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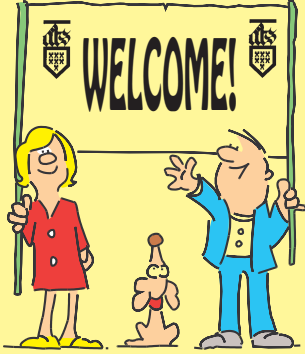
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Issue 1



NEW MEMBERSHIP ROLL CALL

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
welcomes the following new members who
recently joined our Fraternal Society:

Branch 1 – Cleveland

Cooper M. Shroll
Kaden A. Weigand

Branch 2 – Erie

Augustine Italiani
Patricia L. Italiani
Kyleigh M. Scutella

Branch 3 – Alliance

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Branch 9 – Chicago

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Maeve M. Law
Marcia L. Niefeld
Marcia L. Niefeld
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Branch 27 – New Castle

Scarlet M. Palkovitch

Branch 29 - Monaca

Colby S. Cunningham

Branch 30 - Youngstown

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Gene Folkwein
Logan L. Harshbarger
Caleb J. Hernandez
Henry Hockenberry
Kevin A. Miller, Jr.
Andrew J. Sizer
Roman A. Sheffield-Scheetz

Branch 33 - Cleveland

Crosby N. Daniels

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



Another wonderful holiday season has passed. It may have been a very busy one, but it is very much worth it. We here in Erie, had a white Christmas, although it was just a dusting of snow. But actually, that is all we needed. Now Mother Nature can put her snow machine away until next Christmas. I can dream, can't I?

Now that it is the year 2013, I suddenly realize that 2012 really flew by so quickly. It seems that the older I get, the faster time goes by. With the New Year, our Home Office staff will be quite busy with preparing various tax forms along with their daily work assignments. We are so thankful to have such very loyal and dedicated employees. When you see Joanie, Rob, Donna, or Monica, please say thank you to them. They deserve all the thanks we can give.

With the New Year, many of our local Branches will be setting the dates for their Branch activities. I encourage you to attend as many of these as you can. It is most important that you attend monthly meetings as often as possible also. It is also nice to attend as many national events as you can. The schedule of most events, both local and national are printed in the *Volksblatt*.

I am planning to visit some of the Branch monthly meetings during the year. This, of course, depends upon my schedule and the weather. I will telephone the Branch President and inform him/her when I am able to attend their meeting.

I believe that our members who are pet owners might enjoy this bit of advice. To tell the weather, go to your back door and look for the dog. If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's raining. If the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is raining very hard. If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's windy. If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing. Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather. Signed: Sincerely, THE CAT.

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

2013 Youth Activities

JUGENDLAGER IN GERMANY



The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons will be entitled to send five ATS members between the ages of 16 - 21 to the Jugendlager in Germany this summer. It will be a two week program that will include participation from youths representing Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania and the USA. The Jugendlager is scheduled to be held July 3 or 4 through July 17 or 18, 2013. The detailed itinerary has not been received as yet, but we wanted our teens to start thinking about their possible desire to be a participant.

The ATS Youth Activities Committee will be sending more information out to our members this winter along with an application. Our selection will be based on the teen's participation in their local branch and also in our national events as well as their interest to learn about the Transylvanian Saxon culture.

The ATS will pay for the participants' Rally fees. The participants will be required to pay for their airfare and incidental spending money.

This will be a chance in a lifetime for five of our worthy members!

We will send additional information to our members in the next few months.



Be
**ACTIVE
TRUE
STOLZ!**

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2013**

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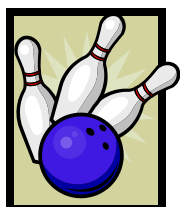
ATTENTION TSBA BOWLERS PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE

Next Session:
Sunday, January 20, 2013 in New Castle

Time: 10:30 AM



Bowling Location:
Colonial Lanes
3210 Wilmington Rd.
New Castle, PA



Luncheon: Saxon Club
108 Taylor St. New Castle, PA
Meal cancellation or additions,
please call Rich Baker at (724) 854-0149
Deadline is January 15, 2013

BRANCH 2, ERIE
By Lee Wolfe

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, December 11th, 2012 at 2:30. After our meeting we held our Annual Memorial Service for our 2012 deceased members and deceased loved ones of the members. After the Service we held our Chi Party, enjoying tea and brandy, coffee, cookies and cheese and crackers. A voluntary collection was taken up for a Christmas donation to a charity of the members' choice, which this year was the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. We also made a donation to the Saxon Relief Fund.

