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Issue 1

BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND By Robert Cunningham

A New Year has begun and we look forward to a year full of activities at the Sachsenheim. The following members were elected and installed to serve as officers for 2014: President – Martin Schuller; Vice President – Robert Hanek; Secretary/Treasurer – Robert Cunningham; Sergeant at Arms – Gerard Slusny; Trustees – Hans Schueller, Gerard Slusny; Board of Directors: Adolf Fischer, Robert Hanek and Robert Cunningham.

We ask our membership to lend a hand whenever they are able to show support to these officers and aid in the maintenance of the Sachsenheim.

Our first event will be our Annual Winterball on Saturday, January 18th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by performances from the German Central Farm Dancers and the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group. Music will be provided by Fred Ziwich and the International Sound Machine for the evening dancing. Admission is \$18; \$7 for children ages 5 – 12 and children ages 4 & under are Free. Please make reservations by sending a check payable to ATS Branch 1 to Robert Cunningham, 9005 Memphis Villas Blvd, Brooklyn OH 44144. Deadline for reservations is January 13th. For more information call me at (216) 398-7520.

On Friday evening, January 24th, the Sachsenheim will host the Ohio Premiere of beers from the Deschutes Brewery, the 5th largest micro-brewery in the United States. The Brewery is located in Oregon and this will be the introduction of their brews to Ohio. There will be a Wild Game Dinner for only \$4.95 which will include wild boar, venison and pheasant. The President of the Heidelberg Distributor will be donating the wild game for this feast that will be prepared by our manager/chef Scott Lindell. Heidelberg Distributor is the largest Midwest beer distributing company and the 14th largest in the US. Reservations for the dinner must be made by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888 by January 17th. There will be live music, great food and great tasting beer. Make plans to attend this special event.

The Sachsenheim's Sausage Sale will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Help will be needed on Friday and Saturday. Sausage with or without garlic will be \$3.50/pound. Sausage sandwiches will be available the day of the sale and you can pre-order a sausage/sauerkraut with polenta dinner for \$8. To place your orders for sausage and the dinner please call Maria Fischer at (216)741-1398 before January 31st. Please do not call after 9:30 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Sachsenheim so we need your support and help with

the sale. Remember this is the last sausage sale until next December, so order enough to fill your freezer. It tastes great made on the grill. Pick-up for the sausage orders will be after 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 8th.

Taco Tuesday at the Club is a popular spot for Clevelanders, Wednesday is Wing Night and Comedy Night on Thursday is enjoyed by many of the local comics and their friends. Of course, on Friday evening, various fish dinners are available.

Next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 20th at 7:00 pm.

TIME FOR AN UPDATE?



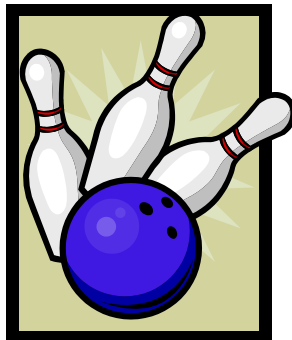
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has changed during the last year*

please let us know:

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(440) 842-8442

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ATTENTION TSBA BOWLERS

Next Session:
Sunday, January 19, 2014
in Lorain

Time: 11:00 AM

Bowling Location:
Rebman's Recreation
5300 Oberlin Ave.
Lorain, OH

The luncheon will follow
immediately after bowling.

Meal cancellation or additions,
please call Monica Gilles at
(440) 309-7894

Deadline is
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



The holidays are now behind us and it is time to pack away the decorations and the wrapping paper and enjoy the remaining cookies and other special baked goods that we enjoy at this time each year. We hope that the youngsters are pleased with the gifts that Santa brought for them and that everyone remembered to take lots of photographs for future generations to enjoy.

As usual, I will not be making any New Year's resolutions. I hope that those of you who do make resolutions, stick with them. Once again, our Home Office Staff will soon be very busy with the end of year tax forms and reports. Our Staff works very diligently for all of us. The next time you either see or talk to Joanie, Rob, Donna, or Monica, thank them for all they do for us. They are a special group and we appreciate their dedicated service.

