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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7 pm. Collection of premiums and local dues will be taken at 6:30 pm. March 18th is the 77th day of this year and there are only 288 days remaining for those who have not attended an event or meeting to enjoy our Gemütlichkeit at the Sachsenheim. We have plenty of events coming up!

We are glad that Sara Ordosch has been back home for several weeks now from her stint in the nursing home. If you would like to brighten her day, you may call her at 440-843-8785. I am sure see will be happy to hear from your friends.

We had a wonderful turnout for our Chinese Auction/ Sausage Dinner and we want to thank everyone who helped in contributing to this annual fundraiser. Once again, our main cooks, Maria Tellman, Maria Fischer, Hilda Henning and Anna Alischer, prepared a delicious meal. We thank everyone who volunteered to set-up, clean-up and baked cakes, sold tickets. A great effort was made to make this an enjoyable afternoon for those attending. We are very grateful to the generosity of our members and friends who donated items and monetary contributions. The profit from this fundraiser will be used to help defray expenses at the Sachsenheim. ONE BIG THANK YOU AND HUG!!

We have sent our invitations to the Junior Members of Branches 1, 4, 5 and 33 to attend Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 am. Breakfast will be served around 10 am followed by entertainment of Zak's Wild and Wacky Balloon Show and then the Egg Hunt. Children will be invited to also make a craft. It is free of charge to ATS members of



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

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MAILED WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2013

Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to: The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 5393 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129-1597 Branches 1, 4, 5, and 33; Adults \$4.00 and Non-Member Children \$10.00. Reservations must be made by calling Patty Cunningham at 216-398-7520 by March 18th. We are requesting that everyone attending the party bring a canned or non-perishable item to be donated to Community Corner's food bank.

The 250 Club Banquet will be held on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. Information will be mailed out to members of the Club and reservations for the dinner have to be made by April 1st by contacting Robert Cunningham at 216-398-7520.

Please mark the date of Sunday, April 14 for this year's Membership Banquet. We have changed the time frame hoping that it will be easier for everyone to attend by avoiding the busy Christmas season. We thought we would schedule when there should be better weather and not as many conflicting events. There will be more information in the next issue of the *Volksblatt*. So just reserve the date, Sunday, April 14th.

Also in April will be the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor's Annual Spring Concert, which will be held on Saturday, April

Events continue in May with the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's Annual Trachtenball on Saturday, May 4th at 6:30 pm. The evening will start with a homemade Schnitzel dinner. Price is \$18 for Adults and \$9 for children age 4 – 10. Reservations are to be made by April 27 by contacting Amanda Seiler-Botsch at 216-235-5240 or send a check made payable to the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group to Amanda at 16775 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH 44136. Don't forget to get your Tracht ready to participate in the Aufmarsch.

BRANCH 37, DETROIT By Susi Fleischer

Br. 37 had a fun filled meeting on March 3, 2013 with a good attendance.

Katie Moody served and donated the food, and Maria Emrich donated the baked goods for today's meeting, which was enjoyed by everyone present.

Our plans for Br.37's 100th Anniversary Celebration and the ATS Presidents Meeting scheduled for May 18, 2013 is coming along fine, being handled by our capable Chairperson, Ingrid Weihs Ferguson.

At this time we have a number of our members on the sick list. Karin Weihs had shoulder surgery and is on her way to recovery. Sam Klein also had shoulder surgery and he is on the mend at home. George Schemmel, Sr. is recuperating from the implant of a pace maker, after going through various stages of not feeling too well, hopefully now he will be on his way to a healthier stage. We wish these members all the best for a speedy recovery.

Br. 37 also lost one of its long time members; John Leprich passed way on February 10, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Leprich family during this time of grieving.

Birthday and Anniversary wishes are extended to anyone celebrating a special occasion.

Our next general meeting will be on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Blessed Easter wishes to everyone.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning ATS Nat'l President



Time goes by so quickly and the month of March is almost over. As I wrote in my previous column about the dates in March, I forgot to mention that Sunday, March 10th, was the last session for the T.S.B.L. hosted by Salem, Ohio, Branches 18 and 19. The league tournament is being held on April 6th and 7th and hosted by Youngstown, Branches 22 and 30. Our thanks to T.S.B.L. president, Glenn Spack and his league officers for another successful season. Results from the league and tournament will be published after the event.

