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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Our delegates wish to thank Lorain Branches 5 and 11 for their fine hospitality shown to everyone at the 2014 ATS convention that was held at Sawmill Creek Resort. Their committee did an excellent job organizing the weekend. The next convention will be hosted by Youngstown Branch 30 in 2016.

We congratulate our junior member, Macy McConville, for receiving the award for her entry into the Handicraft Exhibit that was held during the convention weekend. Good job, Macy!

We wish to congratulate our junior members, Katherine Simonis and Kathryn Bailey for receiving \$1000 ATS scholarships this year. Also, member Sarah Pelger is receiving her fourth year renewal \$1000 scholarship.

The 2014 Saxon Heimattag is nearly here and we want to thank President Martin Schuller and his volunteers for working hard to get the Club in order for the weekend festivities. We need some volunteers from our teens to serve dinner on Saturday evening. Please give me a call at 216-251-6036 if you are interested in helping us out. Branches 1 and 4, the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor and the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group have been working together on various projects to prepare for this weekend. We look forward to greeting our guests from Germany, Jugendtanzgruppe der Siebenbürger Sachsen Nürnberg and the band Schlager-Taxi. The group will be arriving Friday June 20 and we hope that you will attend the Friday evening's casual get together and help us welcome our guests to the USA.

We hope that some of our junior members will be able to attend Saxon Summer Camp that will be held at Camp Frederick the week of July 20th. This year there will be two age groups: ages 8 -11 and ages 12 - 15. The older children will be able to do a few extra activities than the younger group. The camp is a beautiful facility. It is definitely would be a wonderful experience for your children.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 16th at 7:00 pm. We will finalize our plans for the Heimattag.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

As we finally break into summer, so starts the rapid events filling nearly every weekend, which just seems to make it all go that much faster. We just had the ATS National Convention 2 weeks ago, which our Branch 5 hosted at Sawmill Creek Resort along with the help of many ladies of Branch 11. A huge thank you to each of you who put so much into making it a success.

We have not had our meeting as yet for this month, however the planning of our branch picnic moves from the back to the front burner on the calendar of events. If you have not marked the date of August 17th, 2014 for this event yet, you might want to as we will be picnicking at Mill Hollow starting in the afternoon into the evening, when in the past, the park had some live entertainment for park goers to enjoy.

In closing, we wish a Happy Birthday in this month of June to Brothers Paul Kirschner, and Elmer Schneider. Also Happy Birthday to our junior members Cassandra Hyer, Castle Weber, and Logan Davis. Make your day a special one!

Come on out to our Branch 5 meeting June 7, 8 PM at the Slovak Club if you haven't been in awhile.

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE

By Helen Brooks

The meeting was called to order by President Randall Floyd. The pledge to the flag was said.

Roll call of officers.

The minutes were read by Sam Palyak. They were accepted as read. Motion by Jeff Szostak and seconded by Bill Albach.

Pete Guip read the Treasurer's report and was accepted. Jeff made the motion and Willard Schuffert seconded.

It was reported that Richard Schuffert and his wife Bertha were feeling a little under the weather. We hope they will feel better soon.

We had a discussion on any member with fifty years would not pay dues. Jeff Szostak made a motion to accept and Sam Palyak seconded it. Ed Gottchling requested the names of fifty year members. Zeta Palyak read them off.

Unfinished Business: Sam Palyak read the rules concerning joining the lodge. It was quite lengthy. There are many changes with the wording with Branch 40 joining the men's lodge. Bill Albach made a motion to accept and Vernon seconded it.

Reading of the petition was read three times. Willard Schuffert made the motion and Andy Gazdich seconded it.

New Business:

We will be attending the Rail Cats ballpark on June 8th. The time is 2:00 p.m. Balmoral Racetrack on September 20th.

The meeting was adjourned. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, deserts, and friendship.

Til we meet again,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



The 104th National Convention of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons was held on May 17th and 18th, 2014 and was hosted by Lorain Branches 5 and 11. We thank George H. Schneider, Branch 5 President, and his Convention Committee for their time and effort in making all of the arrangements for our group. Every detail was thought out in advance and the Saturday Evening program was wonderful. Our special thanks to the many delegates who were appointed to serve on various committees for the Convention. We also thank our Home Office Staff for their efforts in making this event a success. The Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, was a wonderful facility. It was very convenient to have our Hotel rooms and all of our meeting rooms in one location. It saved a lot of time and traveling for all of us.

Business reports were presented by the Chairpersons of the various committees. All reports were voted upon and approved by the Delegates. We had Election of Officers and I congratulate 1st Vice President, Robert Cunningham, 3rd Vice President, John Boehm, Treasurer, Denise Aeling-Crawford, Trustees, Peter Karsti, and Hanz Hermann on being re-elected to another term in office. A special congratulation to Randall Floyd on being a newly elected Trustee to the ATS Board of Directors. Randy is President of Merrillville, Branch 26. He has been a member of the ATS. for 16 years and has served on many committees for his Branch. He has attended many ATS. Conventions as a Delegate. I am sure that he will be dedicated to his elected office.

Quote of the Day: Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective." Human beings have lived in groups since they first walked the earth. We identify with those closest to us, starting at home and spreading out to our neighborhood, school, city, state, and nation. The pride we take, and the loyalty we feel, as a member of a group helps us feel protected and connected. But we must always remember that we are also members of a much larger group: humanity.

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

It's never too early to start
saving for your retirement years

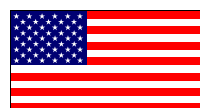
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 15, 2014

NORTH AMERICAN
SAXON HEIMATTAG



CLEVELAND, OHIO
JUNE 20-22, 2014



HIGHLIGHTING OUR ETHNIC CULTURE

with Special Guests
Jugendtanzgruppe der Siebenbürger Sachsen Nurnberg
and "Schlager Taxi"

See Page 3 for Hotel and Meal reservation info.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES
By Teri Laret

The following are the minutes of the Youngstown Saxon retirees meeting held on Thursday, May 8th at 710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

Something is different around here.

The meeting was called to order, and followed by the opening prayer as usual. We all joined in to thank God for life, love, family, friends, cooks, servers, and even our singing. We really sound good today. Paul Beight has taken over the lead since Pat Bokesch is under the weather.

It's at the front table; Lucy and Kay have switched chairs. The secretary and treasurer still have their original chairs.

They each gave their accounts of their duties and the current status of each. The accounts were read, approved as read and accepted as read.

Just one birthday this month. Lucy had a birthday this month. We celebrate the date, not the age.

There were no anniversaries, and no guests. Unfortunately, we still have a sick and hurry back to health list. On the list are four of the old favorites: Irene Brown, Gert Galich, Pat Bokesch and Warner Cole. Speedy health to all.

No old business. Who besides Kay ever saw that mouse on the bar room floor? We really can't question her as she was in Ireland and we weren't. Okay, Kay, we believe you (maybe.)

New Business. Lucy, Jim and Cindy are setting up another VAN trip. More info next month. We really have a delightful day on their outings. Jim is a great driver and informant. Please try and come; you won't be sorry.

Cindy did it again; another trivia. Congratulations to the winner, Richard Scott.

Speaking of winners, the monthly raffle winners were Joan Cummings, Sue Mraz and Dominic Sugar.

Hermie Gentile (330-799-0456) and Lisa Scott (330-539-6463) are the hostesses for our gathering on Thursday, June 12. If there is a change in your current reservation list, either adding a dinner, or canceling your reservation, please call one of the above gals on or before June 8th (a Sunday).

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

**Age is a
very high
price to pay
for maturity.**

SAXON SUMMER CAMP
Two Different Camps Offered

DISCOVERERS Ages 8 - 11

JOURNEYERS Ages 12 - 15

July 20 - July 25, 2014

CAMP FREDERICK ROGERS, OHIO



Summer is rapidly approaching and the ATS Youth Activities Committee preparing activities for our junior members. One of these activities is the Saxon Summer Camp, which offers our Junior Members and friends, ages 8 - 15, the opportunity to spend a week together in fellowship. This year we are going to try to expand our age group by offering two different camps, one for ages 8 - 11 and a new camp for ages 12 -15. Both camps will be one week camp 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 1/2 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.

The Discoverers Camp for ages 8 - 11 will include low rope course, the climbing wall and archery plus camp games, swimming, discovery time, crafts and more.

The Journeyers Camp for ages 12 - 15 will include the Challenge Course, canoeing and camping out in addition to all the other fun activities.

One evening will be devoted to Saxon folk dancing and folklore.

