



ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS

103rd Convention

June 2-3, 2012

Youngstown, Ohio - Branch No. 30



FIRST DAY'S SESSION

Convention Called to Order

President Thomas Manning called the 103rd Convention of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons to order at 10am on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

Brother David Stryffeler, President of Branch 30, Youngstown wished all Delegates and Officers a nice weekend and an enjoyable convention.

Invocation

Reverend Mark Bell, Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Boardman, Ohio gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Delegation stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the singing the National Anthem and "Siebenbürgen", accompanied on the piano by Rosemarie Kascher, Branch 22 – Youngstown.

Opening Remarks

President Manning thanked the Delegates for being prompt and also asked them to vote on the Handicraft Exhibit items before 9pm. 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

Dr. P. Juergen Porr, Chairman of the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania sent his 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 J. Manning, Erie, Branch 2, 1st Vice President Robert Cunningham III, Cleveland, Branch 1, 2nd Vice President Joan Miller-Malue, Cleveland, Branch 4, 3rd Vice President John Boehm Jr., Youngstown, Branch 30, Secretary

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Delegates:

- BR. 1 CLEVELAND WEST: Adolf Fischer, Robert Hanek, Hanz Hermann, Jakob Zimmer, Andreas Gross, Hans Botsch
- BR. 2 ERIE : Elizabeth J. Manning, Arthur E. Pinczewski, Valerie F. Pinczewski, Margaret Pinczewski, Richard J. Wolfe, Sr., Leona K. Wolfe, Frederick Wellman, Corey J. McLaughlin
- BR. 3 ALLIANCE : Matthew Aeling
- BR. 4 CLEVELAND WEST: Rosemarie Zimmer, Donna Jankow, Stephanie Miller-Hanek, Erika Botsch, Anna Alischer, Maria Fischer, Maria Tellman
- BR. 5 LORAIN: George H. Schneider, Russell Gilles
- BR. 7 FARRELL: Bertha Chec, Elizabeth Holmes, Betty J. Krafft
- BR. 8 ALLIANCE: Helen Aeling, Denise Aeling Crawford
- BR. 9 CHICAGO: Andreas Mueller, Hilde PZR Mueller
- BR. 10 COLUMBUS: Brianna Mueller, Susanna Mueller
- BR. 11 LORAIN: Monica F. Gilles, Arleen Gilles
- BR. 14 CANTON: no delegates
- BR. 17 CANTON: no delegates
- BR. 18 SALEM: Marilyn McNutt, Marcia Spack (Sat.), Florence Spack, Barbara Brayn, Catherine Sanor, Walburga Spack
- BR. 19 SALEM: George R. Spack, Sr., Henry A. Spack, Rudy Maroscher

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President

The 103rd ATS National Convention was held on June 2nd and 3rd in Youngstown, Ohio, hosted by Branch 30 and assisted by the ladies in Branch 22. I especially would like to thank the Youngstown Convention Committee chaired by John Boehm, Jr. for all of their hard work and dedication in making the Convention enjoyable for all. They should be proud of all they accomplished. As with all ATS Conventions, many business reports were given by the Chairpersons of the various committees. Reports were voted upon and approved by delegates. I congratulate 2nd Vice-President, Joan Miller-Malue, Secretary, Monica Weber, Trustees, Jacob Spor and Barbara Brayn, on being re-elected to another term in office. They are very dedicated to the ATS and have a true feeling for the office that they hold. I was honored to be re-elected to my position as National President and thank the Delegates for their confidence in me. The Scholarship Committee reported that twenty-two college scholarships were awarded to academic freshmen recipients and eleven were given for continuing education. Total amount of scholarships given was \$28,900. We congratulate all of the winners and wish them much success. Handicraft Exhibit Awards were presented and each 1st Place winner was awarded a set of stemless wine glasses. Thanks to all of the members that submitted entries. It was an informative and successful convention and I thank all of the Delegates for their participation and ask that they give details to their local Branch members.

On a sad note, we received notice that Margarete Schiller, wife of former ATS Trustee, Andy Schiller, from Branch 9 in Chicago, passed away a few days before the Convention. Liz and I always enjoyed having supper with both Andy and Margarete when Andy and I were both ATS Trustees and met in Cleveland for the Audits and Board Meetings. Margarete was a faithful Saxon and we will certainly miss her. We offer our deepest sympathy to Andy and his family.

This is a reminder that the Saxon Heimattag is only a month away. It will be held in Salem, Ohio, hosted by Branches 18 and 19, on July 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2012. The Reservation Form is in the *Volksblatt* and the deadline for reservations is June 30th, 2012. Our host Branches need time to prepare for the correct number of those who plan to attend.

Did you know that growing older has benefits? 1) You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room. 2) You can dance to the oldest music and no one laughs at you. 3) People come to you for help with their antique cars. 4) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. 5) You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it. 6) People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?". 7) You got cable for the weather channel.

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

ATS JUNIOR MEMBERS,
JONATHAN AND JACOB
ARE READY FOR THE
HEIMATTAG'S
FRIDAY NIGHT
"SAXON HOE DOWN!"
AT THE SALEM SAXON CLUB



THEY WANT YOU THERE!

Come in your country attire... We will also have cowboy hats and bandanas for sale that will benefit the Salem community Food Pantry. (See details inside)

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, June 20, 2012

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**NORTH AMERICAN
SAXON HEIMATTAG**



**SALEM, OHIO
JULY 20 - 22, 2012**



BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN
By Tom Fizet

Thankfully we did not have any rain when we were having the Convention in Youngstown. Branch 30 is grateful for all representatives of the various ATS branches. Branch 30, with the help of Branch 22, tried to make the convention meaningful to all who were in attendance.

We remember Jack Higgins, 81, a Life Member of Branch 30 who passed away on May 29, 2012. Jack was associated with the Higgins Funeral Home and was active in the community. Our sympathies are with his wife Barbara and his family.

Our appreciation to all who have contributed to the Memorial and Celebration Committee, when talking with Mike Teutsch Sr. I have a feeling we are coming close to our goal and will probably get started with the drive project this summer. There was a very substantial contribution in June; this is what gives our projects a lift.

If you are interested in the Men's Bocce League or the Friday Couples League look for signup sheets in the entrance hall and in the Bocce Court.

Call or see Rick Lieb, 330-792-1350, for tickets for the 300 Banquet to be held on September 8, 2012. Special tables of eight are still available if you call Rick. All ticket salespeople have tickets also.

UPCOMING SPECIAL DAYS AT YOUNGSTOWN;

July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY CLUB CLOSED.

July 8, Branch 30 and Branch 22 meet at 2:30 PM

July 29, Saxon Day Picnic
August 26, 2012, 2nd Memorial Golf outing

The volunteers who worked on putting the new tile floor in the entrance to the Ballroom deserve all of our thanks for the job well done.

At the meeting of Branch 30 on May 20, 2012 Robert Edwards became a fraternal member of Branch 30, with a welcome from those present at the meeting. Congratulations, Bob.

Work parties are going on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 3rd Saturday of the Month, contact John Boehm at 330-821-5572.

You can enjoy your meal or beer in the Lounge again; a new air conditioner has been installed and is working.

The new picnic tables look so nice and so flexible and comfortable around the patio at the Pavilion. It is good to have Mike Teutsch Sr. on the lookout for bargains at the right time. That is how we came up with the tables and umbrellas. They were available at a good price. Mike purchased them and let it be known that members could purchase them at the discounted price, and donate them to the club, I can report that Mike is elated all of them have been paid for, thanks from Mike.

So Goes The News.

**EINTRACHT
SAXONIA
SACHSENCOR**
By George Schneider

Well, the weather has been cooperating nicely for us without too much rain, which is good, so the grass won't grow that much!

Well, the 103rd ATS Convention is now history and I know everyone had a good time. I thank the Youngstown Saxon Club for doing such a great job hosting the convention. I know the Detroit Saxon Club will do a great job hosting the Presidents' Meeting next year and I am already looking forward to it! We would also like to thank all the officers that took their elective officers for another term.

The choir is busy preparing for the Heimattag. We are going to be singing for the church service on Sunday.

I hope everyone enjoyed a nice Memorial Day weekend with their friends and relatives. It was time to think about all of our friends and relatives that are no longer with us with a nice bouquet of flowers on their grave. I know they always have a nice church service at the cemetery where my parents are buried on Memorial Day morning.

I wish all the Fathers a Happy Father's Day. Please go visit your father on Father's Day and if he is no longer living please take a bouquet of flowers to him at the cemetery.

I hope all my readers will enjoy a very nice summer! God bless you all! Lebe wohl!

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson

By the time this article goes to print, summer will have officially started. Complete with its preview of hot muggy days and nights which we've already had a small taste of. I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend. There were many opportunities to honor our men and women for their military service in keeping this great nation, "a land of the free and the home of the brave". To those who have given much and those who have given all, we thank you.

Having postponed our June meeting a week later than usual, our delegates, President George Schneider and Treasurer Russ Gilles started our evening by giving a report from the ATS National Convention. Congratulations go to Branch 5 for being mentioned as outstanding giver to the Orphan Relief Fund for 2011. Amongst other highlights reported, which you can read in the minutes that will be published in this issue of the *Volksblatt*, was the announcement that Branch 5 Lorain will be hosting the ATS National Convention in 2014. A committee is being formed and will soon meet to discuss the things which go into the planning of this special event. Contact George Schneider at

(440) 346-3199 to be a part of something bigger than we've done in a long time. We also heard that Sister Monica Gilles of Branch 11 took 1st place in the photography contest. Congratulations!