Once again our Home Office staff is extra busy. An audit conducted by the state of Ohio is in progress and will continue for at least 4 weeks and possibly longer. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of our employees and realize the stress that they must handle during the audits.

Liz appreciates all of the get well wishes that she has received. Your thoughts are most appreciated. Her physical therapy will take a while but she is progressing nicely.

With Easter coming early this year, I am sure that many of us will still be wearing our winter clothing. The clothing stores are advertising Spring outfits as they always do and we will eventually get to wear the new items. In spite of the weather, many egg hunts will be held, some indoors, and some outdoors. The important thing is to celebrate this holiday with your family and to remember the holy season that we are observing.

Quote of the day - "One ought, everyday at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture and, if possible speak a few reasonable words." There are many simple, wonderful experiences readily accessible to us everyday. A few minutes listening to a favorite piece of music, reading a favorite book, or writing in a journal can be more pleasurable and fulfilling than activities requiring much more extravagant expenditures of our time and money.

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



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BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

Keep in mind the Saxon Club St. Patrick's Day get-together in the Lounge and Restaurant on Sunday March 17; open to the public. You can order Rueben sandwiches, corned beef and cabbage, and some of the usual items from the menu. St. Patrick's Day is always a good time at the Saxon Club. There is no Pork and Kraut dinner on March 17th. Next one will be April 21st.

The Youngstown Saxon Club, Branches 22 and 30, present the 37th Annual Goulash Dinner, served family style, open to the public: Reserved seats only; Saturday March 23, 2013. Doors open at 6:00 PM; free Beer and Soft drinks until 6:30, Dinner served at 6:30. Former and present Presidents have tickets also call the Office 330-792-7973, and Ernie Roth at 330-501-1110. Tickets for the banquet are \$15.00 each.

The Restaurant is offering Fish dinners on Wednesday during Lent, March 20. Stop by for your dinner to or from church or if you are in the area, you are all very welcome. We are serving from 4:30 PM until 9 PM, public invited.

Branch 30 Golfers: remember the Spring meeting in the Lower Lounge March 21, at 7:00 PM sharp. If you are not a member now and wish to join the League call Jerry at 330-799-0864 or Rick Spencer at 330-799-8695, come to the meeting and get acquainted. Golfers must have a card to the Saxon Club.

TICKETS, YES!! For the 300 Club on September 14, 2013, they are available from all ticket sales people, you can call them or see them at the club, Michelle Eberth, Garland Dunkel, Roger Fotiuk, Chris Ludt, Dave Stryffeler, Mike Teutsch Jr., Mike Teutsch Sr., John Fromel, Red Stertzbach John Boehm, Gloria Dobrindt, and Tom Fizet. Rick Lieb will be drawing the five monthly winning tickets starting in April, get your ticket to be eligible for the drawings and to be able to come to the Banquet and drawing on September 17, 2013. For additional information call Tom at 330-792-7249.

George Lazar Sr. 90, born on April 26, 1922, passed away January 22, 2013. George played football and band and graduated from Woodrow Wilson, he served in the European Theatre during WW II. He married on March 8, 1943. George retired from Youngstown Steel Door in Supervision. Our sympathies go out to his wife and his children. John Klamer of Branch 30 befriended George for many years when George lost his eye sight and would be at the Club with George as a constant companion, We thank John for his service as a caregiver.

Youth, 6 to 17, GO BOWL-ING on March 30th as guests of Branch 22 and 30, FREE! CONTACTJohn Boehm Jr.330-518-3625 or Barry Garhammer at 330-788-4274, time to Bowl is 10:00 AM at Wedgewood Lanes, on Raccoon Road. This is the ATS bowl where you are contest. Refreshments furnished at the Saxon Club after the bowling. No charge - can't get much better than that. Parents can come and watch.

