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## 2013 Bowl Where You Are Tournament

We wish to thank our junior members who participated in the 2013 Bowl Where You Are Tournament. We changed the season for this year holding the event during February and March hoping that more members would be able to participant. We thank the local Branch cities that held a party for their children. We hope more Branches try to organize a bowling party next year. Each bowler received a free t-shirt. The following members won first place in their division and age bracket. The winners were sent a bowling award plaque:

### Girls Division Winners

#### Ages 6 – 7

Anneliese Kirr  
Branch 22 – Youngstown

#### Ages 8 – 9

Olivia Greger  
Branch 4 – Cleveland-West

#### Ages 10 – 11

Chloe Zgola  
Branch 5 - Lorain

#### Ages 12 – 13

Lauren Haibach  
Branch 2 - Erie

#### Ages 14 – 15

Sierra Sharp  
Branch 22 – Youngstown

#### Ages 16 – 17

No Entries

### Boys Division Winners

#### Ages 6 - 7

Andrew Greger  
Branch 1 – Cleveland-West

#### Ages 8 – 9

Joe VanDeMerwe  
Branch 2 – Erie

#### Ages 10 – 11

Zach Botsch  
Branch 1 – Cleveland-West

#### Ages 12 – 13

Jason Zayac  
Branch 1 – Cleveland-West

#### Ages 14 – 15

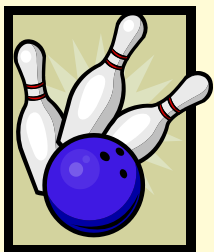
Kevin Greger  
Branch 1 – Cleveland-West

#### Ages 16 – 17

Zachary Barber  
Branch 30 - Youngstown



See Page 3 for list of all Entrants



**Annual TSBA Convention**  
**Saturday, June 8, 2013**  
**Host: Cleveland-West Bowlers**  
**Sachsenheim**  
**7001 Denison Avenue,**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**

All Branches are entitled  
to send 2 Delegates

Lunch is \$8.00

9:00 am Auditing Books  
9:30 am Registration  
10:00 am Session Opens

Deadline for Reservations  
June 4th

All Bowlers are welcome  
to sit in at that meeting

For Lunch Reservations  
Call CJ Schmitz  
(440)235-3343

**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY**  
**MAILED WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



Our weather feels more like November 13th than May 13 here in Erie. Today the temperature is only 40 degrees and it certainly is not warm enough for us. At this time of year it should at least be in the 60's. I think Liz and I got spoiled the first week of May. We were in Florida for our son's wedding and the temperature was in the high 70's and low 80's, just perfect for us. It felt so good to be wearing short pants and sandals. Florida definitely has better temperatures and different life styles than Erie.

On Saturday, May 11th, the Future Planning Committee and also the Pension and Salary Committee met in Youngstown, Ohio. Many issues were discussed at each meeting. One important issue was the awarding of scholarship winners entering their Freshman year of college. Scholarships and also other awards will be presented at the ATS Presidents Meeting on Saturday, May 18th. I know that the officers and members of Detroit, Branch 37, are working very hard in preparation for their 100th Anniversary and the Presidents Meeting.

The Reservation form for the North American Saxon Heimattag to be held in Kitchener, Canada, the weekend of June 21,22,23rd, 2013, has been printed in the Volksblatt. Hopefully, many of you are planning to attend this very special Saxon event. We will see you there.

On a sad note, we must report the passing of Edith Hartfelder from Branch 27, New Castle, PA, on April 29th, 2013. Edith was a very loyal and dedicated member of her Branch and was their Branch President for many years. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Paul, and their family and friends. May she rest in peace.

I hope you enjoy this little story. Little Joey and his family lived in the country and as a result seldom had guests. He was eager to help his mother after his father appeared with two dinner guests from the office. When the dinner was nearly over, little Joey went to the kitchen and proudly carried in the first piece of apple pie, giving it to his father who passed it to a guest. Little Joey came in with a second piece of pie and gve it to his father, who again gave it to a guest. This was too much for little Joey who said, "It's no use Dad. The pieces are all the same size.

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



The Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada  
and the Transylvania Club Kitchener  
cordially invite its Saxon Landsleute and Friends in the USA



## Saxon Heimattag 2013

in Kitchener, ON Canada

June 21 -22, 2013

celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Landsmannschaft of Canada

Events to be held at the Alpine Club, 464 Maple Avenue, Kitchener

See page 5 for Reservation and hotel information  
Please join us to celebrate our Saxon Cultural Heritage!



## 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**

**Don't worry what  
people think—  
they don't do it  
very often.**

### BRANCH 17 & 14, CANTON By Jeanne Kirsch

I'm waiting for Summer.  
Do you think it will arrive??  
Soon??