We welcome new members Patricia Italiani and Augustine Italiani.

Congratulations to our young members who took first place in their division and age group in the Bowl Where You Are Tournament, namely: Madison Swift, Cassidy Shannon, Kiaunna Sutton, Owen Gavio, Kyle Van DeMerwe, and Kyle Sutton. In the future, Bowl Where You Are Tournaments, President Manning reported, will be held in January and February. It is felt that in those months our young members will not be so much involved in school activities and sports.

We received a nice Thank You from Judy Wagner and her family for our donation to the Erie Branch 2 Scholarship Fund in memory of member Dick Wagner. Perhaps one day in the future, one of Dick's grandchildren will be a recipient of a Branch 2 Scholarship.

We will hold our Supper/Business meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 2:30 PM. The menu will be Chicken Fingers and all the trimmings, The fee for this is \$5.00 per member and \$8.00 per non-member. Please make your reservation with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494 and submit your payment to her at 4226 Dominion Dr., Erie, PA, 16510.

At the above January meeting we will hold our Election of Officers for 2013. Anyone wishing to run for an office should contact George Cook at 833-7217.

As a reminder, please pay your Erie Branch 2 dues of \$6.00 for 2013. Please submit your payment to Liz Manning at 1027 East 30th St., Erie, PA 16508. Please make your

check out to Erie Branch 2 and mark "Dues" in the memo part. Thank you.

Our hearts go out to the families in Newtown, Connecticut who are so grief stricken over the terrible loss of their beautiful little children and the caring adults at the Sandy Hook School. Let us keep them in our prayers that the Dear Lord will help them thru this unbearable sorrow.

A very Happy Birthday to all of our January babies some of who are: Richard Gaber, Tiffany M. Jackson, Ann McLaughlin, Donald G. Slater, Katelyn M. Griffith, Mary Lou Kenny, Evelyn Garafalo, Anthony Heintzel, Diane M. Lethaby, Kiaunna M. Sutton, Nicholas Gunns, Mary Elizabeth Nicholson, Samantha J. Comi, Elsie M. Craciun, Donalee Morschhauser, Qulnn H. Griffith, Fr. Edward D. Shellito, and Bradley A. McLaughlin.

A very Happy Anniversary to our January couples: Marvin & Margaret Hunt, 57 years; Albert & Gail Webb, and Tom & Liz Manning, 55 years; Alan & Donna Youngquist, 60 years; Robert & Diane Santos, 15 years; and Joseph & Kathleen Koscielniak.

We wish all of the above a really lovely day they can celebrate with people they hold dear.

I can't believe that my Christmas preparations are almost done, but they had to be as we are celebrating on Sunday the 23rd as our older son has to work on Christmas Day. I have to wrap the presents and do some grocery shopping and that's it. My sister Kate sent us a Pecan Pie and I am fighting with myself not to get into it before Sunday. Pecan Pie is a weakness of mine (among many) so I am trying to be good, cause Santa Claus won't bring me any presents if I'm bad and Husband will squeal on me.

By the time this column appears Christmas day will be done and I hope you all had a wonderful day. We wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year filled with many joys and no tears, We hope the Dear Lord watches over all of you and our beautiful country.

See you at the January meeting, take care.

Take a shot at keeping your New Year's resolutions

Once again the new year and the inevitable resolutions are upon us. Lose weight. Exercise more. Be more responsive to the family.

Those are the typical goals that people make and break in January. Sometimes it seems that the only new years resolution that works is resolving not to make one.

Still, these are good commitments. If you want a better chance of making them stick, you might heed the advice of Roy F. Baumeister and John Tierny, authors of "Willpower: Rediscovering the Greatest Human Strength."

First, remember that every exercise in mental self-control takes a physical toll.

The authors give an example of an experiment in which hungry students were immersed in the yummy smells of baking chocolate cookies. Some of the lucky hungry kids were put in rooms by themselves and told to eat the warm cookies if they wanted to. Other unlucky students were left alone in a room and told they could not eat the cookies but they could eat radishes. The radish eaters used their willpower to not eat the cookies. Later, the radish eaters, having exhausted themselves by not eating cookies, were much less able to spend time on other tasks.