ATS is subsidizing the cost of the camp for ATS junior members. The cost of the Discoverers Camp is \$190.00 for our ATS Junior Members and \$290.00 for non-member children. The cost of the Journeyers Camp is \$250 for our ATS Junior Members and \$350 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 20, 2014. 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 June 30, 2014, 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 _____

Tele. No. () _____ Member Br. No. _____ ATS Cert. No. _____

I wish to enroll in the Discoverers Camp

I wish to enroll in the Journeyers Camp

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

Enclosed is a Registration Form for 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 20 2014.

Balance will be due by June 30, 2014.

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 _____

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You may either

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

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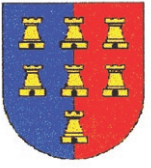
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014	FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014	FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.



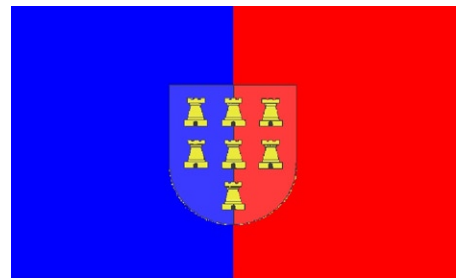
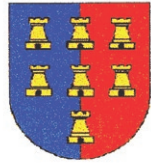
2014 SAXON HEIMATTAG RESERVATION FORM

June 20 – 22, 2014

Cleveland Sachsenheim – 7001 Denison Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio

Hosts: Branch 1 and 4



SAXON HEIMATTAG
June 20 – 22, 2014
Cleveland Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue

**“WEEKEND TO HIGHLIGHT
OUR ETHNIC CULTURE”**

	Ticket Price	Number Tickets	Total
FRIDAY EVENING 7:00 pm – “Saxon Olympics” Grilled Sandwiches; trimmings Casual evening, fun, music, games	Adults \$10 Free for Children Ages 12 & Under	x _____ x _____	\$ _____
SATURDAY EVENING Doors Open 5:00 pm Official Opening 6:00 pm Schnitzel dinner	Adults \$25 Free for Children Ages 12 & Under	x _____ x _____	\$ _____
SUNDAY 9:15 am – 3:00 pm Goulash dinner	Adults \$15 Free for Children Ages 12 & Under	x _____ x _____	\$ _____

If you need a vegetarian meal please note. Price is the same.

GRAND TOTAL (Please enclose check or money order in USA currency) \$ _____

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

ALL FESTIVITIES AND CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE SACHSENHEIM.

Make checks payable to ATS and send along with Reservation Form to:
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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JUNE 4, 2014
Saturday and Sunday Meals are by Prepaid Reservations Only

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 – KAMERADSCHAFTSABEND
*Who will win medals at the Saxon Olympics?
Games for all ages .Music .Gemütlichkeit*
Admission \$10 – includes hamburgers, Saxon Sausage, hot dog sandwiches with side dishes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
11:00 am Soccer Game for Young Adults
At Michael Zone Rec Center
6301 Lorain Avenue

5:00 pm Door Open at Sachsenheim
Youngstown Saxon Brass Band

6:00 pm Official Opening
Flag Procession
National Anthem
Welcome

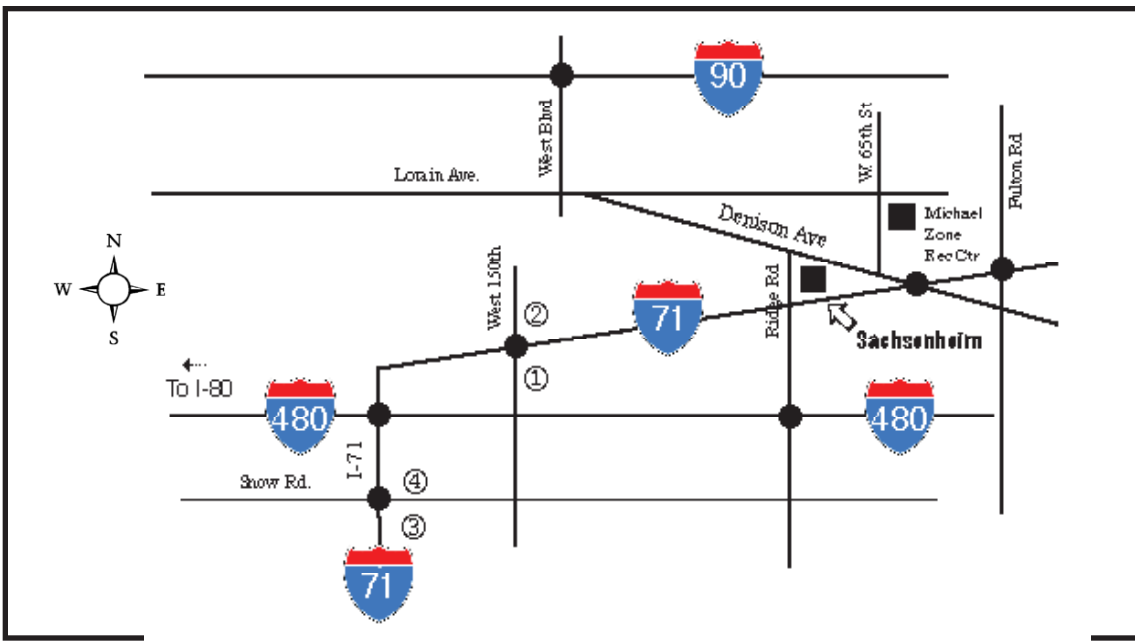
6:30 pm Banquet

7:30 pm Introduction of Dignitaries
Greetings by Saxon Leaders
Cultural Performances
Featuring Culture Group:
*Jugendtanzgruppe
der Siebenbürger Sachsen Nürnberg*

Dance to follow – Schlager-Taxi

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
9:15 am Procession into Sachsenheim
9:30 am Church Service
10:30 am Heimattag Rally (Kundgebung)
Speeches by Saxon Leaders
Cultural Performances
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Music and Cultural Performances
3:00 pm Official closing of Heimattag

2014 Heimattag Hotel Block
June 20-22, 2014
Cleveland, OH



1. Cleveland Airport Marriott
4277 West 150th Street
Cleveland, OH 44135
216-252-5333, ext 1615
Jackie 847-232-5393

\$99/night + tax
2 queen beds
“Saxon” block
Held until 5/23/2014

Amenities: Full service hotel,
pool, restaurant, airport shuttle, free
parking for our group

Distance from Sachsenheim:
5.1 miles

2. Holiday Inn Cleveland Airport
4181 West 150th Street
Cleveland, OH 44135
216-252-7700

\$91/night + tax
2 queen beds
“Saxon” block
Held until 5/30/2014

Amenities: Full service hotel,
restaurant, free parking, free wifi

Distance from Sachsenheim:
5.2 miles

3. Best Western
16501 Snow Road
Brookpark, OH 44142
216-267-9364

\$79/night + tax
2 queen beds, non-smoking
“Saxon” block
Held until 5/20/2014

Amenities: Continental breakfast,
free parking, free shuttle
to airport, free wi fi, pool

Distance from Sachsenheim:
8.5 miles

4. Holiday Inn Express
16330 Snow Road
Brookpark, OH
216-433-0004

\$86/night + tax
2 queen beds, non-smoking
“Saxon” block
Breakfast included
Held until 5/20/2014

Amenities: Continental breakfast,
free parking, free shuttle to airport,
free wi fi, pool

Distance from Sachsenheim:
8.6 miles

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2014

- June 14, 2014
TSBA 57th Convention
 Host: New Castle Bowlers
- June 20-22, 2014
North American Saxon Heimattag
 Host: Branches 1 and 4, Cleveland
- CULTURAL EXCHANGE CONCERT TOUR**
Nürnberg Jugendtanzgruppe / Schlager Taxi
 June 21 Saxon Heimattag, Cleveland
 June 23 Youngstown Saxon Club
 June 25 Erie Siebenbuegger Club
- July 20 - 25, 2014
Saxon Summer Camp
 Camp Frederick Rogers, OH
 Ages 8 - 12 Discovers Camp
 Ages 13 - 15 Journeys Camp
- August 9, 2014
ATS Golf Outing
 Host Branch 2, Erie
- October 18-19, 2014
ATS Annual Open Bowling Tournament
 Host: Branch 9, Chicago