We have a meeting coming up  
on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 for Lunch,  
with meeting to follow.

We have one birthday for July  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> for Mary Ferrot; hope  
it will be a happy day.

Hope all the Mothers had a  
happy day also. It's nice to be  
remembered this way.

Thought for the day: When  
life puts you in tough situations,  
don't say WHY ME? Just say  
TRY ME!

### BRANCH 40, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

News Flash from Saxon  
Lodge Branch 40, Merrillville,  
IN!!! Our Ladies lodge had  
our 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.  
To celebrate the ladies joined  
together for a lovely lunch as  
the Innsbrook Country Club on  
April 7, 2013.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April we en-  
joyed the play "Gypsy" at the  
Old Opera House in Valparaiso  
- that was fun! May 5th was  
our regular meeting. The min-  
utes were read from the March  
meeting and approved. Cards  
were signed for two members in  
the Wittenberg Lutheran Home.  
They are Kate Mace and Ann  
Frank; they are sisters to Helen  
Brooks. We wish them well and  
God's blessing.

A discussion was had on  
merging with the Men's' Lodge

Branch 27 and there will be  
a meeting for further discus-  
sion. Recess for raffle 50/50  
and prizes by Judy Young and  
Judy Andrews prizes were won  
by Heidi and Gerta. Treasurer,  
Linda Smith gave her report and  
it was approved. New business:  
President Brigitte Floyd and  
husband Randall will be going  
to Detroit for the Presidents  
Meeting. The Detroit Branch  
is celebrating their 100 year  
anniversary and we voted to  
give them a gift of \$50. Judy  
Young made the motion and  
Jana Szostek seconded it, all  
approved. We closed with the  
Lord's Prayer.

We enjoyed a chicken dinner  
and all the good baked goods  
we ladies prepared. Till we meet  
again!

### BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events: There will  
be no Branch 22 meeting next  
month; officers' meeting only on  
June 5th. July 14th will be the  
next branch time with a change;  
we will start, in future, at 2 p.m.  
with tea/coffee available, but  
with no break. Thank you for  
your attention to this matter.

Presidents' meeting was  
Saturday, May 18 in Sterling  
Heights, Michigan with So-  
fia Froom, past Branch 22  
president and her brother,  
current president of Branch  
30, Ernie Roth, representing  
Youngstown.

A get well was sent to Mary  
Ann Dahman, thinking of you  
sent to Min Haner, Jane Ed-  
minston, Marge Troll and Geri  
Perrine. Sympathy was sent to  
the Gal family on the loss of a  
long time member, Maria Gal.  
Anniversary greetings to Erna  
Weber, past president of our  
Culture Group.

Scholarships were awarded  
to Samantha R. Marucci, Isaac  
J. Schuster and Tessa R. Na-  
politano. Congratulations to  
each of you!

Wishing all of you a happy  
Springtime!

### SALEM SAXON RETIREES By Nancy Stumperth

Salem Saxon Retirees met  
on May 1st with 34 in atten-  
dance. We were glad to see  
Ina Dutcher, John Fowler, and  
Lois and Walt Ulrich back from  
Florida. Maybe they brought the  
sunshine back with them! There  
was one guest, Sandy Samis,  
who came with Gloria Judy.  
We enjoyed the great snacks  
brought in by the officers who  
were on the committee.

George Spack installed the  
officers for 2013-2014. They  
are President Lois Whitacre,  
Vice President Tony Rothbrust,  
Secretary Dianne Kuttler, Treas-  
urer Katy Lederle, Birthdays,  
Anniversaries and Reporter  
Nancy Stumperth. We thank  
these people for taking these  
offices. If it weren't for them we  
would be in big trouble as an  
organization.

We had a delicious dinner with  
Swiss Steak before our meet-  
ing. Our caterer outdid herself  
with this meal. I don't think that  
anyone could complain that  
they didn't get enough to eat!!  
The tables were decorated with  
colorful pots of Gerber Daisies.  
They were given away to the  
following: Barb Gorman, Ina

Dutcher, Francie Tuel, Lois  
Whitacre, Dianne Kuttler, Gloria  
Judy, and Nora Ann Hoopes.  
After the meeting we enjoyed  
our usual games of Bingo. Why  
is that it seems the winners are  
always at the other table??

The committee for the June  
5th meeting is: Mike & Nancy  
Stumperth, Hermie & Siegie  
Henriss & Bill Orend. Please  
make reservations with Katy  
Lederle (330-533-5154) by May  
30th. Also if you find that you  
can't attend, call her to cancel.  
We had 6 no shows in May. Our  
thanks to Katy who delivered  
two of the meals to members  
who called. Also thanks to the  
people who bought the other 4  
dinners so that the lodge was  
not out the money. We have to  
pay for the meals if you don't  
cancel!!! The menu for the June  
meeting will be Hot Dogs, Baked  
Beans, Salad & Dessert.