Willpower, the author says, is diminished with use. Resisting temptation costs willpower and so does controlling strong emotions or focusing on a mental task. So if you are tired, overworked and overwrought, you are in danger of breaking resolutions because you don't have any willpower left to keep them.

Luckily, willpower is also replenished by rest. So if you want better family relationships, come home early or give yourself time to rest after work. If you want to exercise more, make sure you aren't mentally exhausted before you get on the treadmill.

You can help yourself by doing certain things too. If you are on a diet, you can plan ahead as to what you will do when confronted with a buffet (I'll eat the grilled chicken but not the cake). You can promise yourself cake later (I'll have a piece but not today).

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You may either

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

FAX: (440) 399-9339

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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.

PLEASE NOTE NEW

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013	FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2013
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

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.**

HAVE A NEW ADDRESS?

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

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

Excerpts from the Saxon-English Dictionary



compiled by
Dan "Hoot" Schuller
 Branch 29 Monaca, PA

Von et shmakt fane, et aas net fane fooyr Dech
 If it tastes good, it is not good for you

Tyaa baast nohr a zih ahlt vau tyaa faalst
 You're only as old as you feel

Fillicht ech zahl ouch fillicht ech zahl net
 Maybe I will and maybe I won't

Voa aas en Zahl, doa aas en Veeaach
 Where there's a will, there's a way

Da Vaynt baa mane Raak
 The wind at my back

Hemlich ahver zaacher
 Slow but sure

Doa aas naast vau Soxish Heem-gemahcht Brooyt
 There's nothing like Saxon home made bread

Net fay aast oun vaht tyaa koost net faartighen
 Don't start anything you can't finish

Mer zen ahlt, ahver mer kennen nohch fooahren
 We're old, but we can still drive

Pair	<i>Pooahr</i>	Playground	<i>Shpillplahtz</i>
Paper	<i>Papaar</i>	Plenty	<i>Fill</i>
Pardon	<i>Enshaaldich</i>	Pop (Father)	<i>Pup</i>
Pay	<i>Betsooahlen</i>	Porch	<i>Leef</i>
Pee	<i>Pishen</i>	Pound	
Pen	<i>Fedder</i>	(weight)	<i>Faaouunkt</i>
Pencil	<i>Bloashteft</i>	Prefer	<i>Laaver</i>
People	<i>Layt</i>	Price	<i>Kost</i>
Perhaps	<i>Fillicht</i>	Pull	<i>Dooahs</i>
Permit	<i>Terf</i>	Put	<i>Dyaa</i>
Plate	<i>Sheiff</i>		

At resorts, there's plenty of winter fun for mid-lifers and seniors

People age 55 and beyond vary widely in physical strength and coordination. Some still like to ski or snowboard, while others visit resorts in winter to view a wealth of pristine beauty. There are activities for all.

Ski and snowboard instructions are given to seniors and mid-lifers at places such as The Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania.

Their 55+ Crew is open to intermediate skiers age 55 and up who are looking to fine tune their skills.

Yellowstone Tour & Travel offers customized vacations for both singles and couples. They say their package is ideal for a senior who wants to see Yellowstone's Old Faithful and the Grand Canyon from the comfort of a coach vehicle.

Tours and cruises in Alaska are also popular, and resorts

in the southern United States have wonderful winter packages.

How about a job at a resort?

Savvy employers know the value seniors bring: a strong work ethic, decades of experience and the wisdom that comes from all kinds of work situations.

Retirement is not what it used to be. Today's senior might find it rewarding to work a seasonal job at a resort or to take his or her skill to a developing country with the Peace Corps.

National parks, including Acadia, Denali, Grand Teton, Mesa Verde, Yellowstone and others offer seasonal jobs to workers of all ages, including seniors. Princess Cruises and Holland America have jobs in customer service, on the dock staff or as a naturalist.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN
 By Tom Fizet

The Christmas Holiday season has passed and we wish you all a Happy New Year, and want you to remember the Christ Child's birth all through the New Year.

There will be a Valentine Dinner and Variety show in the Ballroom on February 16, 2013. On the program are Sonny and Cher, June Carter and Johnny Cash, Sammy Davis Jr. and Nancy Sinatra. Tickets for the Dinner and Show are \$ 30.00 per person and are available from the Office, phone 330-792-7973. Talk to Mike Teutsch Jr. for more information.