I don't think it's too early to mention that on August 19th, 2012 we will be having our Branch 5 and 11 summer picnic. Brother Russ Gilles was again able to secure the large B-B-Q grill from the Clearview High School Boosters making it possible to enjoy steak and corn on the cob once again! We will be asking the ladies to share their side dishes and desserts as well. We will be meeting at 1:00 P.M. at the French Creek Reservation pavilion #1, same as last year. There will be more details in the next issue of the *Volksblatt* as plans are finalized.

A couple of choruses of Happy Birthday were sung to George Schneider and Brian Gilles for having Birthdays in May, and again for Paul Kirschner and Elmer Schneider, who by the way turned Ninety this Year, for their Birthdays in June! Happy Birthday also to our junior members Cassandra Hyer, Castle Weber, and Logan Davis!

If you do nothing else this summer, make plans at least

What to do with a tax refund

For the last two years, the average tax refund has been \$3,000.

Common uses for refunds have been to pay down debt or to increase retirement savings. But if you have these areas under control, why not save ahead for something you want?

You could set up a fund for a future vacation, a new car, holiday gifts, or saving for your child's education.

Or better yet..How about buying an ATS annuity?

to attend the 2012 Saxon Heimattag in Salem, Ohio. This is the single largest opportunity to join together with Transylvanian Saxons from all over the region. Music, dancing, food and beverage available all weekend long July 20- July 22. Don't wait till the last minute to make plans to go with family, friends or fellow branch members.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on July 7, 2012 at the Slovak Club at 8:00 P.M. Join us for dinner at Chris' Restaurant at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see some new faces.

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You may either

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Westlake, OH 44145**

FAX: (440) 399-9339

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE ISSUE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012 FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2012

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012 FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012 FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

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

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO
By Rose-Marie Hauer

Members, mark your calendars: the Picnic is this month on Sunday, June 24, at Linne Woods 6834 W. Dempster in Morton Grove, IL. There will be excellent food, pastries and events planned by the committee. So bring your friends and come out for a fun filled afternoon.

The meeting was held on June 4, 2012 at the DANK Haus. Sister Thut brought the meeting to order and a moment was silence was given for Sister Margarete Schiller who passed away on May 29. Members on the Sick list include Brother John Schuller, Sister Ella Reif, Sister Rosemary Laubenheimer, Sister Rose-Marie Morgen, Sister Sara Hartig. Please remember these members with a card or a phone call.

I am sad to report that we lost a dear member Sister Margarete Schiller. Sister Schiller was a long time member and assisted in so many ways over the years. She will be truly missed by all of her fellow Saxon members

and friends. She is the wife of Brother Andy Schiller, loving mother to Richard (Nora), Anthony (Colleen), Elizabeth (Robert). A devoted Oma to Brian, Mathew, Andy, Vincent, Michael, Jackson and a caring aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Her Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of her as gone away -
Her journey has just begun
Life holds many facets
The Earth is only one
Just think of her as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years
Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
can really pass away
And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost-
And she was loved so much.*

~ Ellen B Brennehan

There will be NO MEETING IN JULY! The next meeting will be August 6, 2012.

Sister Thut reported that the dance group back from the 70's and 80's would like to get together for a reunion during Germanfest in Milwaukee, WI, on Saturday, July 28. Please contact Sister Thut if you would like to attend and share the memories.

Please continue to bring donations for the food pantry, The membership sang Happy Birthday to the members born in July and August. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Opas and other male family members.

**Ambition is
a poor excuse
for not having
enough sense to
be lazy.**

ATS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**LET'S
PLAY
GOLF**

Tanglewood Golf Course
318 Tanglewood Rd.
Pulaski PA
(724) 964-8702

Saturday, August 26, 2012

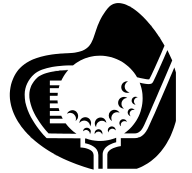
9:00 AM - Shotgun Start

**Deadline for golf entry and meals
is August 19th**

Cost is \$35.00 for golf, refreshments,
steak dinner and prizes.
HOLE IN ONE WINS A CAR!

Send checks and entry forms to:

HANS KRAUS
2421 RIDGEWOOD CT
NEW CASTLE PA 16101
724-651-0806



**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
to EINTRACHT BRANCH 25**

PLEASE LIST YOUR FOURSOME BELOW:

NAME	ATS CERTIFICATE NO.
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

ENTRY FORM SUBMITTED BY:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Senior Scene

It's a joke, but instead of a nursing home ...

When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost for a nursing home is \$250 per day. On Princess, I can get a long term discount and a senior price of \$155. That leaves plenty for gratuities.



I could eat six meals a day and have breakfast in bed. The Princess has swimming pools, an exercise room, free washers and dryers, and shows every night. And I'll get free toothpaste, razors, soap and shampoo.

They'll treat me like a customer, not a patient. An extra

\$10 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help me. TV broken? Light bulb need changing? They'll fix everything and apologize for my inconvenience.

If I fall in the nursing home and break a hip, I'll be on Medicare. If I fall and break a hip on the ship, they'll probably upgrade me to a suite for the rest of my life. And no matter what country or island I want to see, Princess will take me there.

So don't look for me in a nursing home, just call shore to ship.



**Come Join Us for.....
ATS FAMILY DAY
Saturday, August 4, 2012
3100 West Lake Road, Erie, PA.
Pavilion #1 Reserved for ATS**

Amusement Park Hours: 12:00 Noon to 10:00 pm
Water Park (early) hours: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

- Free parking at the park
- Picnic baskets & coolers permitted at Pavilion
- Register at Pavilion for drawing
- Drawing at 5:00 pm
- Discounted Member Pass - Only \$10 Admission for ATS Member
- Discounted \$17.25 Admission for Non-members
- No admission ticket necessary if not using the water park or going on amusement park rides
- If using the water park all ages must pay for admission
- Free Shows
- 75 Amusement Parks and Magnificent Waterslides
- Midway Games and Arcade
- Refreshment Stands
- Deadline for Ticket Orders July 20, 2012

Ticket Order Form

Name and Certificate Number of Members:

_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____
_____	Cert No. _____

_____	Number of ATS Members @ \$10.....	\$. _____
_____	Number of Non Members @ \$17.25.....	\$. _____
_____	Number Attending that will not need combo pass	
	TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED.....	\$. _____

Mail Tickets to:

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ Email _____
City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Mail Ticket Order to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons,
5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129
Deadline for Ticket Orders July 20, 2012

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2012

July 8-13, 2012

Saxon Summer Camp, ages 8 - 13
Camp Frederick, Rogers, Ohio

July 20, 21, 22, 2012

Saxon Heimattag
Salem, Ohio Hosted by Branches 18 and 19

August 4, 2012

ATS Family Day
Waldameer Amusement Park & Water World
Erie, PA

August 26, 2012

ATS Golf Outing
Tanglewood Golf Course, Pulaski PA
Host: Branch 25, New Castle

September - October

Bowl Where You Are Tournament
Ages 6 - 17

September 7-9, 2012

Saxon Teen Weekend, ages 13 - 19
Salem Saxon Club

September 22, 2012

Siebenbuerger Sachsen Saengerbund Convention
Host: Eintracht Maennerchor, New Castle PA

October 20-21, 2012

ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Merrillville Branches 26 & 40 at Stardust Lanes

2013

May 18, 2013

ATS Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host : Detroit Branch 37 Celebrating its 100th Anniversary

LOCAL EVENTS

June 23, 2012

New Castle 9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament
Steak Dinner to follow

June 24, 2012

New Castle Bowlers' Picnic at the Grounds - 4 p.m.
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic Linne Woods Grove #2

June 30, 2012

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

July 2, 2012

Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
New Castle Br.25 Monday Night Drawing at the Grounds

July 4, 2012

Salem 4th of July Dance (CH) 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

July 9, 2012

Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.

July 10, 2012

Erie Br. 2 Picnic Siebenbuerger Club 1:00 p.m.

July 11, 2012

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

July 13, 2012

Salem Joint Social Dinner & Scholarship Awards
6:30 p.m.

July 14, 2012

New Castle Singers' Picnic at the Grounds Noon - ?

July 28, 2012

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

August 1, 2012

Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.

August 6, 2012

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

August 10, 2012

Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.

August 11, 2012

Alliance Br.8 Picnic Dante Hall 12:00 Noon
New Castle Jimmy Buffet Night at the Club
Cleveland Sommerfest (Bierfest)

August 13, 2012

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

August 16, 2012

Salem Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.

August 17, 2012

New Castle Night at The Races at the Grounds

August 18, 2012

Salem Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

August 19, 2012

New Castle Members' Picnic at the Grounds

August 25, 2012

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

SALEM SAXON RETIREES

By Helen Aeling

Our attendance was good - probably because we had such beautiful weather.

The Lunch by Kate's "Sweet Six" was picnic foods topped off with Biscuit Strawberry Shortcake! Very good and not too sweet!

The members voted to hold a 50-50 each meeting to offset the price of meals.

The next luncheon will be July 11th. Please note the change is one week later due to the holiday July 4th falling on the first Wednesday. But, it would be great to see many of you Retirees at the July 4th dance at the Clubhouse. Everyone that attends always has a good time. Food will be available also. Dancing is from 2PM - 6PM.

