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## BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND

By Robert Cunningham

I can't believe our Cleveland weather; it has been something else. It's nothing to complain about; temperatures haven't been too cold for January and February and the snow, just a little here and there, not much to speak about.

Saturday, January 28th we held our Winterfest. We had a good number in attendance for the evening. I want to especially thank all our cooks and servers for doing a great job. The meal was great. Thank you to the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group for your performance, and to Hans Schobel and the rest of the band. At the time of this printing we would have just had our Annual Sausage Sale at the Sachsenheim. If you missed out on this sale, try giving a call to the Sachsenheim at 216-651-0888. We may have some extra sausage that was not sold. I want to thank everyone who came out to help for this event. Unfortunately, we had to revert back to doing the sale on Thursday since the Sachsenheim was booked every weekend in February; this prohibited those who were working to help out. To all of you who worked at our sausage sale, thank you again for all your help.

I hope our Cleveland members and friends made your reservations for the Chinese Auction and Sausage Dinner for Sunday, February 19th. If you didn't make reservations, you will miss a good time and a great sausage dinner. The Chinese Auction is a fun time for all ages with a lot of great gifts to bid on. This is a great fundraiser and a lot of hard work goes into organization of this event. We thank our dedicated sisters of Branch 4 for this very successful event. Even though a number of gifts are donated, a lot of them still need to be purchased. It's a lot of hard work shopping and looking for the best deals. If you missed out on this year's auction, keep it in mind for next year. You won't be sorry.

Members please take note, that our next Branch 1 and 4 membership meeting that would be held on February 20th is canceled. The members decided to cancel this meeting since they have been busy down at the Sachsenheim working on the sausage sale and the Chinese Auction the prior week. We will resume our regular meeting in March. Your local dues payments can be mailed to Robert Cunningham, 9005 Memphis Villas Blvd, Brooklyn OH 44144.

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will be holding its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser on Saturday, March 10th. Please support our dancers in their fundraiser. Tickets are \$10.00 in paid in advance and \$12.00 at the door. If you would like to enter your own spe-

cial chili recipe, please contact Stephanie Miller Hanek at samiller55@sbcglobal.net or 440-356-5582 if you would like to have your chili judged in this contest. Your cost for entry is \$20.00. This also includes your admission ticket. Prizes will be awarded for the top two entries. This should be a fun time for all. The dance group works very hard practicing each week for all their performances. Please support them in this fundraiser.

The Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor will have a Goulash Dinner on Sunday, March 25th. Please bring your family down to the Sachsenheim and meet after church to support our singers. More information will be available in the upcoming issue of this paper.

## Monday, February 20



### What is Presidents Day? Why do we celebrate it?

On February 20, our nation will celebrate what is now referred to as Presidents Day. It is meant to honor and remember the past presidents of the U.S. and their contributions to creating the country it is today.

To many states, the day remains Washington's Birthday. February 22 is President George Washington's actual birthday. Our first president was elected to that post by a unanimous vote in 1789. His birthday was made a national holiday in 1885.

Often referred to as the Father of Our Country, Washington inspired his group of ragtag troops to victory over the British, and later presided over the Constitutional Convention. Both Washington D.C. and the state of Washington are named after him. The monument bearing his name is one of the most recognizable tributes in our nation's capital. The U.S. Senate takes a moment to read his Farewell Address every year, a tradition that dates back to 1862.

Washington's Birthday is now celebrated on the third Monday of February each year, but to some states, it is known as Presidents Day. Advocates in the 1960s wanted to honor both Washington and President Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is February 12, on a single federal holiday. Lincoln is known for his Civil War presidency during which he freed the slaves, but saw the nation break apart and begin the Civil War. His famous Gettysburg Address is considered one of the greatest speeches of all time. Contrary to popular belief, Washington's birthday has never been officially changed to Presidents Day.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



This is the time of the year that we are filing our yearly income tax returns. Computers and TurboTax makes the task much more simplified as opposed to the old fashioned method. Be sure to take credit for all of your charitable donations and medical expenses that you are entitled to claim. The sooner you file your return, the sooner you will get your refund. You could consider investing that refund in an ATS Life Insurance Policy or an ATS Annuity. The ATS has reasonable rates for the various Life Insurance Plans which are Whole Life, Paid-Up in 20 Years, Paid-Up at Age 65, Paid-Up in 7 Years, and One Payment Plan. The ATS Annuity Certificates are paying 3% interest and are guaranteed not to go lower. You can purchase an ATS Annuity for a child from birth through the age of 15 years for a minimum of only \$150.00 with the same 3% interest rate guarantee. This is a great savings or retirement account for a child to have. You should remember that the main purpose of the ATS is to provide financial assistance to its members in the time of need.

As a reminder, you can still purchase the following items from the ATS Home Office: ATS Aprons, Saxon Cookbooks, ATS Hats, Flag Holder Desk Sets with American, German, and Saxon Flags, DVD's entitled "Leaving Transylvania, and also a book entitled "Saxons through Seventeen Centuries." The profit from the sale of these items goes to support our Saxon Orphan Fund.

With Spring not too far away, many of our Branches are planning their special events. Why not consider attending a Branch meeting and offer to be on one of the committees to lend a helping hand with the event. You strengthen your Branch by doing this and have a lot of fun along the way. Also, if you are in the area where an ATS event is being held, why not attend? I am sure you will enjoy seeing your Saxon friends and they will be glad to see you.

There are 5 simple rules to be happy: 1) Free your heart from hatred 2) Free your mind from worries 3) To live simply 4) Give more 5) Expect Less.

Quote of the Day: "True religion is real living; living with all one's soul, with all one's goodness and righteousness." We may or may not belong to an organized religion. We may or may not frequent a place of worship. But if we live our life as fully as we can in accordance with our deepest and most passionate beliefs, then we are truly religious.

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

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
MAILED WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2012

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## TIME FOR AN UPDATE?

If your family benefit status has changed during the last year please let us know:

ATS HOME OFFICE  
(440) 842-8442  
office@atsaxons.com



**BRANCH 5, LORAIN**  
By Michael Johnson

When you view life as deadlines and schedules, it's no wonder time seems to pass so quickly. Here we are at February when it feels like Christmas was just last week. The busyness of our lives is what defines us. However, those things which occupy our time the most should be for things that have meaning; lasting memories which affect peoples lives in a good way. Of course there are still the menial tasks of everyday routines which keep us sheltered and fed. But even then, we learn new things about life which help us plan for the future and keep us looking ahead to brighter days.

It was good to see so many brothers that could make it to Chris' Restaurant for dinner before our meeting. It's a good time to visit and get to know each other better while enjoying your choice of one of the delicious meals offered. If you've not been to a meeting in awhile, plan to join us next month as we will again meet at Chris' at 6:00 P.M. followed by our meeting at the Slovak Club on March 3rd, 2012, at 8:00 P.M.

Thanks to the hard work of Sister Monica Gilles, Branch 11 Deputy, we have six new junior members. We welcome and encourage them to take part in many of the activities offered throughout the year in the society of the ATS. In a letter read during correspondences, Robert Cunningham III, ATS First Vice President, reported that a total of 56 new members were added to the society in 2011. It's amazing that after 110 years the bond of this fraternal fellowship is still moving forward.

On January 31st, the au-

dit committee met and went through the books and found everything to be in sound, financial order. We would like to thank Brother Russ Gilles for the time he spends on keeping this order of business up to date and organized.

Currently, there are no members in arrears. However, if you have not yet paid your membership dues this year, contact Brother Andrew Schuffert at (440) 282-2385 to make payment arrangements, so that you don't become ineligible for sick benefits if the need should arise. At this time there are no members receiving sick benefits or on the list of ill and needy.