It always happens; we tried to acknowledge those who have helped in some way to improve our facilities. We will add these names; Helen Fotiuk, Pete Karsti, Marie Bachinger, Eve Karsti, Wolfgang and Helga Wengler, those who help with Bingo and with Wednesday Nights. From Roger, I would like to thank all of my newsletter helpers for helping me during the year to get the News out on time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Thank you very much.

Coming soon on the Calendar: Couple's Bocce start up meeting is on January 3, 2013, Bocce competition will begin on January 7, 2013. Both Branches meet on January 13, 2013 at 2:30 PM, Spaghetti Dinner will be served in the Ballroom from 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM, the Branch 30, Pork Dinner will be on Sunday January 20, 2013 in the Ballroom, Super Bowl will be held on February 3, 2013 in the Bar and Lounge. BRANCH 30 DUES: Don Hoelzel, Fraternal Secretary will be collecting dues in January, February and March, 2013. You can send your dues to the Club office, 710 South Meridian Rd. Youngstown, Ohio, 44509, and I will get them from my mail box. Thank you, Don Hoelzel.

BRANCH 22 DUES: starting in 2013 dues for Branch 22 are \$24.00 per year, mail to Branch 22, Financial Secretary; Betty Garhammer, 969 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio, 44511. you may also pay at the meeting starting at 1:30 PM, thank you.

Don't have your ticket for the 300 Club Dinner? They are easy to get. Call any Salesperson or call me at 330-792-7249, or see me at the monthly meeting. Thank You - Tom
 So Goes the News.

A diplomat is a person who thinks twice before saying nothing.



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.

WURSTMARKT / SAUSAGE SALE

Saturday, February 9, 2013

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



Pork Sausage with or without garlic
 \$3.50 per pound

Deadline for Sausage Orders:
 February 1, 2013

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

Order will be taken by:
 Maria Fischer - (216) 741-1398
 Robert Cunningham - (216) 398-7520
 or email to rbcunningham@roadrunner.com

ALL ORDERS can be picked up at the Sachsenheim after 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013

If you are interested in learning how to make sausage, please give Rob Cunningham a call at 216-398-7520

I'm not superstitious, I'm just a little stitious. Have a lucky 2013!

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
PORK-KRAUT DINNER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013
 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
 \$8.75
 Children \$5.00
 includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2013

- May 18, 2013
ATS Branch Presidents' Meeting
 Host : Detroit Branch 37 Celebrating its 100th Anniversary
- June 21-23, 2013
North American Saxon Heimattag
 Kitchener, Ontario Canada

LOCAL EVENTS

- January 10, 2013
 Youngstown Retirees meet
- January 12, 2013
 New Castle 150 Club Banquet
 Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Night at the Races
- January 13, 2013
 Cleveland - Smoked Pork Chop and Sauerkraut Dinner
 Youngstown Spaghetti Dinner
- January 26, 2013
 Cleveland Br. 1 Winterfest
- January 30, 2013
 Youngstown Pork Dinner
- February 3, 2013
 Youngstown Super Bowl Party in the Lounge
- February 10, 2013
 Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet
 Youngstown Spaghetti Dinner
 Cleveland Bowlers TSBA Bowling session
- February 14, 2013
 Youngstown retirees meet
- February 16, 2013
 Youngstown Valentine Show and Dinner
- February 17, 2013
 Youngstown Pork Dinner
- February 24, 2013
 Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner
- March 2, 2013
 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Chili Cook-off
- March 6, 2013
 Youngstown Fish Dinner in the Lounge
- March 9, 2013
 Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Sausage Sale
- March 10, 2013
 Youngstown Branches 22 and 30 meet
 Youngstown Spaghetti Dinner
 Cleveland Sachsenchor Goulash Dinner
- March 13, 2013
 Youngstown Fish dinner in the Lounge
- March 14, 2013
 Youngstown Retirees meet
- March 17, 2013
 Youngstown Pork Dinner
 Youngstown Saint Patrick's Day Party in the Lounge
- March 20, 2013
 Youngstown Fish Dinner in the Lounge
- March 21, 2013
 Youngstown Golf Meeting - Joe Kubick
 Youngstown Presidents Goulash Dinner
- March 23, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- March 27, 2013
 Youngstown Fish Dinner
- April 5, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 - 250 Club Banquet
- April 14, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 2013 Membership Banquet
- April 27, 2013
 Cleveland Sachsenchor Spring Concert
- May 4, 2013
 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
- June 9, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Sunday Dinner
- July 20, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Pork and Pali Fest
- August 10, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 Sommerfest
- October 19, 2013
 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest
- October 25, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Children's Halloween Party
- November 10, 2013
 Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Veterans Day Dinner
- December 5, 2013
 Cleveland Sachsenchor Sausage Sale