Joe Kubik will accept new and former golfers and friends at the spring Golf meeting on Thursday March 21st at the Saxon Club, lower Lounge, at 7:00 PM. This is the 3rd Saxon Club Memorial Golf Outing for Capital Improvements.

The ATS local Agent at our Youngstown Branch 30 is Jim Mauch, 330-792-8484. Talk to Jim for all of your insurance or annuity needs; your children or grandchildren are never too young to be covered.

Ernie invites all to the Tuesday Bar Bingo, starts about 7:15 PM, every Tuesday. Have a meal, a beer and visit with fellow players, there is always a winner, it could be you.

With Spring just around the corner it is clean up time, the third Saturday of every month is the designated time at 9:00 AM. Other days are also times to help with the cleanup. Call the Office 330-792-7973 or John Boehm J. 330-518-3625.

So Goes the News.

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

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.

PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE

ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013 FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013 FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013 FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 20

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.

SAXON CLUB 37th ANNUAL BENEFIT GOULASH DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 23,2013

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 FREE BEER AND SOFT DRINKS TIL 6:30 FAMILY STYLE DINNER AT 6:30



TAKING RESERVATIONS - DEADLINE MARCH 18th

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YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON
CULTURE GROUP
BRASS BAND

THE CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S ANNUAL TRACHTENBALL





Saturday, May 4, 2013 Westside Sachsenheim 7001 Denison Ave. Cleveland, Ohio

Doors Open at 6:00 pm Dinner Served at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a DELICIOUS Schnitzel Dinner with all the trimmings

Performance by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Prepaid reservations are strongly rcommended as seating is limited

Adults \$18.00 Children ages 4 - 10 \$9.00

Make checks payable to: The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Reservations are being taken by:
Amanda Seiler-Botsch 16775 Shurmer Road
Strongsville, OH 44136
(216) 235-5240

Meal tickets will be held at the door. Please indicate if you wish to sit with specific individuals. Deadline for reservations is April 27, 2013

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I would like to sit with the following people.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

With our meeting taking place a week later than usual, I won't be able to report on any of its happenings until the next issue. We had moved the meeting so members could attend the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser at the Cleveland Sachsenheim, hosted by the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group. About half of the members that attend our regular monthly meeting responded to the invitation. We all had a good time sampling chili from the many entrées and visiting members of other branches. It's good when we can help support our sister branches as a group whenever possible.

I have no word on anyone being ill or requiring any sick benefit at this time. Instead we celebrate by wishing a Happy Birthday to Brothers George Drop and Henry Weber who has been blessed to 90 years of age at the end of this month.

JUNIOR SAXON MEMBERS

I hope that you are all making plans to or already have participated in The Bowl Where You Are Tournament. Be sure to save your receipts and mail them to Ned Jones, 2817 Utica Ave. Lorain, OH. 44052.

We wish a Happy Birthday to these Junior Members this month; Braedon Gilles, Kiya Windham, Kaitlyn Weber, Andrew Brown, and Kaitlyn Smith! May you all enjoy your Birthdays in your own special way!

In the future, a flu shot will last for a decade

Top researchers at the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy say today's flu vaccine technology is much like it was in the 1950s.

Today's methods make a good vaccine but not a great one. The flu vaccine released in 2012 was found to be 62 percent effective, down from 70 percent effective the previous year.

Now and for some years to come, however, an annual flu shot is still the best bet for preventing the disease.

At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, they say a game-changing vaccine would produce immunity by including parts of the flu virus that don't change from year to year These parts are common in most strains of flu virus. The shot should protect people for a decade or more.

Researchers say they are "guardedly optimistic" that the "universal" flu shot will be available in about five years.



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.

I am interested in finding out where in Transylvania my grandmother came from and/or where she was born and when she left to come to the United States. She, Susanna Blam, was born 4-16-1880 in Transylvania. She married our grandfather on May 9, 1903 at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Salem, Ohio. Her address remained Salem, Ohio. She passed away 3-4-60.

