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SACHSENTREFFEN IN HERMANNSTADT - AUGUST 4 - 5, 2017!

Verband der Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Heimatortsgemeinschaften e. V.
Vorstand

Invitation and Information letter

Munich, 21 June 2015

Dear Thomas, dear John,

The Demokratische Forum der Deutschen in Siebenbürgen (DFDS) and the Verband der Siebenbürgischen Heimatortsgemeinschaften (HOG Verband) have agreed to organize a common Sachsentreffen of all Saxons in Transylvania. The idea behind this is that parents and grandparents have the chance to show their children and grandchildren their place of birth and homeland.

The main event shall take place from 4. - 5. August 2017 in Hermannstadt.

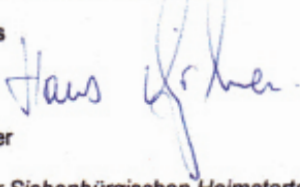
In order to give all Saxons worldwide the opportunity to participate we have started the preparation of this event quite stage. The kick off meeting for the organization of this event already took place on March 28th in Hermannstadt. The participants of this meeting were all important Saxon organizations like *Deutsche Demokratische Forum der Deutschen in Siebenbürgen*, *Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland*, *Siebenbürgisch Sächsische Jugend in Deutschland*, *Bundesverband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Österreich* and the *Verband der Siebenbürgisch Sächsischen Heimatortsgemeinden (HOG Verband)*. During the kick off meeting, the date and the place of the main event were fixed. It was also agreed that an organization team would be build consisting of at least one representative of each Saxon organization. The leaders of the team were already appointed: Hans Gärtner (HOG Verband) and Benjamin Josza (DFDS). One important aim of the HOG Verband is to ask each Heimatortsgemeinschaften (HOG) to hold their own Treffen (gathering) in their own home village during this period. These numerous gatherings may provide additional entertainment after the main event in many different places of Transylvania. On behalf of the DFDS and HOG Verband we kindly invite all Saxons from USA and Canada to participate on this Sachsentreffen in 2017 in Hermannstadt. We would highly appreciate it if you informed all Saxons from overseas accordingly. Further details will follow soon.

If you may have questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Benjamin

Hans Gärtner e-mail: geha.gaertner@t-online.de

Benjamin Josza e-mail: bj@fdgr.ro

Kind regards



Hans Gärtner
President
Verband der Siebenbürgischen Heimatortsgemeinschaften

Have you always wanted to visit the Homeland of your parents, grandparents, or even great-grandparents?
Would you be interested in in taking a guided tour to Transylvania, which would include this historic Sachsentreffen in Hermannstadt/Sibiu?
Contact the ATS Office if you are interested!

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2015

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
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BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

Our meeting was held on September 7th at 8 pm at the Dank Haus. If you can attend the Steuben parade on September 12, please contact President Thut.

Reminder:

Our Banquet will be held on September 19th at the Edelweiss restaurant at 1 pm. Please send your reservations to Rose Hauer as soon as possible (phone 847-685-9821). We are planning a nice afternoon to celebrate Saxon culture and friendships. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$25 for \non- members and children under 10 are free.

Hope you all had a nice and relaxing Labor Day!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



Labor Day has passed and the children are now back at school. Be sure to enjoy these warm days that are filled with lots of sunshine. It won't be long before the nights will be cooler and the leaves will begin to turn colors. I hope we will have an extended warm spell before the weather starts to really show us that Autumn is in full swing.

On Friday, August 21st, ATS Trustee, Jake Spor, Chairman of the Audit Committee, along with the ATS Trustees and Treasurer, Denise Aeling-Crawford, performed our annual audit. They found the books to be accurate and in good order. The committee thanked the Home Office staff for their help with the audit. On Saturday, August 22nd, the ATS Board of Directors met for their scheduled Board Meeting. Many committee reports were received. Also, many current issues were discussed and voted upon. One important issue was how we can establish more cultural groups in our local branches. There were various suggestions as to how this could be accomplished. I would require the help of various branches.