How to Decorate without Breaking the Lease

Many apartments start out plain and boring. When you move in, it is natural to want to make the space your own. But you often run up against restrictions in your lease. While you may not be able to change the paint color, remodel the kitchen, or knock out a wall, you can still personalize your apartment in creative ways. Consider these simple tricks to make your apartment your home.

Change out the hardware. You can replace knobs, drawer pulls, and handles in the kitchen and bathroom. Be sure to measure carefully and find replacements that don't require you to drill new holes. Light fixtures can also be swapped out. Turn off the power at the circuit breaker box or consult an electrician for help with rewiring a light. With any change, be sure to carefully store the original fixtures to swap back when you move out.

Update your plumbing fixtures. You can replace shower heads and sink faucets to update the look of your bathroom or kitchen. Avoid any work that requires soldering. Consult with a plumber for help if you are unsure of doing the work yourself.

Paint your furniture. You may not be able to paint your walls, but you can paint your furniture. Adding color to chairs, chests, desks, tables, or dressers can add a pop of color without doing anything permanent to the room. If that is still not enough color for you, add some bright throw pillows to your beds and couch.

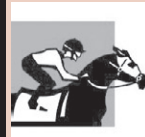
Brighten up your windows. Add some life to your room by putting up unique and beautiful window treatments, blinds, and interesting curtain rods. If you really want to change the look of a room, install long curtains that reach to the floor. This gives you the most bang for your buck.

Bring the outdoors in. Plants add color, life, and interest to any room. You can accent your décor with different sizes and types of plants. Use bright pots and containers. Remember that plants don't need to stay down low. Add some fresh plants to the tops of bookshelves or cabinets. In addition to looking lovely, they also will help clean the air in your home.

The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
 Presents

"A Night at the Races"

Saturday, January 12, 2013
 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 • Poker • Black Jack
 Food Available for Sale

Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the event or at the Youngstown Saxon Club office prior to January 12th.

For more information call Bonnie at 330.501.2851

Cleveland Westside Sachsenheim
 Presents

ANNUAL WINTERFEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Program

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Dancing Entertainment

The new German Band: Spaß

\$18.00 Admission

\$7.00 for children 12 and under

Free for children 4 and under

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

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

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS
 IS JANUARY 21, 2013**

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

Cleveland Sachsenheim's Sunday Dinner Smoked Pork Chop and Sauerkraut Dinner



January 13, 2013

1:00 PM

Adults \$13.00

Children Age 12 & under \$ 8.00

Call for Reservation:

Rob Cunningham (216) 398-7520

Deadline for reservations January 7, 2013

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

**Rev. Waldemar Gies
Pastor**
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

**CLEVELAND BRANCHES 1 AND 4
HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP BANQUET
HONORING 50 AND 60 YEAR MEMBERS**



Sara Hermann receiving her 60 year membership certificate from Branch 4 President Monica Weber



60 year member Marie Binder and Br. 4 President Monica Weber



Branch 4 officers for 2013 are about to be installed



Dieter Herbert, Br. 1 50 year member, receiving his certificate from Rob Cunningham, Br. 1 Secretary



Sara Ordosch, 60 year member of Branch 4 receiving her certificate from President Monica Weber



Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor singing some festive holiday selections

**BRANCH 4,
CLEVELAND**
By Joan Miller-Malue

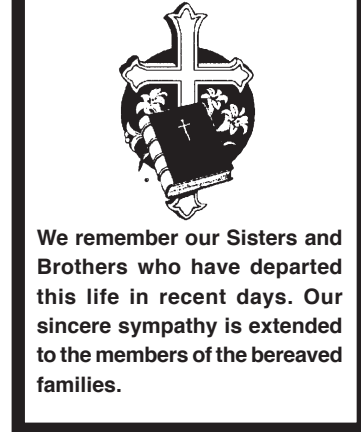
The New Year is widely accepted as a time to start fresh, and every year people make resolutions to better themselves. We hope that 2013 will be a good year for you and your family and that you enjoy good health and happiness. We also hope that one of your resolutions was to enjoy Saxon Gemütlichkeit at the Sachsenheim at all our various events and monthly Branch meetings.