I hope you enjoy this Christmas story, even though it is a bit late for the season. A few days after Christmas Day, Tim, a businessman, was anxious to get back home. His business trip had been grueling and he was not in a very good mood. The airport was still playing Christmas Carols and he thought that the decorations were very tacky. He also thought that the plastic mistletoe that was hung over the luggage rack was the worst. He said to Sally, the airport attendant, "You know, even if I wasn't married, I wouldn't kiss you." "That's not what it's there for", said Sally. "It's so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

Quote of the day: "Humor is our way of defending ourselves from life's absurdities by thinking absurdly about them." There is almost nothing that can't be helped with a healthy dose of humor. We could rail in anger and frustration about our relationships, work, politics, or the world in general. But it's a lot more fun-and more useful-to laugh instead. Taking life with a dose of humor can relieve stress, improve mood, help us cope with change, and put things into clearer perspective.

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

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED TUESDAY, December 31, 2013**

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SALEM SAXON RETIREES
By Nancy Stumperth

The Salem Saxon Retirees met on December 4th for their Annual Christmas Dinner. The 31 in attendance enjoyed another great snack table provided by the officers who were on the committee. The committees always seem to come up with something different each month. Our thanks to Dianne Kuttler who took care of the beverages that day. We all enjoyed the delicious Swiss Steak Dinner provided by our caterer, Beverly Doran. The tables were decorated with bright red Poinsettias donated by Siegfried & Hermine Henriss and Mike & Nancy Stumperth in memory of Matt & Herta Drotleff and Henry & Bertha Heidenreich. The lucky winners were Bob Kekel, Hilda Spack, Kaethe Schneider, Gloria Judy, George Spack, Tony Rothbrust, Dianne Kuttler and Lois Whitacre. It was nice

to have Nora Hoopes back for a visit from Florida.

President Lois Whitacre opened the meeting. As usual it was short and sweet. There will be no meetings in January and February due to unpredictable weather conditions. It was decided that the March 5th meeting will be a covered dish. The club will provide the meat and everyone is to bring a covered dish. Please make reservations with Katy Lederle, 330-533-5154, by February 27th. Hopefully by then this snow will be gone. So far we have had 15 inches above the normal amount.

The Birthdays for January are: January 2 - Butch Roth, 19 - Ike Spack, Mike Stumperth, 21 - Nora Hoopes, 24 - Walt Ulrich, 30 - Ina Dutcher. The Birthdays for February are: 7 - Twila Kloos, 9 - Francie Tuel, 13 - Janet Kekel, Betty Clayton,

14 - Marilyn McNutt & Brenda Sypko, 28 - Doris Lewis. An early Happy Birthday to all. There were no anniversaries for either month.

We want to wish the best to Mike and Regina Bruckner on their recent move to Canton. We hope they will be happy in their new home. It must be really hard to leave such a beautiful farm. We know it will be a big change for them, but I guess we all have to make hard decisions and down-sizing certainly is one of them. Hopefully this move will make it easier for both of them. They donated two beautiful, handmade cloths made in Transylvania. I know they will be appreciated.

Appologies are in order. My age is showing!! I simply forgot to send this in so that it would be in before Christmas. No excuse, just forgetful. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and healthy start to the New Year. Happy New Year to all.

Hope to see everyone in March.

Moneywise
Gambling: what are the odds that you'll win?

Most Americans enjoy going to a casino. Maybe you do too. Their second-best choice is gambling from home over the Internet. What are the chances they'll win? Thanks to public data detailing Internet gambling, a Wall Street Journal study provides some answers.

The chances of being a winner on any day aren't bad. Occasional gamblers won money on 30 percent of the days they wagered.

Continuing to gamble significantly lowers those odds. Just 11 percent of frequent players ended in the black over the two-year period. Most put less than \$150 in their pockets.

Big losers of more than \$5,000 outnumber big winners of the same amount 128 to 1.

About 95 percent of heavy gamblers were big losers. They made the largest number of wagers over the two years and 95 percent lost money.

Of the 4,222 customers analyzed in anonymous records, just 119 big losers provided half of the online casino's take and 10.8 percent provided 80 percent.

To check the results, The Journal asked the University of Michigan and the University of Connecticut to analyze a private gambling database to which they have access. They checked 18,000 holders of loyalty cards at a Native American casino. The findings were very similar.

