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BRANCH 2, ERIE

By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. We held a moment of silence for deceased members Fred Wellman and Vince Marshall. Included in our prayers was Sal Frontino who is on the sick list. Best wishes, Sal; we hope you get better soon.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. At this meeting we will hold our Chi Party. We ask that members bring a couple dozen or so cookies. A change has been made in that we will not serve tea and brandy. Instead, coffee will be available and each member who attends will be given a ticket for a free drink at the bar. A voluntary collection will be taken up of at least \$3.00 per person. This will be our Christmas collection to be donated to a charity of the members' choice.

Also at the December meeting we will hold a Memorial service for the deceased members of 2015. Their names will be announced, followed by a short poem and prayer.

At our January 17th Supper/Business meeting the members agreed to have a Baked Half Chicken meal with all the trimmings. There will be NO CHARGE for this full course supper to the members; non-members will be charged \$8.00. You can't beat a deal like this, so come and join us.

At our January meeting we will also have election of officers for 2016. Anyone wishing to run for an office are asked to inform George Cook at 833-7217, and if you want to stay in office please let George know.

Jeeppers! I forgot to mention in the above January 17th Supper to make your reservation with Val Pinczewski

at 898-0494.

Please pay your annual dues of \$6.00 by submitting your check to Liz Manning at 1027 West 30th St, Erie PA 16508. Thank you.

President Manning announced that he will not run for the office of National President in 2016. He has served in that position going on 8 years, during which time he has diligently worked for the ATS. And Tom will be the first to admit that his wife Liz has been a big help.

The good news is he will run for the presidency of Erie Branch 2.

A very Happy Birthday to all of our December babies, some of whom are: MacKenzie Kulik, Robert P. Lonse, Tom Manning, Jr., Richard Wolfe, Sr., Loius J. Heintz, Fred Nicklas, Judy Wagner, Frank J. Stroker, Jr., Sean Reed, Bill Barthelmes, Annalise Iavarone, Loretta Marshall, Edward M. Goellner, Pauline Wegelin, and Jean Hausmann.

A very Happy Anniversary to our December couples: Donald and Alda Whitehill, 64 years; Charles and Judith Plano, 54 years; John and Mary Waterhouse, 31 years; Gerald and Linda Detzel, 46 years; and Thomas and Frances Wycech, 65 years.

We wish all of the above a great and happy day.

We certainly have lucked out with the weather these first few weeks of November; it has just been wonderful. Let us hope and pray that Jack Frost won't go nutsy and give us a bad winter.

Hilda Borgia won the Club's Dinner Gift Certificate.

See you at our Chi Party meeting on Sunday, December 20th. Join us – we are sure you will enjoy the variety of cookies, cheese and crackers.

ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



We petition our Saxon fraternal community - members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

The need is still great and we ask our members and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Fund program with generous contributions.

Please send your contributions to our ATS office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Write checks payable to the "ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND". Thank you for your help!

Help us help



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



The month of November was a very busy month for the officers of the ATS. On November 7th, the Strategic Planning Committee met at the Home Office. On November 14th, an ATS Deputies meeting was held. On November 18th, a conference call was held with the Investment Committee and our Financial Adviser. On November 21st, the ATS Board of Directors met for the final Board meeting of 2015. As always, many business matters were discussed and then voted upon at the Board meeting. ATS members should be thankful that we have a Board that works diligently and thoughtfully for the betterment of our fraternal organization.

With Christmas fast approaching, the ATS has some great gift suggestions such as Saxon cookbooks, ATS sweatshirts, Saxon Tee-shirts, desktop flag sets, ATS baseball caps, plus Saxon aprons. These items could make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. An order form and price listing for these orders was enclosed with your Date Log for 2016.

I thought you might enjoy this story. Father Williams, the old priest, made it a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th Grade class where the children were studying about the states. He asked them to name as many states as they could. They came up with 40 names. Father Williams jokingly told them that in his day, students knew the names of all of the states. Young Donald raised his hand and said, "Yes, sir, but in those days there were only 13 states."

Quote of the Day: "To wear your heart on your sleeve isn't a very good plan; you should wear it inside, where it functions best." Our deepest thoughts and most vulnerable feelings are priceless; we must treasure them. Like a locked diary or a private study, we only share them with certain people who have earned our trust; they will handle our heart with care. In our public lives, it is natural and appropriate that we are a little more guarded and selective about what we disclose. Honesty is one thing, but telling all to everyone is excessive.