(My Dad and aunts and uncles are deceased, however, the story was, she left Transylvania with a girlfriend when she was 16, came into Ellis Island and ended up in Cleveland Ohio where she lived until she met and married my grandfather). We know she had a brother, Mike Blam, who also came to the US at some point, who lived in Martins Ferry, Ohio. I do not have his birth date. I was told their parents' names were Mike and Susanna Blam, and as far as I know they remained in Transylvania.

I have looked at the Ellis Island passenger records. The only name that is remotely close to Susanna Blam is Susa Blam, age 21 from Grossau, Hungary, ship Koenigin Luise, Port of Departiere - Bremen, Manifest Line # -0024. Arrived at Ellis Island Feb. 27, 1903.

My grandfather, Paul Drotleff, was born 3-7-1877 to Paul Drotleff and Sofia Nementz Drotleff. According to his obituary, he came to the US in 1898. He was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church, Salem, Ohio, a member of the Transylvanian Saxon Society and the German Beneficial Union. He died and was buried in Salem 5-17-1938. He had a brother, John Drotleff, born 10-6-1887, died 1-4-1944. He also had a brother named Andrew Drotleff who died in 1961 and possibly a brother named George Drotleff, born in 1881. His parents, my great grand parents, Paul Drotleff and Sofia Nementz Drotleff, are buried at Hope Cemetary, Salem Ohio. Inscribed in their head stone is Reichesdorf. A distant cousin has done some investigation on John Drotleff on ancestry.com. It lists my great grandfather, Paul Drotleff as being born 1848 in Reichesdorf, Sieberburgen Transylvania Austria, Hungary and my great grandmother, Sofia Nementz Drotleff as being born 1854, also in Reichesdorf Siebengurgen, Transylvania Austria, Hungary. It also lists her arriving in NY in 1899 at the age of 45. I have yet to find any passenger records for Paul, Sofia, Paul, John, Andrew or George.

I would like to confirm where in Transylvania my grandfather was from and the date he came to the US if possible.

Also, does anyone have a detailed map of Transylvania prior to 1900 that they wouldn't mind sharing with me or anyone that can tell me where I might search for one?

Judy K. Haller-Kuklock	- jkhk222@yahoo.com
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Seeking information on Joe (1889-1967) and Mitzi (1895-1977) Kamilli, originally from Schaessburg, who moved to Detroit from Alliance, Ohio in the 1930s; also their daughter Annamarie Kamilli (1921-1987.) Joe was related to my grandfather, Wilhelm Kamilli, from Schaessburg or Eppeschdorf. Also seeking information on Waldemar Froehlich, from Kronstadt, who may still be living in Romania or Germany - he would be my mother's cousin.

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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

July 14 - 19, 2013

Saxon Summer Camp, members 8-13

Camp Frederick, Rogers, Ohio

July 27, 2013

ATS Family Day

Waldameer Park, Erie, PA

August 4, 2013

ATS Golf Outing hosted by Youngstown Br. 30

Lakeside Golf Course

September 6-8, 2013

Teen Weekend

Salem Saxon Club

LOCAL EVENTS

March 15, 2013

Salem Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March 17, 2013

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

Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 6:00 p.m.

March 22, 2013

Salem Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March 23, 2013

Cleveland Br 1 &4 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Youngstown Presidents Goulasch Dinner

March 27, 2013

Youngstown Fish Dinner

March 29, 2013

Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m.-11: p.m.

March 30, 2013

Salem Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.

April 1, 2013 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 3, 2013

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

April 5, 2013 Cleveland Br 1 - 250 Club Banquet

April 8, 2013

Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.

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

April 12, 2013

Salem Joint Social Dinner6:30 p.m.

April 14, 2013

Cleveland Br 1 & 4 2013 Membership Banquet

April 20, 2013

Chicago Br.9 Stiftungsfest - Donauschwaben Hall in Des Plaines, IL

Salem Spring Clean-up (CC) 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. April 26, 2013

Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.

April 27, 2013

Cleveland Sachsenchor Spring Concert

May 1, 2013

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

May 4, 2013

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball

May 6, 2013

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

May 10, 2013

Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

May 11, 2013 Salem 30

Salem 30 Week Drawing (CH) 4:00 p.m.