We invite you to attend the first meeting of the year which will be held on Monday, January 21st at 7:00 pm. We will hold our annual memorial service at the start of the meeting. The Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor will sing for this special tribute to our Sisters and Brothers who died during this past year.

The first event at the Sachsenheim will be the Smoked Pork Chop and Sauerkraut Dinner that will be held on Sunday, January 13th at 1:00 pm. We will hold several Sunday dinners during the year to help defray some of the expenses of running the Clubhouse so we are asking for your support. Why not come after church, enjoy a great dinner and converse with your friends for several hours and help out the Club at the same time. To make reservations, call Rob Cunningham at (216) 398-7520 before January 7th.

On Saturday, January 26th, the Sachsenheim will host its Annual Winterfest featuring a performance by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and dancing to the music of Spaß. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$18 for adults; \$7 for children age 12 & under and children age 4 & under are free. Send a check payable to ATS Branch 1 to Robert Cunningham, 9005 Memphis Villas Blvd, Brooklyn OH 44144 by January 21st. For further information call Rob at (216) 398-7520.

The Sachsenheim's Annual Sausage Sale will be held on Saturday, February 9th. We are looking for some young



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.

Rose Daichendt
Age 95
Died: April 13, 2011
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Doris A. Havas
Age 75
Died: December 10, 2012
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

John C. Aber
Age 79
Died: December 13, 2012
Branch 1, Cleveland OH

workers for that day. If you are interested in helping let Robert Cunningham know when you call in your order. You can place your order for sausage with or without garlic by calling Robert Cunningham at (216) 398-7520 or email him at rbcunningham@roadrunner.com or call Maria Fischer at (216) 741-1398. This is the last sausage sale for the season, so make sure you stock up! Deadline for orders is February 1.

Branch 4's Annual Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 24th. Please mark this date in your calendar and help us make this the best fundraiser yet. Letters will be going to our members requesting donations of NEW items or a monetary donation. This is a great time to purchase a fantastic item since there are great sales going on after Christmas. We are truly grateful for the wonderful support we get each year and thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. We hope you encourage your friends to join us for this fun afternoon.



"Good idea, John. I've never thought about growing my comb-over according to the prevailing winds."

PotPourri

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Technology and you Tips to guess a password

Bad guys have lots of ways to guess your password and most of them are pretty simple:

They try the name of your kid, spouse, pet and combine it with your birthday or your anniversary and you get a typical combo: jason1981. Goodbye identity!

If that doesn't work, they run the dictionary. If your password equals any word in the dictionary, you are owned.

Do you fall into these categories? Really, do you? Because if your identity, computer, credit card, bank account, have not been hijacked yet, it is a matter of time.

To protect yourself try some ideas like this:

Go long: Long passwords are just hard to crack. Use 25 letters and numbers. You can use a favorite phrase (as long as it isn't on Facebook) and mix it up a little. Add some numbers and a top keyboard character.

Go visual: Look at your keyboard. and trace a pattern on the keys such as a WV. They numbers in your trace are your password.

Combine familiar things with numbers and characters. The initials of your kids separate by two or three memorable numbers, so long as those numbers are not your address or birthday.



Wängsch zem Nuëigouhr

Ein Gedicht zum neuen Jahr, aufgezeichnet von Friedrich Schuster.

Wängsch zem Nuëigouhr

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
 ihre Gëildsäck ängje voul,
 mät em Boindjel zägedrëiht,
 niche Fläcken ugenëiht!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr
 ohne Sturm uch ohnen Hoult,
 dät äm Wänkter er net fraist
 uch de Ärbet net verlaist!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
 ihrem Auto Sälwerstouhl,
 mät vār Räder, dai äng gouhn,
 uch äm Schnī net blëiwe stouhn!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr
 ohne Sorjen uch Gefouhr;
 Lot det Känn uch dūn net hëin,
 wunn äm Hois flejen de Spëin!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
 wāt vergongen äs, wāt wour,
 hot er sächer schui vergëißen,
 wāte kit, soll net enttëischen!*

Aufgezeichnet von Friedrich Schuster

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Winter safety tips from Penske Truck Leasing: Remember the 3 P's: Prepare, Protect, Prevent

Each year, Penske Truck Leasing offers winter driving tips to help drivers prepare for wintry weather.