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YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
PORK-KRAUT DINNER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014
11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
\$8.75
Children \$5.00
includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!



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
710 S. Meridian Rd. • Youngstown, OH 44509

Donation to: Memorial & Celebration Committee

Donor(s) Name _____
Address _____
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You may either

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014	FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014	FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014

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.

BRANCH 18, SALEM

By Barbara Spack

The December meeting was held on December 9th and the committee of Flo Spack, Terri Spack and Richard Spack displayed all the lovely outfits purchased for the Salvation Army Christmas program to dress 30 children. Terri and Richard made an additional generous donation of a pair of shoes for each child. The retirees group also collected monetary donations for the project. Thanks to everyone who donated, and to Flo, Terri and Richard.

Annette Howard reported on the November breakfast and the attendance was down from the previous months. However, the guests who come have very positive feedback about the breakfast and many look forward to the event each month.

The decorating committee of Flo Spack, Ron Spack and Annette Howard did a beautiful job of decorating the club

for Christmas. The joint social and Christmas party were held on December 13th. There were crafts and face painting and the children were entertained by an elf who made some intricate balloon characters; and of course there was a visit from Santa! Everyone who came had a great time. Thanks to Jill Drotleff and her committee who always do a fabulous job.

A motion was passed to cancel the January and February joint socials due to uncertain weather.

January events to look forward to are the Krapfen Sale on January 11th. Orders need to be called in by January 4th to Marcia Spack at 330.337.0250. See the ad in the *Volksblatt* for more information.

The breakfast will be on January 18th from 7 am to 10 am.

Happy New Year and may 2014 be a prosperous and healthful year for all!

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Saxon Retirees meeting held on Thursday, December 13th at 710 S. Meridian Rd, Youngstown, Ohio.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, outside and inside.

The officers and board members are hosting this gala Christmas event. The buffet table is full of cheeses, crackers, veggies, dips, hot and cold. Then after that is the table of sweets. I forgot to mention this is all preceded by a punch bowl to get the feast started.

The business of the day continued as usual.

The meeting opened with a prayer, which was a combination of all the prayers of the past year. We asked for forgiveness, love, thanksgiving and prayers for the future. Thank you, God the Father, for sending us your son as a baby for his protection for the coming year.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer gave her financial report of the monies on hand. Both reports were approved as read by all present.

We sang to the December babies, Gert Galick, Tillie Stefanick and Dominic Sugar.

The weather will decide if there will be a meeting in January and/or February. In the event of miserable weather Gert Prest will head a call list to cancel any previously scheduled gatherings.

Oh my goodness! "Here comes Santa Claus." He took time out of his busy schedule to stop to see us and give out gifts. He's so busy, poor guy, he couldn't stay for a snack.

We're moving to the Ballroom for a special holiday treat. Sit back, relax and welcome "Move Over Broadway," a group of lovely, gracious, smiling, and so talented adults. They are friends of Lucy Secka and Jim Raymond. They have come to entertain us for a time this afternoon. It was delightful. Thank you, Jim and Lucy.

"We wish you a Merry Christmas."

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

Organizing Tip

If you've been putting off a home organizing project, now is the time to tackle it. Many home improvement and organizing stores hold their best sales on containers and organizational products in January. Since the holidays usually mean an influx of more stuff, January is a good time to evaluate what you want to keep and what you should be getting rid of.

Our first meeting of 2014 will be held on Monday, January 20th at 7:00 pm. We will hold Branch 4 installation of officers and our Annual Memorial Service.



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 may contact you directly.

Radler Family

I am searching for information on the Radler family. My great grandfather, John Radler, came to this country in 1907 from Pretai, Transylvania. He was married to Mary Unger and they settled in Monaca, PA. Later, he married Sarah Kurtz.

John had a brother and two sisters. His brother Andrew married Regina Maurer and they settled in the Columbiana OH area. His sister, Sarah Radler, married Peter Binder and they settled in Erie. His other sister, Regina Radler, married Michael Theil and they settled in Monaca. She died early in life.

I am looking for any further information on any of these families. If you have any information, please email me at chipper119@comcast.net. Thank you!
Kim Radler

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

Wishing that everyone has experienced a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year, may it be prosperous for all. As of now there will be no white Christmas.