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

ATS Bowling League
Next session is
Sunday, December 6



hosted by Branch 33 Cleveland East
The Place is "Game of Wickliffe"
(formerly called Freeway Lanes)

28801 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe OH 44024.
Bowling starts at 11 AM.
There will be NO meal.
Questions call

Fred Krestel, 440-639-1775

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2015

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Contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home office for detailed information on our insurance plans and annuity plan.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Well here we are; November, starting the Holiday season. Time flies so quickly! I remember as a child, time seemed to crawl. Now, every year, seems to go by faster and faster. Wasn't it just Labor Day yesterday?! Didn't I just turn that calendar page to a new month? And didn't we have one of the most pleasant Autumns weather-wise? Well hopefully we will have an early and pleasant Spring as well.

OK, getting down to Branch business. First I want to remind everyone there will be no general meeting in December. Our annual Christmas Party will be held December 13th at Pine Ridge Country Club in Wickliffe, doors open at 12 Noon. Cost is \$10 for Members and \$20 for Guests. Please call Fred Krestel at (440) 639-1775 to make your reservations. Great dinner and great entertainment!

Branch 33 is making sausage on Saturday, December 5th. Please order sausage! Call your friends, your family, your neighbors; order sausage for them! Let me tell you, we make GREAT Sausage, and you will regret it not having it over the holidays. Makes great sandwiches; cut up on a cracker as appetizer; We do sell it loose as well, so you can add to pizza, or pasta, or chili. Fred Krestel is taking orders for sausage as well. And we will need help making, so members come help at St. John's Lutheran Church in Highland Heights. And you can pick up your orders between 2 and 5pm.

We had Election of Officers for year 2016 at the November meeting. Retaining their offices are Ema Litschel, President; Margaret (Bette) Schmidt, Vice President; Treasurer, Jeff Krestel; Financial Secretary Mike Bretz; Recording Secretary, Arline Suts; ATS Secretary Karyn Schmidt; Membership Chair, Cindy Schneider; Trustees Diane Hum and Barb Hum (2 year terms), and Margarete Ziegler and Maria Phillips (one year term). We thank outgoing Trustee Mike Thellmann for his many years of service to Branch 33!

It is with sadness that I write that our beloved Past President, George Schneider, passed away. He was so visibly devoted to the ATS and Branch 33, as a life-long member, and as Branch President for 14 years. There are so many projects he was involved in and did so much work for, including the Branch 33-34 merger. But his greatest "baby" was the Branch 33 Scholarship program for

our members. He was a great advocate for this program; so all you members out there who received a Branch Scholarship in support of your education, please always remember George Schneider. He was a great promoter of education, and hoped our assistance would garner more life-long members. This year's recipients are: Jessica and Sarah Keefer, Austin Bonnett, Elizabeth Krestel, Lauren Ziegler, Andrew Ziegler, and Jacob Ziegler. Personally, I will always remember his strong and confident handshake, even in illness, no limp little swipe for George! And his return greeting: George, nice to see you, (answer): It's nice to be seen! Rest well George.

As to Bowling: ATS League's next session is Sunday, December 6 and we at Cleveland are hosting. Venue is Game of Wickliffe. That's just the new name of the "old" place, Freeway Lanes at 28801 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio. There will be no meal this year.

Want to send a shout out to all our members heading south for the winter, and to members who no longer reside in Northeast Ohio. Also, to all our shut in members, those at nursing facilities, those who cannot make it to meetings or events, including John Leonhardt, Ronnie Maurer, Peg Maurer, the Schwenzers, Dorothy Kump, Jean Schneider, and so many others we have not seen for too long!

We want to wish you all Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. BTW, I did get an e-mail from Katherine Graul out in sunny California. Hey Kay, you thirsty yet? We have plenty of water here at the North Coast, you'd be welcome back! I know you miss us, and we miss you too. Oh, and to all you local members, even Kay Graul ordered sausage to be overnight shipped! See, we DO make great sausage!

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 13th. We will start with Sausage Supper at 7 p.m. (yes, our own sausage, and Kraut, and Brot; Yum!). Installation of officers after supper, meeting about 7:30 p.m. Officers, remember there is a budget meeting at St. John's on Wednesday, December 9th.

OK, I hope I covered everything. Seems like a lot right? But I'll tell you, I read and go over and over my minutes, and invariably I have forgotten to mention someone or something... Well, there's always next month! Take care!

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES
By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Saxon Retirees meeting held on Thursday, November 12 at Noon at 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown OH.

Dinner is not quite ready for us so will say our Thanksgiving prayer, our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of this great country, and even sing a patriotic hymn.

The veggies are ready so now we eat. It is really worth waiting for. The committee for today is Kay Ring, her daughter Eileen, and any volunteers.

Special thanks go to Gloria Hahn and Betty Garhammer, who with their magic fingers folded and refolded the dinner napkins into roses to decorate the tables.

Welcome to Dorothy Pedro, our guest for today. She is a sister to Joan Cunningham. We are glad you joined us today.