LOCAL EVENTS

- June 9, 2014
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- June 12, 2014
 Youngstown Retirees meet
- June 13, 2014
 Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- June 14, 2014
 New Castle Bowling Convention
- June 16, 2014
 Youngstown Men's Bocce Bash
- June 21, 2014
 New Castle 9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Event
 Salem Breakfast Buffet 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- June 27, 2014
 Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
- July 4, 2014
 Youngstown Saxon Club closed
- July 7, 2014
 New Castle Monday Night Drawing at the Grounds
- July 10, 2014
 Youngstown Retirees Meet
- July 11, 2014
 Youngstown Maennerchor & Youngstown Saxon Golf
- July 13, 2014
 Youngstown Branch 22 & Branch 30 meet
- July 26, 2014
 New Castle Singers' Picnic at the Grounds
- July 27, 2014
 Youngstown Saxon Day Picnic
- August 2, 2014
 Cleveland Br 1 Sommerfest
- August 10, 2014
 New Castle Members' Family Day at the Grounds
 Youngstown Branch 22 & Branch 30 Meet
- August 14, 2014
 Youngstown Retirees Meet
- August 21, 2014
 Youngstown Ladies Bocce Banquet
- August 22, 2014
 New Castle Night at the Races at the Grounds
- August 23, 2014
 Youngstown Kubik Benefit Golf Outing
- August 25, 2014
 Youngstown Men's Bocce Banquet
- September 1, 2014
 New Castle Monday Night Drawing at the Grounds
 Youngstown Labor Day Saxon Club Closed
- September 7, 2014
 Youngstown Branch 22 Chinese Auction
 Youngstown Speck Fry
- September 11, 2014
 Youngstown Retirees Meet
- September 13, 2014
 Youngstown 300 Club Dinner
 Youngstown Culture Group Sausage Sale
- September 14, 2014
 Youngstown Branch 22 & Branch 30 Meet
- September 20, 2014
 Youngstown Saxon Club Golf League Banquet

Low salt snacks make for healthy munching

For people looking to keep their blood pressure low and kidneys healthy, low salt snacks are the way to go.

The experts at Northwest Kidney Centers have come up with a list of 100 tasty, low salt snacks.

You might be surprised by some.

For example, if candy is your thing, try Twizzlers licorice, Junior Mints, Malt Balls, caramel chews, gummy candy, hard candy or salt-free Tootsie Rolls.

If you prefer to snack on cookies, you can find some that come with a lot of pleasure with a lot less guilt.

Try animal crackers, Nilla Wafers, shortbread cookies, fortune cookies, gingersnaps, and Fig Newtons.

There are plenty of low-salt cracker type snacks too. Caramel rice cakes are good. For a crunchy snack, try unsalted tortilla or potato chips, melba toast, bagel crisps, rice crackers, low-sodium Triscuits, water crackers or wasa crackers.

In the fruit category, applesauce makes the low salt grade. along with fruit leathers, frozen fruit bars, fruit cocktail, and frozen grapes or berries.

See the whole list at nwkidney.org.



ATS FAMILY DAY
 AT
 WALDAMEER AND
 WATER WORLD
 3100 West Lake Road
 Erie, Pa.
 Saturday, July 26, 2014

A Reserved Picnic Pavilion – "Tunnel #2"
 Bring Your Own Picnic Basket
 Free Admission to Picnic Facility and Amusement Park (no rides)
 Discounted Tickets Combo Pass for Amusement Park Rides and Water World
 Children under age 1 are free unless they want to enter Water World
 Free Shows
 Free Parking
 Drawing at 5pm

Hours for Water World 11am – 7 pm
 Waldameer Rides Noon – 10 pm

WALDAMEER
 TICKET ORDER FORM

_____ NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS (all ages) @ \$12.....\$_____

Name and Certificate Number of Members:

_____ Cert No. _____

_____ Cert No. _____

_____ Cert No. _____

_____ Cert No. _____

_____ Number of Non-Members @ \$21.00\$_____

_____ Number attending that will not purchase combo pass

Amount Remitted.....\$_____

Mail tickets to:

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

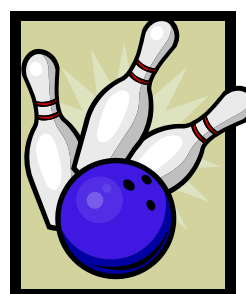
City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Email _____

Mail Ticket Order to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons
 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129

Deadline for Ticket Orders is July 20, 2014

ANNUAL TSBA CONVENTION



Saturday, June 14, 2014
 Host: New Castle Bowlers
 Eintracht Hall
 108 Taylor St.
 New Castle, PA

All Branches are entitled to send 3 Delegates.

9:00 am Auditing Books

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Session Opens

Lunch is \$8.00

Deadline for Reservations is June 6, 2014

All bowlers are welcome to sit in at the meeting.

For reservations, please call Rich Baker
 at (724) 854-0149



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

SALEM SAXON CLUB

Benefitting the

Scholarship Fund

Homemade Dinners,

Sandwiches & Snacks

For Information call

234-564-5964

CHURCHES



**St. Peter's
German and Saxon
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stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

**Rev. Waldemar Gies
Pastor**
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10:00 Bilingual Service
Nursery School
Coffee following service.
Bible Study, Senior Circle,
Sunday School, Church
Choir, Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church
1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
Rev. Paul Stork
Interim Pastor

9:00 Worship Service

A trend: Americans are krazy about kale

Kale has it all and it's getting the royal treatment.

The leafy vegetable is flavorful, low carb and low calorie.

Kale is a cruciferous vegetable, a leafy relative of broccoli and Brussels sprouts. It's one of the few rich sources of vitamin K, good for your bones.

The more delicate varieties, like Red Russian and dino kale can be eaten raw or chopped into salads. Curly kale is crunchier and chewier and is best when marinated for 30 minutes in dressing before going into the salad.

Make your own kale chips. Wash and dry the leaves then remove any thick stems and tear the leaves into large pieces (they'll shrink). Toss with olive oil and sprinkle with (if desired) salt, garlic powder and/or pepper.

Spread them on a baking sheet and bake in a 375 degree oven until crispy, 10 to 15 minutes.

Nutrition: 1 cup has 33 calories and 6 carbs.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

I wasn't at the ATS convention but I did get to read the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon 2013 Annual Report. If you can read the report of Tom Manning, President of the ATS, this will highlight the programs and projects for the ATS for the past year, and his focus on our continuing assistance with the local Cultural Groups, in our own Branches and in the other branches. Tom also expresses his concern for all local members to assist the local Branch leaders to help the Branches grow, invite your friends and family to join.

Continue reading the year end report for 2013 and realize that the Home Office has done a successful job in keeping the ATS Insurance and Annuities records in good order. The Board of Directors are listed in the 2013 report, we thank them for their integrity and time on the Board. Remember, when we buy ATS insurance and annuities we are helping ourselves. The ATS representative for Branches 22 and 30 is Jim Mauch, 330-792-8484.

The Dance Group and Band from Nurnberg will perform for the Youngstown club on Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and Tuesday June 24. Read the larger ad in the *Volksblatt* for more information, they will perform at the ATS Heimattag June 20 - 22.

When you are planning a gathering from now until the snow is back, the Pavilion, Lounge and or the Ballroom are available. The office will be able to assist with the arrangements, call 330-792-7973, Heather, Janet or Helen.

A note from the Restoration Committee - purchase and installation is underway for the

much needed dishwasher for the Kitchen. What wonders can be accomplished when a few put their time and minds together. Think of the other good and needed projects that we can do when many get together. Keep the Memorial and Celebration Committee and the Restoration Committee at the forefront of your Memorial and Honor donations. All funds received by these committees are spent wisely. Thank you.

The times and days for the Ballroom Bingo will be Tuesday AM from 9:00 to 12:30, Sunday from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. If you are willing to see this moving ahead contact Barry Garhammer at 330-540-6705 and look at the bulletin boards for information.

On the third Wednesday of the Month Rick draws the five winning tickets for that month for the 300 Club. Tickets are available and can be purchased from your ticket sellers or Rick Lieb at 330-792-1350, or at the Bar. The 300 Club Dinner and drawing will be on Saturday, September 14, 2014 in the Ballroom.

The Retirees meet on June 12th. The Men's mid-season Bocce bash is on Monday June 16th. The Youngstown Saxon Club is closed on July 4th, Independence Day, the weather was just fine for Memorial Day and many people enjoyed the Memorial service at Fitch High School, may we show our patriotism on July 4th also.

Two of the Saxon members have passed away recently: Al Wellman, 93, Poland, no calling hours and Paul Beight, 92, from Retirees. I am in Re-hab and expect to be out on June 1, 2014.

So Goes the News.

Last Service at St. Thomas Ev. Lutheran Church



On Sunday, June 8, transitional services will be held at both St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church (Cleveland) and Bethany English Churches to celebrate the merger of the two congregations. Services will begin at St. Thomas at 9 AM and then the congregation will travel together to Bethany English for the continuation of services at 10 AM followed by a reception. Please join us if you can for the celebration of our new beginning.