May 13, 2013

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

May 31, 2013

Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m. June 3, 2013

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

June 5, 2013

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

June 7, 2013

Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

June 9, 2013

Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Sunday Dinner

For retirees caring for parents, in-law suites are favored

Many retired or soon-to-be-retired people are thinking about how they will care for a parent safely but not as expensively as assisted living, a nursing home or a retirement community.

"In-law" apartments have been around for years, but they are becoming increasingly popular. Though they require an initial investment, the cost of watching over a loved one is fairly low after that. It could be as simple as a sitting room attached to a bedroom.

More than 3.6 million parents lived with their adult children in 2007, a 67 percent increase from 2000, says the Census Bureau.

The 500- to 700-square foot additions to a home (or re-purposing of existing rooms) include a bedroom, bathroom and living area. Some have a kitchenette and some offer access to the home's main kitchen. It depends on how agile the parent is.

Those who have built the in-law quarters say they are very pleased with the arrangement. Both the parent and the family have their privacy, and if the parent needs help, they are on the premises to give it.

While the goal for such arrangements is to keep loved ones close, Angie Hicks of Angie's List says homeowners can also consider the future use of the space.

It could be rented out, used to house boomerang kids or friends between jobs. Done correctly the apartment will add to the home's value at resale time, especially now when many home buyers want the in-law apartment feature.

When constructing, be sure to follow zoning ordinances. Have doors and aisles that are wide enough for wheelchair access and plenty of grab bars in the bathroom.

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

Doug Larson

Attention: Members of Branches 1, 4, 5, & 33

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



Saturday, March 23, 2013 10:00 a.m. WESTSIDE SACHSENHEIM 7001 Denison Avenue

Breakfast will be served starting at 10:00 a.m.

Entertainment will be Zak's Wild and Wacky Balloon Show.

Easter Egg Hunt following the entertainment.

Children will be invited to make a craft.

Make your reservation by calling:
Patty Cunningham – (216) 398-7520
(If reach the answering machine leave your name and telephone number Patty will return your call.)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: MARCH 18, 2013
ATS Junior Members FREE

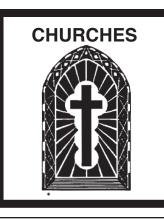
ADULTS \$ 4.00
NON-MEMBER CHILDREN \$10.00

All attending the party are asked to bring a canned or non-perishable item to be donated to a local food bank.

By the Numbers: March Madness

- The Big East Conference is the most profitable, bringing in over \$154 million each year.
- Americans spend a total of almost 8.4 million hours watching March Madness games online at work.
- A thirty-second commercial during one of the last two rounds of the NCAA men's basketball tournament costs over \$1.2 million, more than three times the cost of an ad during the NBA championship.
- The average salary for the head coach of a team in the March Madness tournament is \$1.3 million, excluding benefits.
- Men's basketball players spend an average of 39.2 hours a week at the gym and in practices.





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Stay strong and limber as you age: take vitamin D

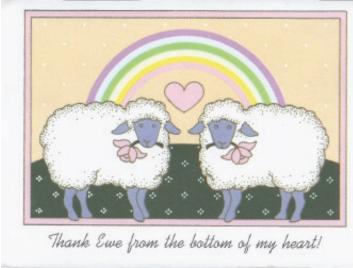
As you navigate from mid-life into your 70s, there's one easy thing you can do to keep your lower body strong and your joints limber.

A study by Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C., shows that 70-to-79-year-olds with the highest levels of D were the least likely to have trouble walking and stair climbing.

Study author Denise Houston explains that vitamin D repairs muscle, making walking and climbing easier. She recently reported about the findings in Prevention.

Vitamin D comes in a tiny little pill, but it can have great big benefits.

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CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP By Monica Gilles

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported out 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off on March 2. It was a great success! Special thanks to everyone who entered their famous chili. Congratulations to the winners: 1st Place Steven Malue; 2nd Place Monica Gilles; 3rd Place Diane Hum. There

were delicious cupcakes to finish off the meal and an array of gift baskets and gift cards as door prizes. If you missed it this year, we hope to see you next year. Please mark your calendar for our next event, our Annual Trachtenball on May 4. Please see our ad for more information.