The Committee for July 11th consists of Dee Bush, Dorothy Hutmacher and Bill and Pat Martin. Tony Rothbrust will take reservations at 330-337-0798. Be sure to call him if you didn't make your reservation already at the June 6th meeting.

July Birthdays are as follows: July 2 - Tony Kataro; July 5 - George Spack and Shirley Kataro; July 6 - Gilbert Bartha, Jr. and Stacy Miranda; July 20 - Nancy Stumperth; July 23 - Pat Martin; July 24 - Margaret Hall; July 27 - Hazel Tibbal.

July Anniversaries are as follows: July 10 - Walt and Elaine Weber - 63 years; July 14 - Mike and Nancy Stumperth - 55 years; July 21 - Siegfried and Hermine Henriss - 55 years; July 22 - Walter and Lois Ulrich - 9 years; July 27 - Chick and Deb Vona - 28 years; July 29 - Gilbert and Kathleen Bartha - 50 years; July 30 - Paul and Anneliese Rothbrust - 62 years.

It is with a sad note to report the passing of another member. Clemens Vogt, age 86, died Friday, June 1st. at Hospice House, Poland, OH. He was born in Octendung, Germany and retired from General Motors, Lordstown, OH. He also worked for Matt Drotleff Masonry. Clem was our "Mr. Get-It-Done" for Retirees - setting up before meeting, keeping the liquid refreshments always stocked - just anything we needed. Our sympathy to wife Marianne, daughter Caroline and family, sons Richard and Robert and families. Also, Walli Spack, Anneliese and Paul Rothbrust.

Hope to see everyone on July 4th and for sure -- July 11th at Retirees.

It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.

- Benjamin Franklin

Salem Saxon Club



ANNUAL DANCE

Fred Ziwich

Wednesday
July 4, 2012

2:00 to 6:00 pm
in Air Conditioned Club Bldg.



Admission:
\$7.00 per person

Plenty of Food and Beverages Available
No BYOB

For information call (330) 332-1442
Work days after 5:00pm



1980 State Route 9, Salem, Ohio 44460

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Jeff Krestel

As reported earlier, Branch 33 will pay half the cost for junior members to attend Summer Camp this year. President Ema Litschel will get the names of Branch 33 members that attend camp and each will be reimbursed \$100 by the Branch.

Students that are eligible for scholarships will be sent letters from Branch 33 Vice President George T. Schneider. College freshmen are eligible for \$1000 and sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible for \$500. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 12 at the Penitentiary Glen in Kirtland. The pavilion is reserved from noon until 8 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Dino's but remember to bring your own place settings. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. Money will be used

for prizes. Mail the reservation form to Fred Krestel, 11655 Colburn Rd., Chardon, Ohio 44024. Deadline for reservations is August 1st.

The Fall Dinner Dance will be on Sunday, September 16 at the Patrician in Eastlake. The hall is reserved from 1 to 5 p.m. and dinner will be served promptly at 2 p.m. Brother Krestel is taking reservations for this event as well. Cost is \$20 per person and members will have their money reimbursed at the event.

As usual, Branch 33 has voted to suspend meetings for July and August this year. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. ATS Board of Directors Vice President Robert Cunningham is scheduled to address the members of Branch 33 about ATS investments before the meeting at 7 p.m.

ATS BRANCH 33 SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, August 12, 2012 at Penitentiary Glen
8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd. Kirtland, OH 44094

\$5 for members \$10 for guests
Money will be used for prizes

Dinner catered by Dino's
Bring your own place settings

___ Number of members @ \$5.... \$ ___
___ Number of guests @ \$10..... \$ ___

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Mail to: Fred Krestel
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By the Numbers: Summer Fun

- There are over 8.6 million swimming pools in America.
- Each Major League Baseball team plays 162 games in the regular season, 81 at home and 81 away.
- Every year, almost 280,000,000 people visit national parks in the U.S.
- About 6.2 million kids go to summer camp each year, both day and overnight.
- In order to ensure a wonderful experience for visitors, Walt Disney World in Florida employs 750 horticulturists and 600 painters.

Sources: Market Research, Major League Baseball, National Park Service, National Camp Association

BRANCH 11, LORAIN By Monica Gilles

We had our monthly meeting on June 2. I was unable to attend due to the fact that I was in Youngstown for the ATS National Convention. I would like to thank Barb Gilles for filling in for me. I would also like to thank the members of the Youngstown Saxon Club for their hospitality.

Welcome back to Sister Erica Deidrick. She was a local member for a several years but then took a break. She has finally decided to return to the local lodge and we are very happy to have her back. Hope to see you and hear some ideas from you at our meetings.

Congratulations to Katie Lachman and Erica Deidrick. Katie Lachman was awarded the Victor Deptner four year renewable scholarship. She will receive \$1000 for the next four years. That's a great way to start off your college education. Katie's brother, Jeremy, won

the same scholarship a couple years ago. Erica Deidrick was awarded a \$500 Adult Continuing Education scholarship.

Happy Birthday to Arleen Gilles, Lesley Hochevar, Shirley Mitoff, and Eleanor Northeim. Hope you enjoy your special day.

Make sure you make your reservations for the Saxon Heimattag hosted by Branches 18 and 19 in Salem, OH July 20-22.

Also, start planning now to attend the ATS Open Bowling Tournament in Merrillville, IN the weekend of October 20-21. The ATS will be subsidizing the cost of a bus. Look for more information in the *Volksblatt*.

Don't forget that we will be having a meeting on July 7. The trustees will be serving before the meeting at 7pm with the business meeting starting at 8 pm.

CLEVELAND SACHSENHEIM'S TREE OF LIFE



**Andreas Tellman, artist who painted the Tree,
and Adolf Fischer who made the cabinetry,**

Tree of Life provides a unique way for creating a perpetual remembrance of loved ones; in honoring someone special; to show appreciation to someone or to show your support to the Sachsenheim as an individual.

The Tree of Life is an important symbol in nearly every culture. The branches reaching toward the sky and the roots deep in the earth links heaven and earth, uniting above and below. The leaves on the Sachsenheim's Tree of Life are symbols of love to our families as well as acknowledging individual's dedication and great contribution to our Saxon community.

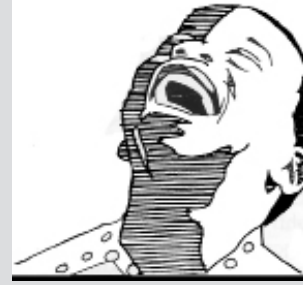
We created a Saxon community in Cleveland, Ohio that respected the traditions of the Transylvanian Saxons and German cultures, while still cherishing the life as American citizens.

Due to our families dedication, loyalty, determination and faith we have survived in our Saxon home for over 100 years.

The Sachsenheim's Tree of Life is a wall-mounted painted tree by Andreas Tellman encased in a cabinet made by Adolf Fischer. It is on display in the downstairs foyer and will be seen by anyone who enters by the side entrance. We want to give special thanks to Andreas and Adolf for sharing their talents by providing us with their artistry and cabinetry.

We are grateful to all the families and individuals who made donations to the Sachsenheim by purchasing a leaf. As we continue to work together we will remain dedicated Americans who are proud of their Transylvanian Saxons and German ancestry and show pride in displaying our heritage within the Cleveland community.

For better health, practice laughing at yourself



People who are able to laugh at themselves may be healthier than their more serious peers, according to a study by the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Zurich in Switzerland. That ability was linked to good mood, good sense of humor and a more upbeat personality. Study subjects were judged by how much they laughed at photos of themselves. It's the first such study ever done.

The study authors say the ability to laugh at oneself is a distinct trait, separate from general readiness to laugh, and linked to better overall health.



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.

Howard L. Mars
Age 88
Died: May 4, 2012
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

Paul W. Franz
Age 88
Died: May 17, 2012
Branch 7, Farrell PA

Edward M. Schuller
Age 79
Died: May 17, 2012
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Clemens O. Vogt
Age 86
Died: June 1, 2012
Branch 19, Salem OH

John M. Polder
Age 87
Died: June 3, 2012
Branch 1, Cleveland OH

Carolyn M. Kellner
Age 85
Died: June 4, 2012
Branch 40, Merrillville IN

BRANCH 2, ERIE By Lee Wolfe

Hi Just a reminder about our annual July Picnic so that this will be included in the June 22nd issue of the *Volksblatt*. Another column concerning our June 12th meeting will be in the July issue of the *Volksblatt*.

Our picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 10 starting at 1 p.m. It will be held upstairs of the Siebenbuerger Club and the cost to members is \$6 and non members are \$11. Please make your reservation with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494 and submit your payment to her at 4226 Dominion Drive, Erie, PA 16510.

We will have our buffet meal at 5 p.m. and the menu is meatballs, chicken tenders, sausage with onions and peppers, potato salad, green bean casserole, tossed salad with cheese, fruit tray, dinner rolls, dessert and coffee. Beer, pop and bottled water will be available at no charge. For dessert some of the members volunteered to bring something. If you wish to bring a dessert, contact Val Pinczewski as this will give us a variety to

choose for ourselves.

At the picnic we will play bingo, the bean bag game and other games of chance. Instead of the Chinese Auction we will have a cash prize or cash prizes depending how much the ticket sales generate. All of the money received will go towards the cash prize or prizes. Also everyone will be given a free ticket for a chance to win a dinner gift certificate at the Siebenbuerger Club. This free ticket will also be eligible to win one of four SURPRISE GIVE AWAYS. We feel you will enjoy the prizes.