We are starting off the New Year strong. On Sunday, January 5th look for the Spaghetti Dinner in the Ballroom, public and your friends are invited. Dinner is served from 12:00 noon until 2:30 PM, with Spaghetti and Meat balls, Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. This dinner will be available every month on the first Sunday. February 2nd is the date for the next dinner.

The Retirees will meet on Thursday, January 9th. The Culture Group is sponsoring a Night at the Races on Saturday, January 11th.

On Sunday, January 12, 2014 Branch 22 and Branch 30 will meet at 2:00 PM. A reminder to all Fraternal Members Branch 22 or 30 that your dues for 2014 need to be paid. You can pay at the meeting, or send to the Branch Financial Secretary or the Club Office.

If you were at the Pork Dinner on November 18, 2013 you should have a discount ticket. Don't forget to bring it to the next Pork Dinner on Sunday, January 19, 2014. The ticket sales will give you a discount. This is the first Pork Dinner of 2014. As usual, Jim expects to have all of his volunteers back, and volunteers are always good to have. The dinner starts with Pork Tenderloin and Sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and

gravy, applesauce, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, or pop and dessert. The dinner is served from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM and always open to the public. Tickets are \$8.75 for Adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under. We have dine in or carry out available and it is always open to the public.

Today I found out Marty Eberth is in the hospital, Ron Penz has been in the hospital for some time, Bill Hegadusich has been in the hospital and nursing home for many months. Bill Buehler has been ill since August, and Bob Klein has been ill for several months. At the last meeting Marty suggested to have a Sick Visitor Group as in the past. This is needed in the Men's Lodge, as we so often have sick Brothers and they are never visited or known about their situation. For some of the older Brothers this would be fine, there is no back work, just compassion for one another. Leave your name in the office.

Thanks to all who helped Chrissie with the Christmas party for the children. As usual, there were many happy children.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the Bar and Lounge. The drinks and the food are very good and the prices are right. You can follow the menu on the Saxon News. The kitchen has a good and varying variety. The Pasta night on Mondays can't be beat.

So Goes the News.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2014

May 17 - 18, 2014

ATS Convention

Host: Branches 5 and 11, Lorain

June 20-21, 2014

North American Saxon Heimattag

Host: Branches 1 and 4, Cleveland

LOCAL EVENTS

January 4, 2014

Lorain Br. 11 Meeting 8 p.m.

January 5, 2014

Merrillville Br. 26 and 40 Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Youngstown Br. 30 Spaghetti Dinner 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.

January 8, 2014

Detroit Br. 37 Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Youngstown Br. 22 Officers meeting 6:00 p.m.

January 9, 2014

New Castle Br. 25 and 27 Meetings 7:00 p.m.

Youngstown Saxon Retirees meet Noon

January 11, 2014

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Night at the Races

January 12, 2014

Youngstown Br. 22 Meeting 2:00 p.m.

January 18, 2014

Cleveland Br. 1 Winterball

January 19, 2014

Erie Br. 2 Meeting

Youngstown Br. 30 Pork Dinner 11:30m- 2:30 p.m.

January 20, 2014

Cleveland Br. 1 and 4 Meetings 7:00 p.m.

January 24, 2014

Cleveland Br. 1 Deschutes Brewery Ohio Premiere and Wild Game Dinner

February 8, 2014

Cleveland Br. 1 Wurstmarkt / Sausage Sale

February 23, 2014

Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction

March 15, 2014

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-off

April 26, 2014

Cleveland, E.S. Sachsenchor Spring Concert

CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP

By Monica Gilles

Well, 2014 has arrived and it won't be long before we are celebrating the Saxon Heimattag at the Westside Sachsenheim. Be sure to mark your calendar for June 20-22 and plan to attend.

Until then, we hope that you will support the Dance Group and the Sachsenheim by attending the following events leading up to Heimattag. Winterball on January 18; Branch 4's Chinese Auction on February 23; our Chili Cook-off on March 15; the Eintracht Saxonia's Spring Concert on April 26; and our Trachtenball on May 10.

Congratulations to the 2014 officers – President Geoffrey Wittine; Vice President Amanda Seiler-Botsch; Secretary Monica Gilles and Treasurer Ema Litschel.