Now that the summer season is behind us, many ATS members are putting away their golf clubs and dusting off their bowling balls. On Sunday, September 20th, the first session of the TSBA will be held in Alliance, Ohio, and hosted by Branches 3 and 8. This bowling league is always a great time with lots of Saxon Gemütlichkeit.

Quote of the Day: THE RIGHT THING. "The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it." Sometimes we waffle over what to do in a difficult situation simply because we're reluctant to do what we know we have to do. Maybe there's some sacrifice we don't really want to make. Maybe we're afraid we might alienate someone. Maybe we just don't want to put out the effort it's going to take. So we procrastinate - asking for advice, weighing alternatives, hoping we'll find some way out of the situation. This is usually a futile exercise; we still have to do the right thing.

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

HAVE A NEW ADDRESS?

If you belong to a household receiving two or more *Volksblatts*, or if you have recently moved and have a new address, you can alleviate both situations simply by using the Change of Address Form printed in the *Volksblatt*. We ask that one *Volksblatt* per household be sufficient.

Also, the same form holds good for any of our members who would like to, but are not receiving the newspaper. If you are a member in good standing, you are entitled to receive our publication.

**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

The Lighter Side

Jonah and the Whale

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was impossible for a whale to swallow a human because its throat was too small.

The little girl said Jonah was swallowed by a whale because it said so in the Bible. Irritated, the teacher again that it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

"Then you ask him," she replied.

Unruly Child

A man scolded his son for being unruly, but the child rebelled. He got some of his clothes, his teddy bear and piggy bank and proudly said, "I'm running away from home!"

The father decided to look at the matter logically. "What if you get hungry?" he said.

"Then I'll come home and eat."

"And what if you run out of money?" his dad asked.

"Then I'll come home and get some," replied the child.

"What if your clothes get dirty?"

"Then I'll let mommy wash them."

Seeing a pattern, the dad concluded, "This kid isn't running away from home, he's going off to college."

**Branch 30
Speck Fry 2015**

**September 13, 2015
1 - 6 p.m.**

**Entertainment by
Peter Karsi and Friends**

**Adults \$15.00
Kids 12 and under \$6.00**

Open to the Public



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**

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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**
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- **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!

Autumn
September 23
to December 21

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

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 23, 2015
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Children's Halloween Party
 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.
 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

Youngstown Saxon Club



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Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons Branch 1 and 4

Cordially invites you to attend the

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Westside Sachsenheim

1:00 pm

Free of charge to Local Dues Paying Members
 Branches 1 and 4

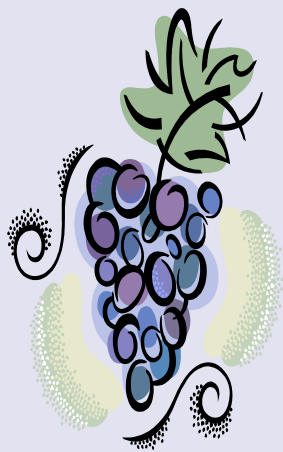
Non-members: \$12.00

For Reservations call:

Robert Cunningham - (216)398-7520

Deadline for Reservations: September 21, 2015

GREAT FAMILY, FUN FILLED EVENING



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 _____

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10:00 Bilingual Service
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Sunday School, Church
Choir, Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church
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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Sandwiches & Snacks**

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EVENTS
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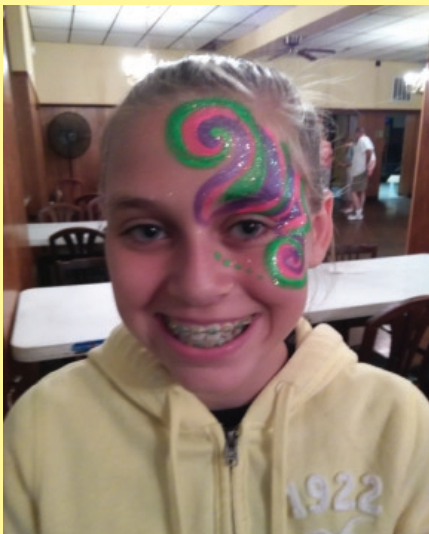
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Andreas Schobel

**Sachsenheim's
Oktoberfest
Face Painting**
**Here are a few
of the children
who had their
face painted.**

Maintaining your vision with diet choices

Popeye the Sailor Man said he was "strong to the finish" when he ate his spinach. And then there was Bugs Bunny who doted on his carrots.

