



ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS – 2012

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

To be eligible for a Freshman Academic Scholarship Grant you must be a high school senior with an accumulated grade point average in high school of 2.8, or better.

Nineteen Scholarship Grants will be awarded to freshmen in undergraduate study at an accredited college or university in the United States and three renewable grants to present recipients of the Victor Deptner Scholarship.

- \$1,000 Four Year Renewable Grant from the Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Past ATS Officers' Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Henry Schindler Scholarship
- \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Endowment Award
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 10 – Columbus Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 14 – Canton Scholarship
- \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34
- \$1,000 Rev. & Mrs. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 Branch 5 – Lorain Scholarship
- \$ 750 Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship
- \$ 750 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 400 Donzella Herman Scholarship

Applicants for the Scholarships listed must be ATS Members in good standing with a minimum of two years continuous membership prior to the scholarship application deadline of April 15th. High School Seniors must have maintained a 2.8, or better, grade point average in high school.

Complete the Request Form below to receive your Application. Please note: upon our receipt of the Request Form, an **official ATS Scholarship Application Form** will be mailed to you. **The completed official ATS Scholarship Application Forms from the applicant and school must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th.**

REQUEST FOR ATS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office
5393 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597
**Request Forms must be received by
March 15, 2012**

Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration.

UNDERGRADUATE CONTINUING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The ATS is offering eleven Academic Undergraduate Continuing Education Scholarship Grants to our members who are not current year high school graduates and are not entering college in their freshman year of study but are in an **undergraduate program**.

- \$1,000 Award in memory of Past-President David P. Bokesch
- \$1,000 Award in memory of Marie Stimer
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- \$ 500 Award in memory of Karl & Charlotte Klamer
- \$ 500 Farrell-Branch 7 Scholarship
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award
- \$ 500 ATS Scholarship Award

Applicants must be ATS members in good standing, with continuous membership for a minimum period of two (2) years. They must have a grade point average of at least 2.8. They may be any age; however, they cannot be a current year high school graduate or entering their freshman year of college.

Applicants must be enrolled in an **undergraduate program** as a **full-time student** at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Requests for **official ATS Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship Applications** may be made by calling the ATS Home Office (440) 842-8442, or by completing the Form printed below by March 15, 2012.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



Mother Nature is doing a mighty fine job in providing Erieites with very mild temperatures this winter. This is mid January and it is 45 degrees with no snow on the ground. The water in Lake Erie is 38 degrees so there has been no ice fishing on Presque Isle Bay as yet. I am sure the fishermen are getting anxious to do so. Some of the golf courses that are usually covered with snow now have the die-hard golfers swinging away. The last time I wrote about how little snow we had we ended up with a major storm. So, I will reserve my comments for now.

The NFL playoffs are now in full swing and the two best teams will go to the Super Bowl. I know that here in our area, where most football enthusiasts are either Cleveland Browns or Pittsburgh Steelers fans, there are many long faces. Better luck to both teams next year. I personally am a New York Giants fan and I am happy to say that they are in the playoffs as of now. As more teams get defeated the competition becomes more difficult. I find it most enjoyable to watch a very close game right to the last few minutes. Good luck to the two final teams.

Election of Branch officers for the year 2012 should now be accomplished. I remind the Branch Recording Secretaries to send their updated Officer Roster to the Home Office. This information is necessary for our ATS records.

I just recently heard the sad news that Jerome Powell of Branch 5, Lorain, Ohio, passed away. Jerome was a very dedicated ATS member and past officer for many years. I am sure he will be missed. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to his wife, Sharron, his family, and his friends.

Quote of the Day: "Work and play are words used to describe the same thing under differing conditions." On our best workdays, we can't wait to get up and get started. We arrive with energy and enthusiasm, and we leave, however many hours later, filled with satisfaction. The day seems to fly by in a happy blur. A job can be soul-crushing, but it doesn't have to be. Even in the worst circumstances, we can bring a positive perspective to our work and strive to be fully engaged.

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

Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15th. Undergraduate Continuing Academic Scholarship winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee.

REQUEST FOR ATS ADULT SCHOLARSHIP

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tele: _____

Br. No. _____ Cert. No. _____

Request must be received by March 15th

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM TO:
ATS Home Office 5393 Pearl Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

Request Forms must be received by March 15, 2012

Please note: Only official ATS Scholarship Application Forms will be accepted for consideration

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2012**

**Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to:
The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
5393 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129-1597**

**BRANCH 18/19, SALEM
2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 2	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Take down decorations)	July 2	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
9	Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m. Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	4 th of July Dance (CH) 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
19	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.	9	Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m. Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
21	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.	11	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
28	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?	13	Joint Social Dinner & Scholarship Awards 6:30 p.m.
February 6	Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m. Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20-22	Heimattag Salem (ATS)
10	Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.	28	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
13	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	August 1	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
16	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.	6	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
18	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.	10	Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.
23	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.	13	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
24	Fish Fry (1) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	16	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.
25	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?	18	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
March 1	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.	25	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
2	Fish Fry (2) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	September 5	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
5	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7-9	Teen Weekend – (ATS)
7	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.	10	Br. 18/19 Joint Mtg 7:30 p.m.
8	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.	13	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.
9	Fish Fry (3) 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	14	Joint Social 6:30 p.m.
12	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
15	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.	29	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
16	Fish Fry (4) 5:00 – 7:15 p.m. (set -up for breakfast after fish fry)	October 3	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
17	Breakfast 7:00-10:00 a.m.	6	50 Year Dinner 6:00 p.m.
22	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.	8	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
23	Fish Fry (5) 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	15	Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.
29	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00- p.m.	15	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
30	Fish Fry (6) 5:00-7:00 p.m.	18	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
31	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?	20	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
April 2	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	Joint Social Dinner & Halloween Party 6:30 p.m.
4	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.		Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
7	Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.	30	Sausage Orders Due
9	Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.	November 3	Sausage Sale 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
9	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
10	Krapfen Orders Due	7	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
13	Joint Social 6:30 p.m.	8	Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
14	Krapfen Pick up/Lunch 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	9	Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 p.m.
19	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.	11	Veteran's Day Dinner 6:00 p.m.?
21	Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.	12	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
21	Spring Clean-up (CC) 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	15	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.
28	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?	17	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
May 2	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.	24	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ? (Decorate for Christmas - - - - Free drinks for all members who decorate!!!)
6	Mothers Day Brunch 1:30 p.m.	December 3	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
7	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
11	Joint Social 6:30 p.m.	6	2012 Planning Meeting 8:00 p.m.
12	30 Week Drawing (CH) 4:00 p.m.	10	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
14	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m. Children's XMAS Party- (set-up for Breakfast after party)
17	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.	15	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
19	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.	29	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?
26	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?		
June 2,3	ATS Convention		
4	Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.		
6	Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.		
8	Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.		
11	Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.		
14	Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.		
16	Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.		
30	Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?		

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**PORK-KRAUT DINNER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012
YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB**

**11:30 – 2:30 p.m.
\$8.75 includes coffee,
pop and dessert**

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**Lie-on-your-
stomach stretch
reduces lower
back pain**

You may never have heard of your psoas muscle. It starts in the front of the lower spine and attaches to the inside of the hip. It helps stabilize the spine, but too much sitting can make it tight, possibly leading to pain in the lower back or affecting how you walk. It can also radiate pain through the front of the hip.

Here's an easy psoas stretcher, according to Weill Cornell Sports Rehabilitation Center: lie flat on your stomach for a time and stretch. Or, stand and hold onto a chair, then bend slightly backward at the waist. Tuck your buttocks under and feel a gentle pull through the front of the hip/groin area. Hold for 20 seconds.

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

You may either

**MAIL: PO BOX 45198,
Westlake, OH 44145**

FAX: (440) 399-9339

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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

Deadline Dates for articles:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012	FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

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.**

ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



Help us help
Helft uns
Helfen!
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Helft uns
Helfen!

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!



NOTE: Gift packages can be ordered for delivery to a specific relative or friend in Transylvania for a minimal cost of **\$40.00**. Send your check payable to the "ATS Saxon Relief Fund" and the **exact name and address** of the recipient to our ATS Office. Please print or type for clarity. The package contents include non-perishable items such as: Coffee, Milk, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Margarine, Soup, Chocolate, Cheese, Sausage, Yeast, etc.