So if you want to have a fun day come and join us for the picnic and we know you won't be disappointed. Having the picnic indoors has its advantages in that we don't have to be worried about a rainy day, a really hot day, getting to a rest room will be easier and no little critters flying around. For those who find the steps not manageable, the Club has a lift. There is plenty of parking, so please join us we would love to see you there.

See you at the picnic.

**ASK ...
ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW
A CERTIFICATE OF
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATS CAN HELP
YOU TO SAVE!**

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BR. 22 YOUNGSTOWN: Bonnie Baker, Marianne Sawicki, June Hoelzel, Sofia Froom, Helen Fotiuk, Rosemarie Kascher, Carole Allison, Helen Eileen Mauch, Dorothy Fizet, Eva Karsti, Virginia Williams, Gloria Hahn

BR. 25 NEW CASTLE: Al Burick, Dan Both, John Kirr

BR. 26 MERRILLVILLE: Randall B. Floyd, Dan Schuffert

BR. 27 NEW CASTLE: Marie A. Benedict, Helen M. Burick, Patricia Litwinowicz

BR. 29 MONACA: no delegates

BR. 30 YOUNGSTOWN: David Stryffeler, James Mauch, Roger Fotiuk, Bill Karako, Barry Garhammer, Tom Fizet, Ernie Roth, John Fromel, Jim Dundon, Dominic Sugar, Rich Maurer, Mike Markel

BR. 32 ELLWOOD CITY: no delegates

BR. 33 CLEVELAND EAST: Arline Suts, Ingerborg Krestel, Fred Krestel, George T. Schneider, Henry Hum, Michael Thellmann, Wayne Suts

BR. 37 DETROIT: Susanna Fleischer, George Schemmel, Sr., Samuel Fleischer

BR. 40 MERRILLVILLE: Brigitte Floyd, Michele Schuffert

BR. 45 ELLWOOD CITY: no delegates
HOME BRANCH: Robert Cunningham, III, Monica M. Weber, Joan A. Miller-Malue, John Boehm, Jr., Peter Karsti, II, Jacob Spor

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
Hilde PZR Mueller, Branch 9, Chicago

Introduction of Guests

The following guests were introduced to the Convention:

National Committee Appointee: Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance

Special Recognition

President Manning recognized the life and Saxon work of Brother John Schemmel, Branch 37, Detroit, former ATS Trustee who passed away in 2011. He also remembered the dedication of Johann Paal, Branch 25, New Castle who served as the Sängerbund President for many years.

Visitors

All visiting ATS Members were welcomed to the Convention.

Memorial Service

Pastor Mark Bell conducted the Memorial Service in remembrance of our departed Saxon Sisters and Brothers.



John Boehm, ATS 3rd VP and Youngstown's Convention Chairman

Convention Committees

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

Registration Committee:
Bonnie Baker, Branch 22, Youngstown
Barry Garhammer, Branch 30, Youngstown

Chaplain:
Pastor Mark Bell, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Boardman, Ohio

Convention Marshall:
Barry Garhammer, Branch 30, Youngstown

Sargeant-at-Arms:
Tom Hahn, Branch 30, Youngstown

Handicraft Exhibit Directors:
Martha Konrad, Branch 22, Youngstown
Sara Deutschlander, Branch 22, Youngstown
Gloria Hahn, Branch 22, Youngstown

Piano Accompanist:
Rosemarie Kascher, Branch 22, Youngstown

President Manning acknowledged the work done by the Youngstown Convention Committee chaired by John Boehm, Jr. Members included Bonnie Baker, Helen Fotiuk, Betty and Barry Garhammer, Julaine Gilmartin, Bill Karako, Michael Teutsch, Jr., and David Stryffeler.

Reading of the Minutes from the 102nd Convention

Whereas each Delegate had been provided with a printed copy for reference, a motion was made by Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance, seconded by George H. Schneider, Branch 5, Lo-

rain, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 102nd Convention. Motion carried.

Induction or Dissolution of Branches

ATS Branch 34 Cleveland East merged with their brother lodge Branch 33 Cleveland East as of December 31, 2011.

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 although the economy is slowly recovering from the recession, the ATS is still confronted with finding sound investments with a high quality rating and good rate of return. The ATS has remained strong because of sound and prudent management of assets and the diversification of corporate holdings. Total assets have increased and the ATS has shown a net gain from operations. Life and annuity deposits were down in 2011. President Manning stressed the need for all delegates to recommend new members to their local deputies to increase the membership of the ATS. Finally, he thanked the local Branch Officers, 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 2011. During the year, 133 life and annuity certificates were issued with an insurance value of \$467,201 and annuity value of \$2,399,227. The total number of life and annuity certificates decreased by 164 for an ending total of 9,059 certificates. Membership decreased by 118 members for a year-end total of 7,558 members. Total life insurance value of the ATS at December 31, 2011 was \$26,303,884. This represents an increase of \$139,891 from year end 2010. The total ATS annuity value at December 31, 2011 was \$54,516,424.



Monica Gilles, 1st Place Photography winner

This was an increase of \$2,399,227 from year-end 2010.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crawford reported on the financial condition of the ATS for the year ending December 31, 2011. Total assets of the ATS were \$74,887,825, which is an increase of \$2,703,594 from the previous year end. Included in the assets are approximately \$55.3 million of bonds, \$1.3 in preferred and common stocks, \$2 million in other invested assets and short term investments of approximately \$12 million. The liabilities being reported include reserves for life insurance policies and annuities, dividends, scholarship trusts, certificate claims unpaid and Branch Fund Deposit accounts. Unassigned funds increased to \$5,932,894 at December 31, 2011. Total sales for 2011 were \$2,183,458. This figure is a decrease of approximately \$870,000 from the previous year. Investment income was \$3,852,328.

Benefits paid out to members total \$3,285,475. These benefits include claims, withdrawals, surrenders and interest payments paid to members. Remaining expenses for operating and fraternal activities totaled \$854,890 for the year. Net gain from operations for 2011 was \$377,883. Net realized capital gains were \$391,879, resulting in a total Net Income from Operations of \$769,762 for the year.

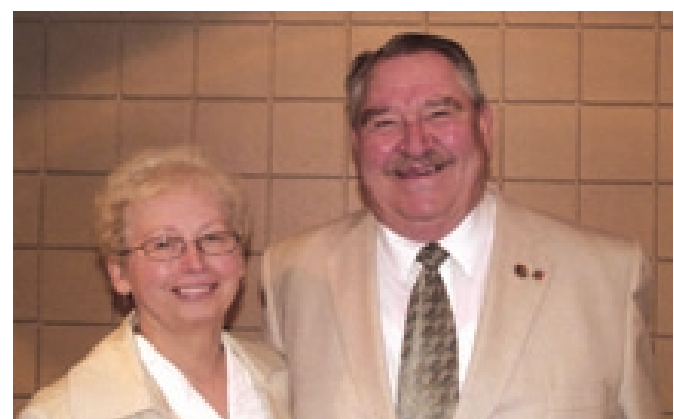
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Convention session



Re-elected ATS officers



ATS President, Tom Manning, and his wife, Liz

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Treasurer Crawford noted that all local Branches should have filed the annual 990 or 990-N electronic postcard by May 15th. Failure to comply can result in the loss of exempt status. 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 an independent report comparing the ATS against the top 25 commercial insurance companies. This report also 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 2011, James G. Zupka CPA, Inc. conducted an independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year 2010 and found that the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the ATS as of year-end 2010. They recently completed an audit for fiscal year 2011.

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 Al Burick, Branch 25, New Castle, 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 Treasurer Denise Crawford, presented the following Budget proposals for the next year periods of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 for Convention consideration and approval:

Salary for each one year period	\$335,000
Sales Promotion for each one year period	\$60,000
Fraternal Activities for each one year period	\$55,000

Treasurer Crawford reminded the Delegates that they would vote on the proposals 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 2011, 9 sets of bonds were purchased with a cost of \$4,889,645. 9 sets of bonds were called or redeemed with proceeds of \$2,767,418 and realized capital gains of \$329,288. Five sets of short term investments were purchased at a cost of \$29,499,155 while six sets of short term investments were sold. The sales proceeds were \$32,064,000. Five sets of stocks were sold with proceeds of \$704,609 and a realized gain of \$58,589. At December 31, 2011, the yield on the ATS investment portfolio was 5.39%. The ATS attempts to maintain a 1.5% spread between the investment portfolio earnings and the interest paid on annuities. This is the reason that the interest being paid on the ATS annuity portfolio is at the minimum guarantee on the contract, either 4.5% or 3% interest. 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, of Investment Advisory Services. The 2011 Investment Committee consisted of: President Thomas Manning, Robert Cunningham, Joan Miller-Malue, Ron Benedict 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 2011, 5 children from 4 families were being supported. The total amount spent on the Orphan Program per month is \$335. Total benefits paid in 2011 were \$1,415. At Christmas each child was sent a monetary gift. In 2011 the Saxon Orphan Fund received \$350 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 affect on ATS insurance contracts.

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

Future Planning Committee

Chairman John Boehm, Jr. gave the Future Planning/Scholarship Committee Report.

Twenty-two freshman scholarships and eleven Continuing Academic Scholarships were awarded in 2012. The total

amount of money distributed for scholarship awards in 2012 is \$28,900.