Modern science shows they both had the right idea, but it takes more than that. Dr. Emily Chew, spokesperson for the American Academy of Ophthalmology, says that, while diet can't make your eyesight better, it can keep it from getting worse.

A 10-year National Institutes of Health study showed that a supplement containing vitamins C and E, beta carotene and zinc reduced the risk of developing advanced age-related macular degeneration (AMD) by 25 percent over five years. AMD is the main cause of blindness in the United States.



Fish and greens at least twice a week.

Their 2006 study of dietary habits showed that lutein and zeaxanthin in leafy greens were the main component of the macula, a small spot in the center of the retina which is responsible for clear vision. Subjects who ate the most fish and greens like kale, collard and spinach had a 40 percent reduction in the likelihood for AMD. At the time no supplements for lutein and zeaxanthin were available. Beta-carotene from carrots wasn't found in the macula.

The gene factor was evaluated in the Rotterdam Eye Study. Their good news: if you have bad AMD genes, you can actually eat away the genetic factor by switching to a diet high in A, C, E, antioxidants like zinc, lutein and zeaxanthin, and by eating fish.

She suggests eating fish twice a week and eating greens several times.



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.

James E. Wike
Age 87

Died: August 17, 2015
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Clarence E. Fearer
Age 88

Died: August 24, 2015
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

With current low prices, pork enthusiasts can go hog wild!

Hog farmers are on track to produce a record amount of pork this year. The new wave of production is bringing lower prices for ribs and sausages for consumers, just in time for autumn barbecues.

Beef prices, on the other hand are high. After years of drought in big ranch states severely shrank the U.S. cattle herd. Retail prices for beef have risen another 12 percent over the past year. In May the price of beef products rose to an average of \$6.06 a pound while pork prices have fallen 10 percent to \$3.70 per pound, according to The Wall Street Journal, the lowest price in two years. And with plenty of pork available, supermarkets are offering special sales as well. You might say that consumers are pigging out.

The falling prices have given pork items like ribs, chops and bratwurst a new edge over steaks and wings as Americans crank up their grills (prices for chicken have been flat). Recently the number of hogs processed for pork was 12 percent higher than a year earlier.

Processors and farmers hope prices won't fall much more. But grillers are creating some delicious barbecued pork rib recipes. They're going hog wild in very creative ways.

The availability pork supplies also reflects the quick turnaround in the industry from the effects of a virus. Vaccines and increased immunity have taken care of that.

At this time, hog farmers are working to restrain growth in herd sizes.

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Alliance, OH Br. 3

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Lorain, OH Br. 5

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41868 Earlene Ct, Elyria OH 44035
(440) 324-2534 mikjo79@gmail.com

Farrell, PA Br. 7

Mtg. 3rd. Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Farrell Lions Den 810 Lions Club Lane
(724) 981-7130
PRES. Bertha Chec
941 Sharon-New Castle Rd., #121
Farrell, 16121 (724) 342-3139
SEC'Y. Betty Holmes
409 Patt Dr. Farrell, 16121
(724) 981-7130
ATS SEC'Y. Bonnie Gregorich
55 Oak Tree Ct West Middlesex 16159
(724) 528-0309
SICK NOTICES to Betha Chec
LOCAL DUES to
Kathy Schuller
PO Box 834 Andover OH 44003
(440) 293-6973

Alliance, OH Br. 8

Mgt. 3rd Wed. 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post 166
141 W Main St Alliance OH
PRES. Helen E. Aeling
15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva 44657
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com
SEC'Y. Sharon Edwards
1415 Broad Ave NW Canton OH 44708
(330) 453-0362
ATS SEC'Y. Denise Aeling Crawford
15970 Cenfield St, Alliance 44601
(330) 821-5125 dcrawfordcpa@roadrunner.com
SICK NOTICES to Phyllis Biggs
LOCAL DUES to: Lesley Reed
16373 Freed St NE Minerva OH 44657