If you are traveling during winter weather, Penske recommends the three Ps:

PREPARE your vehicle:

Do a proper pre-trip inspection to make sure all systems are working properly. Clear snow and ice from all windows, hood and roof. Don't forget the trailer.

Make sure all lights on the vehicle, inside and out, are working properly. Road salt and winter sludge tend to cover lights, reducing visibility. Clean headlights and tail lights frequently when it's snowing.

PROTECT yourself: Use extra caution when traveling across bridges and overpasses.

Listen to weather reports and allow extra time to reach your destination.

Stock your vehicle with basic supplies like warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, extra food, bottled water, road flares and a first aid kit.

Be aware of wind conditions and their effect on load weight.

Keep your tank full. A half-full tank can lead to water condensation in the fuel line.

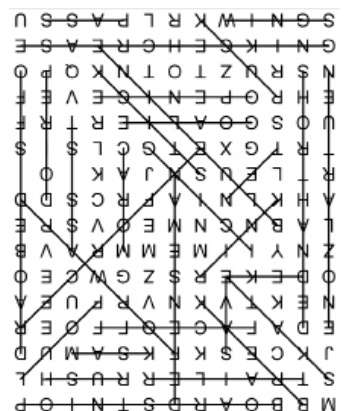
PREVENT crashes: Avoid fatigue. Get plenty of rest before a trip and take breaks.

Increase your distance between other vehicles on the road and leave plenty of room for stopping. Slow down and reduce speed by 50 percent on slick surfaces.



TAKE A LOAD OFF - Some aches and pains can be relieved by simply losing weight. Walking puts three times your body weight on your feet with every step, according to the Institute for Preventative Foot Health. Even if you don't have to lose weight, address foot pain immediately. Experts say it will only get worse.

DON'T GO CHEAP - Good shoes will save your feet. Look for a wide toe box and a firm grip on your heel. Cheap shoe construction often leaves arches and the foot pad unsupported.





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HAPPY NEW YEAR



*New years come and new years go,
Pieces of time all in a row.
As we live our life, each second and minute,
We know we're privileged to have you in it.
Our appreciation never ends
For our greatest blessings: our family and friends.*



The ATS Board of Directors is grateful to our Branch Officers, Deputies and Members for the efforts they put forth to encourage their family and friends to become members and share in the many benefits offered by our fine fraternal. We can be proud of our past accomplishments and look ahead with confidence and anticipation to our future.

The old saying is "any organization is only as good as its members." This coming year we hope that our members participate more in their local branch meetings and activities as well as in the national events. We encourage our members to support the cultural groups that work so diligently to keep the Transylvanian Saxons' culture alive in the USA. We ask that you volunteer at your local branch wherever your talents are needed so that your local branch stays strong. Many branches are looking for members to serve as officers, to help coordinate activities and work on charitable projects. It is important that we keep our children involved in our events and to hold special youth activities. Welcome the services of our young people and any of their new ideas that could improve the vitality of our fraternal.

Our Alliance offers its members an exclusive combination of values: 1) financial security given with our portfolio of life insurance plans; 2) retirement savings given with our annuities and IRA contracts; 3) fraternal fellowship provided in our nation and local branch activities. We recommend that you discuss your insurance needs and savings options offered by the ATS with your Local Deputy or the ATS Home Office.

Our national events this year will include the Annual Saxon Heimattag Celebration that will be held in Kitchener, Ontario, June 21—23; ATS Family Day July 27; Golf Outing August 10th; Transylvanian Saxon Bowling Sessions Sept—April; Open-Bowling Tournament October 19—20th. Our Youth Activities will include Bowl Where You Are Tournament during February-March; Summer Camp Week of July 14; Teen Weekend Sept 6—8; completion of cook book project; several coloring contests. In addition 5 members between the ages of 16—21 will have the opportunity to participate in the Jugendlager to be held in mid July hosted by Germany. Branch 37—Detroit will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2013 and the ATS Branch Presidents' Meeting will be held in conjunction with this special celebration on May 18th.

We have a great year ahead of us! Let's join forces to make this a prosperous year for our society and share our Saxon Gemütlichkeit with one another and our communities.

*OUR WARMEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!*

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