If there are any Saxons over  
50 out there who are interested  
in joining, please let any mem-  
ber know. You can be from any  
town close enough to attend.  
We would be happy to have  
some more friends join us for an  
afternoon of Gemütlichkeit.

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**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES  
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You may either

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**Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation  
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tion, please give us a call.**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW  
DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:**

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013	FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013	FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013	FRIDAY, JULY 5, 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.**



ATS BOWL WHERE YOU ARE 2013

Name	Age	Branch		Name	Age	Branch	
Barber, Zachary	16	30	**	Botsch, Gracie	8	4	
Botsch, Jacob	10	1		Estabrook, Aurora	10	45	
Botsch, Zach	11	1	**	Estabrook, Haven	8	45	
Cao, Yun	15	19		Greger, Olivia	9	4	**
Gavio, Owen	7	2		Haibach, Lauren	12	2	**
Gottschick, Adam	12	1		Kirr, Anneliese	6	22	**
Greger, Andrew	6	1	**	Sharp, Sierra	14	22	**
Greger, Kevin	14	1	**	Zayac, Jennifer	9	4	
Haibach, Charlie	10	2		Zgola, Chloe	11	5	**
Ivanov, Daniel	13	1		Zgola, Grace	8	5	
Ivanov, Michael	8	1					
Martig, Christian	8	19					
Schobel, Andreas	7	1					
VanDeMerwe, Joe	9	2	**				
VanDeMerwe, Kyle	10	2		** denotes winner in age category			
VanDeMerwe, Tyler	12	2					
Vogel, Brandon	16	2					
Zayac, Jason	12	1	**				

Home Town of Bowlers:

	Austintown, OH
	Elyria, OH
	Fairview Park, OH
Maynard, MA	Hinckley, OH
	Hudson, OH
Clymer, NY	Medina, OH
	Middleburg Hts, OH
Erie, PA	Salem, OH
Fairview, PA	Sheffield Village, OH
Wattsburg, PA	Strongsville, OH
	Westlake, OH

18 Boys  
10 Girls

28 Total Bowlers

Branches of Bowlers:  
Cleveland - West  
Erie  
Ellwood City  
Lorain  
Salem  
Youngstown

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN  
By Tom Fizet

SOME DATES FOR ALL TO REMEMBER: Branch 22 WILL NOT meet in June 2013. However, the officers of both branches will meet as usual. Branch 22 and Branch 30 will meet on July 14th, 2013, which is the scheduled date. Officers of both branches will meet as usual. FOR BRANCH 22 YOUR MEETING WILL START AT 2:00 PM. THIS IS A NEW TIME.

Those known to be ill, Pete Karsti, he still comes down to do the floors in the ballroom; Bill Hegedusich with a knee problem and related items.

Moving up from Juvenile membership on May 2, 2013 was Mike Bartell. His grandfather stood in for Mike at the induction. Branch 30 was pleased to receive brother Bartell in full membership.

The Branch 30 WORK PARTY is held the third Saturday of the Month. Unfortunately that date is past, put a mark on your calendar: the third Saturday in June is the 22nd. Another job coming up is the cleaning of the chairs in the Ballroom by the Restoration Committee. If you can offer your time please call the office at 330-792-7973 or Tom Hahn at 330-770-9763.

Jim Mauch and Helen Fotiuk, leaders of the Pork Dinner workers, wish to thank all the customers who have made our Pork Dinners successful. Your remarks tell us you enjoyed the experience. We were pleased to have served you, and look forward to seeing you in the fall. Our first Pork Dinner will be Sunday, September 22, 2013.

Check this out. the Couples

Bocce will begin on Friday, June 7th at 6:00 pm; the second time is 8:00 pm. We are in need of one team and subs. New players can bring your own team of three couples. Contact Teri Cannon at 330-758-1339, or Lori Wellington at 330-509-9541 after 6:00 pm. Or sign up on the bulletin board at the club. If not, show up on June 7th at the Bocce Court. The season is nine weeks and will end on August 9th.

Some coming events to watch for: Monday, May 27th Memorial Day Club is closed. Monday, June 17, Mens Bocce Bash. The Saxon Picnic is Sunday, June 28.

The 3rd Saxon Memorial Golf Outing is August 25th, sponsored by Joey Kubik. 300 Club Drawing September 14th; see Rick Lieb. Bingo every Tuesday at 7:00; if you want to help, talk to Ernie.