Under new business last month, a motion was made and accepted, in an effort to keep in better touch with our junior members, to send out Birthday cards. Having received a good response, there was another motion made and carried this month to do the same for the members of our men's lodge. Hopefully we can instill a sense of belonging and form closer relationships through this act of generosity and thoughtfulness. Speaking of Birthdays, we sang a hearty "Happy Birthday" to Brother Andy Schuffert who turns 89 on February 26th. Also celebrating birthdays this month are Brothers' John A. Binder, William Kirschner and Brian Long. A Happy Birthday also to Connor Hochevar and Jenna C. Peters, both junior members.

I would like to take this time to also congratulate Brother Elmer & Sister Josephine Schneider on their 65th Wedding Anniversary February 12th. This will be a special year as

ATTENTION  
BRANCH 3 and 8  
ALLIANCE MEMBERS  
Our new meeting place is  
American Legion  
141 W. Main St  
Alliance OH 44601  
Beginning with  
our March meeting

you celebrate your deep commitment to one another. Good job, Kailey Hochevar, age 4, for winning in your age group the ATS 2011 Christmas Coloring Contest! Also to you other junior members participating and receiving Honorable Mentions: Aiden Brown, and Grace Zgola in the 7-8 year olds, and Braedon Gilles, Victoria Goss, and Chloe Zgola in the 9-10 year old division. Keep up the good work! Also we say Good Luck and Congratulations to Brother Kyle Cassidy as he finishes up his freshman year swimming for John Carroll University's Men's Swimming and Diving Team. Kyle earned himself a spot on both the 200 yard medley relay and freestyle relay teams and swam the 50 yard freestyle event. Kyle is the son of Brother Scott and Sister Nancy Kranstuber, and plans to major in Business.

Much is going on in the other Branches this year. Be sure to check each Branch's schedule of events in the January 20th and February 3rd *Volksblatts*, and begin making plans to attend as many as you can. As a member of the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group, let me encourage you to attend our 2nd annual chili cook-off fundraiser March 10th, at the Cleveland Sachsenheim. By buying your ticket in advance you save \$2.00, which could pay for two extra bowls of your favorite chili! You can contact me, Michael Johnson at (440) 324-2534 for tickets. I'll be sure to have some at March's meeting on the 3rd as well.

**Organizing Tip**

A hanging shoe bag can help organize your cleaning closet. Place scrub brushes, cleaning utensils, sponges, and bottles of cleaners in the pockets. You can also store cleaning rags and towels in the pockets. Not only will you have everything organized, but you can see at a glance what needs to be replenished.

**MEETING NOTICE  
BR. 27 NEW CASTLE**

The MARCH 1ST MEETING will be held at PERKINS RESTURANT on Wilmington Road. The MEETING TIME IS 6:00pm. Questions call Glorie Geisel at 724-946-2815. See you all there.

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**PORK-KRAUT DINNER**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012  
YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB**

**11:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

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

**SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:**

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

You may either

**MAIL: PO BOX 45198,  
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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, FEBRUARY 24, 2012	FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012	FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012	FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 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.**

# 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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

## 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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- \$1,000 Award in memory of Gertie & Ernie Gottschling
- \$ 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.

**Completed official ATS Applications for scholarship grants must be received at the ATS Home Office before April 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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*



## ATS GENEALOGY MESSAGE BOARD

Many of our members are interested in tracing their family history and have often contacted the ATS Office for help. We do not have the records to help in tracing your family tree, but we can offer you a place to ask for help from other members. Under this column, you can submit a short paragraph requesting help in searching for family members. When possible be specific on names, places and dates. Send your short request to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129 or email us at office@atsaxons.com. Include your name, email and/or phone number that you want listed in the *Volksblatt* that members

### Advice on learning and test-taking techniques that you can use

When it comes to taking important entrance exams for college or graduate school, students know that their futures depend on doing well.

The techniques that will help them make the most of their knowledge can be used later in life to prepare for a meeting with a committee, with customers, with the boss, or when taking tests for career advancement. Their advice:

\* Eat right. You know that eating a breakfast of high-carb, slow-digesting foods like oatmeal are best for the day of a meeting or test. But what you eat a week in advance matters too. Researchers at the University of Oxford say a high-fat, low-carb diet heavy on meat, eggs and cheese can make performance decline.

\* Test yourself repeatedly before an exam or a meeting where you will have to show your knowledge. It teaches the brain to quickly retrieve and apply knowledge from your memory.

\* Consider the facts and expertise you will need and how you will express them. Prepare in a quiet room without the distractions of music, text messages, TV and email.

\* Sleep. Advisors at the sleep lab at the University of North Texas in Denton, recommend reviewing technical material just before going to sleep at night. It makes the information easier to recall.

\* Don't wake yourself up earlier than usual. The last couple of hours of sleep are important and aid memory.

\* Don't study or work all night. Psychologists at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., say it impairs memory and reasoning not for as long as four days afterward.

\* Boost your confidence. Envision yourself discussing matters and answering questions calmly and confidently.

\* Pace yourself and your replies to questions. Don't rush. Practice waiting a few seconds before answering and speaking more slowly.



*As Saxons we are often loathe to ask for donations for our organizations, but we live in a very realistic world. And so we do indeed ask...and guess what? Our members do respond. Again we ask for your kind donations, hoping to continue with our renovations as funds will allow. ...*

*As always, the committee thanks you.*

**Youngstown Saxon Club**

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# 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

- 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
- March 15, 2012,  
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- March 16, 2012  
Salem Fish Fry (4) 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
(set -up for breakfast after fish fry)
- March 17, 2012  
Youngstown Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the Lounge and Restaurant  
Salem Breakfast 7:00-10:00 a.m.
- March 18, 2012  
Youngstown Branch 30 Pork Dinner
- March 21, 2012  
Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner in the Restaurant
- March 22, 2012  
Youngstown Golf Meeting in the Lower Lounge  
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00 p.m.
- March 23, 2012  
Cleveland Br. 1 250 Club Dinner  
Salem Fish Fry (5) 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 24, 2012  
Youngstown President's Goulash Dinner
- March 25, 2012  
Youngstown Saxon Bowlers  
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Goulash Dinner 1 pm
- March 28, 2012  
Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner in the Restaurant
- March 29, 2012  
Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 7:00- p.m.
- March 30, 2012  
Salem Fish Fry (6) 5:00-7:00 p.m.

## MILITARY MEMBER NEWS



Staff Sergeant Randy T. Kloos, US Army, has completed a 12 month tour of Afghanistan, near Khost. He has been to Iraq two times and once to Afghanistan. After climbing 10,000 foot tall mountains, he told his father Jim, "Dad. I'm not human anymore, I'm a goat!"

Randy is presently stationed in Fort Knox, KY, and needless to say, his parents Jim and Janet are "glad to have him back in the 'good old USA.'"

Randy, a member of Cleveland Branch 1, danced for a number of years with the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group, and has participated in Bowl Where You Ares and Teen Weekends in Salem.

## YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CULTURE GROUP By John Kraus

The Culture Group had election of officers this past January. A very special thanks to outgoing president Erna Weber for her many years of service as president of the Youngstown Saxon Culture Group. Thank you also Katie Huffman, who served the Culture Group for the past several years as secretary.

The new officers are: President- Bob Bachinger, Vice President- John Malcomson, Secretary- Leigh Ann Zigler, Treasurer - Mike Bachinger, Reporter - John Krauss, Trustees - Barb Schneider, Megan Dunn, Bob Lohr, Dana Bachinger.

