch him talk to them like it had only been a couple of weeks since he left for the United States. I was able to hear a story from them about how the woman frequently found herself yelling at my dad "Dany, Dany!", because in my dad's words, he was always getting into trouble. She later went on to explain that her and her husband later named their son Daniel. It was the stories like that, that gave me a warm, fuzzy feeling. The current owners of my dad's house were gracious enough to allow us to go inside their home. Dad walked through the rooms and explained to my brother and I what the home looked like when he lived there and what each room was used for then. He told us the story of the time when his mother hid Jewish people under their stairs to protect them from being arrested for their religious beliefs. Before leaving, I wanted to give something as a token of appreciation to the family for allowing us to tour their home. I handed a 100 Leu bill to the wife, who immediately began to cry, and tried to refuse my gift. I insisted that she take the money, as I felt it was a small token compared to the hospitality that they had shown us. They had opened their home to complete strangers from a foreign country and not only had offered us to walk through it, but also brought out homemade whiskey and baked goods. It was one of the first truly humbling moments that I was able to experience.

Prior to our trip, we had made arrangements to be able to attend a church service in the Saxon church. Since there are very few Saxons still living in Kreischi (Dieter estimated that there were only about 25 still living there), church is only conducted once a month in the village's church by a pastor who travels from another village.

The last time that my dad visited Kreischi in 2000, the church was in disrepair. There were holes in the roof and the once beautiful place of worship was quickly deteriorating. When news of the church's condition was relayed to the Saxons in the United States, they did what they have done for years, they helped their own. My dad's Onkel, Johann Paal, spearheaded the effort. He worked very hard to organize a fundraising mission to have the church repaired. While I have no idea how many people contributed to the mission, I do know that it succeeded. The church is once again beautiful place of worship. Onkel Hans can rest in peace knowing that the church is in excellent condition and his efforts to ensure its restoration were extremely successful! I appreciate his effort and those of everyone who contributed to the church's restoration and making sure this piece of my heritage was preserved.

While the majority of the service was in German, the pastor took time to translate key points of the sermon for my brother and I into English. The pastor's brother

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Daniel A., Daniel and Michael Both in front of the Castle Pelisor (summer home of the king of Romania)

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Michael and Daniel Both outside of the village of Kreisch

served as the organist. The organ was a work of art and a piece of history. It had no electric parts and required a young girl from the village to pump a pedal with her foot to make the bellows work for the 100 year old pipe organ.

Following the service, we again witnessed the hospitality of the Saxons of Kreisch. A three course meal was served to us and those who attended church that day. We were served soup, chicken, potatoes, a cabbage salad and various baked goods. This was another humbling experience. People who had so little, gave so much. They owed us nothing, but worked so hard to prepare an excellent meal treated us as royalty.

Later in the week, we toured the city of Schäßburg. Schäßburg is a city of about 28,000 people. The city, like Hermannstadt, was very friendly and clean. My dad had gone to professional school in Schäßburg when he was younger. This is also where he would meet my Onkel John Schobel, who played in a polka band. He and my father would become life long friends. A friendship that began with my dad helping drive Onkel John and his band to their shows. Schäßburg is also the birthplace of Vlad Dracul (aka Vlad the Impaler). Any American would quickly be able to identify him as "Dracula", but as my father told me, no one in Kreisch knew anything about "Dracula".

Following Schäßburg, our next stop was Kronstadt (Braşov). Kronstadt was the largest city that we visited. According to the last census, there are approximately 253,000 people living within the city. The Black Church was an amazing site to see. The hand carved wood and stone was breathtaking. Again, I found myself walking around in awe. While in the area, we were also able to see Bran Castle (the castle that inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula) and Castle Pelişor (the summer home of the King of Romania).

After a few days in Kronstadt, it was time to return to Hermannstadt to prepare for our return to the United States. Our time in Transylvania had come to an end, but it will never be forgotten.

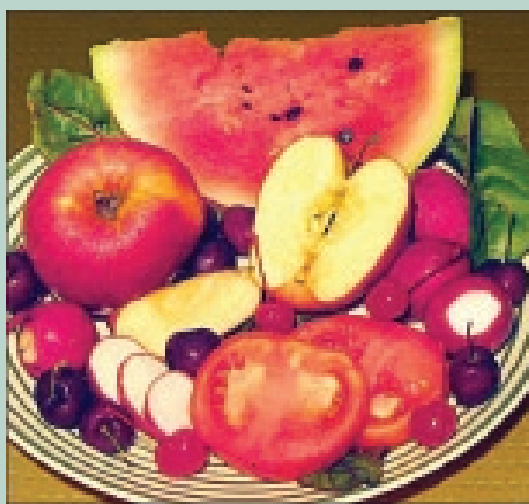
I cannot thank my dad enough for affording me the opportunity to take this trip. The landscapes and architecture was amazing, but what I will never forget was that I got to spend two weeks with the man that I respect the most in this world, my dad. He has taught me so many lessons and continues to teach me about being a good person. My dad, his family and my extended Saxon family has brought the work ethic and generosity that is taught in every Saxon village across Transylvania to the United States. This has helped me to become the man I am today and has given me pride in my Saxon heritage.