The Academic Freshman Scholarship recipients are as follows:

One four-year \$1,000 per year renewable Victor Deptner Memorial Scholarship: Katie M. Lachman, Lorain, Branch 11

One \$1,000 Past ATS Officers Memorial Scholarship: Patrick C. Walsh, Home Branch Cleveland

One \$1,000 Henry Schindler Memorial Scholarship: Gregory P. Ginther, Cleveland, Branch 33

One \$1,000 Michael W. Schassburger Memorial Scholarship: Andrew M. Hesch, Columbus, Branch 10

One \$1,000 Jon Weber Memorial Scholarship: Rebekah A. Zets, Home Branch Cleveland

One \$1,000 ATS Branch 33 National Scholarship Award: Leah R. Teutsch, Youngstown, Branch 22

One \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award: Kirsten E. Iversen, Chicago, Branch 9

One \$1,000 Julia & Martin Konnerth Memorial Scholarship Award: Rebecca T. Gutwein, Cleveland Branch 4

One \$1,000 Branch 10 Columbus Scholarship Award: Mackenzie A. Mulligan, Youngstown Branch 22

One \$1,000 Branch 14 Canton Scholarship Award: Monica N. Simon, Youngstown Branch 22

One \$1,000 Davidson-Schuller Appreciation Scholarship Award in Honor of ATS and Branches 33 & 34: Peter A. Gross, Cleveland Branch 1

One \$1,000 Rev. and Ms. John Foisel Memorial Scholarship: Caitlin M. Sheridan, Home Branch Cleveland

One \$1,000 John F. Spack Memorial Scholarship: Erica S. Hauer, Chicago Branch 9

One \$1,000 John and Mary Guip Memorial Scholarship: Kevin D. Schwartz, Salem Branch 19

One \$1,000 Lorain Branch 5 National Scholarship: Laryssa J. Grimm, Youngstown Branch 22

One \$750 Niles Branch 20 National Scholarship: Amanda Mueller, Chicago Branch 9

One \$750 New Castle Branch 27 Scholarship Award: Jacob E. Penk, Youngstown Branch 30

One \$500 ATS Scholarship: Leigh A. Nagy, Cleveland Branch 33

One \$400 Donzella Herman Scholarship Award: Stuart M. Buthod, Merrillville Branch 26

4th Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial – Jennifer Zemola, Chicago, Br 9

3rd Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial – Jeremy K. Lachman, Lorain Br 5

2nd Year \$1,000 Victor Deptner Memorial – Sarah T. Pelger, Cleveland, Br 4



Marianne Sawicki, First Place Ceramics



This doll which was entered in the Exhibit by Maria Botsch, Branch 4 Cleveland, was donated to the ATS to be displayed in the Home Office

The Eleven Academic Continuing Education grants were awarded:

\$1000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory of Past President David P. Bokesch: Deidre A. Herge, Ellwood City Branch 32

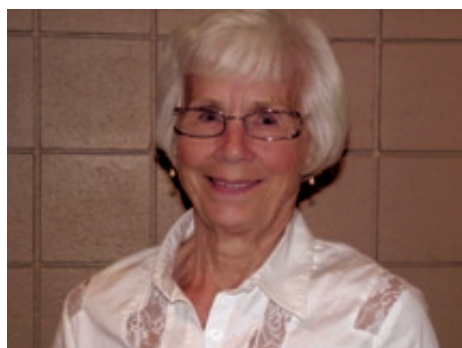
\$1000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory of Marie Stirner: Elisabeth A. Gutwein, Cleveland Branch 4

\$1000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory Marie Stirner: Katie N. Case, Merrillville Branch 40

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Sara Deutschlander, First Place Needlepoint and Best of Show



Susanna Mueller, First Place Knitting



Jim Mauch, Top Salesman

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\$1,000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory Marie Stirner: Victoria M. Ger-shom, Cleveland Branch 4

\$1,000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory Marie Stirner: Caitlin M. Keck, Youngstown Branch 22

\$1,000 Academic Continuing Ed in Memory Gertie & Ernie Gottschling: Taylor J. Hoover, Erie Branch 2

\$500 Academic Continuing Ed in Mem-ory Karl & Charlotte Klamer: Courtney L. Collett, Youngstown Branch 22

\$500 Academic Continuing Ed Far-rell – Branch 7 Scholarship Award: Erica M. Deidrick, Lorain, Branch 11

\$500 ATS Academic Continuing Ed: Alexandra L. Gunns, Erie, Branch 2

\$500 ATS Academic Continuing Ed: Marian K. Spack, Salem, Branch 18

\$500 ATS Academic Continuing Ed: Andreas J. Schuster, Cleveland Branch 1

The Future Planning/Scholarship Com-mittee consists of John Boehm Jr., Pe-ter Karsti II, Barbara Brayn, Jacob Spor, and Robert Cunningham.

National Committee-Cultural

Chairperson Monica Weber gave the National Committee Report. She ex-pressed appreciation for all cultural groups and their efforts at preserving the Saxon heritage. One of the primary functions of the Cultural Promotion Com-mittee is to plan the yearly Heimattag. The 2011 Heimattag was held in Aylmer, Canada. The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group was the only USA cultural group that participated in the program.

The 2012 Heimattag will be held in Sa-lem, Ohio on July 20-22, 2012. The following are the United States Cul-tural Groups that will perform at the Heimattag: Cleveland Saxon Dance group, the Deutscher Musik Verein, the Youngstown Saxon Brass Band, and the Cleveland Eintracht-Saxonia Sach-senchor and the New Castle Männer-chor Chorus.

Rosemarie Kascher, Br. 22, Youngstown noted that the Youngstown Saxon Club had received a donation of part of the Berlin Wall from a classmate of Gloria Hahn, Branch 22, Youngstown. It is on display for the delegation to see.

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

Youth Activities Committee

Chairperson Joan Miller-Malue gave the Youth Activities Report. Last year's events were highlighted including the Saxon Summer Camp, Teen Weekend, Bowl-Where-You-Are, ATS Family Day, Jugendlager, and Coloring contests.

Upcoming events include: Saxon Sum-mer Camp at Camp Frederick in Rog-ers, Ohio for ages 8-13 from July 8-13, 2012, ATS Family Day on August 4, 2012, Bowl-Where-You-Are for ages 6 to 17 from September through October, Teen Weekend for ages 13 to 19 to be

held at the Salem Saxon Country Club on September 7-9, 2012, and various coloring contests.

A new project in 2012 will be the cre-ation of a children's cook book. Pro-ceeds from the cookbook will be given to various local children's hospitals.

The Youth Activities Committee consists of Joan Miller-Malue, Monica Weber, Robert Cunningham, Barbara Brayn, Denise Crawford, Jacob Spor, Hanz Hermann and Committee Appointees Helen Aeling, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, Elisabeth Weber and Robert Vogt, Sr.

Upon completion of these reports, a motion was made by Eva Karsti, Branch 22, Youngstown, seconded by George Spack, Branch 19, Salem, to approve the Standing and Special Committee reports as given. Motion carried.

Reports of Affiliated Organizations

TSBA

Third Vice President John Boehm Jr. read the TSBA report on behalf of Glenn Spack, TSBA President. He reviewed the 2011-2012 bowling season. The League had 21 teams and approxi-mately 80 bowlers. In 2011 the TSBA became a mixed league to increase participation and competition. The next TSBA event will be the convention to be held on June 9th in Alliance where next seasons schedule will be determined and there will be the election of officers. The 2012 ATS Open-Bowling Tourna-ment will be held in Merrillville, Indiana the weekend of October 20 – 21st.

A motion was made by John Boehm, 3rd Vice President, seconded by George Schemmel Sr., Branch 37, Detroit, to accept the report. Motion carried.

ATS Golf Outing

Third Vice President John Boehm re-viewed the 2011 ATS Golf Outing that was held in Salem, Ohio hosted by Branches 18 and 19. Seventy-two golf-ers participated in the event. He an-nounced that the 2012 Annual ATS Golf Tournament will be held in New Castle on Sunday, August 26.

Siebenbürger Sachsen Sängerbund

Trustee Adolf Fischer, Branch 1, Cleve-land gave the report. The Sängerbund has four singing sections that participate in the two National events that are held every year. The next event will be the Convention on September 22, 2012. At that convention they will decide whether to continue the Sängerbund as two of the four sections are unable to partici-pate. All choruses need continued sup-port.

A motion was made by George Schem-mel Sr., Branch 37, Detroit, seconded by George H. Schneider, Branch 5, Lorain, to accept the Reports of Affiliated Orga-nizations as given. Motion carried.

Action on Charges or Grievances

There were no official charges or griev-

ances to report.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the last Convention

Filing of Communications and New Proposals

There were no communications or pro-posals filed.

Action on Budget Proposals

A motion was made by George Schem-mel Sr., Branch 37, Detroit, seconded by Erika Botsch, Branch 4, Cleveland, to accept the proposed salary budget of \$335,000, the proposed sales promo-tion budget of \$60,000 and the proposed fraternal activities budget of \$55,000 presented by the Board of Directors for the years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

The following Offices are open for elec-tion this year:

- President: 4 year term ending 2016
- 2nd Vice President: 4 year term ending 2016
- Secretary: 4 year term ending 2016
- Two Trustees: 4 year term ending 2016

According to the ATS Constitution, a Branch nominating committee must make nominations in writing to the Alli-ance Board of Directors 60 days prior to the date of the convention. A nominee for election to Office must be of Tran-sylvanian Saxon or German birth or de-scendant thereof, be an ATS member in good standing for past three years, must be an American citizen, must pos-sess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and the fraternal work-ings of the Alliance, have served as a Delegate to at least one previous Na-tional 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 soci-ety. Incumbent ATS Officers are eligible for re-election and if not present at the Convention, must send in writing "con-sent to be nominated."