We remember Minnie Temnick who passed away in October at a ripe old age of 95. She and her husband Mike were active members many years ago. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Martha Konrad and Susan Mraz. Martha is not here and it really isn't Susan's birthday but we sang anyway.

Joan's name is still on the sick list. She is in Room 182 at Park Vista Rehab facility. Joan get well soon.

A "Thank you" from the Mahoning Valley Rescue Mission to the many members who helped with school supplies to be given to those in need.

There is a replacement for the position of treasurer. Ro Dundon will be treasurer until Joan Giba comes back to our group. Her appointment was made and replaced by all present.

No old business.

A candle lighting ceremony was conducted by our president in memory of the passing of four active members during the past year. They are Paul Beight, Carolyn Munson, Christopher Ludt, and Richard Scott. We honor their lives.

The Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 12 Noon. The committee is the officers. If there is a change in your regular monthly reservation please call one of the officers.

Lots of prizes today to the lucky ticket holders. Winners are Hermine Gentile, Jim Dundon, Susan Mraz, Cindy Blubaugh, Dominic Sugar, Ro Dundon, Norma Bishop, Tillie Stefanick, and I think that's all.

That's all folks. Hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving. Tell God we love Him and our families.

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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, DECEMBER 9, 2015	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015
****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016
****PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE CHANGE DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015	FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

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.

Become concerned and involved

about the future of your Branch.

Do something about it and it will flourish!



You'll need it in January
If you haven't
had a flu shot,
don't delay,

It's not too late to protect yourself from the traditional bulge in flu cases that usually occurs in January.

This year's flu shot will be more effective than last year's. The CDC has taken steps to avoid a repeat of the 2014-2015 flu season by producing a broader version of the vaccine to better match circulating viruses. Even so, there's no guarantee that this year's vaccine will be effective against all strains.

If you get the flu in spite of getting a shot, you'll have a much milder case, and it will prevent influenza-related complications such as pneumonia.

The problem with last year's was that the H3N2 strain suddenly appeared long after the vaccine was produced, rendering the vaccine ineffective in many people, particularly the elderly.

CDC experts have developed the 2015-2016 vaccine with the influenza type A viruses H3N2 and H1N1, which was the cause of the 2009 epidemic. An influenza B component is also included. These strains are currently circulating in the United States and the world.

In spite of last year's failure to protect many people from the flu, you shouldn't use it as an excuse not to get a flu shot.

Everyone 6 months old and older should be vaccinated against influenza each year.



2015 HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Looking for a unique way to pass on a bit of your Saxon heritage to someone on your Christmas list? Why not check out the exclusive items offered for sale at the ATS Home Office. Prices are very affordable and these items won't be found at your local department or book stores, thereby eliminating the possibility of duplicate gift-giving. See below for list of available gifts:


<u>Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries</u> by Rev. John Friezel	\$15.00	Desktop Flag Set (American and Saxon)	\$ 7.00
<u>Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy</u> by Barbara Oehler Weber	14.00	Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon, plus choice of Canadian or German)	9.00
<u>Flucht aus Siebenbürgen</u> (German Text) by Marika Gönci/Maria Schneider	20.00	ATS Baseball Cap (Blue with red embroidered ATS emblem)	10.00
<u>Art People</u> (Children's book) by Anne Junesch	10.00	DVD "Leaving Transylvania" Producer/Director: Dieter Auner	20.00
<u>Saxon Cookbook</u> (Third Edition)	12.00	Saxon Apron	15.00
CD <u>Musikalische Reise</u>	12.00	Black T-Shirt with Saxon Wappen	20.00
<u>Siebenbürger Sachsen in aller Welt</u>		Navy Sweatshirt with ATS Logo	25.00

Holiday Order Form

Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

City/State/ZipCode _____ Telephone (____) _____

	How Many	Price		How Many	Price
<u>Saxons Through 17 Centuries</u>	_____	_____	Desktop Flag Set (2 flags)	_____	_____
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<u>Flucht aus Siebenbürgen</u>	_____	_____	Baseball Cap	_____	_____
DVD "Leaving Transylvania"	_____	_____	Saxon Tee-Shirt (Black only/Size - See _____)	_____	_____
<u>Art People</u>	_____	_____		Med _____	_____
<u>Saxon Cookbook</u>	_____	_____		Large _____	_____
<u>Navy Sweatshirt</u> Size - Small _____	_____	_____		X-Large _____	_____
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BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

As the year ends keep some dates in mind: the Youngstown Saxon Club will be closed on Friday, December 25, Christmas Day, and we will be closing early on Christmas Eve.