The outside Flea Market is off to a good start; if interested see Marty or Rich at the garage for information.

Joan Kubik, a member of Branch 22, lost her husband Joe ( Sonny) Kubik on May 7th. A burial Mass was held on May 10th. He was a machinist by trade and had his own shop at one time. He is survived by his wife, son Joseph (Dotti) Kubik, a daughter Jill (Mark) Quigley and four grandchildren. For those who did not know Joe, I would say that whenever you asked for some help at the club he was always there. He offered expertise on jobs being done and it was a pleasure to have him at work or in the club

Did You Know:  
Garden Trivia

The onion is actually classified as a lily botanically. Asparagus is also a member of the lily family.

About 37 percent of U.S. households have food gardens in the summer.

Ever heard the phrase cool as a cucumber? Well, it is true! The inside of a cucumber on the vine can be up to 20 degrees cooler than the outside on a warm day.

Hydrangeas produce different colored flowers based on the pH level of the soil. A single plant can produce flowers ranging from pink to purple to blue by changing the chemical make-up of the soil around the plant.

for a meal or a drink. Joan and family, we miss him too.

The Patio space outside the ballroom is completed. This is a place to gather, or for smokers during a luncheon in the Ballroom. This was made possible from the Ralph Sheetz, Bob Nischwitz memorial funds, and the people from the bus trip. Thanks to all that have contributed through the Memorial and Restoration Fund. Thanks to their committee for doing this job; donations were specified for the project. SO GOES THE NEWS.



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.

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Thanks to the *Volksblatt* for publishing my request on my grandparents. I have received several responses. Some general and some very specific on my grandfather Drotleff's family. All have been very helpful.

I still don't have the details I am looking for about my grandmother so, if possible, would Volksblatt's publish my request again for my grandmother, Susanna Blam Drotleff, born 4-16-1880 in Grosau Transylvania daughter of Michael & Susanna Blam. She had 1 brother, Michael (Mike) Blam who lived in Martins Ferry. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Judy K. Haller-Kuklock  
[jkhk222@yahoo.com](mailto:jkhk222@yahoo.com) 757-238-9990 or 757-817-7409

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I would be really happy to find the cousins of my mother in the USA. She just knows their mother, whose name was Anna Carnes (we are not 100% sure if the name is written "Carnes") born as Brantsch about 1924. She was the half-sister of my grandfather, Georg Brantsch (born 1929) and married to an American man named Carnes (we don't know his First name). They lived in Cleveland Ohio. She died about 1975 and she had 3 children, we are looking for: Barbara Carnes (born about 1944), Wilma Carnes (born about 1946) and John Carnes born 1951. We also know that Wilma had 2 children a boy and a girl and they should be born in the middle of the 60's, but we don't know the names. I hope you can help me. Thanks a lot, greetings from Germany!

Please forward any information to this e-mail address: erics82@gmx.de.

Thank you!  
Eric Scherer

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE  
By Glorie Geisel

A change has been made for our June meeting. The meeting will be Friday, June 7th at 6 pm. and will be held at Farone Brothers Restaurant, 2419 Wilmington Rd.

We would like to welcome the following new members. They are Phyllis Kaplin, Patty Dufford, Janet Welther.

Get well wishes for Jean Kaba, Jennifer Both and Carole Lang. All will have surgery in May. Please remember them in your prayers.

Congratulation goes out to Al and Helen Burnick on their new great grandson born March 3rd to their grandson Andrew and Diana Burick.

We are sad to report the death of Edith Hartfelder on April 29, 2013. Edith was very active with

the Saxon ladies, Branch 27, where she had been an officer for more than 60 years. In 1987 she received the Honor Pin in recognition and appreciation for sincere and dedicated service to the Saxon people. She was president of Branch 27 Saxon Ladies and of the Transylvanian Saxon Bowling League. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Dolores Both and Jean Kaba did a wonderful job with the spring tea after our May meeting. We had tea of our choice, served with filled strawberries and dessert. Prizes and favors were given.

June will be our last meeting for the summer. Next meeting will be in September.

INVITE

your relatives and friends to  
join the crowd at ATS.

Tell them about our fraternal society!



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2013

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

October 19 - 20, 2013  
ATS Open Bowling Tournament  
Cleveland, OH

LOCAL EVENTS

May 27, 2013  
New Castle Eintracht Grounds opening 7 pm  
Youngstown MEMORIAL DAY, Saxon Club Closed

May 31, 2013  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.

June 3, 2013  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 5, 2013  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

June 6, 2013  
New Castle Br. 25 Meeting 8:00 p.m.