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George Daniel Gierling
Sara Schieb Gierling

Irene M. & Walter Dreschler, Oak Park IL

** In Memory of Mother, Mildred Krestel

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Grandparents from Hermannstadt

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** In Memory of George Henning

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** In Memory of George Henning, Husband
** In Honor of Frieda Henning's 90th Birthday

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**In Memory of Ida Binder	Canton Saxon Bowlers, Canton OH
**In Memory of Donald Brenner	

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\$9,732.00 Total Contributions received to 2011

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**My road to
success is
under
construction.**

ATS BRANCH 4 – 2012 FUNDRAISER

CHINESE AUCTION/SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, February 19, 2012

7001 Denison Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

Sausage Dinner Starting At 1:00 P.M.

Serving until 2:00 P.M.

Admission by prepaid reservation only!

\$9.00 Adults Children 10 & Under \$4.50

Auction Tickets: \$6.00 (Sold day of Auction)

Make your prepaid reservations by completing the Form below:

SAUSAGE DINNER/CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday, February 19, 2012

By Prepaid Reservation Only

_____ Adult Dinners @ \$9.00 each \$ _____

_____ Children's Dinners @ \$4.50 each (Ages 10 and Under) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Check or Money Order payable to: ATS Branch 4

Mail Check and Reservation Form to:

Donna Jankow * 7663 Ragall Pkwy. * Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. () _____

Meal Tickets will be held at the Door.

We will have assigned seating . . . Please indicate if you wish to sit with
specific individuals _____

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: February 10th

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2012

June 1, 2012

ATS Officers' Pre-Convention Meeting

June 2-3, 2012

ATS National Convention

Host: Branch 30, Youngstown

July 20, 21, 22, 2012

Saxon Heimattag

Salem, Ohio Hosted by Branches 18 and 19

August 4, 2012

ATS Family Day

Waldameer Amusement Park & Water World

Erie, PA

September 22, 2012

Saengerbund Convention

Host: New Castle Eintracht Maennerchor

October 20-21, 2012

ATS Open Bowling Tournament

Host: Merrillville Branches 26 & 40 at Stardust Lanes

LOCAL EVENTS

January 21, 2012

Salem Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

January 22, 2012

Cleveland West Smoked Pork Chop and Sauerkraut

Dinner 1 p.m.

January 28, 2012

Cleveland Br. 1. Annual Winterfest

Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. – ?

February 5, 2012

Youngstown Super Bowl Party in the Lounge

February 6, 2012

Salem Br. 19 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.

February 7, 2012

Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner in the Restaurant

February 8, 2012

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

February 9, 2012

Youngstown Retirees, no meeting

February 10, 2012

Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

February 11, 2012

Youngstown Valentine Day Dinner

February 12, 2012

Youngstown Br. 22 and Br. 30 meet at 2:30 PM

February 13, 2012

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

February 16, 2012

Cleveland - Sachsenheim Sausage Sale

Salem Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.

February 18, 2012

Salem Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

February 19, 2012

Youngstown Branch 30 Pork Dinner

Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner 1 pm

February 23, 2012

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.

February 24, 2012

Salem Fish Fry (1) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

February 25, 2012

Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?

March 1, 2012

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.

March 2, 2012

Salem Fish Fry (2) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

March 5, 2012

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

March 7, 2012

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

March 8, 2012

Youngstown Retirees meet

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.

March 9, 2012

Salem Fish Fry (3) 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 10, 2012

Youngstown Culture Group Sausage Sale

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group 2nd Annual Chili

Cook-Off

March 11, 2012

Youngstown Br. 22 and Br. 30 meet at 2:30 PM

March 12, 2012

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

March 14, 2012

Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner in the Restaurant

BRANCH 2, ERIE

By Lee Wolfe

Our Supper/Business meeting was held Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Before our meeting we all enjoyed an excellent roast beef dinner which included salad, mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables, dessert and coffee all at no charge to the members. That's a pretty good deal for our members. We want to thank Nicole, our server, who was so efficient in bringing in our meals and also for her friendly manner.

Also, before our meeting we held a moment of silence for deceased members Ed Hausmann, Helen Mason and Pat Batts, also for Nancy Patterson beloved niece of Rose Ziegler and Richard Carr, brother of member Lester Carr. Mr. Hausmann was the longest member of the ATS having joined in 1937. Helen Mason had been an active member of our Branch for a number of years until she was unable to attend meetings a few years back. Pat Batts was also an active member of our Branch, and even though she was not up to part health wise, she still came to meetings. Pat was well liked by all of us and we will miss her. We extend our sincere sympathy to all of the departed families and friends. We would also like to extend how sorry we are to Marge Pinczewski as Pat Batts was her dear friend, both living in North East, and who always came to the meetings together.

We had Judy Wagner on the Sick List as she had gallbladder surgery, but she was at the meeting and we were glad to see she was recovering nicely.

At this meeting we held the election of officers and before the election, the officers' salaries were discussed and the members voted to have the salaries stay the same with the exception of giving the Recording Secretary and Reporter a raise, namely Leona (Lee) K. Wolfe. Since that's who I am, may I take this time to thank the members for their confidence in me and also for the nice things they say about the column. It kind of amazes me when I get the compliments because I truly love what I am doing and would do it for nothing (though the salary check comes in handy around Christmas time). All of the officers give their very best for our Branch. Believe me, I make many a phone call to ask a question concerning a meeting and they are always most helpful. Thank you, again, it is most appreciated.

Before the election, President Manning thanked his 2011 officers for all their hard work and help and also to George Cook of the nominating committee. We in turn thank Tom for all he does for our Branch. We all know how devoted Tom is to the ATS being the National President and the President of our Branch sure keeps him very busy.

Your Officers for 2012 are: President – Thomas J. Man-

ning, Vice President – Frederick Wellman, Treasurer – Valerie Pinczewski, Recording Secretary – Leona K. Wolfe, ATS Secretary – Judith A. Wagner, Financial Secretary - Elizabeth J. Manning, Auditor – George J. Cook, Auditor – Arthur E. Pinczewski, Auditor - William J. Morschhauser, Inner Guard – Richard J. Wolfe, Sr. We thank Helen Frontino who did such a fine job in the duty of swearing in the officers.

PLEASE NOTE .. That there will be NO MEETING in FEBRUARY.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing the upcoming ATS National Convention to be held in Youngstown on June 2-3rd. We will also discuss the menu for our April supper/business meeting.

Our next Supper/Business meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10th at 2:30 p.m. This supper will be free of charge to the members and an \$8 fee for non-members. You can start making a reservation with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494.

A reminder to pay your Erie Branch 2 annual dues of \$6; please submit your payment to Liz Manning at 1027 West 30th St., Erie, PA 16508. Please make your check out to "Erie Branch 2" and mark the memo part "Dues". Thank you!

A very Happy Birthday to our February babies some of whom are: Dominick J. Comi, Joseph P. Garofalo, Kaitlyn R. Griffith, Ralph David Loper, Sarah Lynn Morrow, Tyler A. Pecorella, John Joseph Griffith, Laurel J. Morschhauser, Andrew Barthelmes, Amanda Barrett, Lisa Morschhauser, Claire L. Wagner, Ron Barthelmes, John Enterline, Sal Frontino, Carol Carano and Rachel E. Burbules.

A very Happy Anniversary to our February couples: Louis and Blanche Hesch, 54 years, and George and Wilma Wood, 41 years. We wish all of our February celebrants a happy wonderful day!

Wow! We sure have been lucky with the wonderful weather we have been having, but we Erieites know that Old Man Winter is hovering in the background just waiting to pounce with handfuls of the cold white stuff. In the meantime, it's great to drive on clean streets and walk on clean sidewalks and not have our gas heat up at high temperatures because of the freezing cold. Maybe Mother Nature is having an affair with Old Man Winter and he is too warm to let it snowyet!

Here is a joke I read: A knight and his men return to the castle after a long hard day of fighting. "How are we faring?" the king asks. "Sire," the knight replies, "I have been robbing and pillaging on your behalf all day, burning the towns of your enemies in the

BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

With the New Year upon us, we had our first meeting of 2012. It was good to see the regular group of brothers that made it out to Chris' for dinner. There was one brother that will not be joining us at the table and will be sadly missed. Our Brother Jerome M. Powell died and went home to glory in the early morning hours of January 6th, 2012. Jerome was an active member of our Saxon Men's Lodge for many years serving as Secretary/Trustee. May we pray for, and be of support to, his wife, Sister Sharron Powell, as she faces this life changing time in the months ahead.

Without having a meeting in the month of December, we had many correspondences read on the floor. Thank you cards from Brothers William Kirchner (shut in) and John Weber upon receiving Christmas cards and a gift. At 90 years of age Brother Weber hand wrote a short letter sharing memories he had from the Saxon Club so many years ago. We also received Thank you cards from the Saxon Relief fund and Orphan Fund for our donation to them. And a letter from the second Harvest food bank thanking us for the 154 pounds of food collected and donated at our Christmas banquet at Amber Oaks.