We are always welcoming new members to the dance group. If you are interested in joining please contact Geoffrey Wittine at (216) 906-5646 or Monica Gilles at (440) 309-7894. Or you can just stop down at practice. We practice Friday nights at 8 pm at the Westside Sachsenheim, 7001 Denison Avenue.

Also, do you have children that love to dance? If so, we want them! The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group would like to form a Children's Dance Group. The practices will also be on Friday nights starting at 6:30. If your child would be interested please call Geoffrey Wittine.

Hope to see everyone at the Winterball on January 18. Make your reservations now.

In the near future

Laser method may improve cataract surgery

A newly approved laser system will improve precision and safety in cataract surgery, say doctors at Duke University.

About 3 million cataract procedures are done each year in the U.S., making it one of the most common surgeries.

"Laser-assisted surgery will introduce a level of consistency, precision, and safety to cataract surgery we have never been able to accomplish with our manual methods," says Robin Raul Vann, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology Service at Duke University.

Using computer technology, the new laser system uses a 3-D image of the eye to create a precise surgical plan. It uses a high-energy pulse to make bladeless incisions.

Salem Saxon Club Krapfen Sale



Saturday,
January 11, 2014
Salem Saxon Club
1980 Newgarden
Road/Rte 9
Salem, Ohio.

The times for pickup are 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

The cost for a dozen is \$7.00.

Orders may be placed at the club house
or by calling Marcia at 330-337-0250.

Lunch will also be available
during the pickup times.

Deadline for ordering is January 4, 2014.

If Krapfen are not preordered there is no
guarantee they will be available the day of the sale.

Thank you!



CLEVELAND SACHSENHEIM
HOSTS
OHIO PREMIERE
DESCHUTES BREWERY BEERS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014

Deschutes Brewery is the 5th Largest
Micro-Brewery in the United States
Located in Bend, Oregon

Wild Game Dinner for Only \$4.95
which will include wild boar, venison, pheasant

Need reservations for dinner by calling the
Sachsenheim at (216)651-0888
By January 17th

The President of Heidelberg Distributing is
donating the wild game for the evening



DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT



SAUSAGE SALE

CLEVELAND SACHSENHEIM'S
WURSTMARKT/SAUSAGE SALE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

LAST SALE FOR THIS SEASON
Pork Sausage with or without garlic
\$3.50 per pound

Deadline for Sausage Orders: January 31, 2014

Sausage/Sauerkraut with Polenta Dinner
\$8.00 per meal (must preorder meal)

Sausage Sandwiches will be available for purchase

Orders will be taken by:
Maria Fischer – (216)741-1398
(Please do not call after 9:30 pm)

All Orders can be picked up at the Sachsenheim
AFTER 1:00 PM (NOT BEFORE) on Saturday, February 8, 2014

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Adolf Fischer
at (216)741-1398.

The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
Presents

"A Night at the Races"

Saturday, January 11, 2014
The Youngstown Saxon Club
710 South Meridian Road
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Races begin at 7:00 p.m.



\$5 Admission



Horse Racing • Chinese Auction
50/50

Food Available for Sale

Tickets available
at the Saxon Club Lounge
until January 9th.

For more information call Bonnie at
330.501.2851

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Warren, Michigan 48093
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www.stpeterswarren.or

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pastorgies@sbcglobal.net

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, CLEVELAND 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Installation of Officers



Photos: Nancy Kranstuber



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.

Joann A. Dieter
Age 82

Died: November 17, 2013
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Alice M. Brodish
Age 77

Died: December 4, 2013
Branch 7, Farrell PA

John E. Aey, Jr
Age 74

Died: December 7, 2013
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Regina Miess
Age 88

Died: December 9, 2013
Branch 7, Farrell PA

Robert L. Frederick
Age 87

Died: December 9, 2013
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Elizabeth J. Snively
Age 100

Died: December 12, 2013
Branch 17, Canton OH

Donald A. Rentz
Age 75

Died: December 12, 2013
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Charles W. Holdsworth
Age 84

Died: December 13, 2013
Branch 2, Erie PA

Hildegard Thiess
Age 89

Died: December 19, 2013
Branch 18, Salem OH

Easy pulled pork for great after-holiday dining

For two months, you've been shopping, wrapping, cooling, baking, and partying. Now you want to pull in the purse strings, but still provide your family with meals they'll love. Pulled pork is easy on the budget and requires only 15 minutes of prep time. Max. And leftovers can become your new favorites.