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

Tuesday evening at the Saxon Club, have dinner, visit and enjoy friends and meet new ones. Get ready to play Bingo at 7:30 PM, and have some fun. Thanks to Ernie, give a hand at helping; it is for your benefit.

The Branch 30 Pork Dinners are open to the public, 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. We will return on September 15th. Adults \$ 8.75, Children under 12 are \$ 5.00.

The Presidents Goulash Dinner is on March 24, 2012. Dave Stryffeler, John Boehm Jr. and Jim Mauch, Hildegard Dunkerley, Walter Benesch, Bonnie Baker, Helen Fotiuk, John Boehm, David Stryffeler, and Jim Mauch are the committee for Branch 22/30. Tickets are available from the committee and at the Club office, call Helen at the Office 330-792-7973. This is a special dinner, as the Branch 22 Lady of the Year and Branch 30 Man of the Year will be honored. We all celebrate with them this special occasion. The cost for the evening is \$ 15.00.

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. Anyone wishing to come in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings to help, please do. Trustee John Boehm and others will certainly find work for you. Call John Boehm Jr. at 330-518-3625. Our Ladies of Branch 22 and our Social Members are always welcome.

The Restoration Committee has completed the restoration of the 95 Ballroom chairs to match those previously covered, and they are paid for. Thanks. The cook range in the Pavilion has been cleaned, painted and adjusted; when you use it, wipe it down. None of this work can be done without a good work group. The entrance drive from

Meridian Road is very much in need of repair. The Restoration and Memorial Committees can look forward to the project when the funds are in. At present we do not have enough for the job. With the chairs being finished and paid for we had no outlay for that job. We are asking for donations to fix up the drive. Your support is always used for the good of the club.

Jerry doesn't know it, but snow always shows up on St. Patrick's Day. Well, they are going to talk golf at their meeting on Thursday March 22, in the Lower Lounge, at 7:00 PM. New members of Branch 30 are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. If you can't attend or are interested and need information: call Jerry Kovacs 330-509-0864, Rick Spencer 330-799-8695, or Joe Kubik Jr. 330-509-2103.

The Lenten Fish Dinners being served in the Restaurant are open to the public, and will begin on Wednesday March 7th. Please tell your friends and other members. The dinner will be held on every Wednesday during Lent.

The Super Bowl Party in the Lounge was great and those who chose to attend had a good evening.

If your drinks taste better, thank Harry Clay, Dean Hahn and Mike Teutsch, Sr. They installed a new stainless sink for the bartenders. Nice job guys.

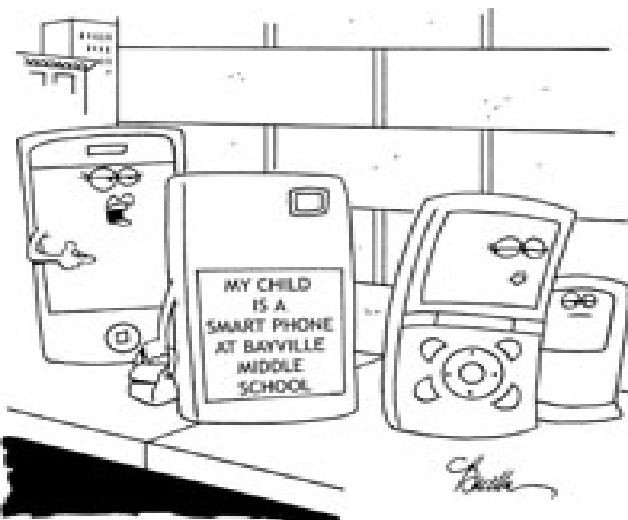
Send a little cheer to John Bokesch, celebrating his 99th year birthday on February 20, 2012, Claudia said he would appreciate them. John Bokesch, Sterling House of Youngstown, Assisted Living, 2300 Canfield Rd., Youngstown, Ohio, 44511. Ralph Scheetz and Wayne Elliott have both been in the hospital for short stays. We are glad to see both at the club.

The Saxon Culture Group Brass Band would like to entertain us after our Branch meetings, so sit back and relax and enjoy some fellowship and your Sunday dinner.

Branch 22 will set up for their Flea Market on Monday April 16th. The Flea Market will be on Tuesday April 17th, Lunch will be available on Tuesday at 11:00 AM. If your wife asks you, you can come and help.

With Valentine's Day, and Spring in the air, bring your sweetie to "Date Night," Saturday in the Restaurant. 2 for \$25 includes appetizer & dessert. We always offer our famous Prime Rib also on Saturday.

You can find ads in the *Volksblatt* from many of the events at the club. Also check the Fraternal Calendar for the Youngstown Club activities and other local Club's events; listed also are future events.



WE HAVE A RICH AND COLORFUL HISTORY AND HERITAGE!  
LET'S DO OUR PART TO KEEP IT GOING!  
BECOME A PROUD AND ACTIVE MEMBER!

## 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**

## EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR

By George Schneider

Boy, this weather sure is unbelievable for this time of year but I am sure we will pay for it later. We have to be thankful for the nice weather that we have had already.

Adolf Fischer and his Board of Directors wish to thank all of the people that attended Branch 1's Winterfest. I heard that it was a real nice affair. I was a little under the weather, so regretfully I missed it. I do know that Hans Schobel and his Bergvagabunden did a splendid job!

I hope everyone enjoyed a Happy St. Valentine's Day on February 14th.

As I am writing this article I am thinking about my wonderful father who would have celebrated his 87th birthday on February 17 and it's hard to believe he has been gone for 17 years already, boy how time flies!

There isn't too much to report from the Choir because we are on winter break until March 6th. I saw my cousin Nancy Kranstuber at our Branch meeting and she says she really misses singing and all the choir members, which I do too! We'll be back at in another month!

We are glad that all of our choir members are staying well as we have lost two members from our Branch 5 already this year. God bless all my lovely readers and until you hear from me again ... Lebe wohl!

## Better living through denial

## Susanna Fritzman † 1922-2012



As a 1940 honors graduate of Salem High School, Susanna loved gardening, floral arranging, ballet, classical music, and dancing. She was a seamstress and made matching holiday dresses for her granddaughters.

She enjoyed bird watching.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

**The Volksblatt has lost one of its most prolific contributors. Her observations and wealth of researched knowledge, which she shared with our readers, will truly be missed.**

**Barb & Hanz Hermann**

SALEM - Susanna Fritzman, 89, formerly of Sharp Street, Salem and a former resident of Essex of Salem I, died at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Salem Community Hospital.

She was born September 12, 1922 in Keisd, Transylvania, Romania, the daughter of the late Michael and Susanna (Marpoder) Herman. A resident of Salem since 1928, her family came to the United States via Ellis Island.

She was a homemaker most of her life and had worked as a dental technician for several years. Susanna was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, serving on several committees and enjoyed fellowship trips with the church.

She was a 50-plus years member of the Saxon Ladies Branch 18, Saxon Retirees, served as secretary, and hostess at the Saxon fish fries for many years. She also wrote articles for the *Volksblatt*.

## BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

We want to remind everyone that we will not hold a February meeting. We are taking a break this month. Next monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 19, 2012.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Louise (Letzner) Parge Family. Lou passed away on January 30, 2012 at the age of 87. She joined Branch 4 in 1942 and has enjoyed many of our activities at the Sachsenheim. Pastor Williams of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly Deutsch) referred to Lou as the "gatekeeper" of the church. She served as the church secretary for many years and was differently the historian of the church. She loved her family and church. We will truly miss her hard work and most of all her friendship. Our sympathy to her daughters Pam Stacy and Laura Hlutke and their families.