There was no one to report in need of sick benefits or that was sick at this time. We did stand for Brother Powell who would have turned 53 on January 31st with a moment of silence and remembrance at his passing; rest in peace, Jerry.

We sang Happy Birthday to Brother Russell Gilles who shares his Birthday this month with Brothers George Binder, Tom Ralph, Robert Ralph and Juveniles Chloe Zgola, Abigail Case, and Kylie Webber. We wish all of you a Happy Birthday and many more to come.

Currently we have 34 members in our Men's Lodge. We average about 9 members who come to the meetings. Let me encourage you to come be a part of our next meeting on Saturday, February 5th, starting at 6:00 for dinner at Chris' Restaurant and then our business meeting at 8:00 at the Slovak Club. Happy New Year!

Self-respect is
the fruit of
discipline -

Abraham J. Heschel

west." "What?" the king shrieks. "I don't have any enemies in the west!!" "Well you do now," the knight replies.

And, here's a Bumper Sticker: Driver carries no cash. He's married.

Well, dear members, that's all for now. Take good care of yourselves. See you at the March meeting.

CHURCHES



St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd.
Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

10:00 Bilingual Service

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

St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church

9509 Lake Avenue
Cleveland, OH
(216) 961-4870

Rev. Dick Williams
Pastor
Cell (330) 524-1718

9:00 a.m. German Service
2nd Sunday of the month
Pastor Susanne Carter

11:00 a.m. English Worship

Daily Devotion:
www.EarlyWord.org

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334

Rev. Karen Ullestad
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

We wish to congratulate our junior members, Grace Botsch and Andrew Greger, for winning a top prize in the ATS Christmas coloring contest. We are so happy that many of our junior members take part in our fraternal youth activities.

Branch 1 will be holding its Annual Winterfest on Saturday, January 28th at 6:30 pm. After dinner the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will perform and then dancing to the music of Hans Schobel and the Bergvagabunden. Admission is \$18; \$7 for children ages 5 – 12 and children ages 4 and under are free. Prepaid reservations are to be sent to Robert Cunningham, 9005 Memphis Villas Blvd., Brooklyn, OH 44144. Please make checks payable to ATS Branch 1. For further details call Rob at (216) 398-7520. Deadline for reservations is January 23rd. We will hold a Tombola that evening.

It is time to get your sausage orders in for the Sachsenheim's Sausage Sale on Thursday, February 16h. You can order sausage with or without garlic. Price is \$3.25 per pound. Please place your orders by calling Maria Fischer at (216) 742-1398 or the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888. Deadline for orders is February 11th. You can pick up your orders after 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 16th. If you are interested in helping out, please give Adolf Fischer a call.

February 19th is Branch 4's Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner. The letters and invites have been mailed out to

our members and friends. We ask for your support in making this a successful fundraiser. The admission is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 10 and under. All reservations must be prepaid and can be made by making a check out to ATS Branch 4 and send it to Donna Jankow, 7663 Ragall Pkwy, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130. Deadline for reservations is February 10th. Your tickets will be held at the door. No meal tickets will be sold at the door. The auction tickets will be \$6.00 per card and will be sold the day of the auction. You can drop off your donated items with the manager at the Sachsenheim during evening hours and prior to February 14th. All items and monetary donations will be acknowledged in a printed program at the event. We look forward to a full house as in past years, so please make your reservations early.

Don't forget to get your name and family's name on the Sachsenheim's Tree of Life!

EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR By George Schneider

Boy, so far we have been really lucky as far as the weather is concerned this winter. We will probably pay for it later on. We will take this nice weather as long as we can. I know that the snow plowers surely don't like this weather.

We are singing for Branch 1 and 4's Memorial Service to be held in conjunction with the January meeting on the 16th. May all the members that passed away in 2011 souls rest in peace.

I hope everyone's New Year's starting out good. Mine surely has. Hopefully everyone had a good time celebrating the New Year safely. I know I did.

We hope that all of our members get rested during our winter break so they can come back refreshed and ready to sing.

Please remember Branch 1's Winterfest to be held on Saturday, January 28th. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., and the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will perform for your entertainment. Hans Schobel and his Bergvagabunden will play for your listening and dancing pleasure. The cost is only \$18.00 for the whole evening. What a deal!

May God bless all of our Saxon readers throughout 2012 and beyond.

We hope everyone celebrated the Feast of the Three Kings, which was the same night as our Branch 5 meeting, otherwise I would have celebrated it.

Lebe wohl. Bye, bye!

Medicare increase is nominal for 2012

In October, it was announced that about 55 million Social Security recipients would get their first increase in benefits next year since 2009, a 3.6 percent raise for 2012. It meant that the average Social Security check would be about \$39 more than before.

Most recipients worried that Medicare premiums would rise so much that their check wouldn't be much higher.

* The smaller-than-expected increase is only \$3.50 per month. That means an increase from \$96.40 per month to \$99.30.

* Seniors who make over \$85,000 a year or couples earning \$170,000 a year will pay higher Medicare rates, \$139.90 per month. The highest rates will be paid by couples who have income of \$428,000 per year. They pay \$319.70 each for Medicare in 2012.

* All Medicare recipients will see lower deductibles in 2012. The annual deductible is \$140, down \$22 from 2011.

* Deductibles for hospital treatment will rise by \$24, making them \$1,156 per stay.

Government officials credited the lower rates to their efforts to rein in Medicare and other health-care costs under the 2010 health overhaul law. Some Republicans say costs were down because seniors could not afford to go to the doctor as often.



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.

Hermine M. Krach

Age 84

Died: November 21, 2011
Branch 17, Canton OH

Anna D. Schuller

Age 89

Died: November 25, 2011
Branch 7, Farrell PA

Edward A. Hausmann

Age 92

Died: December 27, 2011
Branch 2, Erie PA

Gerhard M. Wachsmann

Age 84

Died: December 28, 2011
Branch 1, Cleveland

Mildred M. Krase

Age 94

Died: January 4, 2012
Branch 11, Lorain OH

Jerome M. Powell

Age 52

Died: January 6, 2012
Branch 5, Lorain OH

Patricia L. Batts

Age 76

Died: January 9, 2012
Branch 2, Erie PA

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events at the Youngstown Saxon Club:

Sunday, February 5 : Super Bowl Party in the bar and lounge 8 p.m.; Wednesday, February 8: Officers meeting 6 p.m.; Saturday, February 11: Valentine's Day Dinner and Show – Elton John and Billy Joel impersonators, \$30 per person for meal and show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please see Mike Teutsch for tickets; Sunday, February 12 : Branch meeting.

For those of you who are delinquent in your dues, please send them to Carmella Markel, 12075 Sandy Lane, North Jackson, OH 44451 Tel: 330-538-2639. Thank you!

Branch 22 Scholarships to YSU are available for next year and we invite you to apply now. This is for members of Branches 22 and 30, in good standing for at least 3 years, very little age limit, not just for high school graduates. Please apply now. You may get your application form at the next Branch meeting

or from committee members, who include Chairperson Hildegard Dunkerley at 330-799-9533, Min Haner 330-792-6442 or Rosemarie Kascher. Please check the rules and guidelines, as those are the ones we follow.

We welcome into membership Joan Giba and Linette Clay. Monica Simon moved into Branch 22 as the third generation of women in that family. Welcome, again, to each of you.

Anniversaries: Robin Fotiuk and Eva Karsti. Birthdays: Eileen Mauch, Marianne Sawicki, Marie Bachinger.

A beautiful salute was given to our outgoing officers: Virginia Williams, Teresa Stryfeler and Min haner. Thanks were given to Christine Simon and committee for the fine Christmas Party for our children.

"Thinking of you" to Kay Tarr, an get well wishes to Christine Schneider and Patricia Davis.

A good New Year to each of you.

Cleveland Sachsenheim's Tree of Life



Purchase a Leaf to:
Memorialize your Family Name....
Honor someone dear to you....
Engrave your own name....

The Cleveland Sachsenheim wants to recognize and honor our Saxon Families and Friends by creating a "Tree of Life."

The cost of each Leaf is \$50 and you can have a maximum of 30 characters and spaces per line. Maximum 3 lines per Leaf.

Examples:

John Schmidt

in memory of

Michael and Anna Schmidt

or

(Just one line)

George F. Miller Family

A special dedication of the Tree of Life will be held in 2012.