Both Branches 22 & 30 will meet on Sunday, December 13. Don't forget to make reservations for the Christmas Party that is about 4:00 PM, right after the meeting (thanks to the Ladies for making this possible). Our social club members are welcome, let your friends know this. Please call the office or the treasurer of Branch 22 for ticket reservations. Cost is \$13.00 per person.

The New Year's Eve Party and Dance in the Ballroom: by popular request the band is "Guys Without Ties", good to have them back. Tickets available at

the club office 330-792-7973, or Barry Garhammer. Cost is \$50.00 per person, and the party is open to the public.

Don Hoelzel, Branch 30, Betty Garhammer, Branch 22, wish to remind all members to remit dues for 2016. If possible send them by January 1, to Don or Betty or to the Saxon Club office on Meridian Road.

Tell those you know that like Bingo that the Saxon Club is a good and a safe place to play. There is security inside and out. As they are getting to know us the number of players is increasing. The friendly workers and the good food brings them and new players back. Don't forget the Queen of Hearts game each Sunday night.

On Thursday nights in the Lounge and Restaurant is a

different Q of Hearts game. Someone picked the right card on Thursday, November 19. There is a new game to begin on or around December 3.

It is not too early to announce that the Youngstown Saxon Club will be hosting the Heimmattag on June 24, 25, 26, 2016. More on this as we get closer to the date. If you are asked, or if you offer your services, hope you can volunteer a few hours to assist the officers.

Some of our members have passed away; George "G" Groza, a regular in the lounge, golfer with the Saxon Golf League, Couples Bocce, and an all around friend. Mike Chetsko, Richard Measmer, a regular volunteer. I want to pass to you about the death of Daniel Zinz, the son of Don and Lucille Zinz. Don is a nephew of Glen and Lorie Zinz. The Zinz families have been members of the Saxon club for many years, Don and Lucy come to the club regularly,

Don also plays Bocce at the club and at one time there was an all Zinz Bocce team. We offer our prayers and condolences to each of the families.

Check your Facebook messages and look at the pictures of the Ballroom set up for a Banquet. I don't know if you can find any other banquet hall so inviting. The girls, Betty Garhammer, and Gloria Hahn do a great job to put our club in the public eye. Put the word out to any family or friends planning a wedding, dance, banquet or other affair and are looking for a good location, speak up for the Saxon Club. The pictures and ad on Facebook tells a good story. Any questions check with the office or Barry Garhammer. Thanks.

On the 14th members of the club, a work party in the kitchen, made a special call that was a great surprise. We talked to them just before we had our party for our 65th Anniversary.

To all of you that have sent messages, cards or phone calls Dorothy and I thank you, friends are a great possession. I was trying to make a funny, it is not too bad, I said we are going down Route 66, for next year. A great hello to all back home and to Norma for your thoughts.

So Goes The News.

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

Correction to my last article:

The Youngstown Branch 22 Christmas Party is December 13 not December 22, 2015. Reservations need to be in by December 7, 2015, with check for \$13.00 made payable to Br.22. and mailed to the office or June Hoelzel. Upon receipt of payment tickets will be held at the door. Thank you.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 14 - 15, 2016

ATS Convention

Hosted by Br. 19 Salem - Celebrating 125th Anniversary

June 24 - 26, 2016

North American Saxon Heimattag

Hosted by Br. 30 Youngstown

LOCAL EVENTS

December 5, 2015

Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party

Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale

Lorain Brs. 5 and 11 Christmas Dinner - Jackalope's

December 7, 2015

Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 9, 2015

Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

December 10, 2015

Salem Bar open 8:00-10:00 p.m.

December 11, 2015

Salem Joint Social Dinner & 6:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party

December 12, 2015

New Castle Children's Christmas Party

December 13, 2015

Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party DANK Haus 1 p.m.

December 14, 2015

Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 15, 2015

New Castle Singers' Christmas Party 6 p.m.

December 16, 2015

Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30 p.m.

December 17, 2015

Salem Bar open 8:00-10:00 p.m.

December 19, 2015

NO SALEM BREAKFAST BUFFET

December 23, 2015

No Salem Bingo

December 24, 2015

Salem Bar Closed

December 30, 2015

No Salem Bingo

December 31, 2015

Salem Bar Closed

January 1, 2016

Youngstown New Years Day Club closed

January 9, 2016

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Night at the Races

January 10, 2016

Youngstown Branch 22/30 meet at 2 PM

January 14, 2016

Youngstown Retirees Meet

January 17, 2016

Youngstown Pork Dinner, Ballroom

February 7, 2016

Youngstown Super Bowl Party, Lounge

February 10, 2016

Youngstown Special Fish dinner, Ballroom

February 11, 2016

Youngstown Retirees Meet

February 12, 2016

Salem Fish fries begin



Getting ready to file U.S. Income taxes for 2015

Standard deductions for 2015 are slightly higher to account for mild inflation, but those with high incomes will pay more with cuts to itemized deductions and personal exemptions.