THANK YOU DAD!



The black church in Kronstadt

Is frozen fruit as healthy as the fresh stuff?



Frozen fruit is gaining fans and experts say freshness is the reason.

Frozen fruit is picked at the peak of the season and immediately frozen, while fresh fruit is picked several days before ripeness and then shipped. After that, it stands on the grocery store shelf for a day or two.

Shoppers are rediscovering frozen fruit, say doctors at Tufts University. Dollar sales were up 13.4 percent in 2014 compared with the previous year. It's the top category in frozen food and fourth fastest-growing category in the whole supermarket.

A report published in FoodNavigator-USA shows that frozen-fruit sales have topped \$1 billion, more than triple the \$300 million level of just a decade ago. Leading the growth are sales of frozen mixed berries, mixed fruit, tropical fruit, mango and pineapple.

Part of the trend, according to a survey by Dole Packaged Foods, is an increasing awareness that frozen fruits are typically at least as nutritious as fresh.

The Dole survey showed that, "Trying to eat healthier" was cited by 63 percent of consumers who reported buying more frozen fruit. More than half of respondents said they were making more smoothies.

When buying frozen fruit, check the label on the bag to see if it contains sugar. Some people are OK with a little sugar, but some are not.



ESSENTIALS

For food and beverages

- ◊ Bottled water
- ◊ Condiments
- ◊ Salt and pepper
- ◊ Ice packs
- ◊ Insulated bags
- ◊ Paper towels
- ◊ Trash bags

Tableware

- ◊ Plates and cups
- ◊ Utensils
- ◊ Corkscrew
- ◊ Can Opener
- ◊ Napkins



Comfort

- ◊ Blanket
- ◊ Cushions
- ◊ Table cover
- ◊ Sun screen, insect repellent
- ◊ Hats and Jackets
- ◊ Wet wipes

Fun

- ◊ Frisbee
- ◊ Kite
- ◊ Music
- ◊ Cornhole set with extra bean bags.
- ◊ Sports equipment

PotPourri

Your Horoscope

September

ARIES: The cosmos will reward your independent thinking as long as you have a solid plan in place. Being a leader doesn't always mean the pack will follow.

TAURUS: Though strangers naturally respect you, calling you sir or ma'am, there's more to it than that. How you carry yourself also reveals your knowledge and morals.

GEMINI: When you are involved in conversations with co-workers, don't assume that you know what they think or will say. Listen. Learn something about them or yourself.

CANCER: Think about that family member you haven't seen recently. Oddly, connections like this trigger your creativity and encourage you to be more open with others.

LEO: Sometimes everything seems to work in your favor. At other times, not much works at all. Trends are like autumn winds. They change as you work toward your goals.

VIRGO: When stress comes to you, step back and take a wider perspective. Work well but be detached from negative influences and you will recognize what you need to do.

LIBRA: Your colleagues are noticing that the boss listens to you. They could try to promote their favorite issues in the hope that you will pass them on. But be true to yourself.

SCORPIO: Focus on things that most deeply touch your heart and soul. Pace yourself, and patiently address them every day. That's called passionate living.

SAGITTARIUS: Powerful good luck and energy are at your fingertips this month. But it will take your natural intensity to take advantage of those gifts.

CAPRICORN: The pace slows and suddenly a great realization comes to you. When you move too fast, you often miss the details that help everything fall into place.

AQUARIUS: If you've felt blocked creatively, suddenly your artistic vision will flow. It's also time to pay extra attention to your health if you've been ignoring self-care.

PISCES: You may feel as if everything you do doesn't quite meet other people's standards. Don't act like a victim. Carefully explain your own standards one more time.

National Grandparents Day celebrated September 13



National Grandparents Day

First celebrated in 1978, National Grandparents Day is observed in the U.S. on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It honors both maternal and paternal grandparents.

Grandparents have always been special. Today, they're even more important. In very busy families, an involved grandparent is especially beneficial ... and helpful.

The special kind of love children get from a grandparent is something they can't get anywhere else. It is a genuine kind of love, a unique and important kind.

Parents have to worry about who children will become in the future, and they have to be providers and disciplinarians. Grandparents can just enjoy their grandchildren for who they are in the moment.

Today's grandparents are usually pretty young themselves, which is just fine with the kids.

PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Have you planned ahead to provide for extra retirement income?
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IF YOU ARE STILL WORKING-

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IF YOU WILL BE RETIRING SOON-

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Competitive Growth	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lifetime Income Options	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Guaranteed Survivor Benefits	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
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