Complete the form below and make your check payable to ATS Branch No. 4

Engraving to read (up to 3 lines)

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Submitted by: _____

Phone number _____

or e-mail _____

Mail your check and this form to:

Monica Weber

19625 Riverwood Ave Rocky River OH 44116

Any questions please call Monica at 440-356-5936

Or email: monica_weber@sbcglobal.net

Let's give honor to our Families' Names

WURSTMARKT / SAUSAGE SALE

Thursday, February 16, 2012

ATS Branch 1
Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102



Pork Sausage with or without garlic
\$3.25 per pound

Deadline for Sausage Orders:
February 11, 2012

Sausage - Sauerkraut with Polenta (Palukes) Dinner
\$8.00 per meal (please preorder meal)

Order will be taken by:
Maria Fischer - (216) 741-1398
Sachsenheim - (216) 651-0888

ALL ORDERS can be picked up at the
Sachsenheim after 1:00 p.m.
on Thursday, February 16, 2012

If you are interested in learning how to make sausage,
please give Adolf Fischer a call at 216-741-1398

Did You Know: Oatmeal Trivia

January is Oatmeal Month. More oatmeal is eaten in January than in any other month.

Milk, followed by sugar, is the most popular topping for oatmeal.

Most oatmeal is eaten hot in a bowl. The second most popular way to consume oatmeal is in oatmeal cookies, followed by meatloaf.

The three most popular oatmeal cookies are oatmeal raisin, plain oatmeal, and oatmeal chocolate chip.

Oatmeal is a popular ingredient in some cosmetics and soaps due to its natural soothing and cleansing properties.

The oat is called a groat af-

ter the hull has been removed.

Old fashioned oats are groats that are steamed and rolled but not cut. Quick oats are groats that are cut into two or three pieces, then steamed and rolled.

The top five oatmeal markets in the U.S. are New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, and Chicago.

Eighty percent of U.S. households have oatmeal in their cupboard.

Quaker Oats was the first U.S. breakfast cereal to receive a registered trademark. The company was also the first to offer a recipe on its package and to offer trial-size samples.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

Wow, what a way to start 2012 at the YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB. The New Year's Eve party was a great way to kick off 2012.

Send fraternal dues for Branch 30 send to Don Hoelzel, 695 E Western Reserve, Unit 2601, Poland, Ohio 44514, 330-753-2856. For Branch 22, send dues to; Carmella Markel, 12075 Sandy Ln, North Jackson, Ohio, 44451. 330-538-2639.

The 300 Club ticket sales is in need of several ticket sellers. If you can help, call Rick Lieb 330-792-1350. Call your ticket seller for tickets, or Tom Fizet, 330-792-7249.

It will be Buffet time at the Super Bowl Party around the Bar on February 5th 2012. Buffet will be all you can eat, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Ernie Roth invites all members to try their luck at Bar Bingo on Tuesday evenings at the Saxon Club. Have dinner, visit and enjoy the evening. Get ready to play Bingo at 7:30 PM, and have some fun. Ask those who are there about the fun they have. Thanks to Ernie and Jerry, give a hand at helping Ernie it is for your benefit.

The Branch 30 Pork Dinner. are open to the Public for dine in or take out. Dinner includes Roast Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Applesauce, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Pop and Beer are available in the Bar area. Dinners will be served on February 19, March 18, and April 15, 2012, we will return on September 15th. Adults \$8.75, Children under 12 are \$ 5.00.

Mike Teutsch, Jr. and committee has coming up a "VALENTINE LEGENDS DINNER SHOW" on February 11, 2012 in the Ballroom, A Buffet will be from 7-8 PM, the show will start after that. Featuring Lee Alverson as Billy Joel and Elton John. Live band and Lee on Piano. Tickets are on sale in the Restaurant on Wednesday and Friday evening. Get your tickets at \$30.00 early, to choose your favorite table, they are reserving fast. See or talk to Mike Teutsch Sr.

Michelle Eberth and her committee did a fine job for our children and adults at the Christmas party, Santa came in on a fly, the Fire Truck got a call on the way to the Club.

The President's Goulash Dinner is on March 24, 2012. Dave Stryffeler, John Boehm Jr. and Jim Mauch are three of the committee. Tickets will be available from the committee and the Club office in February. This is a special dinner, the Branch 22 Lady of the year and Branch 30 Man of the year will be honored. We all celebrate with them this special time.

Garland Dunkel is recuperating after surgery; Don Hoelzel is OK after cataract surgery.

The Saturday work parties

will begin the 3rd Saturday of the month; February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19. You will be notified and asked to help. There is plenty to do for everyone regardless of age. Additionally, anyone wishing to come in on Thursday mornings and help, please do. Trustee John Boehm and others will certainly find work for you. Our Ladies and Social Members are always welcome as well.

Additional newly elected officers are: Jim Mauch, Barry Garhammer, John Fromel, George Klein, Tom Hahn, when you meet them they would appreciate a friendly welcome.

As you look around the Club building you can be aware of the improvements by the Trustees, the Memorial and Celebration and the Restoration Committee. The Trustees are keeping the heating and air conditioners in working condition. The Restoration committee is busy with other work in and outside of the club. At present the remainder of our ballroom chairs are being re-covered with vinyl to match," the Cost is being underwritten and will not cost the Memorial Committee any funds". These two committees are in need of contributions as Memorial funds to continue their work. Very much in need of repair is the entrance drive from Meridian Road; we do not have enough for this work. Your support means much for the Restoration work.

SO GOES THE NEWS.

Travel Bag

American gives first-class passengers pajamas and more

International passengers on American Airlines are getting special service perks such as "turndown service" for their beds, quilted bed toppers, slippers and pajamas.

The luxurious service was first available on selected flights between the U.S. and Heathrow Airport. Now, the services are available on select flights between the United States and international destinations. Business class passengers will get duvets and pillows.

Delta has comforters and big pillows.

Bad weather cancellations

If a flight cancellation is the result of uncontrollable conditions, such as a hurricane, tornado or other severe weather, airlines don't have to pay for your lodging. If it's canceled due to problems that are the airline's fault, they are required to pay for lodging.

Cleveland Westside Sachsenheim

Presents

ANNUAL WINTERFEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Program

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Dancing Entertainment

Hans Schobel and the Bergvagabunden

\$18.00 Admission

\$7.00 for children 12 and under

Free for children 4 and under

Checks Payable to: **ATS Branch 1**
c/o Robert Cunningham
9005 Memphis Villas Blvd
Brooklyn, OH 44144-2426

For Additional Information please call
Robert Cunningham 216-398-7520

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS
IS JANUARY 23, 2012**

Please list your seating preference
Tickets will be held at the door

Youngstown Saxon Club 36th Annual Benefit GOULASH DINNER

Saturday March 24, 2012

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Donation \$15.00

Free Beer and Soft Drinks until 6:30

Tickets are available from the following:

Walter Benesch	792-9357
John Boehm	518-3625
David Stryffeler	792-5773
Bonnie Baker	793-8691
Hildegard Dunkerley	799-9533
Jim Mauch	792-8484
Helen Fotiuk in the Office	792-7973

ENTERTAINMENT
Youngstown
Saxon Culture Group
Brass Band



Congratulations to the Winners of the 2011 Christmas Coloring Contest

Ages 3 – 4

Andrew Greger, age 4
Branch 1 – Cleveland

Kailey Hochevar, age 4
Branch 5 - Lorain

Payton Leunis, age 4
Branch 7 – Farrell

Ages 5 – 6
Mia Carder, age 6
Branch 22 – Youngstown

Sofia Sattely, age 5
Home Branch
(live in North Carolina)

Karley Gerst, age 5
Branch 22 – Youngstown

Ages 7 - 8

Erica L. Schenker, age 8
Branch 7 – Farrell
(lives in Santa Barbara, CA)

Zachary Pecorella, age 8
Branch 2 - Erie

Grace Botsch, age 7
Branch 4 - Cleveland

Ages 9 - 10
Madelyn Merlo, age 9
Branch 22 - Youngstown

Megan Arkwright, Age 10
Branch 22 - Youngstown

Emily Weikart, age 10
Branch 19 - Salem

2011 Christmas Coloring Contest Honorable Mention:

Everyone did an awesome job. The judges definitely had a difficult time evaluating the colored pictures. The ATS thanks our junior members for these entries. Each participant received an activity book and deck of penguin-shaped playing cards.