Standard deductions: Marrieds get \$12,600 but if one spouse is 65 or older, it's \$13,850. Singles: \$6,300 but \$7,850 if they are 65. Household heads get \$9,250 plus \$1,550 more when they reach 65.

Itemized deductions: High-incomer's write-offs are cut by 3 percent of the excess of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) over \$258,250 for singles, \$284,050 for household heads and \$309,900 for marrieds. The total reduction can't exceed 80 percent of itemizations.

Personal exemptions: They are \$4,000 for filers and their dependents. But the tax break is phased out for upper-incomers. It's trimmed by 2 percent for each \$2,500 of AGI over the same thresholds for the itemized deduction phaseout.

Top rate on dividends and long-term gains is 20 percent for singles with taxable income above \$413,200, household heads over \$439,000 and joint filers above \$464,850. The 3.8 percent Medicare surtax boosts the rate to 23.8 percent. The regular 15 percent maximum rate applies for filers with incomes below these amounts, except that filers in the 10 percent to 15 percent income tax bracket still get the special 0 percent rate.

The Social Security wage base increased to \$118,500, up \$1,500 from 2014. Employers' and employees' share remains at 6.2 percent. The Medicare surtax kicks in for singles with wages above \$200,000 and couples earning \$250,000. It doesn't affect the employer's share.

The caps on deductible contributions to HSA's rose slightly to \$6,650 for account holders with family coverage and to \$3,350 for self-only coverage. People born before 1961 can put in \$1,000 more. The limits on out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles and copayments, increases to \$12,900 for family coverage and \$6,450 for individual coverage.



SCHNITZEL FEST

SACHSENHEIM

7001 Denison Ave

Sunday, January 3, 2015

Serving from 1:00—4:00 pm

Doors open at Noon

Wiener Schnitzel	\$12.95
Pork Schnitzel	\$ 9.95
Chicken Schnitzel	\$ 8.95

Includes the choice of two sides:

German potato salad, mashed potatoes, Potato pancakes, mixed vegetables, sauerkraut, red cabbage., cabbage & noodles, plus more!

Make Reservation at the Bar
or Call the Sachsenheim
at (216)651-0888



Youngstown
Saxon Branches 22 & 30

Sunday December 13, 2015
at 4:00 pm.

Dinner will be served
at 4:30 p.m.

Menu: Roast Beef au jus,
mashed potatoes and gravy
Green beans almondine, tossed salad,
rolls and butter
Tea, coffee, and cake
Cash bar will be available

Entertainment by
New Castle Eintracht Maennerchor choir
\$13.00 per person

Make your reservation by contacting
June Hoelzel @ (330)-953-2856

Deadline for reservations is
Monday, December 7, 2015

Make checks payable to Saxon Branch 22
Checks can be mailed to the
Youngstown Saxon Club.
Upon receipt of payment,
tickets will be held at the door
If you want your tickets mailed to you,
please submit a self addressed
stamped envelope.

Youngstown Saxon Club



In our Main Ballroom Sunday Evenings

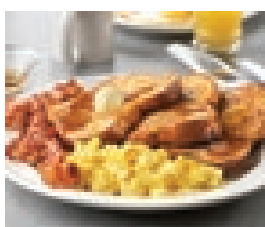
DOORS OPEN @ 5PM ~ BINGO STARTS @ 6:45PM

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

Birthday Specials • Pig Number

We're wheelchair accessible!

Food Available! Security Inside & Outside!



Salem Saxon Club
Breakfast Buffet
for December
has been cancelled.
We will start up again
in April 2016.
Watch for an announcement!

Salem Saxon Club Krapfen Sale



Saturday, January 16, 2016
from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The deadline for orders is
Friday, January 8, 2016.

Price is \$7.00 a dozen.

Order by calling Marsha Spack
at (330) 337-0250.

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Ich seh' den Birnbaum vor dem Tor,
das Bächlein hinter'm Haus
Ganz gnadenlos trieb uns das Schicksal in die Welt hinaus
Es flossen die Tränen...

Das Kinderleben war nicht leicht bei uns daheim am Land
Auch hab man in der Jugend mal den Bogen überspannt
Der Mutter Weisheit hat uns stets auf rechte Bahn gestellt
Ein Mutterherz, ein Edelstein, der grösste Schatz der Welt.

Vielen Dank liebe Mutter!

Es kam der Weltkrieg: Wo war Gott ?
viel Kummer er gebracht

Man hörte oft die Mutter flehen, weinend in der Nacht
Man nahm uns: Haus, Vieh, Wald und Feld,
doch nie den Stolz und Mut
Wir blieben biederes Sachsenvolk
aus reinem Deutschen Blut.