We are looking for an experienced bookkeeper to work closely with Branch 1's Treasurer in maintaining the Sachsenheim's financial records. The work could be done at home and estimated time commitment of 4 - 8 hours per week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Monica Weber at (440) 356-5936 or email her [Monica\\_weber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Monica_weber@sbcglobal.net).

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group is looking for more chili entries into their 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off Fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The cost is \$20 per entry which includes free admission for the entrant. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top two entries. The voting is done by those attending. Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children tickets are half price. This includes

three chili samples, accompaniments and desserts. Additional chili samples are \$1.00 each. A cash bar will be available. Last year Tim Wolff and my chili received the most votes, so I am wondering if Tim is willing to challenge me and the others for another win!!! There was such a good turnout last year, that the Dance Group has expanded the event to the upstairs Ballroom. Let's come out and support our Saxon Dance Group!

The next two events in March will be the 250 Club Banquet on Friday, March 23 and the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor's Goulash dinner on Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 pm. Maria Fischer will be taking reservations at (216) 741-1398. The Sachsenchor makes the best goulash, so don't miss this "Sunday afternoon Delight."

Please keep Saturday, April 28 reserved to come down to the Sachsenheim and be a part of the Alex Meixner Band Spectacular. Alex Meixner is a Grammy nominated musician and producer that performs throughout the United States. He and his band really put on a show! I call him the "head banger accordion player." Please make sure you come and see this show, it will be memorable.



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.

### Theresa L. Lape

Age 81

Died: March 4, 2011  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

### Andrew B. Schuller

Age 97

Died: December 14, 2011  
Branch 9, Chicago IL

### Ann M. Gokel

Age 85

Died: December 26, 2011  
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

### Nick Bamberg

Age 89

Died: January 8, 2012  
Branch 2, Erie PA

### Helen S. Lum

Age 83

Died: January 17, 2012  
Branch 17, Canton OH

### Fred J. Drotleff

Age 86

Died: January 19, 2012  
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

### Hermine M. Straley

Age 83

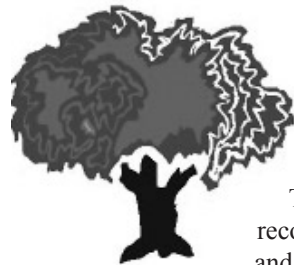
Died: January 31, 2012  
Branch 18, Salem OH

### Donald A. Gleisner

Age 81

Died: February 5, 2012  
Branch 5, Lorain OH

## 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

or

(Just one line)

Michael and Anna Schmidt

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](mailto:monica_weber@sbcglobal.net)

Let's give honor to our Families' Names

**IT'S GREAT TO BELONG  
... AND TO PARTICIPATE!  
BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER**

**BRANCH 37, DETROIT**  
By Susi Fleischer

The February meeting was very well attended, even though we changed it to an earlier time and, of course the nice weather also helped. We started at 1:00 p.m. with a luncheon followed by the regular meeting. It seems this change met with everyone's approval.

For the next four months, March, April, May and June we will meet at 12:00 p.m. for lunch, followed by the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the first Sunday of each month.

A committee was set up for our upcoming 100th Anniversary in 2013. Ingrid Weihs Ferguson agreed to chair this committee.

On March 17, 2012 Br. 37 will be celebrating its 99th Anniversary to be held at the Carpathia Club, all members and friends are cordially invited to help us celebrate this occasion.

Also a reminder that the yearly dues are payable for the year 2012.

On a lighter note, I would like to share with you that the Sam Fleischer family was blessed with two new additions on February 5, 2012, twin baby goats, Max and Ruby, pictured below.

Wishing everyone God's blessings and good health.

Saxonally yours,  
Susi Fleischer



Sam Fleischer family's newest additions

**Card for travelers with medical devices**

Breast prostheses and replacement joints set off Transportation Security Administration alarms, forcing passengers to explain their circumstances to guards with other passengers hearing them.

The TSA developed a card last year that can be downloaded. They worked with 70 disability and medical needs groups when the agency developed the card, which is shown to security guards.

Some orthopedic surgeons give out ID cards to patients who have had joint replacements. One adds an X-ray replica of the replacement to the back of his cards.

Hope's Boutique shop, at Ohio State's James Cancer Hospital has printed a breast prosthesis ID card that has a sketch on the back where carriers can circle left, right or bilateral to show where the prosthesis is located.

**BRANCH 2, ERIE**  
By Lee Wolfe

Hi! No meeting in February, just a few odds and ends to report. We send out best wishes to Rose Ziegler who is having a sciatica nerve problem and hope she is feeling better. Hey Rosie, we miss you in our Sunday mixed league.

We hope our young members who are high school seniors and are planning to go to college take advantage of the ATS Scholarship grants being awarded. There are nineteen scholarship grants being awarded to college freshmen and eleven academic continuing undergraduate education. Several of our young high school senior members have been recipients of the grants. The information is in the *Volksblatt* and it is certainly worthwhile to apply.

Congratulations to Zachary Pecorella, age 8 who was a winner in the 2011 ATS Christmas Coloring Contest. Also, a thank you to all of the other youngsters who entered the contest, namely: Troy Goellner, Travis Griffith, Tyler Pecorella, Owen Gavin, Grace Goellner, Andrea Griffith, Katie Klinek-Cornell, Karli Goellner, Kaitlyn Griffith, Raven Scutella, Lucas Goellner, Tiffany Kaiser and Sarah Lohse. (I used to love to color, many, many years ago and still remember a "Cinderella" coloring book that I had.)

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. At this meeting we will be discussing the upcoming National Convention to be held in Youngstown on June 2-3 and

we will also decide on the menu for our April Business/Supper meeting.

As mentioned above, our April Supper/Business meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 2:30 p.m. This supper will be free of charge to our members and an \$8 fee for non-members; you can start making your reservations with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494.

A reminder to pay your Erie Branch annual dues of \$6. Please submit your payment to Liz Manning, 1027 West 30th St., Erie, PA 16508. Your check should be payable to "Erie Branch 2, and mark the memo "Dues."

Everyone in Erie is saying "Can you believe this weather?" We are all so amazed and happy, I might add, that we did not get our usual amount of snow ... so far! Perhaps, by the time this column is published we will be saying "I knew it, I knew it, Old Man Winter was not going to let us escape his wrath and we will have a real heavy snowfall." Hopefully he does it before spring and in the meantime we Erieites are really enjoying this terrific weather.

A joke for the fishermen out there, especially Dick Wagner. A man was watching a fisherman at work. The fisherman caught a giant trout but threw it back into the river. Next he hooked a huge pike and threw

it back. Finally, the fisherman caught a little bass, smiled and put in his bag. "Hey!" yelled the man who was watching. "Why did you throw back a giant trout and huge pike and then keep a little bass?" "Small frying pan," the fisherman yelled back.

Our president Tom Manning, has to be happy as his team, the New York Giants, won the Super Bowl with a quarterback that has his name. The Browns are happy because the Ravens didn't get in and the Steelers aren't happy because they did not get in .... again.

A very happy birthday to all of our March babies some of whom are: John J. McCarthy, Margaret E. Carr, William J. Morschhauser, Anne Czenerych, Paul S. Pecorella, Wilma S. Bell, Eileen A. Reed, Martha L. Copen, Roger R. Stowe, William Benkart, Virginia Bukowski, Brando S. Sieber, Ronald Lethaby, Scott Morschhauser, Val Bille, Logan R. Wagner, Rene Marisa Carr, Donald Ziegler, Sarah Addressi, Vincent Brizuela, Mary Ann Hess and Robert Bauer.

A very Happy Anniversary to our March couples: Marc and Marjorie Koehler, 18 years; James and Kathleen Kwiatkowski, 41 years; and Donald and Judith Nordin, 50 years. We hope all of the above have a wonderful time on their special day.