Crock pot slow-cooking is perfect for pulled pork and can make the ingredients sing.

Simple Slow Cook Pulled Pork

- 1 4-5 pound boneless pork shoulder or butt, trimmed of excess fat
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 4 medium garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 can of beer or root beer, not diet, (acts as a meat tenderizer), or, 1 cup regular or low-sodium chicken stock



Pork Rub

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon coarse salt
- 1 half teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 half teaspoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon barbecue sauce

Combine the chili powder, salt, cumin, and cinnamon in a small bowl with the brown sugar. Pat the pork dry with paper towels and rub well with the spice mixture.

Layer the sliced onions and garlic in the slow cooker and pour in the liquid (beer, root beer or chicken stock).

Place the meat on the onions and garlic. Cover and cook 5

to 6 hours on high or 8 to 10 hours on low, until the pork is fork tender.

Turn off the slow cooker and remove the pork to a cutting board. Using 2 forks, shred the meat into bite-sized pieces, discarding any remaining fat.

Pour the onion mixture from the slow cooker through a strainer into a bowl; return the solids to the slow cooker. Return the shredded meat to the slow cooker and mix to combine.

Now, remove the amount of meat that will be used in later meals. It refrigerates or freezes well. If you're serving on hamburger buns, add enough barbecue sauce to the remaining meat to thoroughly moisten. Serve with barbecue beans, corn and coleslaw.

Makes 10-15 servings. Try pulled pork in tacos, hash, a pot of chili, lettuce wraps, soup, or on a baked potato.

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Your Horoscope

January 2014

ARIES: Your creativity may push you in one direction while your common sense pushes you elsewhere. Options surround you and choices need to be made, so be careful.

TAURUS: When you seem to be out of sorts with your co-workers, remember that they could be backing off instead of discussing matters with you. Shape up.

GEMINI: Avoid focusing on strange news. Trying to get to the bottom of the misrepresentation is a waste of your time. Soon the right news, if there is any, will be told.

CANCER: The stars predict that you will have a lucky year. That could be true, but you know where good luck actually comes from. It's the byproduct of hard work.

LEO: Get your goals and thoughts organized for 2014. What you do now can affect your future. The connections you make can also influence life-changing decisions.

VIRGO: In 2014, life will proceed as you had imagined, but it may take longer than you expected. Be patient, honest and keep yourself at the highest level of integrity.

LIBRA: Romance could be at the forefront of your personal interests in 2014. You could bring it home to your loved one. No loved one? A new contact will soon appear.

SCORPIO: The New Year is a good time to take stock of your health and what steps you can take to preserve it or improve it. Don't be too busy to save your own life.

SAGITTARIUS: Yes! There's travel in your future. Could be in state, across the country or around the world, but it's time to create your plan or revisit one you already have.

CAPRICORN: The year begins at a hectic pace, but you'll find new energy to deal with it. Changes at work can turn things around, giving you the motivation to move ahead.

AQUARIUS: There's a sparkling sheen over your world with blue skies and all. You're also in a forgiving mood, or maybe it's just that you refuse to be bothered.

PISCES: Even though you're busy at work, part of you is sailing a sea. If you let your mind visit there every