Cupkakes (above) and Door Prizes (below)





Chili lovers having a good time at the Cook Off

Staying Well

What your LDL number means, how to lower it

The American Heart Association says the lower your LDL cholesterol (the bad kind), the lower your risk of heart attack and stroke. It's a better gauge of risk than total blood cholesterol.

When your doctor orders a cholesterol test, be sure to ask specifically what your LDL reading is. It will fall into one of these categories:

Less than 100 mg/dl Optimal
100 to 129 mg/dl Near Optimal
130 to 159 mg/dl Close to high
160 to 189 mg/dl High
190 mg/dl or more Very high

If you number is high, it can be lowered by a prescription medication.

To lower LDL with diet, try this:

- Have a cup of old fashioned oatmeal for breakfast.
- Eat nuts. An ounce and a half of walnuts, almonds, cashews, macadamias or pecans contain vitamin E and flavonoids, two powerful antioxidants that reduce LDL levels in the blood.
- Choose fresh fruits, vegetables. They contain plant sterols and stanols that cause LDL cholesterol to be excreted. Other sources are sesame seeds, 714 mg, olive oil, 221 mg and peanuts, 220.
- Eat fish at least twice a week. Fish like salmon, sardines, trout and mackerel are rich sources of omega-3 fatty acids, which can lower LDL cholesterol.



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.

Martin J. Miller

Age 81

Died: December 2, 2012 Branch 14, Canton OH

Phyllis M. Vinsack

Age 84

Died: January 31, 2013 Home Branch, Cleveland OH

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Age 74 Died: February 6, 2013 Branch 8, Alliance OH

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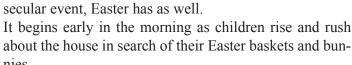
Easter, a joyful holy day for many, a day of fun for all

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On Easter Sunday, observed on March 31 this year, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most well-attended Sunday church service of the year.

According to Scripture, Jesus was raised from the dead three days after his death on the cross. It is the most joyous celebration of the Christian year. Churches and homes are decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers.

In the United States, the nonreligious celebration makes Easter a playful holiday. Just as Christmas has become a huge



Later, relatives and friends arrive, often for Easter dinner and games.

For many, even for primarily adult parties, the Easter egg hunt comes next. It features plastic eggs filled with candy, jelly beans, quarters, dollar bills and toys.

To make the hunt more competitive, several eggs contain a larger bill, like a five, ten or twenty. If you have a hunt, set ground rules unless you want your house torn apart. Say there's nothing in drawers, under bed covers or under stuff in the closets. Help very small kids find some

If the hunt is in the yard, you can use tape to attach larger coins to trees. If it's outside, you'll need a lot more eggs. But you'll have many more places to hide them.



Dr. Paul-Jürgen Porr neuer DFDR-Vorsitzender

Der Hermannstädter Bürgermeister Klaus Johannis geht den Schritt in die rumänische Politik. In einem überraschenden Schachzug trat er am 20. Februar der Nationalliberalen Partei (PNL) bei und wurde wenige Tage später zu deren Erstem Stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden gewählt. Sein Amt als Vorsitzender des Demokratischen Forums der Deutschen in Rumänien (DFDR) gab Johannis ab (siehe "Klaus Johannis gibt Forumsleitung ab"). Seine Nachfolge übernimmt Dr. Paul-Jürgen Porr.

Die Nationalliberale Partei (PNL) kann sich mit Klaus Johannis über ein prominentes Neumitglied freuen (siehe "Klaus Johannis tritt in die PNL ein"). Auf einer gemeinsamen Pressekonferenz mit dem Liberalen-Chef Crin Antonescu in Bukarest sagte Johannis, dass er sich von der Einladung zum Beitritt geehrt gefühlt und dem Ansinnen schließlich nachgegeben habe. Kurz danach wählten die Teilnehmer des am 22. und 23. Februar tagenden außerordentlichen PNL-Kongresses Johannis zum Ersten Stellvertretenden Parteivorsitzenden, ein Amt, das eigens für den Hermannstädter wieder geschaffen wurde. Zuvor hatte Antonescu eine Ausnahmeregelung für Johannis erwirkt, da die Parteisatzung eine zweijährige Parteimitgliedschaft als Voraussetzung für die Übernahme eines leitenden Parteiamtes vorsieht.