Chicago, IL Br. 9

Mtg. 1st Mon. 8:00 p.m.
DANK Haus 4740 N. Western (2nd floor)
PRES. Diethild Thut
923 E Slayton Dr Palatine IL, 60074
(847) 934-6308
SEC'Y. Elfi Sanderson
1425 London Lane Glenview IL 60026
(847) 998-0939 elfisanderson@gmail.com
ATS SEC'Y:
Hildegard Schmidts
1824 Dover Ct Arlington Heights, 60004
(847) 818-3884

Columbus, OH Br. 10

Mtg. 3rd Mon. 1:00 p.m. all months
Berwick Party House
PRES. Richard Kautz
1259 Medford Rd. Columbus, 43209
(614) 235-7661 rkautz@wideopenwest.com
SEC'Y. Susanna Mueller
726 Preston Trls Pickerington OH 43147
(614) 837-2221 opiomi@aol.com
ATS SEC'Y. Hilda F. Kautz
1259 Medford Rd. Columbus, 43209
(614) 235-7661 rkautz@wideopenwest.com
LOCAL DUES to
Marlene Mueller
36 North East St, Pickerington OH 43147
(614) 834-1060

Lorain, OH Br. 11

Mtg. 1st Sat. 8:00 p.m.
American Slovak Home
2915 Broadway Ave.
PRES. Jeanne Petty
3728 Ivanhoe Dr. Lorain, 44053
(440) 960-1696
SEC'Y. Monica Gilles
3520 Beavercrest Dr. #107 Lorain, 44053
(440) 309-7894 gillemo76@hotmail.com
ATS SEC'Y. Monica Gilles
SICK NOTICES to Jane Mowery
1024 Highland Park Blvd. Lorain 44052
(440) 246-3004
LOCAL DUES to Sharron Powell
1704 N Urban Cir Lorain OH 44053
(440) 282-4725

Canton, OH Br. 14

Mtg. 2nd Sun. - 12:00 p.m.
La Pizzeria 3656 Dressler Rd NW
Canton, Ohio
PRES. Thomas J. Rowinsky
1656 Dunkeith Dr NW, Canton, 44708
(330) 478-9333
SICK NOTICES to
Thomas Rowinsky
Address as shown above

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Canton, OH Br. 17

Mtg. 2nd Sun. 12:00 p.m.
La Pizzeria 3656 Dressler Rd NW
Canton, Ohio
PRES. Mary Rowinsky
1656 Dunkeith Dr. NW, Canton 44708
(330) 478-9333
SEC'Y. Jeanne Kirsch
2222 42nd St. NW, Canton 44709
(330) 492-2856
ATS SECRETARY: Rosanne Miller
5186 Everhard Rd NW Apt 7
Canton OH 44718
330-933-4584 rchoochoo64@aol.com
SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky
LOCAL DUES to: Rosanne Miller
5186 Everhard Rd NW Apt 7
Canton OH 44718
(330) 933-4584

Salem, OH Br. 18

Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Saxon Club 1980 St. Rt. 9 Salem, 44460
(330) 222-1770
PRES. Florence Spack
1500 Depot Rd Salem OH 44460
(330) 337-3652
SEC'Y. / ATS SECRETARY
Barbara Spack
1389 Brookview Dr Salem, 44460
(330) 337-7487 babrayn@sbcglobal.net
SICK NOTICES
to Theresa Spack
384 W Pershing
Salem OH 44460 (330) 831-4119
LOCAL DUES TO:
Helen Aeling
15354 Georgetown St. NE Minerva 44657
(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com

Salem, OH Br. 19

Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Saxon Club 1980 Newgarden Rd
Salem OH 44460 (330) 222-1770
PRES. Henry A. Spack, Sr.
1500 Depot Rd. Salem, 44460
(330) 337-3652
SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr.
973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460
(330) 881-3346
mvcobra27@gmail.com
SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack
943 Stewart Rd. Salem, 44460
(330) 337-7575
LOCAL DUES to Richard Vogt, Sr.
c/o Salem Saxon Club
1980 Newgarden Rd, Salem, 44460
(330) 332-9996