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| <p>Ages 3-4
Lauren Badertscher, Br 27
Payton Boyle, Br 22
Christopher Gelsinger, Br 3
Troy Goellner, Br 2
Travis Griffith, Br 2
Emily Hinerman, Br 22
George Hinerman, Br 30
Jonathan Malue, Br 1
Rylan Mc Conville, Br 1
Sam Mueller, Br 9
Derek Oesch, Br 19
Tyler Pecorella, Br 2
Allison Reif, Br 9
Vala Schobel, Br 4
Madeline Snow, Br 8
Matthew Springer, Br 10
Joseph Turk, Br 1
Kenneth Wilson, Br 19</p> <p>Ages 5-6
Ryan Arkwright, Br 30
Oliver Berry, Br 45
Hannah Both, Br 27
Joelle Fabian, Br.22
Thalia Fabian, Br 22
Owen Gavio, Br 2
Nicholas Gelsinger, Br 3
Grace Goellner, Br 2
Andrea Griffith, Br 2
Anneliese Kirr, Br 22
Katie Klinek-Cornell, Br 2
Olivia Lang Br 27
Jacob Malue, Br 1
Kassie Miller, Br 19
Jacob Pallo, Br 30
Samantha Penzone, Br 17
Alec Schmidts, Br 9
Andreas Schobel, Br 1
Olivia Showalter, Br 22
Ian Stanton, Br 19
Sofia Terlesky, Br 22
Emily Tetlow, Br 22
Richard Turk, Br 1</p> | <p>Ages 7-8
Andreas Angiolelli, Br 25
Ava Berry, Br 45
Emely Best, Br 19
Aidan Brown, Br 5
Kurt Fleischer, Br 37
Brooke Gerst, Br 22
Karli Goellner, Br 2
Olivia Greger, Br 4
Kaitlyn Griffith, Br 2
Morgan Liden, Br 10
Maddie Malue, Br 4
Macy Mc Conville, Br 4
Erika Miller, Br 19
David Oesch, Br 19
Donald Oesch, Br 19
Delaney Pallo, Br 22
Lauren Reesman, Br 22
Samuel Richardson, Br 1
Jacob Sattely, Home Branch
Anika Schmidts, Br 9
Raven Scutella, Br 2
Aspen Stalnacker,
Home Branch
Jack Stanton, Br 19
George Turk, Br 1
Emma Ulrich, Br 19
Grace Zgola, Br 5</p> <p>Ages 9-10
Ava Berry, Br 45
Grant Davis, Br 30
Braedon Gilles, Br 5
Lucas Goellner, Br 2
Victoria Goss, Br 5
Dakota Hrabowy, Br 30
Ava Izenour, Home Branch
Kyla Jamison, Br 22
Tiffany Kaiser, Br 2
Calvin Kampman, Br 30
Calice Koerner, Br 33
Sarah Lohse, Br 2
Thomas Malue, Br 1
Jillian Mott, Br 22
Amanda Schmidt, Br 9
Chloe Zgola, Br 5</p> |
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BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Hilda Kautz

Our best wishes to all for good luck, good health, and much happiness in the coming year.

We had a merry group at the Hickory House for our Christmas dinner and thanks again to Mary and Mike Lassel for making all the arrangements. The beautiful poinsettias on the tables were won by Sara Brown, Michael Gellner, Martin Hesch, Susie Karst, Mary Lassel and Dick Kautz.

My apologies for the lateness of these next items regarding several of our members. Our family came to Columbus for the holidays and the hustle and bustle caused me to overlook the *Volksblatt* deadline.

Sara and John Kalwiener are new great-grandparents with the birth of Natalie Kalwiener on December 8, 2011. Congratulations to three generations of the Kalwiener family.

Aaron Michael Untch graduated from Ohio State University on December 11, 2011 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with

an Accounting major. We wish him much success in his chosen profession and special congratulations to proud grandmother, Sophie Untch.

We are sad to report the passing of Susanna Moldowan on December 31, 2011. She was born in Batoch, Romania on May 19, 1921 and came to the United States in 1952 to start a new life. She is survived by her two daughters, Susanna (John) Baemal and Frieda Hoheisel, brother and sister-in-law George and Sara Alzner, and many beloved grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to all in the family.

Happy January birthday wishes to Hedy Fleischer (1), Sara Alzner (7), Olga Hesch (12), John Gellner (23), Hilda Kautz (24), and John Hartig (31).

Happy Anniversary to Sara and John Kalwiener, celebrating their 61st on January 22.

Don't forget—Our meetings are the third Monday of each month at MCL Cafeteria. Hope to see everyone on January 16th.



We invite our ATS Junior Members to color this Valentine and send it to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129 to receive a Valentine Treat. Please submit your Valentine by February 10, 2012.

Name _____ Branch No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

SALEM SAXON RETIREES By Sue Fritzman

Here we are at the start of our New Year of 2012! After all of this preparing and building up for the holidays it is all over so quickly. Even though there was no meeting to report this month, I wanted to write something especially about the New Year for we always had such wonderful celebrations at the club. I wonder how many today really celebrate, or do most just stay home and watch TV or go to bed early and miss the incoming New Year? Christmas also was not like our younger days, for I enjoyed watching "The Sound of Music" on TV just like last year on Christmas Eve.

I love to recall the wonderful memories of our huge celebrations at our old Saxon Club, especially 1945 when our men came home from the war. What a wonderful joyous party that was! This was the prime time of our Salem Saxon Club when the older Saxon parents, their married children and grandchildren were all wonderful family memberships enjoyed together. The New Year always brought in an overwhelming crowd with dances upstairs with Bill Nesbit's band entertaining the crowd. The downstairs, bars and meeting rooms were also packed as everyone waited for the big whistle of Mullins to go off at midnight to announce the entering into the New Year. Those attending were in the mood for celebration as they wore their New Years' hats, and brought their horns, bells and other noisemakers. You couldn't even walk without being pushed, kissed or hugged. I remember trying to get to Mike to wish him a happy New Year and it took a half hour to get to him. We knew most of the familiar faces, though crowds also came from other clubs around town. There was so much to celebrate and much merriment with the war finally coming to an end. The gang bought sauerkraut and the best bakery in town as the women made their own sausage.

As I lay here in bed these are the happy New Years I like to remember. Our old Saxon friends would sit around and sing our

favorite songs like "Down by the old Mill Stream", "I've Been Working On the Railroad" and "Auld Lang Syne". I remember these good times so vividly as I remember leaving the club to stop in at the VFW to see what was going on there with Dorothy Drotleff and then we stopped downtown at the Aldom's Diner to get a hot cup of coffee to unwind with Russ Bruderly. In the early morning hours of our New Year the town had finally began to calm down and all was quiet.

Take note of a correction of a wrong information in my last month's article. Lena Ziegler was mistakenly placed in the listings of the obituaries. She is still in the nursing home in Findlay, but it was reported that her condition had worsened and this was misunderstood. Our most sincere apology is expressed especially to Lena's son Amil and anyone that may have been upset by this unfortunate error.

It is so sad that we have lost so many in the year 2011, with more added these last few months. The holidays are always so difficult for those who have lost loved ones. It is unfortunate to add the following three members to the losses of this year; Edna Rich, 93, passed away at Humility House of Austintown on December 14th. Edna formerly lived at Guilford Lake and Salem. She had joined our Retirees with the rest of the Guilford area members.

Bertha Gottschling, 97, who had been residing at her daughter's home in Columbus, also passed away recently. Bertha was a loyal Lutheran church member and leader of our Women's Circle for many years.

To add to our sadness, we have also lost our dear faithful Saxon Club and Retiree member and "Chaplain" William Hiltbrand, 90, who died on Christmas morning after being hospitalized. I would like to share the wording of his obituary as it was so touching and perfect for him. It read as follows: Bill Hiltbrand went home to Heaven with the angels sing-

ing the wonderful Christmas hymns on Christmas morning from the Salem Hospital. Bill was always prepared to present such meaningful invocations as he shared his talents of singing and led many sing-a-longs and birthday greetings to our group. Bill loved the Saxon cooking and so enjoyed the buffet luncheons at Retirees and also loved roses as I do, and always brought me a colorful bouquet. He acknowledged and visited all those on our long sick list and, unfortunately, was added also to this list as he always shared concern for each member and asked for prayers for all in need. Bill was a very caring, unselfish sweet man who shared his time and many talents with nursing homes for almost 30 years. He was a very religious man and was active in his Trinity Lutheran Church and helped with church services at nursing homes and involved with many senior citizen groups and was honored as Senior Citizen of the year for all of his volunteer work. He was also a medic in the Army and deserved to have taps played for his dedication and valor. Rest in peace Bill!

All of these dear friends will be missed, our sympathy to all those who mourn their loss.