No local Branch nomination forms were received. All ATS Board incumbents have indicated willingness to be nomi-nated. The incumbents are:

- President – Thomas J. Manning, Branch 2 Erie
- 2nd Vice President – Joan Miller-Malue, Branch 4, Cleveland
- Secretary – Monica Weber, Branch 4, Cleveland
- Trustees – Jacob F. Spor, Branch 25, New Castle and Barbara Brayn, Branch 18, Salem

A motion was made by Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain, seconded by Helen Aeling, Branch 8, Alliance, to cast a unanimous ballot for the re-election of these officers. Motion carried.

Installation of Officers

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

Workshops

The following workshops were conduct-ed. Delegates chose which workshop to attend.

Cultural Promotion-Chaired by Monica

Weber
Youth Activities-Chaired by Joan Miller-Malue
Future Planning-Chaired by John Boehm, Jr.
Insurance Sales-Chaired by Robert Cunningham.

Convention Recess

President Manning adjourned the meet-ing at 2:50 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2012.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Convention Call to Order

President Thomas Manning called the Second Day's Session of the 103rd ATS Convention to order at 9:30 a.m.

Invocation

Pastor Mark Bell, Cornerstone Presby-terian Church, Boardman, Ohio gave the Invocation.

Visitors

President Manning welcomed all new visitors to the convention session. Pres-ident Manning recognized Past 2nd Vice President Henry Holmes, Branch 7, Farrell.

Roll Call

First Vice President Robert Cunning-ham conducted the Roll Call. All of the Officers and Delegates who attended the First Day's Session were present at the Sunday's session with the exception of Marcia Spack, Branch 18, Salem.

Reading Minutes from the First Day's Session

Secretary Monica Weber read the Min-utes of the First Day's Session. A mo-tion was made by George H. Schneider, Branch 5, Lorain, seconded by Betty Holmes, Branch 7, Farrell to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

President Manning announced the ATS is in the process of filing a new annuity contract with minimum guaranteed rate of 1.5%. This lower guaranteed rate product will be the only annuity product we will sell once it is approved. It will assist in allowing the ATS to increase the spread of interest earned on the investment portfolio and that interest credited on the annuities which will pro-vide more funds for expenses and the ability to increase our unassigned funds each year.

Branch Sharing Awards and Cultural Subsidy Grants

President Thomas Manning presented checks to each branch for the Branch Fund Sharing Program. The total amount distributed was \$7,534. The Branch Fund Sharing Program is an award program developed to acknowl-edge the production efforts by the local branches. The award is based on the members in good standing, the life pre-miums and annuity deposits received from individual branch members.

President Manning also presented the 2012-2013 Subsidy Grants to the Cul-tural Groups. The total amount distrib-uted under this program was \$1700. In addition, the TSBA will receive a subsi-

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dy when the new season begins in the Fall and the Sängerbund will receive a donation when they meet at their convention in September.

Deputy Sales Awards

First Vice President Robert Cunningham distributed the Deputy Sales Award for 2011. The leader in life, annuity, and most new members was James Mauch, Branch 30, Youngstown.

Several sales campaigns were held during 2011 to motivate sales among the deputies. Bonus awards were given for sales efforts on a special Valentine campaign was held in February, 2011 for submitting a life or annuity application and a sales campaign from June 1st through the end of December to bring in new members. Eighteen Branches were awarded special remuneration of \$20 for each new member taken into their branch from June 1st – Oct 1st.

In 2012, the Spring into Sales Contest was conducted between April 1-May 15th. Deputies were awarded a bonus for each life or annuity application that was submitted. Six Deputies submitted applications and received a monetary award.

Saxon Handicraft Exhibit Awards

John Boehm Jr., Chairman of Future Planning Committee presented the Handicraft Exhibit Awards. He thanked the Handicraft Exhibit Directors Martha Konrad, Branch 22 Youngstown, Sara Deutschlander, Branch 22 Youngstown, and Gloria Hahn, Branch 22 Youngstown for their hard work.

The First Place Winners received a set of engraved wine glasses and ribbons were awarded to the Second Place Winners.

Ceramics

1st Place: Marianne Sawicki, Branch 22, Youngstown

Crocheting

1st Place: Christina Schneider, Branch 22, Youngstown
2nd Place: Sara Deutschlander, Branch 22, Youngstown

Cross Stitch

1st Place: Christina Schneider, Branch 22, Youngstown

2nd Place: Christina Schneider, Branch 22, Youngstown

Needlepoint

1st Place: Sara Deutschlander, Branch 22, Youngstown

2nd Place: Maria Boehm, Branch 22, Youngstown

Knitting

1st Place: Susanna Mueller, Branch 10, Columbus

2nd Place: Hilde Mueller, Branch 9, Chicago

Photography

1st Place: Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain

2nd Place: Al Burick, Branch 25, New Castle

Painting

1st Place: Melissa Verlotte, Branch 27, New Castle

2nd Place: Melissa Verlotte, Branch 27, New Castle

Open Class

1st Place: Sara Deutschlander, Branch 22, Youngstown

2nd Place: Maria Botsch, Branch 4, Cleveland

President Tom Manning presented the President's Award for Best in Show

to Sara Deutschlander, Branch 22, Youngstown. She received a plaque.

Good and Welfare

First Vice President Robert Cunningham presented the report on Saxon Relief. In 2011, \$9,732 was collected for Saxon relief for recipients in Romania. Recent efforts have focused on the care of the elderly left in Transylvania. He reviewed the history of the agency and recent leadership changes. He noted that the ATS will forward funds to Saxon Relief in 2012. Branch 33 Cleveland East presented a check for a \$1000 donation for the Saxon Relief.

George Schemmel Sr., Branch 37, Detroit spoke about ways to increase membership in our local Branches. He recommended that the ATS Board discuss holding more workshops for Deputies to increase sales. He also recommended getting groups together to go to the Sängerbund events to support them. He would also suggest that Branches that do not send representatives to the Convention be sent a message from the Delegation. He also asked the ATS Board to discuss purchase of a new office building.

George T. Schneider, Branch 33, Cleveland informed the delegation that 2012 is the 495th anniversary of the Lutheran reformation. The Transylvanian Saxon churches were the first churches to all convert to the Lutheran religion.

President Manning acknowledged the donation of a Saxon doll by Sister Maria Botsch, Branch 4, Cleveland. The doll was entered in the Saxon Handicraft exhibit and will be on display at the ATS Home Office Cultural Room.

President Manning announced that he had appointed Brianna Mueller, Branch 10, Columbus to be a member of the ATS Youth Activities Committee.

Host for Future Conventions and Heimattag

A motion was made by Marie Benedict, Branch 27, New Castle, seconded by George Schemmel Sr., Branch 37 Detroit to accept Branch 5 Lorain's bid to host the 2014 ATS Convention. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Monica Gilles, Branch 11, Lorain seconded by George H. Schneider, Branch 5 Lorain to accept Branch 19 Salem's bid to host the 2016 ATS Convention when they will be celebrating their 125th anniversary. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Adolf Fischer, Branch 1 Cleveland, seconded by George T. Schneider, Branch 33, Cleveland to accept Branch 1 & Branch 4 Cleveland's bid to host the 2014 Heimattag. Motion carried.

At the 2011 Branch President's meeting it was decided to accept the bid of Branch 37, Detroit to host the 2013

Branch Presidents' Meeting. They will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary at the event.

Important Dates to Remember

- June 9: Annual TSBA Convention in Alliance
- July 8 – 13: Saxon Summer Camp ages 8 -13, Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio
- July 20 - 22: Saxon Heimattag in Salem Saxon Club Hosted by Branches 18 and 19
- August 4: ATS Family Day Waldameer Amusement Park & Water World Erie, Pa.
- August 26: ATS Golf Outing – Tanglewood Golf Course Host Branch 25 – New Castle
- Sept 7 – 9: Saxon Teen Weekend ages 13 - 19 Salem Saxon Country Club
- Sept 22: Sängerbund Convention Host: Eintracht Maennerchor, New Castle, PA
- Sept – Oct: "Bowl Where You Are" Tournament, ages 6 - 17
- Oct 20 - 21: ATS Open Bowling Tournament Merrillville, Indiana Host: Branch 26 and 40 Merrillville Bowlers

Local events: Lorain Branch 5 invited all to their annual picnic on August 19th. Details will be in the *Volksblatt*.

Closing of Convention

President Thomas Manning declared the Business Agenda completed. He expressed thanks to President David Stryffeler and to the officers and members of Branches #30 and Branch #22 for their fine hospitality and hard work in hosting a successful convention. He also thanked the Convention Committees, the Handicraft Exhibit Directors, ATS Officers, 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 George H. Schneider, Branch 5, Lorain, seconded by Eva Karsti, Branch 22, Youngstown, to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Farewell

James Mauch, Vice-President of Branch 30 Youngstown thanked the Delegates, ATS Officers and visitors for an enjoyable Convention.

Adjournment

The Delegates stood to sing "America" and "Ich Bin Ein Sachs", accompanied on the piano by Rosemarie Kascher, Branch 22 Youngstown.

There being no further business to come before the Convention, President Manning declared the 103rd ATS Convention adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Weber
ATS Secretary



**Now's a good time to start
Build wealth
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If you've been thinking about buying a home or rental property, experts at bankrate.com say low prices combined with low interest rates make this a good time to do it.