New choices in streaming TV make entertainment fun

You have probably heard of ChromeCast, Apple TV and Roku 3 — all three entertainment boxes will regularly save you a trip to the store for movies. And they are all under \$100. Now Amazon has entered the fray -- giving a host a new options on its Fire TV

In the case of Google ChromCast, it is priced at the luscious \$35 mark, making it a very tempting choice if you don't care about new movies or sports channels and you just want to watch Netflix or Hulu.

Meanwhile, the leader in the segment, Apple TV, is perfect for people invested in iPhones, because the box, that was once just for hobbyists, is now ready for primetime. It links wirelessly to all your Apple devices and soon you'll be playing music from your iPhone on your TV, as well as streaming video to any of your devices. Or maybe just setting up a slide show on your TV from your computer's iPhoto collection or your movies from iMovie.

Apple TV costs \$99 and comes with a truly easy-to-use remote.

Next, Roku 3 is a fantastic choice, offering slightly more content choices than Apple TV, including Amazon Instant video. It comes with a headphone jack on its nifty remote.

Sales of streaming media devices are expected to grow 24 percent this year, according to Strategy Analytics, and Amazon wants part of the action, according to the Wall Street Journal.

If you want games, look to Amazon Fire TV. The company says thousands of games, including the popular "Minecraft," are available for Fire TV, with many games costing less than \$2. The game controller costs \$39.

At the same time, you get much of what other boxes offer: Netflix, Hulu, and movies. (These must be purchased). At a New York presentation, Amazon highlighted the device's game platform and voice-activated search commands. At \$99, the Fire TV is priced near the high end for streaming devices.

Analysts say Amazon's ambitions appear to extend to creating a new avenue for selling content like games and movies.

Google's Chromecast plugs into TV sets, has been a runaway hit due to its \$35 price tag. And Roku is now shipping its own \$50 dongle.

Apple TV's streaming video device is \$99.



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.

Alice L. Wise
Age 88

Died: May 10, 2014
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Theresa M. Olszewski
Age 89

Died: May 18, 2014
Branch 2, Erie PA

John M. Kloos
Age 89

Died: May 21, 2014
Branch 1, Cleveland OH

Betty J. Krafft
Age 82

Died: May 27, 2014
Branch 7, Farrell PA

William F. Spaan
Age 91

Died: May 28, 2014
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

Health in the News

By a Belgian tech company ...



New headband treats migraine headaches

It looks a futuristic, but its benefits are ready today.

The new Cefaly headband offers relief from migraines through the use of neurostimulation. It fits over the ears like a pair of glasses, with a wide diamond shape at the center of the forehead.

The Recent FDA approval for the Cefaly means migraine sufferers can actually prevent the debilitating headaches by using the device once daily for 20 minutes. Migraine symptoms can start days before the event and can include euphoria or irritability. Because the buildup comes on gradually, the developers recommend using the Cefaly daily.

A prescription is required for the Cefaly kit, which costs about \$295 in the U.S. and \$349 in Canada.



ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS 104th Convention

May 17-18, 2014

Lorain, Ohio - Branch 5



Photo: M. Johnson

Convention delegates



Photo: M. Johnson

First Vice President Robert Cunningham calling roll



Photo: H. Hermann

President Thomas Manning (right) awarding Most New Members awards to Ema Litschel - Branch 33 Cleveland, Jim Mauch - Branch 30 Youngstown, and Marie Benedict - Branch 27 New Castle.



Photo: M. Johnson

Enjoying the Saturday evening banquet: (l to r) John Boehm, Youngstown, Erika Botsch, Anna Alischer, Hans Botsch, and Barbara and Hanz Hermann, Cleveland



Photo: M. Johnson

From left: Denise Aeling Crawford, Courtney Crawford, Casey Crawford, Matt Aeling, and Helen Aeling, all of Alliance.

First Day's Session

Convention Called to Order

President Thomas Manning called the 104th Convention of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons to order at 10am on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

Brother George Schneider, President of Branch 5, Lorain wished all Delegates and Officers a nice weekend and an enjoyable convention.

Invocation and Memorial Service

Reverend Horst Hoyer, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio, gave the invocation and conducted the Memorial Service in remembrance of our departed Saxon Sisters and Brothers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Delegation stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the singing of the National Anthem and "Siebenbürgen", accompanied on the piano by Andréa Ball, Branch 4, Cleveland.

Opening Remarks

President Manning thanked the Delegates for being prompt and also asked them to vote on the Handicraft Exhibit items before 8 pm. The contents of the Delegates Booklet were reviewed. Delegates were asked to stand to be recognized and to state their name and their Branch when called upon.

Special Greetings

John Werner, Chairman, Landsmannschaft of Canada sent greetings and wishes for a successful business meeting.

Report on Delegates' Credentials

First Vice President, Robert Cunningham reported that the Delegates' credentials were verified at the ATS Home Office and all present were eligible to be seated as Delegates.

Roll Call of Officers and Delegates

The Roll Call of Officers and Delegates were held and the following were present:

Board of Directors:

President: Thomas Manning, Branch 2, Erie
First Vice President: Robert Cunningham, III, Branch 1, Cleveland
Second Vice President: Joan Miller-Malue, Branch 4, Cleveland
Third Vice President: John Boehm, Jr., Branch 30, Cleveland
Secretary: Monica Weber, Branch 4, Cleveland
Treasurer: Denise Crawford, Branch 8, Alliance
Trustees:
Hanz Hermann, Branch 1, Cleveland
Peter Karsti, II, Branch 30, Youngstown
Jacob Spor, Branch 25, New Castle
Barbara Spack, Branch 18, Salem

Delegates:

Branch 1 Cleveland West
Martin Schuller, Adolf Fischer, Robert Hanek, Jakob Zimmer, Andreas Gross, Hans Botsch.
Branch 2 Erie
Elizabeth J. Manning, Margaret Pinczewski, Richard J. Wolfe, Sr., Leona K. Wolfe, Corey McLaughlin
Branch 3 Alliance
Matthew Aeling
Branch 4 Cleveland West
Rosemarie Zimmer, Donna Jankow, Erika Botsch, Anna Alischer, Maria Fischer, Maria Tellman, Inge Schuster
Branch 5 Lorain
George H. Schneider, Russell Gilles
Branch 7 Farrell
No Delegates
Branch 8 Alliance
Helen Aeling, Denise Aeling Crawford
Branch 9 Chicago
Diethild Thut, Hildegard Schmidts, Maria Huprich, Katharina Roth
Branch 10 Columbus
No Delegates
Branch 11 Lorain
Monica F. Gilles, Nancy Kranstuber
Branch 14 Canton
No Delegates

Branch 17 Canton

Pauline Siftt

Branch 18 Salem

Marilyn McNutt, Florence Spack, Barbara Spack, Walburga Spack, Annette Howard

Branch 19 Salem

Henry A. Spack, Glenn Spack

Branch 22 Youngstown

Bonnie Baker, June Hoelzel, Sofia Froom, Helen Fotiuk, Rosemarie Kascher, Helen Mauch, Eva Karsti, Gloria Hahn, Julaine Gilmartin, Lucy Secka, Betty Garhammer, Maria Bachinger

Branch 25 New Castle

Daniel Both, Sr.

Branch 26 Merrillville

Randall B. Floyd, Willard Schuffert

Branch 27 New Castle

Marie A. Benedict, Patricia Both, D. Jean Kaba

Branch 29 Monaca

No Delegates

Branch 30 Youngstown

James Mauch, Roger Fotiuk, Bill Karako, Barry Garhammer, Ernest Roth, Sr., Mike Teutsch, Jr., Don Hoelzel, Tom Hahn, John Boehm, Jr., Peter Karsti, Garland Dunkel, Robert Bachinger

Branch 32 Ellwood City

No Delegates

Branch 33 Cleveland East

Ema Litschel, Dolf Litschel, Arline Suts, Diane Hum, Pam Bonnett, Jeff Krestel, Henry Hum

Branch 37 Detroit

Susanna Fleischer, George Schemmel, Sr., Samuel Klein

Branch 40 Merrillville

Brigitte Floyd, Ethel Schuffert

Branch 45 Ellwood City

No Delegates

Home Branch

Robert Cunningham, III, Monica M. Weber, Joan A. Miller-Malue, Jacob Spor, Hanz Hermann

Past Officer Recognition

The following Past Officers of the ATS were introduced:

George Schemmel, Sr., Branch 37, Detroit
Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance
Sofia Froom, Branch 22, Youngstown
Ema Litschel, Branch 33, Cleveland

Introduction of Guests

The following guests were introduced to the Convention:

National Committee Appointee: Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance
President TSBA: Glenn Spack, Branch 19, Salem

Special Recognition

A moment of silence was held to honor ATS Trustee Ron Benedict, Branch 25, New Castle and long-time former ATS Trustee Neil Stertzbach, Branch 30, Youngstown. Both died since the last ATS Convention.