Infolge seines Schrittes in die Politik trat Johannis als DFDR-Vorsitzender zurück. Er bleibe einfaches Mitglied des Forums, bekräftigte er am Rande der DFDR-Vertreterversammlung am 5. März in Hermannstadt. Neuer Vorsitzender ist Dr. Paul-Jürgen Porr, der von den Repräsentanten der deutschen Minderheit aus den Regionen einstimmig gewählt wurde. Porr war der Kandidat des DFDR-Vorstandes und bislang Vorsitzender des Demokratischen Forums der Deutschen in Siebenbürgen (DFDS). Außerdem ist er Mitglied des Hermannstädter Kreisrates.

"Dieses Mandat wird im Zeichen der Kontinuität stehen", erklärte Dr. Paul-Jürgen Porr nach der Wahl. Ziel seiner Bemühungen seien ausgewogene Beziehungen zu allen Regionalforen, die Pflege der Beziehungen zu den Kirchen und zu den Vertretungen der ausgereisten Rumäniendeutschen, also den Landsmannschaften, die weiterhin absolute Loyalität zum rumänischen Staat sowie konstruktiv und

pragmatisch verlaufende Beziehungen zur politischen Parteienlandschaft in Rumänien. In den Beziehungen zu den anderen Minderheiten will das Deutsche Forum eine Stimme in einem gut singenden Chor sein und die Brückenfunktion in den Beziehungen zum deutschsprachigen Ausland mit Leben erfüllen. Kontinuität werde es auch im Einsatz für das Erhalten der deutschen Sprache und Schulen sowie der Kulturgüter und Identität geben, bekräftigte Dr. Porr. Sehr wichtig sei die Pflege der Beziehungen zu Deutschland und anderen deutschsprachigen Ländern wie Österreich und der Schweiz, "in deren Verhältnis zu Rumänien wir seit vielen Jahren eine Brückenfunktion einnehmen". In diesem Zusammenhang lobte Porr die Lobbyarbeit des Forumsabgeordneten Ovidiu Ganţ.

Klaus Johannis betonte, er arbeite seit Jahren gut mit Paul-Jürgen Porr zusammen und werde dies auch künftig tun. Ovidiu Ganţ dankte Johannis als seinem Freund, Kollegen und Vorsitzenden für die langjährige, gute Zusammenarbeit und versicherte Porr dieselbe Freundschaft und Bereitschaft zur Kooperation.

Über die Gründe für seinen Schritt äußerte sich Klaus Johannis in der Vertreterversammlung des DFDR am 5. März in Hermannstadt (siehe "DFDR-Vertreterversammlung vollzieht Führungswechsel"). Er habe viele Jahre für das DFDR gewirkt und als dessen Vorsitzender wichtige Entwicklungen in Rumänien nur "kommentieren" können. In der letzten Zeit habe sich gezeigt, dass in Rumänien eine umfassende Struktur- und Verfassungsreform anstehe. Als er dann ein konkretes Angebot zur Mitgestaltung von der Liberalen Partei erhielt, habe er sich überlegen müssen, ob er dem Forum und Hermannstadt durch das Ergreifen dieser Chance nicht besser als in seiner bisherigen Eigenschaft nutzen könnte. "Ich hätte nicht gut zu Hause sitzen können", so Johannis, "um zuzuschauen, wie andere gestalten. Ich habe dieses mit Kollegen im Vorstand beraten und mich entschlossen, diese Chance der Mitgestaltung für uns zu nutzen. Eine Garantie, dass es gelingt, gibt es nicht. Ob es uns genützt hat, wissen wir nur nachher, aber versuchen müssen wir es."