June 7, 2013  
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

June 9, 2013  
Cleveland Br. 1 & 4 Sunday Dinner

June 10, 2013  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 13, 2013  
Youngstown Retirees meeting

June 16, 2013  
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic at Linne Woods, Morton Grove, IL.

June 17, 2013  
Youngstown Men’s Bocce Bash

June 28, 2013  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.

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

July 2, 2013  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

July 4, 2013  
Salem 4<sup>th</sup> of July Dance (CH) 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Youngstown Saxon Club closed, Join the Parade

July 8, 2013  
Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.  
Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

July 11, 2013  
Youngstown Retirees meeting

July 12, 2013  
Salem Joint Social Dinner & Scholarship Awards  
6:30 p.m.

July 13, 2013  
New Castle Picnic Blast at the Grounds - open at Noon

July 14, 2013  
Youngstown Branch 30 Meeting

July 20, 2013  
Cleveland Br 1 & 4 Pork and Pali Fest

July 26, 2013  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

July 28, 2013  
Youngstown Saxon Day Picnic

August 5, 2013  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

August 7, 2013  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

August 8, 2013  
Youngstown Retirees Meeting

August 9, 2013  
Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

August 10, 2013  
Cleveland Br. 1 Sommerfest

August 11, 2013  
Youngstown Br. 22 & Br. 30 Meeting

MARIA GAL †  
YOUNGSTOWN, BRANCH 22

Maria passed away following a long illness on April 30, 2013. She was born November 3, 1927 in Oberneudorf, Transylvania, Romania, the second daughter of Georg and Sofia Rehner Hesch. Her father died when she was one year old. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Thomas Pfingstgroff. During WW II, she and her family were displaced to Bohemia and later to upper Austria, where she graduated from business school. They immigrated to Youngstown, Ohio in January, 1950. She worked as a payroll clerk at Youngstown Steel Door for four years and Stambaugh Thompson Company for six years. She was church secretary at Honterus Lutheran Church for twenty three years where she was a member for forty years. She was a member of the Youngstown Saxon Club Ladies Lodge 22, where she held office as the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons secretary and deputy. She was

honored as Lady of the Year in 1991. Maria married her loving husband John Gal on September 8, 1951; they moved to Niceville in 1991 to be close to their children. He died Dec. 25, 1998. She was also preceded in death by her sister Rosina Hesch Penteker of Germany, and her brother, Thomas Pfingstgroff Jr. She is survived by her son Richard (Connie) Gal with whom she made her home. She is also survived by her daughter Marlene (Gary) Patterson of Jacksonville, grandchildren Stephanie (Adam) Hess of Savannah, GA, Kristin and Ricky Gal of Niceville, Michael and Caitlin Sheridan, Rachael (Ian) Smith, Jacob and Nathan Patterson, all of Jacksonville and great-grandchildren Jordan and Haley Hess and Presley Smith. Maria was a member of St. Paul Lutheran church. A funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Niceville FL, on Friday, May 3rd.

BRANCH 18, SALEM  
By Barbara Spack

The May meeting was held on Monday the 13th. Ideas for upcoming events were discussed to promote the German and Saxon heritage. We have been having the fall Fish Fry for the last couple of years, but consideration is being given to having a German dinner this year instead of the fish fry. There will be another sausage sale on November 2nd. And we also discussed having another Krapfen sale. Donations were voted on and given to Habitat for Humanity and to the Saxon Relief Fund. President McNutt will present the check to Saxon Relief at the Branch Presidents meeting on May 18. Other business included approving the purchase of mulch for the clubhouse. Members came out for a work day on April 20 and cleaned the grounds for the summer rentals at the country club, as well as in the clubhouse. Thanks to all who helped, as well as to Flo

Spack for cooking lunch for the volunteers. We are still having the Branch 18 and 19 joint social on the second Friday of each month. This is a cover dish meal, with the main meat course provided and prepared by Branch 18. Flo Spack has been cooking for the last few months and we truly appreciate it. The next social will be on Friday, June 14 at 6:30 pm. Bring your table setting and a cover dish and join your Saxon family for an evening away from home! The deadline for the Salem Saxon Scholarship applications is May 31. All area high school graduates who meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply. Helen Aeling celebrated a May birthday at the meeting and the ladies enjoyed a luncheon following the meeting, provided by Helen, Flo Spack and Jill Drotleff. The next meeting will be on Monday June 10 at 7:30 pm.

CLEVELAND SAXON  
DANCE GROUP  
By Monica Gilles

We would like to thank everyone who attending our annual Trachtenball. It was a huge success. Special thanks to the DMV, Youngstown Brass Band, and the Eintracht Saxonia for your performances. We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening. Our next performance will be the evening of Friday, June 14 at German Central on York Rd. The following weekend, June 21-23, we look forward to gathering with our Saxon friends in Kitchener, Ontario for the Saxon Heimattag. Hope to see you there.