Visitors

All visiting ATS Members were welcomed to the Convention.

Convention Committees

The following members were appointed by President Manning to fulfill Convention duties:

Registration Committee:
Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain
Elaine Johnson, Branch 11, Lorain

Chaplain:
Michael Johnson, Branch 5, Lorain
Jane Mowrey, Branch 11, Lorain

Convention Marshall:
Brain Gilles, Branch 5, Lorain
Nick Piller, Branch 5, Lorain (Assistant)

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Bob Tomusko, Branch 5, Lorain

Handicraft Exhibit Directors:
Jeanne Petty, Branch 11, Lorain
Arleen Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain

Piano Accompanist:
Andréa Ball, Branch 4, Cleveland

Parliamentarian
Glenn Spack, Branch 19, Salem

Reading of the Minutes from the 103rd Convention

Whereas each Delegate had been provided with a printed copy for reference, a motion was made by Randall Floyd, Branch 26, Merrillville, seconded by Bob Bachinger, Branch 30, Youngstown, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 103rd Convention. Motion carried.

Induction or Dissolution of Branches

ATS Branch 40, Merrillville is in the process of merging with Branch 26, Merrillville.

Board of Director's Reports

The Delegates were asked to hear all reports and act upon them collectively.

President's Report

President Manning reported that interest rates continue to remain low however the ATS has shown growth. Total assets have increased approximately \$2.4 million dollars from 2012. This is demonstrated by our Solvency Ratio of 110.08% which is above the average for the 25 leading insurance companies as shown in the Independent Comparative Report.

ATS membership is declining which is similar to other fraternal benefit societies. President Manning asked that delegates refer potential members to their local deputies. He thanked the local Branch Officers, all cultural group members, the ATS Board of Directors and the Home Office Staff for their support and assistance in keeping the ATS strong.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Weber reported on the Membership and Insurance Activity for 2013. During the year, 149 life and annuity certificates were issued with an insurance value of \$238,000 and annuity value of \$715,359. The total number of life and annuity certificates decreased by 144 for an ending total of 8795 certificates. Membership decreased by 126 members for a year-end total of 7,330 members. Total life insurance value of the ATS at December 31, 2013 was \$26,280,804. This represents a decrease of \$118,000 from year end 2012. The total ATS annuity value at December 31, 2013 was \$58,451,798. This was an increase of \$1,837,464 from year-end 2012.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crawford reported on the financial condition of the ATS for the year ending December 31, 2013. Total assets of the ATS were \$80,390,146, which is an increase of \$2,480,617 from the previous year end. Included in the assets are approximately \$60.7 million of bonds, some common stocks, and short term investments of approximately \$15.5 million. The liabilities being reported include reserves for life insurance policies and annuities and the money deposited into the Branch Fund Deposit accounts. Unassigned funds increased to \$7,361,061 at December 31, 2013. Total sales for 2013 were \$2,724,969. This figure is a decrease of approximately \$620,000 from the previous year. Investment income was \$3,888,325.

Benefits paid out to members total \$3,731,957. These benefits include claims, withdrawals, surrenders and interest payments paid to members. Remaining expenses for operating and fraternal activities totaled \$841,681 for the year. Next gain from operations for 2013 was \$534,300. Net realized capital gains were \$143,849, resulting in a total net income from operations of \$678,149 for the year.

Treasurer Crawford reminded all local Branches that they should have filed the annual 990 or 990-N electronic postcard. Failure to comply can result in the loss of exempt status at both the national and local level. She encouraged the delegation to support the sale of life and annuity certificates. Treasurer Crawford also noted that included in the Delegate's packet is a 2014 independent report comparing the ATS against the top 25 commercial insurance companies. This report demonstrates the financial stability of the ATS.

Audit Report

Treasurer Crawford, Chairman of the Audit Committee, stated that the Trustees examined the ATS income and expense records and statements at the Annual Audit. In the opinion of the Trustees, all records and reports were accurate and in good order.

During 2013, James G. Zupka CPA, Inc. conducted

an independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year 2012 and found that the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the ATS as of year-end 2012. Also during 2013 the Ohio Department of Insurance conducted an extensive examination of the ATS financial statements for a three-year period ending December 31, 2011. All accounts and activities of the ATS were considered in accordance with the risk-focused examination process.

In addition, Annual and Quarterly Financial Statements are filed each year with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the State Insurance Departments of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan.

A motion was made by George Schemmel Sr., Branch 37, Detroit, seconded by Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain, to accept the Board of Directors reports as given. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Rules

The Board of Directors, represented by Trustee Barbara Spack, presented the following budget proposals for the next year periods of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for Convention consideration and approval:

\$335,000	Salary for each one year period
\$60,000	Sales Promotion for each one year period
\$55,000	Fraternal Activities for each one year period
\$20,000	Jugendlager Special budget (2015 only)

Trustee Spack reminded the Delegates that they would vote on the proposals at a later time.

Trustee Spack presented the Constitutional changes as proposed by the ATS Board of Directors. The proposed changes are based upon recommendations from the Ohio Department of Insurance.

Article IX. Duties of Officers Section 5.

Omit second sentence: The Treasurer shall serve as the chairperson of the annual audit of the Board of Directors and shall recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of the independent auditor.

Change to Read: The Treasurer shall be responsible for reporting all financial statistics to the Board of Directors and the Convention. The Treasurer shall review the monthly cash receipts and cash disbursement records of the Alliance.

Article IX. Duties of Officers Section 7 Trustees' duties

Currently Reads: c. They shall audit the books of the Alliance annually.

Change to Read: c. They shall serve as the Audit Committee and audit the books of the Alliance at least annually.

- 1) The Board of Directors shall designate an Audit Committee Chairperson and shall recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of the independent auditor.

This proposal changes some of the duties that were the Treasurer to the ATS Trustees.

Article X. Board of Directors

The following proposal is recommended so that the ATS Board of Directors can act timely and efficiently to abide by changes in Insurance Laws or Rulings by the various state insurance departments.

Add Section 11 and also add to Article 24, Section 5:

The Board of Directors shall have full authority to act in a judicial capacity. In order to comply with laws or insurance department rulings having the effect of law in any state where the Alliance is licensed for business, the Board of Directors may, by resolution, amend without national convention delegate approval any provision of this Constitution and Bylaws which now or subsequently conflicts with any such laws or rulings. When the Board of Directors amends the Alliance's Constitution and Bylaws under this section, notice of the amendment(s) will be published in the VOLKSBLATT, official publication of the Alliance. Amendments, from date of publication, will be binding on



Macy McConville, Branch 4 Cleveland, Junior Winner in Handicraft Exhibit



Photo: H. Hermann

Handicraft Exhibit Winners: on left of John Boehm, Arline Suts, Branch 33 Cleveland and Jean Kaba, Branch 27 New Castle. To right, accepting for Michelle Cantrell and Dana Brown are Jeanne Petty and Jane Mowery, Branch 11 Lorain



Photo: H. Hermann

Presidents Award and Junior Category. Accepting for Macy McConville and Dana Brown are Donna Jankow and Jane Mowery



Photo: H. Hermann

Leader in Life and Annuity Sales for 2013, Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance.



Grace Zgola, Branch 5 Lorain, proudly showing off her plaque for winning in Girls Age 8-9 Division in the Bowl Where You Are Tournament

every member and on all those deriving legal rights from a member. Amendments will remain in effect until altered, amended, or repealed by the national convention during a regular or special session.

She reminded the Delegates that they would vote on the proposed Constitution Changes at a later time.

Reports by Standing and Special Committees

The Delegates were asked to hear all reports and act on them collectively.

Investment Committee

Treasurer Denise Crawford reported on the activities of the Investment Committee. During the year 2013, 10 sets of bonds were purchased with a cost of \$5,381,003. Seven issues of bonds were called or redeemed with proceeds of \$2,149,941. Four sets of stocks were sold with proceeds of \$646,491. At December 31, 2013, the yield on the ATS investment portfolio was 5.4%. The ATS attempts to maintain a 1.5% spread between the investment portfolio earnings and the interest paid on annuities. When interest on the investment portfolio increases, the ATS Board of Directors will consider increasing the interest rate paid on annuities.