Youngstown, OH Br. 22

Mtg. 2nd Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Saxon Club Lower Lounge Restaurant
710 S. Meridian 44509 (330) 792-7973
PRES. Bonnie J. Baker
4535 Mellinger Rd. Canfield, 44406
(330) 793-8691
SEC'Y. June Hoelzel
695 E Western Reserve Rd Unit 2601
Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856
ATS SEC'Y. Julaine Gilmartin
4173 Timberland Trail Canfield 44406
(330) 799-5171
SICK NOTICES to June Hoelzel
Address listed above
LOCAL DUES to Betty Garhammer
969 Canfield Rd. Youngstown 44511
(330) 788-4274

New Castle, PA Br. 25

Mtg. 1st Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St.,
New Castle PA 16101
(724) 652-7221
PRES. John McCormick
293 Algoma Ln New Castle PA 16105
(724) 944-2657
johnmichaelmccormick@hotmail.com
SEC'Y. Jerry Holzhauser
3223 Frew Mill Rd New Castle PA 16101
(724) 924-2203 holzhauserj@hotmail.com
ATS SEC'Y. Wilhelm (Bill) Both
1527 Harlansburg Rd
New Castle PA 16101 724-658-7407
doloresboth@verizon.com
SICK NOTICES to Bill Both
Address as shown above
LOCAL DUES to: Doug Schaffer
113 Okinawa Dr New Castle PA 16105
(724) 652-3038

Merrillville, IN Br. 26

Mtg. 1st Sun. 2 p.m. Nov, Dec, Jan & Feb
3 p.m. all other months
Slovak Club - 6920 Broadway
(219) 756-5101
PRES. Randall Floyd
1806 E. 73rd Ave. Merrillville, 46410
(219) 798-6908 rfloyd1066@msn.com
REC. SEC'Y. Raymond (Sam) Palyok
724 E. 25th. Pl Lake Station, 46405
(219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net
ATS SEC'Y. Randall Floyd
Address and phone as above
LOCAL DUES to Zita Palyok
724 E. 25th Pl, Lake Station IN 46405
(219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net

New Castle, PA Br. 27

Mtg. 1st Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., 16101
(724) 652-7221
PRES. Marie Benedict
PO Box 25 Edinburg, 16116
(724) 667-7395 bckskinbny@verizon.net
SEC'Y. Jean Kaba
16 Sunnybrook Dr New Castle 16105
(724) 658-1791 j.kaba@aol.com
ATS SEC'Y. Dolores J. LeComte
125 W North St Apt. 331 New Castle 16101
(724) 651-4111 deej65@yahoo.com
LOCAL DUES and SICK NOTICES to
Gertrude Tizak 241 Cambridge St. #406
N.Castle, 16105 (724) 652-1867
Tizakg@yahoo.com

Monaca, PA Br. 29

Mtg. 1st. Monday 7 p.m.
Saxon Club 410 6th St.
PRES. Leo Stiteler
1610 Virginia Ave Monaca PA 15061
(724) 601-4707 lstiteler@yahoo.com
ATS SEC'Y. Terri L. Munroe
1255 Chestnut St. Monaca, 15061
(724) 544-0457 enchantra220@yahoo.com

Youngstown, OH Br. 30

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian 44509
(330) 792-7973
PRES. Ernie Roth
6280 Morningside Hubbard OH 44425
(330) 534-4960 djer1@netzero.net
SEC'Y. Robert Bachinger
5268 N Beacon Dr Austintown OH 44515
(330) 792-5177 ygstsc@zoominternet.net

Youngstown, OH Br. 30 cont'd

ATS ADULT & JUV. SEC'Y. Roger Fotiuk
3849 Frederick Youngstown, 44515
(330) 792-0034
LOCAL DUES to Donald Hoelzel
695 E Western Reserve Unit 2601
Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856
SICK NOTICES TO:
Robert Bachinger c/o 710 S Meridian Rd
Youngstown OH 44509
(330) 792-5177 ygstc@zoominternet.net