See you at the March meeting, so take care everyone, and we hope you had a Happy Valentines' Day!

The trouble with political jokes is that very often they get elected.

Will Rogers

The ATS Home Office wishes to thank and acknowledge our junior members who colored the Valentine picture that appeared in the *Volksblatt*. In appreciation for these valentines we sent each child a stuffed animal along with a heart-shaped box of candy and lollipop.

Raymond Appleby, Br. 19 Salem

Payton Boyle, Br. 22 Youngstown

Kaylee Falter, Br. 10 Columbus

Emily Hinerman, Br. 22 Youngstown  
(lives in S. Carolina)

GJ Hinerman, Br. 30 Youngstown  
(lives in S. Carolina)

Kailey Hochevar, Br. 5 Lorain

Dakota Hrabowy, Br. 30 Youngstown

Johnah Hrabowy, Br. 22 Youngstown

Brooke Hudak, Br. 27 New Castle

Payton Leunis, Br. 7 Farrell

Rylan McConville, Br. 1 Cleveland West

Kassie Miller, Br. 19, Salem  
(lives in Florida)

Joshua E. Muntean, Br. 30 Youngstown

Andreas Schobel, Br. 1 Cleveland West

Mara Smoot, Br. 4 Cleveland West

William Smoot, Br. 1 Cleveland West

Catherine Spor, Br. 27 New Castle

**Youngstown  
Saxon Club  
36<sup>th</sup> 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

Westside Sachsenheim, Cleveland Presents:  
**THE ALEX MEIXNER BAND**

**Saturday,  
 April 28, 2012**



**8-midnight  
 Sachsenheim Hall  
 7001 Denison Ave  
 Cleveland, OH**

**Advance sale tickets \$18  
 or \$20 at the door.**

**Reserve tickets with: Christine Roppelt  
 4107 Gifford Ave Cleveland, OH 44109**

**Make checks payable to ATS Branch 1**

**Admission price includes  
 one free glass of wine, beer or a soft drink.  
 Bavarian ham and sausage sandwiches  
 with sides and other items available a la carte.  
 Cash bar open for the entire event**

**About Alex Meixner**

Alex Meixner's performing career began at age 6 with his two sisters and father in an ethnic folk ensemble. From these early experiences through headline appearances at music festivals throughout the US; concert performances with the London Symphony Orchestra, Sandy Duncan and his own jazz and ethnic ensembles; as well as over 50 recordings, Meixner has developed a unique musical mix that appeals to a wide cross-section of audiences. Meixner's formative musical studies were on piano and piano accordion, but he quickly branched out on drums, diatonic button accordion, bass and trumpet, his college major. This instrumental versatility is combined with a musical background that has included intense studies and performance of jazz, classical, pop, polkas and many ethnic folk music genres with some of the leading artists in the world. His talents in music and comedy were even featured on the Tonight Show on NBC in 2004. Most recently, his "Polka Freak Out" CD with Bubba Hernandez garnered a Grammy nomination in December, 2007.

Currently based in Palm City, FL, Alex is performing as a solo artist and with numerous touring ensembles. His solo programs- "Fascinating Rhythms of the World" focus on the fusion of Slavic folk music and Jazz, but also include the inflections of folk, pop and classical styles



**Photo: Michael G. Stewart**

from Latin America, Africa and other sections of Europe. This music is the basis for a series of multi-cultural music education seminars and performances which are currently available through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts "Artists in Education" program.

Alex also leads The Alex Meixner Band in performances throughout North America. Whether you are looking for sure fire crowd pleasing family entertainment, something for the senior audience, classy jazz for a reception or a unique party band- Alex Meixner will work tirelessly to provide the perfect mix for your event.

When Alex is not performing with all of these groups, he is devoted to bringing music to students through educational clinics, as well as his private teaching.

**BRANCH 9,  
 CHICAGO**  
 By Rose-Marie Hauer

The beginning of the year has just flown by and with that comes the winter ups and downs. I myself have been preoccupied and apologize for a late article. However, I will try to fill you now as much as possible. The January 9 and February 6, meetings were held with fair attendance. Thank you to all who attended.

**Sick Report:**

Sister Hildegard Schmidts reported that there have been many sick members in the last two months. Prayers and get well wishes go the following members: Brother Michael Kraus, Brother Andy Seimen, Sister Ella Reif, Sister Hilda Linz, Brother George Fleps and Sister Rosemarie Morgen.

**Sympathy:**

Our deepest sympathy is sent to the families of Sister Milli Schuller and Sister Irene Gunnesch on the loss of their loved ones.

*It will be the little things  
 that you will remember,  
 the quiet moments,  
 the smiles, the laughter.  
 And although it may seem  
 hard right now,  
 it will be the memories  
 of these little things  
 that help to push  
 away the pain  
 and bring the smiles  
 back again.*

**Events:**

The Christmas Party was held on December 18th. A very special thank you to Sister Elfi Sanderson and her committee for leading this event. The children in attendance played instruments, sang and read poems. The entrees were delicious as well as the home baked cakes. Thank you to all the members that brought canned foods to donate to this charitable event. All the canned food collected at the Christmas party was donated to the Edgewater Ministry.

**Mark your calendars:**

Stiftungsfest will be held April 21, at the DANK Haus Second floor.

Picnic June 24, 2012 at Linne Woods, Morton Grove, IL Grove #2

The meetings were adjourned with a Sachsen poem and birthday wishes to members celebrating in January and February. Next meeting will be held on March 5.

**Money Tip**

The very best way to improve your credit score is to pay your bills on time. A single missed payment can lower your credit score by as much as 100 points. This drop can translate into a full percentage point increase when you are shopping for a mortgage. The best way to ensure that you always pay your bills on time is to set up automatic payments.

**Youngstown Saxon Culture Group's  
 Spring Sausage Sale**

We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage. All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links or 5lb bulk packages (each with a little overage). The price is \$3.00 per pound.

**Saturday,  
 March 10, 2012**

**Pickup is from 9:00 to 3:00  
 in the pavilion.**

You can call in orders to Maria Bachinger at 330-792-4005  
 Walter Benesch at 330-792-9357  
 Andy Kuthy at 330-792-4846  
 email: akuthy@ymail.com

All are welcome to join us for German music, beer and sausage sandwiches the day of the pickup, March 10.

We will take your phone orders through Tuesday, March 6 and email orders through Wednesday March 7

Please mark this in your calendar.

**BRANCH 11, LORAIN**  
 By Monica Gilles

Our February meeting was held on Saturday, February 4 with a good turnout of members in attendance.

Sister Kate Thompson had a short stay in the hospital near the end of 2011. She is doing much better now. The members agreed to pay Kate the sick benefits that are due her. Sister Carolyn Mroski had cataract surgery in January and recovered very nicely.

The social committee is planning a get together sometime in the near future. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will be having its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off on March 10 at 7 PM at the Westside Sachsenheim. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. You can purchase your ticket through any dance group member. Brian Gilles, Michael Johnson, Monica Gilles, and Juliana Johnson are some Lorain members that participate in the dance group and have tickets available for you.

The Eintracht Saxonia will be having their Goulash fundraiser on March 25. Look for more information in the Volksblatt regarding the price and time.

We had a Valentine's Day themed gift exchange at the end of our meeting. There were some very nice gifts received.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Brother Donald Gleisner, who recently passed away. May God bless you during this difficult time.

For the second month in a row Sister Lesley Hochevar's name was drawn for the attendance prize. However, Lesley was in attendance at the meeting. Maybe next month, she can try for a triplicate. Elaine Johnson won the door prize.