The Investment Committee relies on the advice of ATS Investment Advisor, John McPike. The 2013 Investment Committee consisted of: President Thomas Manning, Robert Cunningham, Joan Miller-Malue, and Denise Crawford.

Orphan Fund Committee

Chairman Robert Cunningham gave the Orphan Fund Committee Report. The Orphan Fund program provides monthly financial assistance in addition to the premium payments of the children's ATS insurance. In 2013, three children from two families were being supported. The total amount spent on the Orphan Program per month is \$205.00. Total benefits paid in 2013 were \$2,755.00. At Christmas each child was sent a monetary gift. In 2013 the Saxon Orphan Fund received \$211.00 in donations. The Orphan benefits are paid out of the ATS General Fund and are provided without charge, with no contractual guarantee, and have no effect on ATS insurance contracts.

The Orphan Fund Committee consists of the three Vice Presidents: Robert Cunningham, Joan Miller-Malue, and John Boehm.

Future Planning Committee

Chairman John Boehm, Jr. gave the Future Planning/Scholarship Committee Report. Nineteen freshman scholarships, 3 renewals and twelve Continuing Academic Scholarships were awarded in 2013. The total amount of money distributed for scholarship awards in 2013 was \$29,400. In 2014 there were 19 freshman scholarships and 3 undergraduate renewals for a total of \$20,400 and 12 continuing education grants awarded for a total of \$9,000.

The 2014 Academic Freshman Scholarship recipients are as follows:

One four-year \$1,000 per year renewable Victor Deptner

Memorial Scholarship:

Anny M. Carroll, Youngstown, Branch 22

One \$1,000 Past ATS Officers Memorial Scholarship:

Jessica E. Reed, Erie, Branch 2

One \$1,000 Henry Schindler Memorial Scholarship:

James M. Wallace, Youngstown, Branch 30

One \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship:

Maximilian J. Bungert, Chicago, Branch 9

One \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship:

Jacob M. Schreiber, Cleveland, Branch 1

One \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Award:

Eva J. Schuller, Chicago, Branch 9

One \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award:

Peyton M. Higgins, Youngstown, Branch 22

One \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award:

Caroline T. Oehlman, Columbus, Branch 10

One \$1,000 Branch 10 Columbus Scholarship Award:

Katherine M. Simonis, Cleveland, Branch 4

One \$1,000 Branch 14 Canton Scholarship Award:

Bradley J. Hall, Columbus, Branch 10

One \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in Honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34:

Evan J. Chernicky, Youngstown, Branch 30

One \$1,000 Rev. and Ms. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship:

William F. Pelger, II, Cleveland, Branch 1

One \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship:

Kathryn A. Bailey, Cleveland, Branch 4

One \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship

Erika R. Gellner, Columbus, Branch 10

One \$1,000 Lorain Branch 5 National Scholarship

Justin A. Fotiuk, Youngstown, Branch 30

One \$750 Niles Branch 20 National Scholarship:

John A. Waffenschmidt, Home Branch Cleveland

One \$750 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship Award:

Brady M. Leunis, Farrell, Branch 7

One \$500 ATS Scholarship

Ashley M. Schill, Youngstown, Branch 22

One \$400 Donzella Herman Scholarship Award:

Chelsea J. Raymer, Youngstown, Branch 22

4th Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial

Sarah T. Pelger, Cleveland, Br 4

3rd Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial

Katie M. Lachman, Lorain, Br. 11

2nd Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial

Lea M. Carroll, Youngstown, Br.22

The Twelve Academic Continuing Education grants were awarded:

\$1000 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory of Past President David P. Bokesch

Quade M. Zeedrich, Alliance, Branch 3

\$1000 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory of Marie Stirner

Erica S. Hauer, Chicago, Branch 9

\$1000 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory Marie Stirner

Casey M. Crawford, Alliance, Branch 8

\$1,000 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory Marie Stirner

Alexandra M. Krafft, Farrell, Branch 7

\$1,000 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory Marie Stirner

Michael R. Krafft, Farrell, Branch 7

\$1,000 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory Gertie & Ernie Gottschling

Gregory P. Ginther, Cleveland, Branch 33

\$500 Academic Continuing Education

ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East

Jacob J. Pallo, Youngstown, Branch 30

\$500 Academic Continuing Education

in Memory Karl & Charlotte Klamer

Leah R. Teutsch, Youngstown, Branch 22

\$500 Academic Continuing Education

Farrell – Branch 7 Scholarship Award

Raven M. Logan, Youngstown, Branch 22

\$500 ATS Academic Continuing Education

Andreas J. Schuster, Cleveland, Branch 1

\$500 ATS Academic Continuing Education

Mary E. Nicholson, Erie, Branch 2

\$500 ATS Academic Continuing Education

Leigh A. Nagy, Cleveland, Branch 33

Chairman John Boehm reviewed the 2013 ATS Open-Bowling Tournament that was held in

Cleveland, Ohio hosted by Branches 1 and 4. The participating cities were: Alliance, Cleveland

East, Cleveland West, Erie, Merrillville, New Castle, Salem and Youngstown. The 2014 ATS Open-Bowling

Tournament will be held in Chicago, Illinois the weekend of October 18 - 19.

The 2013 ATS Golf Tournament was held in Youngstown, Ohio with 36 golfers participating. The

2014 ATS Golf Tournament will be held in Erie on Saturday, August 9.

The Future Planning/Scholarship Committee consists of John Boehm, Peter Karsti, Barbara Spack, Jacob

Spor, Monica Weber, Hanz Hermann and Robert Cunningham.

National Committee-Cultural

Chairperson Monica Weber gave the National Committee Report. She expressed appreciation for

all cultural groups and their efforts at preserving the Saxon heritage. One of the primary functions of the

Cultural Promotion Committee is to plan the yearly Heimattag. The 2013 Heimattag was held in Kitchener,

Canada. The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and the

Youngstown Saxon Brass Band performed during the festivities.

The 2014 Heimattag will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on June 20-22, 2014. The following are the United States Cultural Groups that will perform at the Heimattag: Cleveland Saxon Dance Group, the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, and the Cleveland Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor.

The 2014 Cultural Exchange Program will host a group from Nürnberg, Germany along with a band, Schlager-Taxi. They will perform at the Heimattag and also be hosted by Youngstown and Erie branches.

The National Committee consists of Monica Weber, Joan Miller-Malue, Hanz Hermann, Peter Karsti, and John Boehm.

Youth Activities Committee

Chairperson Joan Miller-Malue gave the Youth Activities Report. Last year's events were highlighted including the Saxon Summer Camp, Bowl-Where-You-Are, ATS Family Day, Jugendlager, and Coloring contests. Unfortunately Teen Weekend has been discontinued due to low attendance. Teen Weekend was held every year for over 30 years.

Upcoming events include: ATS Family Day on July, 26, 2014, Saxon Summer Camp at Camp Frederick in Rodgers, Ohio for ages 8-15 from July 20-25, 2014, Bowl-Where-You-Are for ages 6 to 17 from February 1 to March 31, and various coloring contests.

The Youth Activities Committee has begun planning for the 2015 Jugendlager that will be hosted by the ATS. Each country, Austria, Canada, Germany, Romania and the USA is entitled to send 5 participants plus a group leader. The Jugendlager will be held in July, 2015.

The children's cook-book project is progressing. Proceeds from the cookbook will be given to children's hospitals in each local area.

The Youth Activities Committee consists of Joan Miller-Malue, Hanz Hermann, Monica Weber, Robert Cunningham, Barbara Spack, Denise Crawford, Jacob Spor, and Committee Appointees Helen Aeling, Brianna Mueller, and Ingrid Ferguson.

Upon completion of these reports, a motion was made by Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance, seconded by Sofia Froom, Branch 22, Youngstown, to approve the Standing and Special Committee reports as given. Motion carried.

Reports of Affiliated Organizations

Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund

Trustee Adolf Fischer, Branch 1, Cleveland, gave the report. The Cleveland Eintracht- Saxonia Sachsenchor has decided to drop out of the Sängerbund due to required travel and a membership with increased age. They will however continue to sing locally. A meeting has been set for May 30, 2014 in Erie to talk about the future of the Sängerbund. The Sängerbund currently has three singing sections remaining which are Cleveland, New Castle, and Erie.

TSBA

Glenn Spack, TSBA President, gave the report. He reviewed the 2013-2014 bowling season. There were seven bowling sessions held on a monthly basis. The League had 20 teams and approximately 75 bowlers. They continue to seek bowlers. The next TSBA event will be the convention to be held on June 14th in New Castle where next seasons schedule will be determined and there will be the election of officers. The 2014 ATS Open-Bowling Tournament will be held in Chicago, Illinois the weekend of October 18-19.