BRANCH 11, LORAIN  
By Monica Gilles

Just a reminder that our next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1 starting at 8 pm. We will be auditing the books before the meeting starting at 7pm. The audit committee is Nancy Kranstuber, Erica Deidrick, and Barbara Gilles.

There are two tragedies in life.  
One is not to get  
your heart’s desire.  
The other is to get it.  
—  
George Bernard Shaw



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.

Aaron W. Maurer  
Age 30  
Died: February 14, 2013  
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

Ethel M. Lutz  
Age 91  
Died: April 20, 2013  
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

Richard S. Gaber  
Age 86  
Died: May 1, 2013  
Branch 2, Erie PA

House:  
Hold still for your  
portrait

It’s a new trend: homeowners, their adult kids or their friends, are ordering a painting of their home. As a gift, they are especially appreciated by those who are selling a large family home in favor of a smaller place or a condo. Of course, many homeowners order them for themselves. Depending on the artist chosen, they can cost from \$150 to \$1,300 or more. When looking for a portraitist, consider the artist’s style and preferred medium. Will it be pen-and-ink on stationery? Or will it be an oil painting on canvas? Rebecca Seale, a folk artist in Nashville, Tenn., works entirely from photos. She can finish several 8-by-10-inch portraits each week. They are playful, quirky watercolor and gouache pieces done on archival watercolor paper. She charges \$150. The Dallison brothers in South Orange, N.J., prefer to paint on site. David uses watercolor and charges from \$1,300 to \$5,000 for his paintings. Peter Dallison uses oil on canvas. His works range from \$1,000 to \$13,000, according to The Wall Street Journal. Painting a portrait of a house is not an easy job, but sometimes a local artist will do it for less than you think. As an alternative, you can get a photographer to take a photo of the home, but all the flowers may not be in bloom. An artist can solve that problem.



Speck 'N' Giggles  
SAXONFEST

Join us for food, music  
and Saxon hospitality,  
and compete your way  
to victory during our  
Saxonfest games!

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
7pm-12am  
\$15  
Alpine Club  
464 Maple Ave.  
Kitchener



KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND  
HEIMATTAG 2013

2013 HEIMATTAG PROGRAM

**\*\* Friday June 21st**

7:30 p.m. KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND  
“SPECK’N’GIGGLES” A casual evening of  
fun and games with friends Enjoy a Saxon  
Barbecue with all the trimmings – Music by the  
Seven Castles  
Tickets \$15.00 at the door - RSVP by June 7th  
by calling 519-744-1191

**\*\* Saturday June 22nd**

6:00 p.m. Official opening of Heimattag 2013  
Flag Procession  
Canadian and American National Anthems  
Address by the President of the Alliance of  
Transylvanian Saxons in Canada and the  
President of the Transylvania Club  
Grace

6:30 p.m. BANQUET

8:00 p.m. Introduction of dignitaries  
Greetings and brief addresses  
Performances by various Cultural groups  
Dance - Transylvania Hofbräu Band

**Sunday July 23rd**

9:15 a.m. Assembly for the Parade  
(Breithaupt Centre  
350 Margaret Ave. Kitchener)  
9:30 a.m. Church Parade to the Church Service  
10:00 a.m. Church Service  
11:00 a.m. Rally (Kundgebung)  
Speeches by the leaders of our Saxon  
Organizations  
Cultural Program  
12:30 p.m. Lunch at the Alpine Club\*\*  
2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour with intermittent program  
by various Cultural Groups  
3:30 p.m. Official closing of Heimattag 2013

\*\* Event being held at the  
Alpine Club 464 Maple Ave., Kitchener



2013 HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM  
JUNE 21 – 23, 2013  
Transylvania Club - Kitchener, Ontario

FRIDAY EVENING - KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND “SPECK’N’GIGGLES”  
7:00 - 12:00 a.m. Alpine Club - 464 Maple Ave, Kitchener  
Join us for Games, Music, and Saxon Hospitality - No reservations required  
\$15.00 per person includes BBQ, salads & desserts

	TICKET PRICE	TICKETS REQUESTED	TOTAL
SATURDAY EVENING	Adult \$40.00 x		= \$
6:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Children \$30.00 x		= \$
(ALPINE CLUB – Chicken and Beef Dinner, Cultural Program, Dance, Festivities)			
Vegetarian x			
SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.			
	Adult \$25.00 x		= \$
Children	Participating \$12.00 x		= \$
(under 12)	Non-Participating \$15.00 x		= \$

(Church Service and “Kundgebung” – Schnitzel Dinner and program at the Alpine Club)  
Vegetarian x