By now everyone should have had their fill of sauerkraut, pig-in-the-blankets, pork, garlic sausage, etc. This is usually a special once a year treat for most families and there is always plenty to share with family. I remember making the huge roaster and our family would eat it at midnight for lunch the next day and everyday until it was gone. They never really complained because that was all that was offered and they knew it had to be eaten. We never really tired of it for it was a once a year tradition. When my kids were married they never had to make the sauerkraut meal because I still made too much, so they would come over and take some home and usually couldn't wait until it was done on New Year's Eve. Now they have been forced to cook their own and have asked for my advice on how to wrap the pigs and how long to cook etc. None of us seem to wrap them with the perfection that my mother Susie did.

My dear friend, Marian Whipkey, who is also having health problems, came up with a great idea for the two of us as we talked about the New Year. She had a fun evening planned out for us to welcome in the New Year (make believe of course). We will be dressed in fancy evening attire as we go out and celebrate with a slow gin fizz for her and a Piña Colada for me. That sounds like fun and a safe way to bring in the New Year too!

Happy belated New Year to all dear readers! May this New Year be good to you!

Auf Wiedersehen!

BRANCH 11, LORAIN By Monica Gilles

Our first meeting was on January 7th at Slovak Home. Our trustees served a delicious meal before the meeting. Everyone raved about the sweet potatoes that Arleen Gilles brought. The sausage and sauerkraut cooked by our newest trustee, Nancy Kranstuber, made for a great main dish. To finish it up, Elaine Johnson made a peach Kuchen for dessert. If you missed the dinner and meeting, be sure to read my articles for the next time the trustees will treat us to great cooking.

Unfortunately, 2012 started out with some sad news. I am saddened to report the passing of long time Branch 5 member and officer, Jerome Powell, due to complications from diabetes. Jerome was the husband of Branch 11 Financial Secretary Sharron Powell. It was a rough couple of months for Jerome and Sharron leading up to his passing. However, he is no longer suffering and at peace. May God grant Sharron and Jerome's family comfort and healing during this difficult time.

Branch 11 has voted to purchase a leaf for the Westside Sachsenheim Tree of Life. If anyone is interested in purchasing an individual leaf in memory of a family member or in honor of someone, please look in the *Volksblatt* for more details.

Be sure to check out the *Volksblatt* for all the upcoming events at the Sachsenheim in Cleveland. They will be having

their Winterfest on January 28, Sausage Sale on February 16, and Chinese Auction on February 19. It is important for us Saxons to stick together and support one another, so plan on attending these functions.

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, you may have forgotten to pay your local dues. If that has happened to you, plan to attend the next meeting or mail your local dues to Sharon Powell, 2308 Mark Drive, Lorain, OH 44052.

At our February meeting, we are going to have another Valentine's themed gift exchange. Please bring with you a small gift (value \$5.00) for one lucky person to take home with them.

Happy Birthday was sung to Katherine Thompson and Josephine Schneider, who are celebrating birthdays in January and were at the meetings. Carolyn Mroski is also celebrating a birthday in January but was unable to attend the meeting.

Lesley Hochevar, who was not present at the meeting, was drawn for our attendance prize. Ginger Romes won the door prize.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 4th starting at 8pm at Slovak Home. If anyone would like to attend the meeting and needs a ride, please give me a call at 440-309-7894. See everyone at the next meeting and do not forget your Valentine's Day gift.

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Tell them about our fraternal society!

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON SENIORS By Teri Laret

Let me tell you just what happened when we all gathered in the lower lounge of the Saxon Club, 710 South Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509. Everything was so festive with green and red everywhere your eye would take you. The officers and trustees planned a tasty "Happy Hour" before the feast. It is prayer time and our president Pat Bokesch led us in a moment of silent prayer to remember the past year. So many wonderful thoughts and some sad ones too, but all in all, God thank you. There is a flag down here so we pledge our devotion to it and all it stands for.

Did someone say "lunch is ready?" It's not just a lunch but full course dinner. After eating, Hildegard Dunkerly installed the Officers and Trustees for the coming year. I'm sure every reader wants to know who will be in charge. So here is the list: President - Pat Bokesch, Vice President - Gert Galich, Secretary - Teri Laret, Treasurer - Joan Giba, Trustees - Ernie

Shuller, Eileen Anerino, Jim Dundon, Kay Ring and Carolyn Rauschenberg.

Birthdays for December, it was a good month, are Tillie Stefanick, Dom Sugar, Marge Troll, Eleanor Laise and Gert Galich, happy to you and many more. There were no anniversaries.

Oh, my goodness, here comes Santa Claus thru the front door and he has a big red sack of presents. All of us must have been good this past year. He couldn't stay long as he had a schedule to keep. His reindeer were waiting outside. Thanks Santa!

Our president read a piece of prose which she herself wrote; it was a gift from her to us.

There was a good bit of chattering before everyone went home. It seemed like no one wanted to leave. It was a good friendly and social affair.

So long, it's been good to know you, see you on March 8th, 2012. Be careful and stay warm. So ein Tag!



Helmut Höhr: „Was ist Heimat?“

Anlässlich des 26. Prudner Heimattages, der am 28. Mai 2011 in Nürnberg stattfand (diese Zeitung berichtete), hielt Helmut Höhr vor den im „Palmengarten“ versammelten Prudnern eine Festrede zum Thema „Was ist Heimat?“. Der Vortrag, der allgemein gültige Gedanken enthält, wird im Folgenden in gekürzter Fassung wiedergegeben.

Oft haben wir in Volksliedern unsere alte Heimat mit all ihren Schönheiten besungen und singen diese Lieder noch, wie zum Beispiel das Lied „Willst du Gottes Werke schauen“:

*1. Willst du Gottes Werke schauen
Komm ins Siebenbürgerland!
Jedes Stückchen ist ein Kunstwerk
Aus des Schöpfers Meisterhand.*

*2. Hier die Berge, dort die Täler;
Hier die Wiesen, dort der Wald.
Und der Fluss fließt durch die Auen,
Darüber weit das Echo schallt.*

*3. Und der Mädchen holde Augen
Und die Keller voller Wein.
Willst du nicht einmal zu Gäste
Hier in Siebenbürgen sein?*

*4. Freund, es zieht mich immer Wieder
unter dieses Sternenzelt.
Siebenbürgen, teure Heimat,
Bist die schönste auf der Welt.*

Der 1930 geborene Lehrer Helmut Höhr hat sich intensiv mit dem Heimatbegriff befasst.

Mit dem Begriff Heimat habe ich mich in meiner 40-jährigen Dienstzeit als Lehrer viel beschäftigt. Den Anlass dazu gab mir eine Begebenheit aus dem Herbst 1944, als unsere Nachbargemeinden auf der Flucht vor der russischen Front waren. Fast hätte dieses fatale Schicksal auch uns Prudner getroffen. Die Flüchtenden fuhren anfangs mit ihrem eigenen Fuhrwerk, ließen ihr Hab und Gut zurück. Aber weil sie zu langsam vorwärts kamen, fuhren sie mit einem Zug weiter. Der Zug blieb in Ungarn auf einem kleinen Bahnhof stehen und aus der Gegenrichtung kam ein anderer mit lauter jungen deutschen Soldaten. Auch dieser blieb stehen und die Soldaten stiegen aus, gingen zu den Flüchtenden, fragten, wohin sie fahren. „Nach Deutschland“, kam die Antwort. Unsere Landsleute waren sehr enttäuscht, als die Soldaten sagten: „Was wollt ihr in Deutschland, dort gibt es Menschen und Elend genug.“ Darauf kamen die Siebenbürger Sachsen aus ihren Waggons, stellten sich davor und sangen:

*1. Nach der Heimat möchte
ich wieder
Nach dem teuren Vater Ort,
Wo man singt die frohen
Lieder,
Wo man spricht ein
trautes Wort.*

*2. Deine Täler, deine Höhen,
Deiner heil'gen Wälder
Grün.
O die möchte ich wieder
sehen,
Dorthin möchte ich wieder
ziehen.*

Darauf gingen die Soldaten zu ihren Waggons und brachten Schokolade, Esswaren, alles, was sie nur verschenken konnten, und gaben es den Flüchtenden.

Der frühere Bundeskanzler Helmut Kohl zeigte einmal dem amerikanischen Präsidenten seine Heimat, die Pfalz. Danach sagte Bill Clinton bei einer Ansprache im Weißen Haus: Erst seit diesem Besuch wüsste er, was die Deutschen unter Heimat verstehen.