A motion was made by Marie Benedict Branch 27, New Castle, seconded by Russell Gilles, Branch 5, Lorain, to accept the Reports of Affiliated Organizations as given. Motion carried.

Action on Charges or Grievances

There were no official charges or grievances to report.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the last Convention

Filing of Communications and New Proposals

There were no communications or proposals filed.

Action on Budget Proposals

A motion was made by George Schneider Branch 5, Lorain, seconded by Helen Fotiuk, Branch 22, Youngstown, to accept the proposed salary budget of \$335,000, the proposed sales promotion budget of \$60,000, the proposed fraternal activities budget of \$55,000, and the special Jugendlager budget of \$20,000 presented by the Board of Directors for the years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Motion carried.

Action on Constitutional Proposals

A motion was made by George Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit, seconded by Elizabeth Manning, Branch 2, Erie, to accept the proposed Constitutional changes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

The following Offices are open for election this year:

First Vice President	4 year term ending 2018
Third Vice President	4 year term ending 2018
Treasurer	4 year term ending 2018
Three Trustees	4 year term ending 2018

According to the ATS Constitution, a Branch nominating committee must make nominations in writing to the Alliance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the convention. A nominee for election to Office must be of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or descendant thereof, be an ATS member in good standing for the past three years, must be an American citizen, must possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal workings of the Alliance, have served as a Delegate to at least one previous National Convention, be willing to complete continuing education as designated by the Board of Directors of the Alliance, have the willingness and commitment to devote the necessary time to fulfill the duties of office and not be a current officer in another fraternal benefit society. Incumbent ATS Officers are eligible for re-election and if not present at the Convention, must send in writing "consent to be nominated."

Local Branch nomination forms were received for First and Third Vice President, Treasurer, and three Trustees. Branches were notified of these nominations and the information was printed in the Volksblatt. The following people have agreed to be nominated for offices within the ATS:

First Vice President
Robert Cunningham, Branch 1, Cleveland
Third Vice President
John Boehm, Branch 30, Youngstown
Treasurer
Denise Crawford, Branch 8, Alliance
Trustees
Peter Karsti, II, Branch 30, Youngstown
Hanz Hermann, Branch 1, Cleveland
Randall Floyd, Branch 26, Merrillville

A motion was made by Glenn Spack, Branch 19, Salem, seconded by Arline Suts, Branch 33, Cleveland East, to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of these officers. Motion carried.

Installation of Officers

ATS Past Trustee, Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance, installed all Officers to their respective Offices.

Insurance and Annuity Presentation

First Vice President Robert Cunningham gave a presentation on the ATS insurance and annuity program.

Convention Recess

President Manning adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

Second Day's Session

Convention Call to Order

President Thomas Manning called the Second Day's Session of the 104th ATS Convention to order at 9:30 a.m.

Invocation

Michael Johnson, Branch 5, Lorain, gave the Invocation.

Visitors

President Manning welcomed all visitors to the convention session.

Roll Call

First Vice President Robert Cunningham conducted the Roll Call. All of the Officers and Delegates who attended the First Day's Session were present at the Sunday's session.

Reading Minutes from the First Day's Session

Secretary Monica Weber read the Minutes of the First Day's Session. A motion was made by Robert Bachinger, Branch 30, Youngstown, seconded by Don Hoelzel, Branch 30, Youngstown, to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the previous day's session.

New Business

Branch Sharing Awards and Cultural Subsidy Grants

President Tom Manning presented checks to each branch for the Branch Fund Sharing Program. The total amount distributed was \$6,975. The Branch Fund Sharing Program is an award program developed to acknowledge the production efforts by the local branches. The award is based on the members in good standing, the life premiums and annuity deposits received from individual branch members.

President Manning also presented the 2014-2015 Subsidy Grants to the Cultural Groups. The total amount distributed under this program was \$1,750. In addition, the TSBA will receive a subsidy when the new season begins.

Deputy Sales Awards

President Thomas Manning distributed the Deputy Sales Awards for 2013. The leader in life and annuity sales was Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance. There was a three-way tie for most new members (11): Jim Mauch, Branch 30, Youngstown, Ema Litschel, Branch 33, Cleveland East and Marie Benedict Branch 27, New Castle.

Saxon Handicraft Exhibit Awards

John Boehm Jr., Chairman of Future Planning Committee presented the Handicraft Exhibit Awards. He thanked the Handicraft Exhibit Directors Jeanne Petty, Branch 11, Lorain and Arleen Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain for their hard work.

The First Place Winners received an umbrella and ribbons were awarded to the Second Place Winners.

Crewel
1 st Place: Dana Brown, Branch 11, Lorain
Crocheting
1 st Place: Arline Suts, Branch 33, Cleveland East
Knitting
1 st Place: Jean Kaba, Branch 27, New Castle
2 nd Place: Jean Kaba, Branch 27, New Castle
Painting
1 st Place: Michelle Cantrell, Branch 11, Lorain
2 nd Place: Sharon Powell Branch 11, Lorain
Photography
1 st Place: Fred Krestel, Branch 33, Cleveland East
2 nd Place: Arline Suts, Branch 33, Cleveland East
Open Class
1 st Place: Elmer Schneider, Branch 5, Lorain
Junior Category
1 st Place: Macy McConville, Branch 4, Cleveland

President Thomas Manning presented the President's Award for Best in Show to Dana Brown, Branch 11, Lorain. She received a plaque.

Good and Welfare

First Vice President Robert Cunningham presented the report on Saxon Relief. In 2013, \$5,475 was collected for Saxon relief for recipients in Romania. President Manning will present a check to the Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland at the Heimattag in

June. These monies will be forwarded to the Saxonia which is the local foundation in Transylvania. In addition to packages and supplies, efforts also focus on the care of the elderly left in Transylvania. Recently there has been the addition of a hospice unit and a children's outreach center.

ATS Branch 33 and George Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit, presented donations for the Saxon Relief Fund.

Glenn Spack, Branch 19, Salem, described the workings of the Stars For Our Troops charity and distributed stars to all military veterans attending the ATS Convention. He asked for support for all those serving in the military.

Hosts for Future ATS National Events

Branch 19 Salem will host the 2016 ATS Convention. They will be celebrating their 125th anniversary that year.

A motion was made by Ernie Roth, Branch 30, Youngstown, seconded by Bonnie Baker, Branch 22, Youngtown, to accept Youngstown's bid to host the 2015 Branch President's Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barry Garhammer, Branch 30, Youngstown, seconded by Peter Karsti, Branch 30, Youngstown, to host the 2016 Heimattag. Motion carried.

Important Dates to Remember

June 14	Annual TSBA Convention in New Castle
July 20 - 22	Saxon Heimattag in Cleveland Host: Branches 1 and 4
July 20 - 25	Saxon Summer Camp Discoverers: Ages 8-11 Journeyers: Ages 12-15 Camp Frederick, Rogers, Ohio
July 26	ATS Family Day Waldemeer Amusement Park & Water World Erie, Pa.
August 9	ATS Golf Outing – Elk Valley Golf Course Host: Branch 2 – Erie
Oct 18-19	ATS Open Bowling Tournament Chicago, Illinois Host: Branch 9 Chicago

Local events: June 4th Salem 18 & 19 will start weekly Bingo sessions to support their scholarship fund
August 17th Annual Lorain Picnic

Closing of Convention

President Thomas Manning declared the Business Agenda completed. He expressed thanks to President George Schneider and to the officers and members of Branch 5 and Branch 11 for their fine hospitality and hard work in hosting a successful convention. He also thanked the Convention Committees, the Handicraft Exhibit Directors, ATS Officers, Home Office Staff, Delegates and guests.

Reading of Minutes – Second Day's Session

Secretary Weber read the Minutes from the Second Day's Session. A motion was made by Randall Floyd, Branch 26, Merrillville, seconded by Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain, to accept the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

Farewell

George Schneider, President of Branch 5, Lorain, thanked the Delegates, ATS Officers and visitors for an enjoyable Convention and wished them a safe travel home.