Happy Birthday was sung to Sister Sharron Powell. Sister Jean McKitrick is also celebrating a birthday.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 3 starting at 8 PM at Slovak Home. The audit committee will meet at 7PM for the annual audit.

**Join us for the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's  
 2nd Annual  
 Chili Cook-off Fundraiser**

Westside Sachsenheim  
 7001 Denison Avenue  
 Cleveland, OH



**Saturday March 10, 2012  
 Doors open at 7pm**

Tickets \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door  
 Children tickets available for half price  
 Includes admission, three chili samples, accompaniments and desserts. Additional chili samples \$1.00 each.  
 A cash bar will be available

Tickets can be purchased from any Dance Group Member. Contact Stephanie Miller-Hanek at 440-356-5582 or samiller55@sbcglobal.net for more information or if you would like to enter a chili for judging in the contest. Cost is \$20 per entry which includes free admission for the entrant. Prizes will be awarded for the top two entries.

**THERE'S NO TIME LIKE  
 THE PRESENT TO INVEST  
 YOUR SAVINGS IN AN  
 ATS ANNUITY PLAN**



## SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Sue Fritzman †

*Sadly, this is the last article to be printed in my mother's honor as it is written in Sue's last words. She had come up with the following topics to be printed a few weeks before her passing on January 25th. Mom was so saddened when she had to give up her title as Retiree's Secretary, as she could no longer physically attend the meetings to take the minutes. I appreciate the Retirees letting her keep her title as reporter so she could continue her writings, for they were such an important part of her life for so many years.*

*I called the "Volksblatt" office and left a message that yes, there would still be an article, and to save room for the printing, even though she had passed. Hanz Hermann was nice enough to call me back and express his condolences to the family and in ending the conversation he made a cute remark I must share with all of you. He said, ' Thanks for giving me the "heads up" for if I would have found an envelope from her in the mail, I would have thought it was sent from Heaven. I had to laugh to myself, for knowing her she is up There wishing she could share her experience in Heaven with all of us! - Anne Lutz*

Our new year is already going by so quickly! Here we are in the month of February and this year is our leap year, which means those who have birthdays on February 29th can celebrate on their actual birthday. I never liked the months of January and February, for they are gloomy and depressing. Next will be the Ides of March, which means bad news. Old Father Time is slowly retreating down the worn dusty road and looking back for hopes of better days.

The New Year brings high hopes of young couples starting their lives together with dreams of the future and raising a family. To some couples it may be important for their baby to claim the title of the New Year's baby. These days most couples give much thought to when their child will be born and chose the season of preference. In our days it just happened. Now that so many mothers have jobs they must plan around their work schedules, which we never had to worry about. Spring, as with the rebirth of Mother Nature, seems to be the best time also for childbirth. The miracle of medicine is really amazing with what the specialists can see with modern testing. It is not new anymore to learn the sex of the baby and even plan to have the preferred sex of the child. The medical miracle process of in-vetro and surrogate mothers are also something we never would have imagined in our day.

Another important part of preparing for a baby is naming the child. In our day, and our

parents' day, common, suitable names were chosen. Children were named after grandparents or their father with "Junior" added to the name, or "Second" and "Third" after honorable ancestors. My favorite name Michael held its own on the most popular list for many years and I was fortunate to have that given name for our fathers on both sides of the family, as we also followed this trend with our son, Michael. Also in Europe, baby girls were named after flowers such as Rose and Violet and they also very rarely were given middle names.

Naming a child has really become a thought provoking process with everyone competing to have the most unique name, of which the outcome can be very odd and an embarrassment for the child later in life. You have to wonder what the parents are thinking when you hear some of these odd names like "Bear" for an innocent baby. Do they ever give thought to what the child will have to deal with in school, etc.? They have enough problems to deal with these days with bullying, peer pressure, drugs; it is never ending.

There was an article announcing the most popular names of last year of which the most fashionable names were from the late 1800's like Isabella, Emma & Jacob, which were the most popular last year. Others may choose a common name or names from the Bible and change the spelling as to make them a little different. According to a Youngstown State

University sociology professor's study a name defines who we are and establishes boundaries between the rest of the world and ourselves. The social significance of the naming ritual is that it is intended to establish identity, convey values and build group solidarity.

I am thrilled to once again be a great-grandmother to a little girl. This time on January 18th Myla Grace was born healthy at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Her parents are Laurie and Wes Anderson of Salem, and grandparents are Anne and Don Lutz. They also have a 2 ½ year old boy, Graham, of whom I can never remember his name when I see him. I have to picture the various brands of cracker boxes and it finally comes to me. To think that we went through a few years without little ones and the holidays were not as enjoyable. I now have 6 great grandchildren and just learned there are 2 more on the way by summertime. Now there is a lot of excitement and we may have a problem finding a home big enough for our holiday gatherings.

This controversy of names goes way back to Shakespeare's lyrical tale of "star-crossed" lovers with the popular quote: What is in a name? That which which we call a rose, by any other name, would smell so sweet. What really matters is what something is—not what it is called! In the famous play, Romeo Mantegue and Juliet Capulet met and fell in love in the 1600' s and were doomed from the start as the families were at war. In this quote Juliet shows her frustration with her family's rejection of her feelings for Romeo because of his name. She loved him and not his name. Romeo, then out of passion for Juliet, rejects his family name.

Here are some news bits from Salem. Our little city of Salem now has the largest American flag in Ohio thanks to John Kuffleitner (son of Mary.) The flag can now be seen at his Chrysler Jeep and Dodge dealership after some controversy with our city officials who had safety issues because of the 130 foot flagpole. John was very determined to complete his newly built dealership with this large flag since his father was a serviceman and after several meetings everything was resolved. This huge 30-foot flag is a prestigious sight to see as it flows against the beautiful blue skies on a sunny day and definitely catches your eye as it is situated next to the intersection of the city's Route 62 bypass.

Also something new in our downtown is a bridal shop - "Elizabeth Renae's". This shop is in the building that was once "The Ginger Jar" in which my husband Mike spent a great deal of time when he decided to take up ceramics upon his retirement. This shop will be nice for those who need formal wear. We hope this business is successful for it seems so hard to

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keep a business in small towns anymore. Good luck to them!

Also quite exciting is the building of a new Salem research library, which is being built behind Salem's Historical Society on Lundy Street. This library will be special, for it is a memorial to our city's local historian Dale Shafter who is so deserving of recognition. Dale was always available to answer questions of those inquiring about Salem's history, and was the author of many books on Salem's history and the city's involvement with the Underground Railroad assisting slaves and women's abolitionist and city founders, etc.

This will be a wonderful asset for the future generations of our little "Quaker" city, which is so rich in American history.

Also something sad to report is the news that Salem's historic Reilly Stadium's brick privacy wall had to be knocked down recently once again because of safety issues of the city. It was found to be structurally unstable because of deep cracks, for it was the original wall. Many citizens were saddened to think of the pillared wall to come down for it was a landmark to so many important historic events. President John F. Kennedy is pictured in front of this famous wall as he gave his political speech while running for president. This is just one example of its historic value for it was also witness to the amazing record breaking track meets of our U.S. Olympic winner Jesse Owens, of whom we are very proud. For more information on this, look up TheReillyWallProject.com

Saxon People in the News: Belated Congratulations to Jim Weber on his recent retirement! Jim is the son of our Walt and Elaine Weber and the wife of Sue Weber. He retired November 1, 2011 from his position of Veterans' Service Officer of Columbiana County. After being hired originally in 1999 as an Assistant Service Officer he took over the office in 2005. Jim also served in the Navy for 26 years and traveled extensively. He was previously a draftsman at Eljer right out of high school and is also a very talented artist as he carves our yearly pumpkins with such precision and perfection at our church, as with everything he does. He and his wife Sue do a lot for our church and the Saxon Club wherever needed.