Mir wallen bleiwen wot mer sen!

Dann kam die grausame Verschleppung,
Gott hör unser flehn!
Verdrängt gings loss in Güterwagen; gibt's ein Wiedersehn?
Ein Meer von Tränen sind geflossen,
die ganze Welt schweigt stumm
In Massengräbern auf der Krim,
viel' unschuld'ge Menschen dort ruhn.

Gnadenlos, völlig unschuldig!

Ich wuchs heran, ging aufs Gymnasium in die grosse Stadt
"Was du im Kopf hast nimmst dir keiner" war der Mutter Rat
Doch sie erkrankte bald darauf, so fehlte es an Geld
Vorbei mein Traum, sie musste scheiden,
schmerzvoll von der Welt
Mutter,du fehlst uns so sehr!

Als Jungeselle zog ich dann,
auf Suche nach Freiheit und Glück
Weit ueber die Meere ins fernr Land,
in's unbekante Geschick
Doch "Heimweh" machte die Hölle heisser,
trieb mich bis zum Rand

Ich sehnte mich nach meinen Lieben
im fernen Siebenbürgerland
Heimweh, ich lernte dich kennen!

Verflossen sind schon viele Jahr' ermüdet meine Hände
Es nagt der Zahn der Zeit an mir,
die Lebensfahrt bald zu Ende

Bevor der Forhang fällt wollt' ich die Heimat wieder sehn
Mit roten Rosen an Mutters Grab auf Heimerde stehn.
Mit weinendem Herzen...

Ein leztes mal nach fünfzig Jahren kehrte ich zurück
Zum Elternhaus, zu Mutters Grab,
Tränen voll Wehmut und Glück.

Nur wer unter fremden Sternen gelebt
kann schätzen der Heimat Wert

Ein kleines bischen Heimatglück,
es wurde mir nochmals beschert.
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If you're pushing age 60, more or less, and have a sedentary lifestyle, you are among the group of people who would benefit most from doing a little exercise. Join that group if you have important things to do over the next 10 years.

Nine studies, which included 122,000 people, were recently analyzed for the British Journal of Sports Medicine. The researchers concluded that over a 10-year period, those starting to do a very modest

amount of exercise benefited the most. They were 22 percent less likely to die during the study.

Those who exercised two to three times more than that gained only another 6 percent reduction in mortality and those who exercised the most had a 7 percent increase over them.

To convey a simple and attractive message, study authors recommend about 15 minutes of moderate exercise, such as walking, five days a week.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

The meeting was held on November 2, 2015 with fair attendance. President Thut brought the meeting to order and all the minutes and financials were accepted. A reminder was given to the members to make sure and attend the meeting on December 7 for the annual elections. Please consider taking an office and support your club and culture.

Please remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13, which is the annual Christmas party from 1-4 pm at the DANK Haus. We will have food/desserts and a visit from the man in red, Santa. Please come join us for a fun filled afternoon.

On our sick list we have Brother Andy Schiller. Please give him a call or send a greeting card.

Hope you all had a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving and God Bless you all!



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.

Robert A. Baer, Jr.
Age 73

Died: June 6, 2015
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Mary Jane Thomas
Age 86

Died: August 24, 2015
Branch 2, Erie PA

Richard H. Measmer
Age 88

Died: November 14, 2015
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

At our last meeting we decided to cancel our December monthly meeting since it falls on Christmas week. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 18, 2016. We will hold the election of officers and have our annual Memorial Service.

For those members who did not attend our November meeting and wish to donate a Christmas gift for the Community Corners Charity project, you can still bring an unwrapped gift to the Sachsenheim and give to our Manager, Scott. We do not have to bring the items to Community Corners until the week of December 7th. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Let's make as many children happy this Christmas as we can. We thank you for your thoughtfulness.

As this year ends, we want to acknowledge and thank our members who have volunteered this past year by organizing and working hard to provide us with the various dinners and activities; to those who have given the time freely to assist in the maintenance of the Sachsenheim and to our members who have been

gracious with donations to the Sachsenheim. We are so grateful that we have wonderful members that donate their time and efforts to keep our Sachsen home. We always welcome more volunteers to lend their talents to help with the various projects at the Sachsenheim. Remember our volunteers don't necessarily have the time or even good health, but they have the heart!!