Adjournment

The Delegates stood to sing "America" and "Ich Bin Ein Sachs", accompanied on the piano by Andréa Ball.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, President Manning declared the 104th ATS Convention adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Weber
ATS Secretary

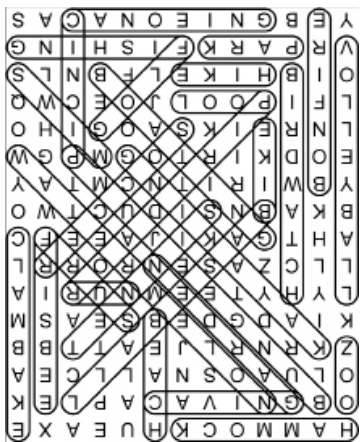
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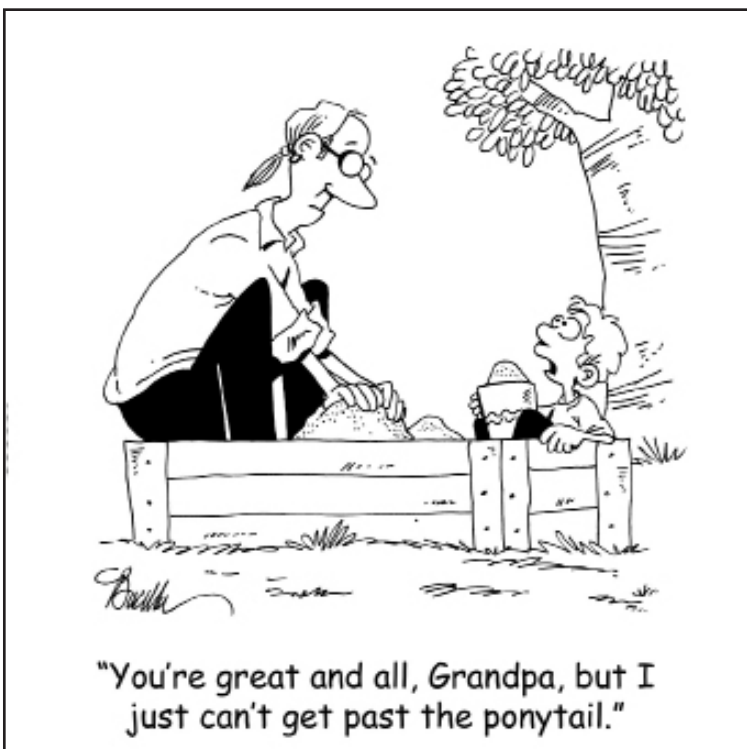
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Oops

Astronomers were excited at having isolated a brief sound which occurred immediately before the Big Bang. Apparently, that sound was "Uh oh."



Adding more banking features .. More banks offer Western Union services

Hard to believe that in the internet era, sending money can be complicated for some.

But for the 34 million households without checking accounts, sending money can be complicated.

First they go to a bank and cash a paycheck. Then they have to find a Western Union, sometimes located at a grocery store, but sometimes located far away.

That's why today many banks are sporting the yellow-and-black Western Union logo.

The number of bank branches providing Western Union services in the United States and Canada quadrupled to 10,392 at the end of 2013.

According to Western Union, bankers want to keep the Western Union transaction, after they cash the check.

As consumers become accustomed to coming into a bank, they might take advantage of other bank services.

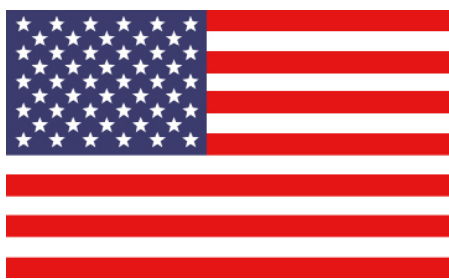
The Wall Street Journal reports that the Birmingham, Ala.-based Regions bank rolled out its Western Union services in branches across 16 states. It bundled the service with other products, including prepaid credit cards and check



cashing. Of 440,000 people taking advantage of the program, 60 percent are new to the bank.

Other banks are also having success by drawing lower-income customers.

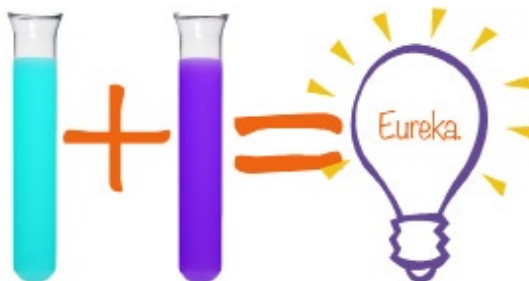
"What the Western Union brand outside signals is that this is a place for them," says an John Spencer, an officer at New York-based Carver Bancorp.



140th Flag Day - June 14, 2014

The first official Flag Day was proclaimed in 1916. The day commemorates the adoption of the flag in 1777. The idea had been around a long time before President Woodrow Wilson made it official. As early as 1861, a number of people and organizations worked to put the day on the national calendar. Displaying the flag on Flag Day is today considered an act of patriotism and hope.

Blame brain chemicals when you feel funny



Feeling funny?

As in humorous?

Are you busting all the jokes at lunch? Zeroing in on that crunchy idea at the monthly meeting?

Yes, if you are feeling funny today you can pat yourself on the head, not the back, because it is a couple of brain chemicals that are making it all work. Researcher Baba Shiv at Stanford's Graduate School of Business has found that two brain chemicals spark creativity. Serotonin and dopamine mix it up in your brain and suddenly you're feeling funny, or maybe clever. Or creative.

High levels of serotonin make you feel calm (low levels make you feel anxious). High levels of dopamine make you excited and engaged (low levels make you bored and apathetic).

Quoted in Inc. magazine, Shiv says these chemicals combine to produce a mental state in which you are calm, but energized.

The question is: How can you get those chemicals in the right mix just when you need them?

Sadly, you cannot swallow a creative pill. But Shiv does recommend some things that sound like grandma's list for happiness: Eat right, sleep right, exercise, and don't drink.

Walk: Exercise helps produce serotonin. In fact, Shiv recommends you walk and talk for 10 to 15 minutes before a meeting. It's a tested method: Computer pioneer, the late Steve Jobs, loved to walk while talking business.

Eat: You can eat protein and shun carbs in the morning. Protein appears to be instrumental in producing those needed creative chemicals.

Sleep: Get deep, restful sleep, unhindered by alcohol and caffeine.

Don't worry so much: Seriously, stress reduces serotonin and makes you closed to new

Sammelband Fortsetzung von Seite 9

Es gibt im Grunde genommen so viele Heimaten wie Persönlichkeiten und Perspektiven. Darauf weist der im Mitteldeutschen Verlag erschienene Sammelband „Heimat. Abbruch – Aufbruch – Ankunft“ hin, den Ingeborg Szöllösi im Auftrag der Deutschen Gesellschaft e. V. herausgegeben hat. Die Textsammlung ist das Ergebnis einer Konferenz, die im Oktober 2012 in Klausenburg stattfand und an der sich Schriftsteller, Professoren, Wissenschaftler und Künstler – beinahe alle mit persönlichem Siebenbürgen-Bezug – beteiligten. Mit besonderem Blick auf die Erfahrungen der deutschen Minderheit in Rumänien tauschten sie sich über den Begriff „Heimat“ aus – und es wundert nicht, dass ihre nun veröffentlichten Texte beinahe einstimmig die Heimat in und rund um Siebenbürgen lokalisieren, selbst wenn einzelne Lebensmittelpunkte längst woanders etabliert sind.

Ein großes Verdienst des Bandes ist seine interdisziplinäre und multikulturelle – man möchte sagen: „siebenbürgische“ – Perspektive, die es dem Leser ermöglicht, eine Vielfalt von Ansichten, Hei-

SUMMER CAMP

It is Time to Get Ready for the Saxon Summer Camp

Camp Frederick, Rogers, Ohio

July 20—25, 2014

New this Year—Two Age Groups

Discoverers Camp—Ages 8—11	\$190 (ATS junior members)
	\$290 (non-members)
Jouneyers Camp—Ages 12—15	\$250 (ATS junior members)
	\$350 (non-members)

For the Discoverers, enjoy the low ropes course, the climbing wall and archery.

For the Journeymen, there are more exciting adventures with the Challenge Course, canoeing and camping out.

Complete the Reservation Form inside this issue of the Volksblatt



ATS FAMILY DAY

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Bring Your Picnic Basket

Free Admission to
Amusement Park and
Picnic Pavilion

ATS Reserved Pavilion
Tunnel #2

COMBO PASS PRICE: \$12 for ATS Members
\$21 for Non-member
(INCLUDES AMUSEMENT RIDES AND WATER PARK)

Register at the Pavilion for the Drawing that will be held at 5 pm

Over 75 Amusement Park Rides and several Magnificent Waterslides!
Free Shows...Midway Games and Arcade

Deadline for Ticket Orders July 20th
Ticket Order form in this issue of the Volksblatt