January birthdays

- 1, James McAvoy, actor in Atonement, Scotland, 1979.
- 2, Kate Bosworth, movie actress, Los Angeles, CA, 1983.
- 3, Eli Manning, football quarterback, New Orleans, LA, 1981.
- 4, Don Shula, football Hall of Fame, Painesville, OH, 130.
- 5, January Jones, actress in Mad Men, Sioux Falls, SD, 1978.
- 6, Nancy Lopez, Hall of Fame golfer, Torrance, CA, 1957.
- 7, Rand Paul, U.S. Senator (R, Kentucky), Pittsburgh, PA, 1963.
- 8, Stephen Hawking, physicist and author, England, 1942.
- 9, Sergio Garcia, professional golfer, Spain, 1980.
- 10, George Foreman, boxer, entrepreneur, Marshall, TX 1949.
- 11, Phyllis Logan, Downtown Abbey actress Scotland, 1956.
- 12, Jeff Bezos, Amazon.com founder, Albuquerque, NM, 1964.
- 13, Julia Louise-Dreyfus, star of Veep, New York, NY, 1961.
- 14, LL Cool J, co-star, NCIS Los Angeles, Bay Shore, NY, 1968.
- 15, Pitbull, rapper, record producer, Miami, FL, 1981.
- 16, A.J. Foyt, Jr., former auto racing champ, Houston, TX, 1935.
- 17, Michelle Obama, First Lady of the U.S., Chicago, IL, 1964.
- 18, Kevin Costner, movie star, director, Lynwood, CA, 1955.
- 19, Dolly Parton, singer, actress, Sevier County, TN, 1946.
- 20, Bill Maher, TV host, comedian, New York, NY, 1956.
- 21, Geena Davis, Accidental Tourist, Wareham, MA, 1957.
- 22, Greg Oden, famous basketball player, Buffalo, NY, 1988.
- 23, Mariska Hargitay, Law & Order, Santa Monica CA, 1964.
- 24, Ed Helms, actor in The Hangover, Atlanta, GA, 1974.
- 25, Alicia Keys, musician and singer, New York, NY, 1981.
- 26, Ellen DeGeneres, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, New Orleans, LA, 1958.
- 27, John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the U.S., Buffalo, NY, 1955.
- 28, Elijah Wood, in Lord of the Rings, Cedar Rapids, IA, 1981.
- 29, Tom Selleck, star of Blue Bloods, Detroit, MI, 1945.
- 30, Gene Hackman, star of many movies, New York, NY 1930.
- 31, Minnie Driver, actress in Good Will Hunting and Gross Point Blank, England, 1970.

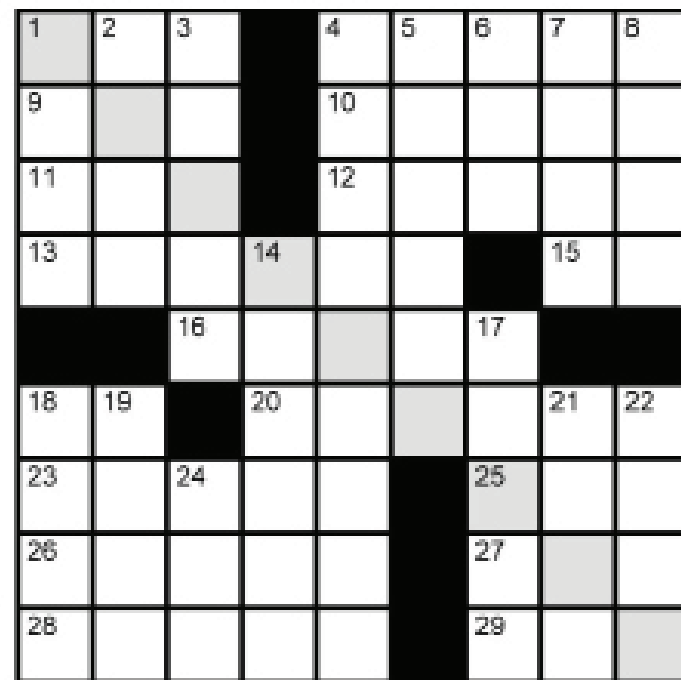
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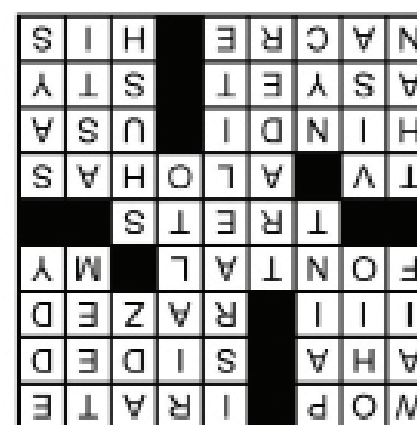
1. Doo-___
4. About to explode
9. "Bingo!"
10. Allied (with)
11. "Rocky ___"
12. Levelled
13. From a spring
15. "___ Gal Sal"
16. Weight allowances, once
18. Idiot box
20. Warm welcomes
23. Language in Mumbai
25. Dos Passos trilogy
26. So far
27. Pig pen
28. Mother-of-pearl
29. Part of H.R.H.