GRAND TOTAL \$  
(Please enclose cheque or money order in Canadian currency)

Reservations made by (Tickets will be held in your name):

Name  
Address

Phone Number ( )

Transylvania Club  
1668 King Street E. Kitchener, Ontario N2G 2P1  
Tel: (519) 744-1191 Fax: (519) 742-0004

Deadline for Reservations: June 1, 2013 [transylvaniacub@intown.net](mailto:transylvaniacub@intown.net)

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1. Comfort Inn  
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Phone: (519) 747-9400  
Fax: (519) 747-2134  
[www.choicehotels.ca/cn314](http://www.choicehotels.ca/cn314)  
\$114.99 per night

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Waterloo, Ontario  
N2V 2J9  
Phone: (519) 884-9295  
Fax: (519) 884-2532  
[www.marriott.com/ykfcy](http://www.marriott.com/ykfcy)  
\$139.00 per night

Note: Please reference  
“Heimattag” when  
making a reservation

A. Alpine Club  
464 Maple Avenue  
Kitchener, ON Canada  
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Fax: (519) 746-8638  
[www.destinationinn.com](http://www.destinationinn.com)  
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Fax: (519) 893-2100  
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SAXON SUMMER CAMP  
A New Campsite - A New Experience  
Ages 8 - 13  
July 14 - July 19, 2013  
CAMP FREDERICK  
Rogers, Ohio



Summer is rapidly approaching and the ATS Youth Activities Committee is busy preparing activities for our junior members. One of these activities is the Saxon Summer Camp, which offers our Junior Members and friends, ages 8 – 13, the opportunity to spend a week together in fellowship. The one week camp will be held at Camp Frederick, a beautiful camp located in Rogers, Ohio on 144 acres of forest, rambling streams, rolling hills, glacial rocks and meadows.

Camp Frederick is an organized camp center located at the Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia border. The camp is located 1 ½ miles east of Rogers, Ohio off SR 154. The address is 6996 Millrock Road. The camp is staffed with trained and experienced counselors.

At Camp Frederick our campers will be housed in Cabins which accommodate eight persons.

Camp will include crafts, nature exploration, tree fort fun, camp games, swimming, discovery time, cooking outdoors and more! It will prove to be an awesome week! One evening will be devoted to Saxon folk dancing and folklore.

The cost of the one-week camp is \$200.00 for our ATS Junior Members and \$275.00 for non-member children. We welcome our members to bring along one friend who is not a member. Also, ATS members may send their children or grandchildren (who are not yet ATS members) to the camp at the non-member cost. Each Camper will receive a free Saxon Summer Camp T-Shirt.

If you wish to attend please complete the Registration Form and send it along with a \$100.00 deposit for ATS Junior Members and \$125.00 for non-member children to the ATS Home Office by June 28, 2013. Upon receipt of your registration fee we will send you a Camper's Health Examination Form and Personal Information Form that must be completed by you and returned to this Office by July 8th, along with the balance of your camp fee. We will mail you a map and detailed information as to arrival and departure times, and what to bring along.

**SAXON SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tels. No. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Br. No. \_\_\_\_\_ ATS Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is an ATS Registration Form & deposit of \$100.00 for myself

☐ Enclosed is a Registration Form for my non-member friend and deposit of \$125.00

Friend's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

This Form and deposit must be received at the ATS Home Office by June 28 2013.  
Balance will be due by July 8, 2013.

Make check payable to ATS (Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons)

Mail Check and Form to: ATS, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Excerpts from the Saxon-English Dictionary



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

Haa, doa, ouch ahless ivver.  
Here, there and everywhere.

Tsayt aas loofen ehwss. Time is running out.

Mane Motter kit foun Schoursch aan Siebenbuergen.  
My mother came from Scharosch in Transylvania.

Mane Fooachter kit foun Keertsch aan Siebenbuergen.  
My father came from Kirtsch in Transylvania.

Ech vohr haa gebooyren. I was born here.

Vo aas en Vaal, doa aas en Veeach.  
Where there's a will, there's a way.

Nor dyaa vaht kit nateerlich.  
Just do what comes naturally.

Ech glautuleeren dech. I congratulate you.

Faartich, zaach, shees! Ready, aim, fire!

Net gaaf ahf! Don't give up!