Seine Parteimitgliedschaft betrachtet Johannis als positiv für seine Lobbyarbeit sowohl für Hermannstadt als auch für das Forum. Er plane nicht, nach Bukarest zu gehen, sondern weiter von Hermannstadt aus zu agieren. Nichtsdestotrotz werde er Parteichef Crin Antonescu bei seiner geplanten Kandidatur für das Präsidentenamt unterstützen. Johannis erklärt in dem Interview, dass er im Moment kein Staatsamt anstrebe. Für die Zukunft schloss er die Übernahme anderer Ämter nicht aus. In den rumänischen Medien wurde über verschiedene Posten spekuliert, etwa das Amt des Gouverneurs einer künftigen Region Zentrum. Vereinzelter Kritik aus Reihen des Forums, er hätte bei seiner Entscheidung nicht den Landesvorstand einbezogen, widersprach Johannis. Er habe sich mit einigen Vorstandsmitgliedern beraten. Außerdem sei der Überraschungseffekt seiner Entscheidung erwünscht gewesen.

Klaus Johannis ist seit 2000 Bürgermeister von Hermannstadt. Zuletzt wurde er 2012 mit knapp 78 Prozent der Stimmen in sein viertes Mandat gewählt. Dass er der PNL nahe steht, zeigte er bereits 2009, als das Parteienbündnis, dem unter anderem die PNL und die Sozialdemokratische Partei (PSD) angehörten, ihn als Kandidat für das Amt des Premierministers vorgeschlagen hatte.

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Der neue DFDR-Vorsitzende Dr. Paul-Jürgen Porr (rechts) will die Linie von Klaus Johannis (links) in Belangen der deutschen Minderheit fortsetzen. Foto: Holger Wermke

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Here it is March already. And that means March Madness, the popular term for the NCAA basketball tournament, is at hand. But March Madness can mean something else to many. It's the time of year when many of us are busily preparing our income tax returns.

So It is time to remind our members to make their 2012 contribution into their ATS IRA by April 15th. If you do not have an ATS IRA and have earned income, we recommend that you start one now.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FOR TRADITIONAL AND ROTH IRAS:

Year	Under Age 50	Age 50 & Ove
2012	\$5,000	\$6,000
2013	\$5,500	\$6,500

An ATS IRA is a smart way to save, combining two incredibly powerful forces, compounded interest and tax savings.

Both the Traditional IRA and Roth IRA allow you to enjoy tax advantages while saving for your future. Traditional IRA and Roth IRAs differ significantly in the way they are taxed.

With an ATS Traditional IRA, investment earnings are tax-deferred, so you pay tax only when you withdraw funds. Plus, contributions made to your Traditional IRA may be tax deductible. (Consult your tax advisor for details). There are ATS withdrawal charges for the first five years. But, there are no administrative fees. You are allowed a 10% penalty-free withdrawal each year. However, there is a 10% federal penalty tax if you're underage 59 1/2, unless an exception applies. Mandatory minimum distribution must begin at the age of 70 1/2.

With an ATS Roth IRAs, all withdrawals are tax free, including earnings, assuming you are over 59 1/2 years old and your account has been open for at least five years. There are certain eligibility requirements for establishing a Roth IRA, based on your Modified Adjusted Gross Income. Unlike, Traditional IRAs, contributions to Roth IRAs are never deductible (consult your tax advisor for details. There is no mandatory distribution age for a Roth.

There are exceptions for no penalty early withdrawals: To purchase a first home; for qualified education costs, if you become disabled, have unreimbursed medical costs in excess of 7.5% of annual income or need to pay health insurance premiums while unemployed. (consult your tax advisor for details.)

CURRENT ANNUAL INTEREST YIELD

2.25%

On IRA contracts issued 10/1/12 to present Minimum guaranteed 1.50%

CURRENT ANNUAL INTEREST YIELD

3.00%

On IRA contracts issued 7/1/1996 to 9/30/12 Minimum guaranteed 3.00%

CURRENT ANNUAL INTEREST YIELD

4.50%

On IRA contracts issued prior to 7/1/1996
Minimum guaranteed 4.50%