As one real-estate specialist puts it, "When money is cheap to borrow and houses are cheap to buy, it's absolutely the best time to invest."

While the timing is right, these tips can help investors take advantage of what might be the opportunity of a lifetime, say Bankrate advisors.

- Find a rental property in your area. Your real estate agent can help identify good properties, will work with you and share investment knowledge.

Or, if you have the time and inclination, you can search foreclosure listings, read the newspaper ads, walk or drive through neighborhoods, and seek recommendations from friends.

- Look for the right location. Properties in highly populated areas can draw from a larger pool of potential renters. Renters are generally looking for properties with multiple bedrooms and bathrooms that are located in low crime areas. They want to feel safe and send their kids to good schools.

- At MSN Money, they ask, "Why buy a rental?" Their answer: "To get richer." In today's market, you may be able to buy a property for \$35,000 less than its actual value. Over time, you will realize most or all of that value.

- In the meantime, you can generate a reliable cash flow from the property.

- Because of depreciation and other deductions, you won't pay federal or state tax on the income.

- Some prospective investors worry about the work involved in owning a rental house or duplex. You won't have to worry about it if you hire a property manager to do the job for you. You'll still have income. The three-bedroom, two-bath rental home is an example: It rents for \$1,200 a month. The mortgage payment is \$880, and the property manager gets \$120 a month. The investor still has income of \$200 a month.

In this case, the \$150,000 home was bought for less, and the mortgage was for \$113,000. Upon signing it, the owner had \$37,000 in actual real estate equity.

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Ein Leben für die siebenbürgisch-sächsische Gemeinschaft: Käthe Paulini ist 80

Käthe Paulini, ehemalige Bundesvorsitzende der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada, feiert ihren 80. Geburtstag am 7. Juni in Kitchener, Ontario, in Kanada. Die aus Groß-Schogon stammende Katharina, geborene Wolf, wanderte Anfang der 50er Jahre nach Kanada aus und brachte sich früh in die in die dort bestehende siebenbürgisch-sächsische Gemeinschaft ein. Heute kann sie auf über 50 Jahre aktive und viele Jahre leitende Mitarbeit im sächsischen Transylvania-Klub in Kitchener und in der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada zurückblicken.

Schon Anfang der 70er Jahre engagierte sich Frau Paulini zunächst als Schriftführerin, dann von 1975 bis 1980 als Präsidentin des Frauenvereins und ab 1978 auch als Leiterin der Kulturgruppe. 1980 wurde sie zunächst als 2. Vizepräsidentin und danach als 1. Vizepräsidentin in den Vorstand des Transylvania-Klubs gewählt. Ferner war sie 25 Jahre (1984-2009) Präsidentin des Transylvania-Chores, in dem sie seit 1952 als Sängerin schon Mitglied war. Mit dem Chor führte sie im Rahmen des Kulturaustausches zwischen den sächsischen Organisationen drei Konzerteisen nach Deutschland und Österreich durch.

Am 7. November 1987 wurde Käthe Paulini in der Nachfolge von Pfarrer Martin Intscher zur Bundesvorsitzenden der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada gewählt und ist damit die erste und bisher einzige Frau, die eine solche landsmannschaftliche Führungsposition eingenommen hat. Während ihrer zehnjährigen Amtszeit als Bundesvorsitzende war sie besonders bemüht, mit den drei in Kanada bestehenden siebenbürgisch-sächsischen Klubs die Kontakte zu den Landsleuten und zwischen ihnen zu fördern und darüber hinaus auch eng mit den deutsch-kanadischen Vereinigungen zusammen zu arbeiten. Sie hat in ihrer ruhigen, freundlichen und zielstrebigem Art zusammenführend, ausgleichend und motivierend gewirkt, was letztlich auch in schwierigen Zeiten zur Konsolidierung und Fortentwicklung der landsmannschaftlichen Arbeit in Kanada beigetragen hat.

Als Bundesvorsitzende widmete sie sich auch verstärkt der Zusammenarbeit mit dem Zentralverband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in den USA (ATS) und den Landsmannschaften der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland und Österreich. In der Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen war sie oft Motor für regen Kulturaustausch und einflussreiche Organisatorin des turnusmäßigen Föderationsjugendlagers in Kanada. An den Heimattagen in Dinkelsbühl nahm sie zusammen mit ihrem Mann Michael oft teil, wie auch an den Heimattreffen in Wels in Oberösterreich. Zusammen mit ihrem Mann organisierte sie

drei große Reisen nach Siebenbürgen (1994, 1998, 2004) und ermöglichte so für viele Landsleute einen Besuch in der fernen alten Heimat. Auch nach ihrem Ausscheiden aus der Spitzenposition der Landsmannschaft in Kanada blieb Frau Paulini in vielfältiger Weise ehrenamtlich für die Gemeinschaft tätig. So zum Beispiel als Organisatorin und Mitwirkende von Veranstaltungen, in der Kulturarbeit und als Pressereferentin der Landsmannschaft.

Neben ihren offiziellen Verpflichtungen hat Käthe Paulini, unterstützt von ihrem Mann, stets den persönlichen Kontakt zu den Landsleuten, den Gästen und den Freunden der Siebenbürger Sachsen gepflegt. Im schmucken, in der Monterey Road in Kitchener gelegenen Häuschen der Familie waren viele zu Gast und wurden offen und freundlich aufgenommen. Wen wundert's, wenn sich aus solchen Begegnungen Sympathien und dauerhafte Freundschaften entwickelten? Die Familie Paulini war ihrer siebenbürgischen Herkunft immer verpflichtet. Trotz schwieriger Anfangszeiten beim Aufbau einer Existenz in Kanada und manch harter Schicksalsbelastung war die Familie stets in sich gefestigt und beispielhaft für die Gemeinschaft geöffnet. Die Teilnahme an dieser Gemeinschaft und die aktive Beteiligung an deren Leben geschah vielfältig, selbstverständlich und unabhängig von der jeweiligen Verpflichtung ehrenamtlicher Vorstandstätigkeit. In gleicher Weise war die Teilnahme am Leben der Pilgrims-Kirchengemeinde in Kitchener ein fester Bestandteil des Lebens der Familie. Nach ihrem Ausscheiden aus dem Amt als Bundesvorsitzende würdigte die Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada Frau Paulini mit einer vom nachfolgenden Bundesvorsitzenden John Werner überreichten Ehrenurkunde „für langjähriges und unermüdliches Wirken zur Erhaltung und Förderung des Kulturgutes“.

Am 23. Juni 2002 zeichnete der Bundesvorsitzende der Landsmannschaft der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland, Volker Dürr, Frau Paulini „für selbstlosen Einsatz für die Belange der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Kanada und innerhalb der



Käthe Paulini, prägende Persönlichkeit der siebenbürgischen Landsmannschaft in Kanada.

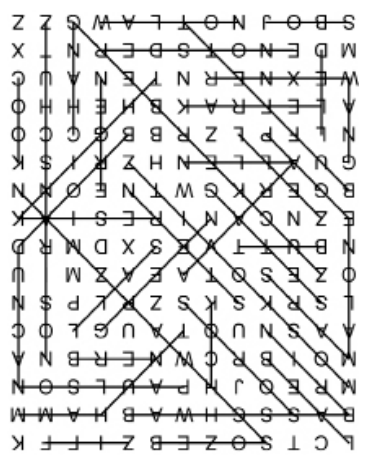
Föderation der Siebenbürger Sachsen“ mit der Stephan-Ludwig-Roth-Medaille aus.

Im April 2009 würdigte der Präsident des Transylvania-Klubs, Alfred Löwrick, Frau Paulinis Kulturschaffen mit einer Ehrenurkunde, der Transylvania-Chor verlieh seiner scheidenden Präsidentin „für 25 Jahre hervorragende Arbeit als Chorpräsidentin“ die Ehrenmitgliedschaft. Ebenfalls im April 2009 sprach Bürgermeister Carl J. Zehr für Rat und Bürgerschaft der Stadt Kitchener Käthe Paulini „für ihre 25-jährige Tätigkeit als Präsidentin des Transylvania-Chores und für ihre über 50-jährige aktive Mitwirkung in der Kulturpflege“ eine Anerkennung aus.

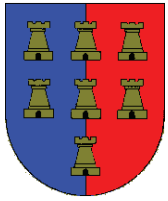
Am 16. Mai 2009 verlieh der Deutsch-Kanadische Kongress Käthe Paulini den German-Canadian Heritage Award, einen Kulturpreis, der für besondere Verdienste um den Erhalt der deutschen Sprache und Kultur in Kanada verliehen wird. Transylvania-Klub-Präsident Albert Löwrick hielt die Laudatio, der Parlamentsabgeordnete Stephan Woodworth gratulierte persönlich.

Es gibt wohl nicht allzu viele Menschen, die ihr Leben so vorbehaltlos in den Dienst der Gemeinschaft stellen wie unsere Jubilarin. Die ihr zuge-dachten Würdigungen mögen die allgemeine Wertschätzung für diesen Einsatz repräsentieren. Wir, die wir als Weggefährten und Mitstreiter Käthe Paulini erlebten, möchten ihr zu ihrem Geburtstag unseren Dank sagen, ihr herzlich gratulieren und ihr und ihrer Familie von Herzen alles Gute wünschen.

Dr. Wolfgang Bonfert
 SBZ Online
 7. Juni 2012



What happens if you get scared half to death twice?