To start off 2016, the Sachsenheim will host a Schnitzel Fest on Sunday, January 3 serving from 1:00 pm – 4 pm. Choices will be Wiener Schnitzel at \$12.95; Pork Schnitzel at \$9.95 or Chicken Schnitzel at \$8.95. You will have a choice of two sides: German potato salad, mashed potatoes, potato pancakes, mixed vegetables, cabbage and noodles, sauerkraut, red cabbage and other sides. Everything sounds yummy!! If you want the Wiener Schnitzel please make sure you make reservations by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888. Come watch the Steelers and Browns game while enjoying a delicious meal. TVs will be on in the bar room and a TV will be set up in the dining room. Doors open at Noon.

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Your Horoscope

December

ARIES: Take time to analyze 2015. Think about what worked and what didn't. That includes last year's big dinner and family get-togethers. Lots to consider there.

TAURUS: Some things can be put off until January, but some can't. Decide what you really have to do before break. Get it done and get out of there.

GEMINI: When the annual holiday party at work is at hand, be sure to show up for it. Use the opportunity to connect with bosses and people you want to meet.

CANCER: Avoid working around a problem. Don't trap yourself into doing a task the old way when a new-technology way is better even if it takes more time in the beginning.

LEO: Eat and drink selectively over the holidays. Skip co-workers goodie trays or just take one small piece. They'll like you just as much if you just take a sample.

VIRGO: Hate shopping? Save time and aggravation by a one-stop visit to the gift-card department. Get cards that can be used anywhere and let them make their choices.

LIBRA: Christmas cruises and vacations are more expensive, but more relaxing. You won't have to decorate the house or try to visit all your relatives on the same day.

SCORPIO: Maybe your dream wish for the new year is work related. Maybe it's not. If it includes a big ticket item like a new convertible or a boat, check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS: Over the next year, your concept of what it means to feel "at home in the world" will change. You could revamp your current digs or even move.

CAPRICORN: If you end this year feeling overburdened, look forward to 2016, which could be your year to work from a calmer, internally quiet place.

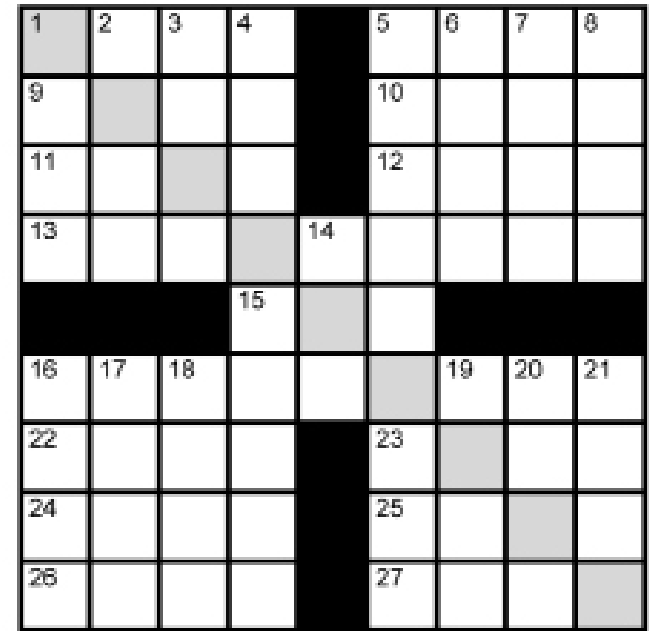
AQUARIUS: Your communication skills will come to the fore as the year draws to a close. Bosses and co-workers appreciate your ability to calm the waters in difficult times.

PISCES: Family and friends help during this season and offer harmony, gentle fun and relaxation close to home. They have high expectations, but don't over-extend yourself.

December birthdays

- 1, Woody Allen, filmmaker, one Oscar, Brooklyn, NY, 1935.
- 2, Aaron Rodgers, football player, Chico, CA, 1983.
- 3, Daryl Hannah, actress in Splash, Chicago, IL, 1961.
- 4, Jeff Bridges, movie star, one Oscar, Los Angeles, CA, 1949.
- 5, Jose Carreras, one of the "Three Tenors," Spain, 1946.
- 6, Johnny Manziel, Heisman Trophy winner, Tyler, TX, 1992.
- 7, Larry Bird, basketball exec, basketball Hall of Fame, West Baden, IN, 1956.
- 8, Kim Basinger, actress, one Oscar, Athens, GA, 1953.
- 9, Simon Helberg, in Big Bang Theory, Los Angeles, CA, 1980.
- 10, Bobby Flay, chef, TV personality, New York, NY, 1964.
- 11, John F. Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State, Denver, CO, 1943.
- 12, Jennifer Connelly, one Oscar, Catskill Mountains, 1970.
- 13, Steve Buscemi, Boardwalk Empire star, Brooklyn, NY, 1958.
- 14, Patty Duke, Oscar and Emmy winner, New York, NY, 1946.
- 15, Michelle Dockery, Downtown Abbey actress, England, 1981.
- 16, Steven Bochco, TV writer, producer, New York, NY, 1943.
- 17, Pope Francis, leader of Catholic Church, Argentina, 1936.
- 18, Katie Holmes, movie and TV actress, Toledo, OH, 1978.
- 19, Richard E. Leakey, famous anthropologist, Kenya, 1944.
- 20, Jonah Hill, The Wolf of Wall Street, Los Angeles, CA, 1983.
- 21, Samuel L. Jackson, movie star, Washington, DC, 1948.
- 22, Diane K. Sawyer, TV journalist, anchor, Glasgow, KY, 1946.
- 23, Susan Lucci, movie and TV actress, Westchester, NY, 1949.
- 24, Lee Daniels, producer, director, Philadelphia, PA, 1959.
- 25, Sissy Spacek, movie star, one Oscar, Quitman, TX, 1949.
- 26, Kit Harington, Game of Thrones actor, England, 1986.
- 27, Savannah Guthrie, TV journalist, anchor, Australia, 1971.
- 28, Denzel Washington, movie star, one Oscar, Mount Vernon, NY, 1954.
- 29, Jude Law, star of several movies, England, 1972.
- 30, Meredith Vieira, TV personality and host, Providence, RI, 1951.
- 31, Sir Anthony Hopkins, movie star, one Oscar, Wales, 1957.