Our county is so fortunate to be served by this Veterans' Service office which is a wonderful service for our area Veterans,

for they have files of all necessary military records. It is so important to have someone so helpful and knowledgeable in time of need. There are so many people unaware that they are eligible for benefits available to them in life changing situations. Jim's assistance was much appreciated by our family during the transition to the nursing home, which was such a difficult time.

Now that he has retired, his helpfulness never ends for he takes care of his father-in-law who lives close by, and of course, his parents who depended upon him quite a bit when Walt was ill. He inherited the chore of keeping their garden as immaculate as Walt did, driving to appointments and helping in all aspects. In the little spare time that he has, Jim enjoys deer and turkey hunting, and fishing with his brother Dave and father Walt, who can still accomplish this when he is able. He and Sue also like to take short trips to visit friends and family including many adventurous trips to visit his brother Dave's family in Homer, Alaska (the warmer section). I hope you have some time to enjoy yourself, Jim, for you certainly deserve it! You are a Godsend to so many!

Congratulations to Ike Spack who turned 90 on January 19th and celebrated with a big party, which included family and friends at our Emmanuel Lutheran Church with all invited after church on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. What a wonderful celebration for you! Happy Birthday, Ike!

Note- in ending this article I (Sue's daughter) realize I must have learned from my mother, for when I saw the picture of the birds on the feeder on the front of the February 3rd *Volksblatt* I knew I had to let everyone know that February was "National Bird Feeding Month" and put that in her article. Another one of her requests was that I fill her feeder daily and I tried to honor her wishes when able. Her little great-grandsons would help me when we would visit. We had a daily routine of tapping on her window to signal that we were there and she would raise her hand and wave from her bed that was next to the window as she watched. She loved watching for unusual birds to appear and especially loved her bright red cardinals. So, in memory of Sue, please feed the birds and think of her when you see a cardinal.

Rest in Peace Mom!

Auf Wiedersehen!

(Until we meet again!)





## DIE DEUTSCHE SEITE

### Open Air-Konzert von Peter Maffay beim Heimattag 2012

Der Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland und seine Partnerstadt Dinkelsbühl planen in einer Partnerschaft mit Peter Maffay ein exklusives Open Air-Konzert als Auftakt zum Heimattag der Siebenbürger Sachsen 2012. Zu dem Konzert, das am Freitag, den 25. Mai 2012, auf der sogenannten Schwedenwiese in Dinkelsbühl stattfinden soll, gaben die Veranstaltungspartner am 9. Februar im Dinkelsbühler Haus der Geschichte eine Pressekonferenz.



Troika der Partner bei der Pressekonferenz im Dinkelsbühler Haus der Geschichte, von links: Peter Maffay, Dr. Bernd Fabritius und OB Dr. Christoph Hammer. Foto: Erhard Graeff

Mit Maffays Dinkelsbühl-Konzert wird eine Idee verwirklicht, die anlässlich des Besuchs des Superstars am letztjährigen Heimattag entstanden war (s. "Heimattag mit Peter Maffay: 'Was für eine Energie, was für eine schöne Kraft!']"). Hier hatte Peter Maffay die Ausstellung „Kirchenburg Radeln – ein Schutzraum für Kinder“ eröffnet und während der Kundgebung am Pfingstsonntag ein Grußwort an alle Teilnehmer und Gäste des Heimattages gerichtet. Anlässlich der Feier zum 25-jährigen Jubiläum der Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Jugend in Deutschland (SJD) hat Maffay spontan gemeinsam mit dem ebenfalls anwesenden damaligen rumänischen Außenminister Dr. Theodor Baconschi auf Einladung des Bundesvorsitzenden des Verbandes, Dr. Bernd Fabritius, das Festzelt der Jugendlichen besucht. Von der tollen Stimmung förmlich angesteckt, hatte er dort gemeinsam mit der Band „Amazonas-Express“ spontan einige seiner Hits angestimmt. Da erlebte er die Begeisterung vor allem der jungen Generation über die gelebte Gemeinschaft und das Gefühl, dabei zu sein, die Maffay ansteckte und ihn ausrufen ließ: „Was für eine Energie, was für eine schöne Kraft!“

In der zum geplanten Konzert veranstalteten Pressekonferenz am 9. Februar

im Dinkelsbühler Haus der Geschichte betonte Oberbürgermeister Dr. Christoph Hammer den zahlreich anwesenden Medienvertretern gegenüber seine Freude darüber, dass im Rahmen des Heimattages der Siebenbürger Sachsen nun auch Peter Maffay - nach rund zwanzig Jahren erneut – mit einem Konzert in Dinkelsbühl zu Gast sein werde. Zur Unterstützung des Benefizcharakters zugunsten der Peter Maffay Stiftung und des Projektes „Radeln - Ein Schutzraum für Kinder“ (diese Zeitung berichtete wiederholt), sagte der Oberbürgermeister zu, dass alle für die Durchführung erforderlichen kommunalen Leistungen seitens der Partnerstadt kostenlos zur Verfügung gestellt würden. Auch die örtliche Feuerwehr und das Rote Kreuz werden demnach die Veranstaltung kostenfrei begleiten. Die Stadt wird dabei nicht auf sich gestellt sein, denn Maffay hat die Organisation der Veranstaltung in die Hände der erfahrenen Würzburger Konzertveranstaltungsagentur ARGO Konzerte GmbH übergeben, die bereits mehr als 40 Konzerte des Sängers verantwortet hat.

Auf Fragen der Medienvertreter hin begründete Maffay seine nun so prägnante Beteiligung beim Heimattreffen seiner Landsleute, der Siebenbürger Sachsen, damit, dass er von dem Zusammenhalt

in dieser Gemeinschaft so begeistert sei. Durch die Teilnahme am Heimattag werde „ein Statement“ abgegeben, das für Zusammengehörigkeit spreche. Zudem habe er in dieser Gemeinschaft keine rückwärts gewandte oder gar revanchistische Linie, sondern besonders bei der jungen Generation ein vorurteilsfreies Miteinander erkannt und den Eindruck gewonnen, dass vor allem die Jüngeren gewillt sind, „auch mal zurückzugehen, um Brücken zu bauen“, genau wie er selbst. Das bedeute nicht, endgültig in Rumänien zu leben, seine Heimat sei Deutschland, gerne aber würde er dem Landstrich Hilfen zukommen lassen, z. B. über Projekte wie Radeln. Ein Benefizkonzert dort zu veranstalten, wo er die Leute erreichen kann, die mit einem siebenbürgischen Projekt am meisten verbunden sind, sei aus seiner Sicht „charmant“. Gefragt nach dem musikalischen Inhalt des Programms, das die Besucher - die Konzertagentur rechnet mit annähernd 13 000 - erwartet, antwortete Maffay: „Rock 'n' Roll, Altes und Neues. Wir wollen es krachen lassen!“

Dr. Fabritius bedankte sich bei der Stadt Dinkelsbühl, die seit vielen Jahrzehnten schon als Gastgeberin jeweils zu Pfingsten zur „siebenbürgisch-sächsischen Hauptstadt weltweit“ werde und nun, im Jahre 2012, mit diesem Konzert als Auftaktveranstaltung des Heimattreffens ganz besonders gefordert werde. Auf die Frage der Medienvertreter, wo denn die vielen Gäste während des Ereignisses unterkommen würden, wies Fabritius auf den von der SJD organisierten Jugendzeltplatz und die vielen Übernachtungsangebote in der gesamten Region hin, die bei rechtzeitiger Buchung genutzt werden könnten. Auch unterstrich er, dass nach dem Exklusivkonzert im großen Festzelt der SJD der „Ausklang“ des Konzertes gefeiert werden könne, nachdem die Stadt eine Sperrstundenverlängerung zugesagt hatte. Zudem werde die Siebenbürgische Zeitung gerne dazu beitragen, dass möglichst viele unserer Landsleute und über die Internetpräsenz [www.siebenbuerger.de](http://www.siebenbuerger.de) weit darüber hinaus von dem Ereignis erfahren und teilnehmen könnten. Mit dem Heimattag würde der Verband „Brücken über Generationen und Grenzen“ schlagen. Dass ein so bekannter Vertreter der Siebenbürger Sachsen, der



## OUR FAVORITE RECIPES

Fat Tuesday is February 21<sup>st</sup> - the last day before we begin the Lenten season. How about making a batch of fresh Krapfen for your Mardi Gras celebration? There is nothing like a fresh batch of Krapfen (doughnuts).