Den Begriff „Heimat“ kann man nicht genau definieren, weil jeder seine persönliche Heimatvorstellung und seine Lebenserfahrungen hat. Aber es gibt gemeinsame Grundzüge, die das Heimatgefühl beinhalten. Heimat ist ein Ort, den man liebt, schön findet und mit dem man sich verbunden fühlt. Als am 3. Oktober 1991 unsere Bundesregierung den Tag der Deutschen Einheit feierte, wurde der bayerische Ministerpräsident Edmund Stoiber gefragt, woran er an so einem großen Feiertag wohl denken würde. Darauf kam die Antwort: „Deutschland ist mein Vaterland und Bayern ist meine Heimat.“

Wir Siebenbürger Sachsen hatten drei Begriffe: Vaterland war Rumänien, dem wir gegenüber ehrlich und treu

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Wichtige Gedenktage 2012

Ereignisse, die die Geschichte der Siebenbürger Sachsen geprägt haben, Geburts- und Todestage von verstorbenen Persönlichkeiten mit besonderen Leistungen in Politik, Kultur und Wirtschaft.

Historische Ereignisse

- 400 Jahre seit der Schlacht von Marienburg, es fielen der Kronstädter Stadtrichter Michael Weiß und „Studenten“, 16. Oktober 1612
- 175 Jahre seit Erscheinen des Siebenbürger Wochenblatts in Kronstadt, 1837
- 75 Jahre seit Auflösung der Stiftung der „Sächsischen Nation“; Besitz wird der evangelisch-sächsischen sowie rumänisch-orthodoxen und unierten Kirche zugeteilt, 1937
- 60 Jahre seit Gründung des Hilfsvereins Stephan Ludwig Roth (Trägerverein des Altenheims in Rimsting), 11. Januar 1952
- 60 Jahre seit den Zwangsevakuierungen im Burzenland, Mai 1952
- 50 Jahre seit Gründung des Arbeitskreises für Siebenbürgische Landeskunde, 3.01.1962
- 50 Jahre seit Gründung des Hilfsvereins Adele Zay (Trägerverein des Altenheims in Drabenderhöhe), Februar 1962
- 25 Jahre seit Gründung der Arbeitsgemeinschaft siebenbürgischer Studenten und Jungakademiker, Mai 1987
- 25 Jahre seit der Arbeiterrevolte gegen das Ceauşescu-Regime in Kronstadt, 15. November 1987

Geburtstage

- 625. von Sigismund von Luxemburg, 1387-1437, König von Ungarn und Kaiser
- 475. von Albert Huet, Königsrichter, Sachsengraf, 2. Februar 1537 in Hermannstadt
- 325. von Johannes Albrich, Arzt, Historiker, 1. September 1687 Kronstadt
- 300. von Peter Schimert, Kapellmeister, Organist, 7. Februar 1712 in Hermannstadt
- 300. von Johann Sartorius, Kantor, Komponist, Pfarrer, 28. März 1712 in Hermannstadt
- 275. von Georg Michael Gottlieb von Herrmann, Schriftsteller, Historiker, 1737 in Kronstadt
- 225. von Michael Bielz, Pfarrer, Naturwissenschaftler, Zeichenlehrer, 10. Mai 1787 in Birtzhalm
- 200. von Carol Szathmari, Maler, Zeichner, Litograph, 11. Januar 1812 in Klausenburg
- 200. von Andreas Bielz, Litograph, Zeichner, 12. Januar 1812 in Großprobstdorf
- 200. von Wilhelm Johann Löw, Jurist, 12. Juli 1812 in Reußmarkt
- 150. von Gerhard Schuster, Lehrer, Prediger, Organist, Komponist, 15. Januar 1862 in Mühlbach
- 150. von Michael Ambrosi d.Ä., Winzer, Rebschulbesitzer, 26. Januar 1862 in Großprobstdorf
- 150. von Carl Seraphin, Altphilologe, 14. Februar 1862 in Schäßburg
- 150. von Julius Oberth, Chirurg, 27. Februar 1862 in Mediasch
- 150. von Friedrich Reimesch, Lehrer, Pfarrer, Sagensammler, 26. Juni 1862 in Zeiden
- 150. von Emil von Silbernagel, Apotheker, Schmetterlingsforscher, 16.09.1862 Leutschau (Zips)
- 150. von Ernst Jekelius d.Ä., Theaterkritiker, Feuilletonist, 12. Oktober 1862 in Wien
- 150. von Ernst Thullner, Schriftsteller, 22. Dezember 1862 in Birtzhalm
- 125. von Norbert Thomae, Maler, Kunsterzieher, Schriftsteller, 15. Mai 1887 in Bistritz
- 125. von Heinrich Gust, Fotograf, 17. Mai 1887 in Kronstadt
- 125. von Fritz Gött d.J., Buchdrucker, Verleger, 29. August 1887 in Kronstadt
- 125. von Rudolf Hörler, Literaturhistoriker, 1887 in Wien
- 100. von Wolf von Aichelburg, 3. Januar 1912 in Pola
- 100. von Arnold Huttman, Internist, Medizingeschichtler, 4. Januar 1912 Kronstadt
- 100. von Richard Kepp, Mediziner, 7. Februar 1912 in Hermannstadt
- 100. von Norbert Wilhelm Petri, Komponist, Dirigent, 24. Februar 1912 in Hermannstadt
- 100. von Ernst Wallner, Sprachwissenschaftler, Volkskundler, 12. März 1912 in Mettersdorf
- 100. von Annemarie Suckow von Heydendorff, Bildhauerin, Graphikerin, 21.03.1912 in Mediasch
- 100. von Ludwig Stefan Edler von Bauszern, Schauspieler, 26. April 1912 in Wien
- 100. von Carl Gorvin, Dirigent, Cembalist, 15. Juni 1912 in Hermannstadt
- 100. von Traute Klein, Konzertsängerin, 5. August 1912 in Draas
- 100. von Carl Engber, Sammler, 18. September 1912 in Hermannstadt
- 100. von Johann Stierl, Lyriker, Erzähler, 15. Oktober 1912 Wermesch

Todestage

- 850. von Geisa II. (Géza), König von Ungarn, 31. Mai 1162, der die Vorfahren der Siebenbürger Sachsen ins Land rief
- 325. von Sigismund Möß, Bildhauer, Holzschnitzer, April 1687 in Hermannstadt
- 300. von Georg May II., Goldschmied, 6. September 1712 in Kronstadt
- 200. von Joseph von Raditschnig Lerchenfeld, Schulmann, Botaniker, 16.01.1812 Hermannstadt
- 175. von Martin Hochmeister d.J., Buchdrucker, Verleger, 9. Januar 1837 in Hermannstadt
- 125. von Josef Drotleff d.Ä., Druckereibesitzer, Verleger, 1887 in Hermannstadt
- 125. von Johann Böbel, Bäcker, Architekturmaler, 1887 in Hermannstadt
- 125. von Johann Ludwig Neugeboren, Pfarrer, Naturforscher, 20. Sept. 1887 in Hermannstadt
- 100. von Friedrich Wilhelm Schuster, Dichter, 4. Februar 1912 in Hermannstadt
- 100. von Arthur Coulin, Maler, 9. November 1912 in Heidelberg
- 50. von Erwin Wittstock, Schriftsteller, 27. Dezember 1962 in Kronstadt
- 25. von Hans Guggenberger, Bildhauer, 1. Juni 1987 in München
- 25. von Ernst Habermann, Unternehmer, Stiftungsgründer, 26. November 1987 in Comano bei Lugano (Schweiz)

Die von Siegbert Bruss erstellte Übersicht erhebt keinen Anspruch auf Vollständigkeit. Eventuelle Ergänzungen werden an die Redaktion, E-Mail: sbz.chefredaktion [ät] siebenbuerger.de, erbeten.

Potpourri

There's imagination in that-there snow

It's January, with snow on the ground, so how are you going to keep the kids entertained?

The usual snowball fights and building snowmen come to mind but they're just the tip of the iceberg.

To build something else, various sizes and shapes of building blocks can be fashioned from molds using household items. These include plastic totes, tubs and buckets of any size.

Think big. Forts, igloos and castles are fun to build. For the more artistic, containers like funnels can be used to make turrets and spires.

Imaginative subjects could be works of architectural greatness, like the Taj Mahal. How do you make a top for India's famous palace? Take a bowl and pack it with snow for the dome itself and use a thin funnel to create the spire.

Wet snow always works best. Dry snow will work, but

it takes a little more patience and agility to make your project a lasting one.

It's tricky building an igloo by staggering the blocks to balance on top one another as construction tapers its way to the top. Go slow.