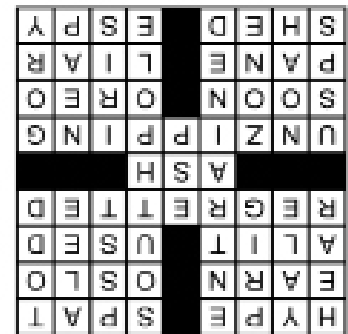
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- Across
1. Hoopla
 5. Petty quarrel
 9. Make, as money
 10. Nobel Peace Prize city
 11. Came to rest
 12. Employed
 13. Rued
 15. ___ Wednesday
 16. Decompressing a zip file
 22. Presently
 23. Hydrox alternative
 24. Philatelist's purchase
 25. Fibber
 26. Molt
 27. Catch sight of

- Down
1. Try, as a case
 2. Its motto is "Lux et veritas"
 3. Snob
 4. Boarded
 5. Antarctica
 6. "Check this out!"
 7. Sheltered, at sea
 8. Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
 14. Clairvoyance, e.g.

16. Mail carrier, for short
17. Ark builder
18. Area
19. Colored eye part
20. ___ tide
21. Bloody



The title is a clue to the word in the shaded diagonal.

Education requirements rise for nurses

Many thousands of Americans entered nursing schools in the last decade hoping for a high-paying job with a two-year degree. Now they find that hospitals want nurses with more advanced degrees, partly in response to a more complex health-care system.

The trend is also seen in sectors like manufacturing and office administration, which are demanding more education and skills than in the past. As the number of job candidates with bachelor's degrees rose during the recession, employers began expecting degrees for positions that once didn't require them.

Such "upskilling" was particularly intense in nursing, which saw a flood of new entrants in the last decade. The number of nursing programs of all kinds rose by 41 percent between 2002 and 2012 when it was widely perceived that there was a shortage of nurses.

According to the journal Nursing Economics, during that period the ranks of young registered nurses with four-year degrees swelled about 80 percent. The number of nurses over age 50 doubled as they stayed on the job.

The trouble with being punctual is that no one is there to appreciate it.



The sinister Web behind the Web

Behind the World Wide Web is another Web, a place for things both nefarious and boring.

This huge part of the Internet is hidden to all but those in the know.

The so-called Dark Web has very sinister sites where people sell illegal guns, drugs and worse, according to CNET. Like a speakeasy during prohibition, you have to know where Dark Web sites are find them and you have to know their passwords. The people who create Dark Web sites, use a tool such as Tor, to mask the identity of their computers (or servers) and their locations. Even their users mask their identities and locations using the same tool. Of course, search engines do not index these sites. When you read about a major data hack, the Dark Web is where the data land. On the Dark Web, cops and robbers play out their digi-

tal roles, each masking their identity.

On the bright side, the Dark Web can be a lifeline for people in countries like China, where the government censors news and Web sites.

Then there is the Deep Web. Pages on the Deep Web are also not public and not indexed by search engines, but for less villainous reasons. Banks use the Deep Web for security. Web publishing companies use it as a staging area where pages are reviewed before posting.

The phrases Dark Web and Deep Web are often used interchangeably but Dark is definitely more sinister than Deep.

Finally, there is the Dark Internet, which is not dark in the malicious sense. Scientists post pages of snooze-worthy data related to their work. There are databases and other information there that most people just don't care about.

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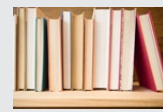
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