### Krapfen (Doughnuts)

1/8 lb. or large cake of yeast	2 Tbsp salt
1 cup warm water	1 qt. milk
5 lb. flour	½ lb. butter
1 cup sugar	8 eggs

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Let stand. Sift dry ingredients into large pan. Heat milk and butter and mix with whole eggs. Add part of milk, butter and egg mixture with (about 2/3) to the flour, stirring until all of the flour is mixed. Add dissolved yeast and knead until smooth. Add the remaining liquid mixture and again knead until smooth. Lift dough from bottom of pan when kneading, beating in air until bubbles are formed. Cover and let rise in warm place until double in bulk. Punch down or fold dough; let rise again until double in bulk. Roll dough ½ inch thick on floured board and cut with large round cutter. Let rise about 15 to 20 minutes. Fry in deep hot fat (around 375 degrees F) on both sides until golden brown. May be sprinkled with powdered sugar before serving.

*The secret of making good Krapfen is the necessity of beating enough air into the dough when kneading it until bubbles are formed.*



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1. Em kift meruchen Män-kel za er Mor-je-göf. Drängder gön-ach dän-zen, drängder gön-ach dän-zen... wä en Sommer-dök, wä en Sommerdök.

2. Em kift mer uch en Kirschen um Harmel äs se weiß. E drängder gön ech schökelen, si wä e gäldä Reis. a

Siebenbürgisches Volkslied  
Satz von Walter Schmitt

auch durch seine Musik Generationen verbinde, auf dem Heimattag ein Konzert gibt, sei daher, so Fabritius, eine „logische Entwicklung“.

Im Sinne dieses föderalen Gedankens – man ist eine Gemeinschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen, unabhängig davon, wo man heute wohnt – planen die Partner gemeinsam mit dem Demokratischen Forum der Deutschen in Rumänien die Wiederholung des Maffay-Konzerts im siebenbürgischen Hermannstadt in der zweiten Jahreshälfte

2012. Karten zu dieser Auftaktveranstaltung des Heimattages 2012 können über [www.siebenbuerger.de](http://www.siebenbuerger.de) und alle bekannten Vorverkaufsstellen erworben werden.

Erhard Graeff  
SBZ Online  
10. Februar 2012



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# PotPourri

## The Pizza People: Americans who can't cook

Some nutritionists are discouraged by the results of a survey done for the Tufts University HNRC Cardiovascular and Nutrition Laboratory. They worry that all their healthy cooking advice is wasted on more than a quarter of Americans.

The survey conducted by Impulse Research revealed that more than 28 percent of the participants say they don't



cook because they don't know how. About half of the survey subjects said they don't cook because a spouse or partner does it, and 25 percent said they don't cook because they hate cleaning up afterward.

More than 21 percent said they

never cook because they don't have the time, and 66 percent say they don't cook because they hate to visit the supermarket, which they say takes more time than any other household task.

At Tufts, the nutrition laboratory director says the study results show what they have known for some time: the importance of incorporating food preparation and

purchasing skills into school curriculums.

Shopping, preparation and cleanup aren't very time-consuming if you plan ahead.

Preparing food at home is one of the best ways to get healthier meals.

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### Essential Nutrients for Healthy Brains

A recent study published in the journal *Neurology* has shown that seniors who include more certain essential nutrients in their diets were less likely to have brain shrinkage associated with Alzheimer's disease. They were also more likely to score better

on tests of mental performance.

What are those essential nutrients? They include omega-3 fatty acids, B and D vitamins, and antioxidants C and E. Omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin D are found in fish and some plant and nut oils. Vitamins B, C, and E are primarily found in fruits and vegetables. The essential nutrient B12 comes from animal products and fortified breakfast cereals.

Talk with your doctor about including more of these nutrients in your diet. You can get a blood test to check the levels of these chemicals in your body. To increase your intake, eat a healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and fish. Before supplementing, speak to your doctor about safely increasing your intake of these nutrient

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## Flavorful Crossword Puzzle

- Across
- Absorbs, with "up"
  - Make like a sheep
  - Crude group?
  - Greasy
  - Lascivious look
  - Heavy, durable furniture wood
  - Hold spellbound
  - Ace
  - By and large
  - Hardly the life of the party
  - Coscant's reciprocal
  - "I had no \_\_\_!"
  - Arm bone
  - Leak slowly
  - "Check this out!"

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- Exclusive
  - Dentist's request
  - Equal
  - Dump
  - Cheers!
  - In \_\_\_ of
  - Banned apple spray
  - Kid

14. Grand \_\_, Nova Scotia *diagonal.*
- Nile bird
  - Junction point
  - Arborist's concern
  - Feels punk
  - Getaway spots
  - "Cool!"

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

## Home heating safety with fireplaces, woodstoves and gas logs

The United States Fire Administration (a division of FEMA) reports that one in three American homes use fireplaces, wood stoves or gas logs as their primary heat source.

Many users are not aware of the dangers involved in heating with wood and other fuels. Each year, heating fires account for 36 percent of home fires in rural areas. Most of these fires were caused by creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes.

Whether you live in the country or in the city, creosote can cause a fire. Whether you use your fireplace or gas log as a main heating source, or just to make a winter's evening cozy. Have your chimney inspected every year.

### Woodstoves

As energy prices rise, more homeowners who have access to wood, or don't mind chopping it, are installing woodstoves. In some areas, buying wood by the cord is less expensive than heating with oil or gas.

Always buy an EPA-certified woodstove and have it properly installed.

\* Burn only dry, seasoned wood and store it outdoors, stacked off the ground and with the top covered.

\* Start fires with newspaper or dry kindling, never with a liquid starter of any kind.

\* Burn hot fires. Regularly remove ashes into a metal container and store



it outside.

\* Never burn anything but uncoated, untreated wood, no particle board, wood with glue, or moldy wood.

\* Install and maintain a carbon monoxide detector.

### Gas logs

Gas fireplaces require routine maintenance and service by a factory trained professional, who will adjust the millivolt output, clean the embers and fan, and check your carbon monoxide detector.

Unvented logs are always equipped with an Oxygen Depletion Sensor, which is designed to turn off the gas before carbon monoxide reaches a danger level in the room.

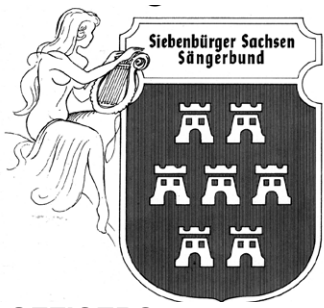
They generate a lot of heat so keep combustibles well away from them.

Always turn off the gas log before going to sleep.

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