Snow forts can be a two-phase endeavor, the first being construction and the second destruction as family members and pals choose sides for attacks on the opponent army's engineering prowess.

To make a fluffy snow project last longer, spray it with a mist of water to create a thin but sturdy coating of ice.

While there many Internet sites dealing with snow projects, a good starting place is www.squidoo.com/fun-things-to-do-with-snow, which discusses in detail everything from snowballs and sleds to igloos and ice sculptures.



It's a love affair with the four-poster bed

Ever since medieval England, when keeping warm was the major concern, the four-poster bed has been the most sought-after design.

The canopy, or tester, was first a curtain hung over cords that were suspended from ceiling beams. Over time, it progressed to wooden or metal rails for the curtains that were set up around the bed.

By the 17th century, the bedstead became one whole unit. Bed frames and posts were made all in one, and the same fabric was used for the valance, quilt and bed curtains.

The four-poster is still a favorite design. Today, the pencil-post is minimalist yet popular. It has plain or twisted posts connected from the bottom to the bed frame to the top.

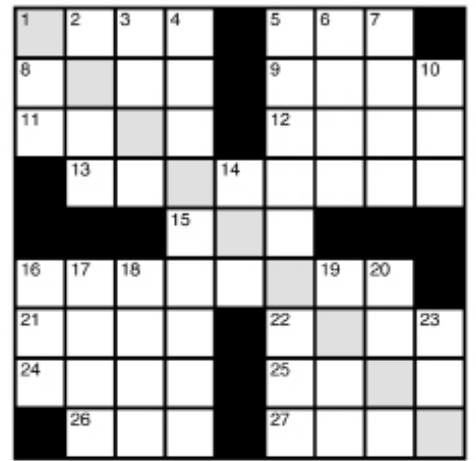
To add drama, a swagged canopy and drapes in velvet or satin can be added, along with tassels on the tiebacks that are trimmed with gold sequins.

For summer muslin and sheers are gathered, swagged and draped.

Olympic Event Crossword

- Across
1. Finish line?
 5. Jewel
 8. Baseball stats
 9. And others, for short
 11. Flock member
 12. Yellowfin or ahi
 13. Cooking slowly
 15. "Harper Valley ___"
 16. Patisserie
 21. One way to run
 22. Building additions
 24. Strike out
 25. Balm ingredient
 26. Aye's opposite
 27. Sunrise

- Down
1. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
 2. Saudi, e.g.
 3. Au __, live-in
 4. Near F1
 5. Advances
 6. Small handbag
 7. Educator Horace
 10. Hang back
 14. "___ show time!"
 16. Not good
 17. "You can say that



18. Kind of nut
19. Earthen pot
20. Farm equipment
23. D.C. bigwig

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



It's never too early to start saving for your retirement years

HEIMAT Fortsetzung von Seite 9

unserer Pflichten erfüllten. Deutschland war unser Mutterland, zu dem unsere kulturellen Beziehungen nie abbrachen. Siebenbürgen war unsere schöne und liebe Heimat. Für uns Siebenbürger Sachsen, die wir eine Heimat verlassen haben, hat der Heimatbegriff drei Komponenten: Die erste Komponente ist die äußere Heimat, die Umgebung und ihre Menschen, die darin leben. Die zweite Komponente ist die innere Heimat, darunter versteht man das Heimatgefühl, dazu gehören: Familie, Freunde, Sprache, Glaube, Sitten und Bräuche.

Die dritte Komponente ist die Geborgenheit, sie verbindet die äußere und die innere Heimat. Durch die Ereignisse des Zweiten Weltkrieges ging uns die Geborgenheit verloren. So sehnten wir uns wieder nach Geborgenheit und wanderten nach Deutschland aus. Wir liebten die äußere Heimat zurück, aber die innere Heimat haben wir mitgebracht. Hier in Deutschland, wo wir uns niedergelassen haben, fanden wir wieder eine schöne äußere Heimat und die Bundesrepublik Deutschland sichert uns die Geborgenheit. Seither haben wir wieder eine intakte Heimat, die wir lieben, der wir uns in unsern Rechten und Pflichten verbunden fühlen.

Heimat ist kein Geschenk, sondern man muss sie sich erwerben, teilnehmen am alltäglichen Leben. Der Staat gewährt nur die Geborgenheit, so dass wir unsere Sitten und Bräuche weiter pflegen und erhalten können. Unser Verband

der Siebenbürger Sachsen, die Kreisgruppen, die Heimatortsgemeinschaften tragen dazu bei, dass wir uns ab und zu nach alter Sitte und Brauch zusammenfinden. Diese Treffen sind auch der Ausdruck des Heimatgefühls, des Gefühls der Zusammengehörigkeit. Es wird nicht nur über die in der alten Heimat zusammen verbrachten Jahre, sondern auch über die neue Heimat gesprochen. Das alte Heimatgefühl wird immer wieder geweckt und gestärkt.

Für uns Prudner gibt es seit dem Treffen von 2009 eine ganz besondere Überraschung. Wir bekamen unsere alte Heimat sogar zu uns ins Haus. Packt uns das Heimweh nach der alten Heimat, so brauchen wir nur unser Heimatbuch in die Hand zu nehmen. Und nun zum Abschluss kann ich nur sagen: Jeder braucht eine Heimat. Sie gibt uns Mut und die Kraft für unseren Alltag. Sie ist für uns Menschen so notwendig wie die Luft zum Atmen. Uns Siebenbürger Sachsen ist es in die Wiege gelegt worden, auch die neue Heimat zu lieben, sie zu pflegen, dass sie uns immer lieber und schöner wird. Die Erinnerungen an die alte Heimat, Pruden, mit ihren so schönen Tälern, Bergen und Wäldern, die Große Kokel, in der wir beim Baden immer unseren großen Spaß hatten, und die Erinnerung an den feierlichen Klang der Glocken der Prudner Kirche bleiben auch weiter bestehen.

Helmut Höhr
SBZ Online
7. Januar 2012

A pecan-crusted tilapia and Mexicorn dinner

When thinking about the cuisine of Mexico, you might visualize a cantina in a dusty desert town or mountain village. But when you look at a map of Mexico, you see coast lines that fall on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as well as the Gulf of Mexico.

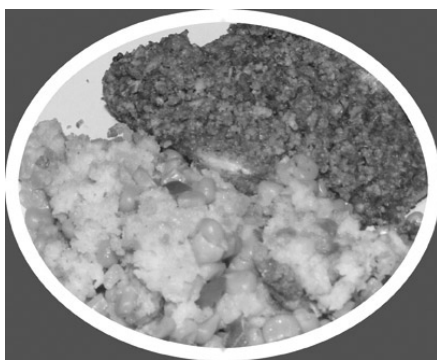
Those who have enjoyed cruises to the country South of the Border know that Mexico has a great love affair with ocean delicacies as well as the spicy cooking associated with other regions of the country.

Seafood dishes often contain Gulf shrimp, crab and scallops and many have a hint of Greece, because many Greek fishermen chose to make their homes in Mexico.

So, this combination of pecan-crusted tilapia and a Mexicorn casserole is not such an unlikely one. The fare is tasty, filling and nutritious.

Baked tilapia

- 4 large tilapia fillets
- 1 1/3 cups finely crushed pecans
- 1 cup honey
- 1/2 of one lemon
- salt and pepper to taste



Pat the fillets dry with paper toweling. Squeeze lemon juice onto each side of the fish and add salt and pepper to taste.

Coat the fillets on each side with the honey, using a pastry brush or spoon. Put the finely crushed pecans into a shallow dish or pie pan. Then, press the sticky fillets into the pecan bits until they are uniformly covered.

Bake at 350 degrees in a casserole or pie plate until the filets are crusty and brown.

Mexicorn casserole

- 15 ounce can Mexicorn
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons milk
- salt and pepper to taste

Pour the Mexicorn into a medium-size casserole dish. Add the cracker crumbs, salt, pepper, milk and butter. Stir thoroughly. Place in an oven at 350 degrees and bake until the top layer is medium brown and solid.

A side salad or green vegetable will compliment the combo for a complete meal.



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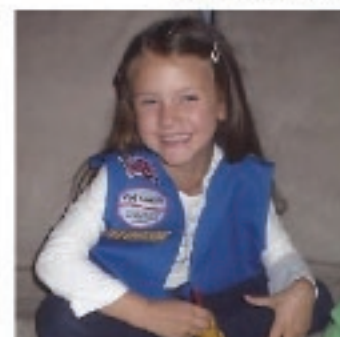
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