Down

1. Homeless child
2. Its quarter says "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"
3. Do watercolors
4. Exodus participant
5. Venetian marketplace
6. Cutting tool
7. Abound
8. Small whirlpool
14. Wall Street figure
17. "Pipe down!"



18. Comparative word
19. MasterCard alternative
21. ___ Spumante
22. "___ who?"
24. Home to Columbia U.



The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

Medicare Part B premiums stay the same in 2014

Seniors have saved \$8.3 billion on Part D prescriptions since the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services recently announced.

Medicare Part D is for drugs purchased by individuals. When the initial coverage reaches \$2,970, they are in the gap or doughnut hole between that amount and catastrophic coverage.

For those, drug makers will give the government a 52.5 percent discount on premium drugs and 21 percent on generic drugs in order to participate in Medicare4, and the government will pass the savings on to seniors.

Medicare Part B covers medically necessary services, as well as preventive services. The premiums for Part B will stay at \$104 a month for 2014, the same as in 2013. Premiums have either decreased or stayed the same for the past three years. The deductible will also stay at \$147.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.



January days usher in the winter carnival time

The residents of St. Paul, Minnesota, are hardy souls who are acclimatized to winters that bring blustery blizzards, ice and slush. They avidly encourage visitors from balmy climates to join them in their winter-weather festivities.

Someone once called Minnesota the land of visible breath. That doesn't keep people inside by the fire, especially during the St. Paul Winter Carnival, which takes place between Jan. 23 and Feb. 2 in 2014; it will be the 128th year of celebration. People pull out their long johns, wool socks, ski togs, scarves and earmuffs in order to spend many days enjoying the events.

Both the daytime and lighted nighttime parades feature floats with winter themes and the newly crowned royalty, including King Boreas, Queen of the Snows, and Volcanus Rex, the implacable enemy of Boreas, and other nefarious characters

The 10-day event includes a long roster of fun and challenging contests and exhibitions, including ice golf, softball, skiing contests, sled dog races and



skating. The ice carving competitions grow more extravagant and dazzling with each passing event. Last year, ice carvers produced a life-sized bear driving a car.

Snow-making machines start whirring a few days in advance to ensure enough of the white stuff. There's even a robotic snowplow competition. Ten teams of college engineering students vie for the top prize of \$5,000 and use their autonomous rolling machines, which push snow through the use of lasers, GPS and other tech tricks.

The carnival, started in 1886, is considered the oldest and largest winter festival in the United States. It has been dubbed "the coolest celebration on earth."



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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the New Year! The ATS Board of Directors wish our members and friends a year of happiness, good health, peace and success. We look forward to another year of providing you with good service, excellent insurance and annuity products, fraternal benefits and activities.

This year, besides our usual national and local events, we will hold our ATS Convention at Sawmill Creek Resort hosted by Lorain Branch 5 the weekend of May 17-18. The following month we will celebrate the North American Saxon Heimattag that will be held at the Cleveland Sachsenheim the weekend of June 20-22. At that same time, we will host a mixed cultural group from Germany: Siebenbürgische-sächsische Youngster Band Sachsenheim; Jugendtanzgruppe der Siebenbürger Sachsen Nürnberg and Schlager-Taxi. These young folks will spend one week in Canada and one week in the United States with performances at the 2014 Heimattag. We hope our local Branches will be well-represented at both of these important Saxon events.

Let us all make a resolution this January, to start the new year with enthusiasm for new goals for our fraternal society. Let's work together to increase membership in the ATS to revitalize our organization; to become more involved in our local branches, senior organizations, cultural groups and activities for our younger members. We need to actively participate in our fraternal's functions and make more folks aware of our Transylvanian Saxon fraternal. We must encourage the younger generation to know about our Transylvanian Saxon fraternal activities and how important they are to our organization.

The ATS Board of Directors is asking you to make a commitment to your local branch for this coming year to get more involved and volunteer your services to support your branch's goals and projects. We have wonderful people within our organization that have great talents and we need them to share their talents with us.

*Let's Make a Resolution for 2014 that we work together
to strengthen our ATS and Local Branches
by volunteering and bringing in new ATS Members.*