Ellwood City, PA Br. 32

Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Saxon Club 901 Millview St.
(724) 758-3268
PRES. Sara Dudash
619 Meadowridge Dr Ellwood City PA 16117
(724) 758-4890
ATS Sec'y. Sara Mullin
600 Dover Ln. Ellwood City, 16117
(724) 758-4764
SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans
197 Portersville Rd Apt 3
Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33

Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
1000 Ford Rd Highland Heights OH
PRES. Ema Litschel
8050 Conestoga Trail Concord, 44060
(440) 358-1184
SEC'Y. Arline Suts
413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024
(440) 285-9498 asuts@windstream.net
ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt
4979 Anderson Rd Lyndhurst OH 44124
(216) 382-7397
SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts
Address and phone as above
LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz
388 East 317th St. Willowick, 44095
440-943-4543 meb3172@att.net

Detroit, MI Br. 37

Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:30 p.m.
St. Peters Lutheran Church
11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, MI
(586) 979-3850
PRES. Susanna Fleischer
11060 Furbush Rd. Holly, 48442
(810) 694-1860
beetlebugsue7@peoplepc.com
SEC'Y. Janet Nelson
650 Trinway Dr. Troy, 48085
(248) 879-3213 janetreadnelson@gmail.com
ATS SEC'Y. George Schemmel, Sr.
20843 Coventry Clinton Twp., 48035
(586) 791-8135
SICK NOTICES AND LOCAL DUES to
Samuel Fleischer
11060 Furbush Rd. Holly, 48442
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Ellwood City, PA Br. 45

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 7:30 p.m.
Saxon Club 901 Millview Ave.
(724) 758-3268
PRES. Tim Hardy
224 Reno Rd Portersville PA 16051
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Today, the fortified churches in Transylvania belong to the Evangelical Church of Augustan Confession in Romania. For centuries the churches were the heart of the religious and cultural life of the Transylvanian Saxons. The history of the fortified churches started in the 12th century, when King Geza II of Hungary assigned more than 2,500 German colonists to protect and develop the south-eastern part of Transylvania. In 1395, the year of the first Ottoman invasion, was followed by nearly a century of devastating attacks by the Turks. Since the church was the largest and highest building in the Saxon villages it provided shelter to the villagers and was their refuge during the invasions. Since the end of the 18th century the fortified churches lost their defensive role, however, the church has always played a significant part in the Transylvanian Saxons culture and was meticulously maintained by the villagers.

The unfortunate events of World War II drastically changed the make-up of the Saxons in Transylvania. The war-time deportations were followed by a massive emigration process that was caused by severe living conditions during the communist regime. The fall of Ceausescu's dictatorship in 1989 opened the borders for the last large exodus of the Transylvanian Saxon people mainly to Germany. This massive immigration left behind few elderly Saxons to take care of the churches and consequently, the vast majority of the fortified churches slowly started to fall in ruin.

To help preserve the Transylvanian Saxon heritage and the fortified churches, a bureau called the Coordination Office for Fortified Church was established in 2007. Since 2014 the Coordination Office has been in the process of developing the non-profit Foundation for Fortified Churches with the mission of coordinating efforts to preserve the Transylvanian fortified churches in Romania. With the help of Germany, the European Union set up a 5.5 million Euro budget to help restore 18 endangered churches. The following fortified churches were restored in the scope of the EU project: Arkeden, Bodendorf, Deutschkreuz, Eibesdorf, Hetzeldorf, Kerz, Kirtsch, Kleinschenk, Klosdorf, Malmkrog, Meschendorf, Mühlbach, Neithausen, Probstdorf, Schönberg, Trappold, Urwegen and Waldhütten.

The European Union and Romania realize the importance of preserving the Transylvanian Saxons history and heritage by assisting to restore the churches that can provide for greater insight into local and regional development.

When St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio merged with Bethany Lutheran last year, they donated \$25,000 to the Coordination Office for Fortified Churches to assist in restoration of the Evangelical Lutheran churches in Transylvania. The members received a letter of gratitude from Bishop Reinhart Guib. Members interested in making donation to assist in these ongoing projects may contact their office: email: office@kirchenburgen.org or write to them for more information at: 4Gen. Magheryu Str., Sibiu/Hermannstadt, 550185, Romania.