Rabbit	Huhnzel	Road	Shtritt
Rat	Rahtz	Rock	
Razor	Razeer	(motion)	Shoukel
Recognize	Kennen	Rock	
Relate	Ertzeaaalen	(stone)	Shteen
Restrain	Tsopper	Rocking	Shoukel
Reveille	Ahfshtoonten	Chair	Shteeaal
(rise)		Rotten	Ferfaalt
Klaangen	Ringing	Rub	Ropps
Rip	Tsareiss	Ruined	Kaupout

Monday, May 27, 2013

Memorial Day: a time to  
honor the fallen



On this Memorial Day, the sacrifices of those who fought in Afghanistan, Iraq and other war zones are fresh in our minds. Be it a family member, friend, acquaintance or a service member we didn't personally know, we honor them.

In part, this is President Barack Obama's 2009 Memorial Day speech given at Arlington Cemetery.

"As a nation, we have gathered here to repeat this ritual in moments of peace, when we pay our respects to the fallen and give thanks for their sacrifice. And we've gathered here in moments of war, when the somber notes of Taps echo through the trees, and fresh grief lingers in the air.

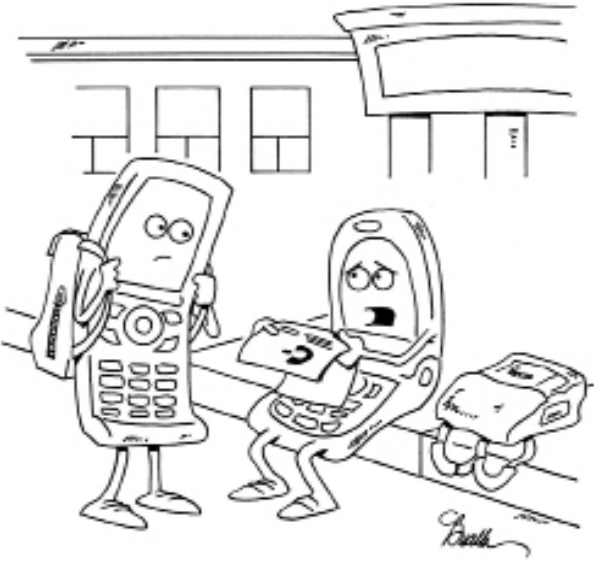
"Today is one of those moments, where we pay tribute to those who forged our history, but hold closely the memory of those so recently lost. And even as we gather here this morning, all across America, people are pausing to remember, to mourn, and to pray.

"Old soldiers are pulling themselves a little straighter to salute brothers lost a long time ago. Children are running their fingers over colorful ribbons that they know signify something of great consequence, even if they don't know exactly why. Mothers are re-reading final letters home and clutching photos of smiling sons or daughters.

"They, and we, are the legacies of an unbroken chain of proud men and women who served their country with honor; who waged war so that we might know peace; who braved hardship so that we might know opportunity; who paid the ultimate price so we might know freedom.

"Their stories are the American story."

Organizing Tip



"The worst part is listening to my parents' comparisons to my brother. He's a smart phone."

If your garage is a mess, it may be time for a total cleanup. Choose a nice day and remove everything to your driveway. Throw away broken or old items. Sort through what is left and decide what you can donate or sell. If you haven't used an item in two years or more, you probably don't really need it. When placing things back in your garage, don't just put things where they fit. Reorganize your garage into areas of specific activities, like sports gear, tools, lawn care, and storage.





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Are your  
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grandchildren,

nieces and nephews  
members of the ATS?

Let them benefit from  
our fraternal program  
and be a part of our  
history!

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Person Making Change \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorial Day is a good time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American soldiers and veterans and the U.S. military men and women. The American military is, has always been and will always recruit the best and finest of the crop of young men and women of this country and we will continue to shower them with appreciation, support and prayers, as we have always done. Memorial Day is just an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens and more by honoring the people who work in the various branches of the military.

The horrific tragedy of September 11, 2001, has stirred all and reawakened the spirit of patriotism in all hearts and unity and oneness binds all Americans in a special bond. The words 'United We Stand' and 'God Bless America' still hold the power to stir our hearts on this very special day. Let the feelings of true patriotism and love for all those who have risked their lives for the sake of America show by putting up American flags in front of your houses, have parties with patriotic themes to honor military and ex-military men and women in your neighborhood and community. It is a good idea to coax them into telling more about their experiences with the military and on the warfront and you may get an opportunity to hear some exceptional real tales that you may have not even imagined about.



#### **Other Ways to Observe Memorial Day**



- Adorning the graves of the soldiers with flags or flowers.
- Visiting cemeteries and memorials.
- Furling the American Flag at half-mast until noon.
- Furling the 'POW/MIA Flag'.
- Keep silence for a minute at 3 p.m., 'National Moment of Remembrance' and listen to Taps being played.
- Take a pledge to aid the disabled veterans, widows, widowers and orphans of the dead and keep it.
- Personally offering thanks to the veterans and appreciating the ultimate sacrifices of the soldiers to the bereaved families.