Saxon Heimattag
July 20 -22, 2012
Salem Saxon Club
 1980 Newgarden Road (State Rt 9)

“Weekend to Highlight our Ethnic Culture”

Weekend Schedule

Friday – Kameradschaftsabend – July 20
Chuckwagon Spuds & Suds Admission \$10.00
 7 pm – midnight
 Saxon Hoe Down – very casual fun-filled evening of dancing, singing, line dancing, etc.
 Come dress in your country western attire!
 Admission includes burgers, wings, dips, veggies and more (cash bar)
Come ready to kick-up your boots and hang on to your hats!!!

Saturday
 3:00 pm Grounds Open – Music in Dance Pavilion
 4 – 5:00 pm Saxon Folk Dance Performances
 5:00 – 6:30 pm Heimattag Banquet in Clubhouse/
 Music in Dance Pavilion
 Food available in outdoor pavilion
 6:30 – 7:30 pm Saxon Folk Dance Performances
 7:30 – Closing Evening Dance

Sunday
 9 – 9:45 am Church Service at Salem High School
 10 am Heimattag Program
 All choral groups to perform
 12:30 pm Lunch in Salem Saxon Clubhouse/
 Other food available in outdoor pavilion
 1:00 pm Music in Dance Pavilion
 2:00 pm Cultural performances/dancing
 4:00 pm Official closing

Weekend dinners are by Prepaid Reservations

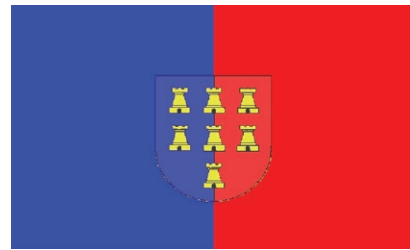
Food will also be sold at the outside pavilion/grill



Bring your camper or tent and stay on the grounds (no hook-ups available)

ADMISSION

If not ordering prepaid dinners -
 Admission for one day is \$5.00.
 Admission for three days is \$8.00
 Free admission for children ages 12 and under



2012 SAXON HEIMATTAG
JULY 20 – JULY 22
HOST: BRANCH 18 & 19 SALEM
RESERVATION FORM

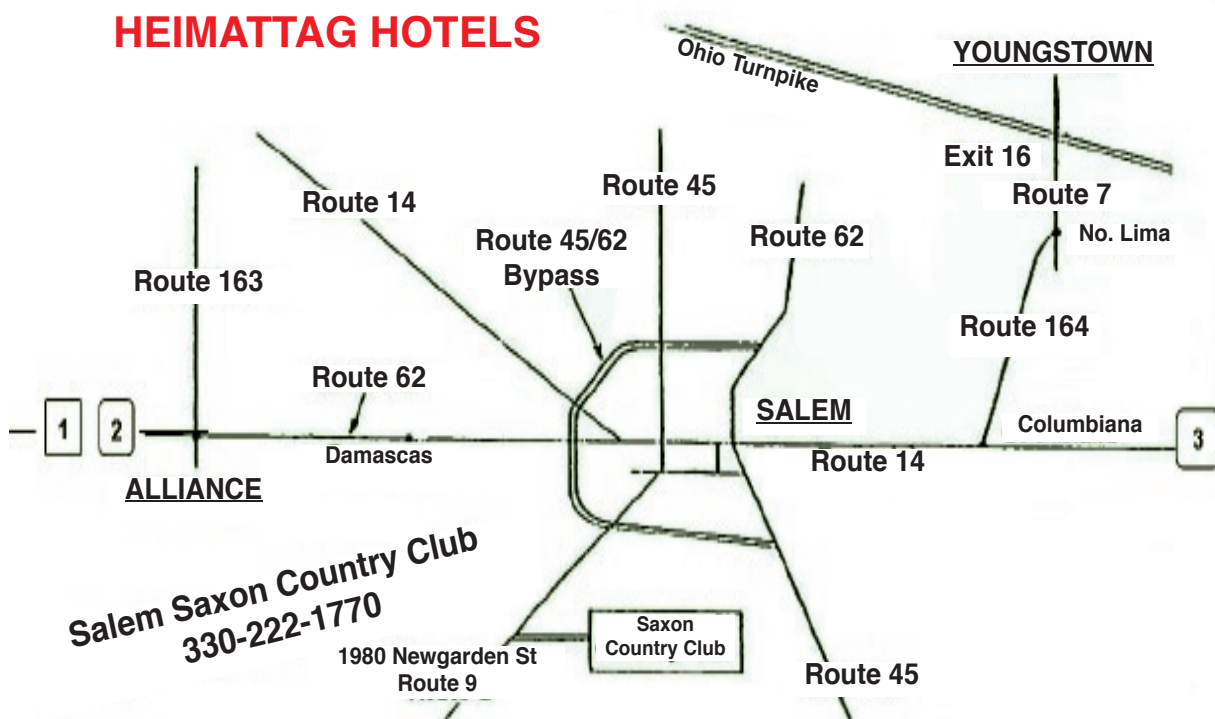
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FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012 7:00 pm		
Chuckwagon Spuds & Suds (includes admission, Burgers, wings, veggies, dips and more “Saxon Hoe Down” – Wear Country Western attire	\$10	_____
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012 5:00 pm		
Dinner/Program/Dance		
Prime Rib	\$25	_____
Children ages 6 – 12	\$12.50	_____
Includes Admission, salad, vegetables, potato, rolls, dessert, beverage		
Baked Chicken	\$25	_____
Children ages 6 – 12	\$12.50	_____
Includes Admission, salad, vegetables, potato, rolls, dessert, beverage		
SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012 12:30 pm		
Luncheon Buffet	\$20	_____
Children ages 6 – 12	\$10	_____
Includes admission, schnitzel, cabbage rolls, Salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert		
ONLY ADMISSION – NO RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER:		
One Day Admission	\$ 5	_____
Three Day Admission (Children ages 12 & under are free	\$ 8	_____
TOTAL REMITTED	\$	_____

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2012

Send Reservations and Payment: ATS Home Office
 5393 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129

Make Checks Payable (US CURRENCY) to:
 Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons

HEIMATTAG HOTELS



1. Comfort Inn - Alliance, Ohio

2500 West State Street
 330-821-5555 or 800-948-5555
 Fax 330-821-4919
www.comfotinn.com/hotel/oh082
 Singles, Doubles \$77.99 + tax
 Must book by April 20, 2012
 Group Name: ATS - Acct# 642478
 Includes continental breakfast - pool

2. Holiday Inn Express - Alliance, Ohio

2341 West State Street
 330-821-6700 or 1-800-Holiday
 2 Queen Beds \$119.79 + tax
 Includes continental breakfast
 Pool - Hot Tub

3. Das Dutch Village Inn

150 East State Route 14
 Columbiana, OH 44408
 330-482-5050 or 866-482-5050
 Fax 330-482-4141
 1 or 2 Queen Beds \$119.00 + tax
 King or two Queen Luxury \$129.00 + tax

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Our organization has shown its financial strength since 1902. We are, however, well aware that neither age nor size measures real strength. Just as the height or square footage of a building is no indication of the quality of its construction, the age of an organization does not measure its strength. It's the financial strength that measures the quality of an organization, as is the quality materials and workmanship that measures the strength of a building. We strive to keep our Alliance strong financially for our members' safety. Discover the difference for yourself. The following ratios were prepared by Standard Analytical Service, Inc. of St. Louis, Mo. The financial comparisons are based on statutory financial statements filed with the state insurance departments for year ending December 31, 2011.

SOLVENCY —A WIDE MARGIN OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES IS A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY FACTOR. THIS INDICATES FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS AND A COMPANY'S ABILITY TO MEET ALL OBLIGATIONS AS THEY BECOME DUE. OUR ASSETS FOR EACH \$100 OF LIABILITIES:

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS.....	\$108.60
AVERAGE 25 OF THE LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES.....	\$105.62

LIQUIDITY —A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF ASSETS READILY CONVERTIBLE TO CASH IS AN INDICATION OF THE ABILITY WITH WHICH THE COMPANY CAN MEET UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES THAT MAY ARISE. FOR EACH \$100 OF LIABILITIES, WE HAVE LIQUID ASSETS OF:

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS.....	\$103.83
AVERAGE 25 OF THE LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES.....	\$ 46.63

PROFITABILITY —THIS RATIO INDICATES HOW MUCH A COMPANY EARNS OVER ITS TOTAL OPERATING COSTS. A HIGH RATIO IS INDICATIVE OF A FAVORABLE NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS. TOTAL INCOME FROM OPERATIONS FOR EACH \$100 OF TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS.....	\$106.62
AVERAGE 25 OF THE LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES.....	\$ 101.81

INVESTMENT YIELD —THIS IS THE NET PERCENTAGE YIELD ON INVESTED ASSETS. IT IS A RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO MEAN INVESTED ASSETS:

ALLIANCE OF TRANSYLVANIAN SAXONS.....	5.39%
AVERAGE 25 OF THE LARGEST LIFE COMPANIES.....	5.07%

In addition to these financial facts, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons provide extra benefits with its membership that commercial companies do not provide. The ATS offers fellowship, fraternal benefits such as orphan benefit program, scholarship program, fraternal activities that provide entertainment by cultural dance groups, brass bands, choral groups; member to member contact through the Saxon News Volksblatt and more.

We merit your trust and confidence. We value your membership.

Help us further our growth by inviting your relatives and friends to join our Fraternal Benefit Society.