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## YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB HONORS and REMEMBERS

The Youngstown Saxon Club honored its Lady and Man of the Year at the 36th annual President's Goulash Dinner held on March 24th. Margaret Teutsch was honored by the Ladies Lodge Branch 22 of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. Ralph Scheetz was honored posthumously by the Men's Lodge Branch 30.

Margaret Teutsch grew up in Youngstown, graduating from Fitch High School. She is proud of the fact that she has worked for the same bank for the past 31 years. Her husband, Michael, of 47 years was honored man of the year by the Saxon Club two years ago. Margaret has been a member of the Ladies Lodge # 22 for 45 years and has actively worked at their functions as well as those of the Men's Lodge # 30. Whether it's the "Speck Fry", Pork and Sauerkraut Dinners, Summer Picnic or raising money for a club cause, Margaret is very much involved.

Margaret and Mike worship actively at Bethel Lutheran Church in Boardman. In their spare time they enjoy bocce at the Club as well as travelling on cruises and an occasional trip to Branson, MO. Along with

their 2 children and 4 grandchildren, the Teutschs' are all very involved in the activities of the Saxon Club.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our faithful friend Ralph Scheetz. Ralph was honored posthumously as man of the year and remembered as a kind and warm husband and good father who along with wife Mavis raised 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was a trustee at the West Austintown United Methodist Church where Mavis is secretary. The machinist served in the US Army, being stationed in Germany. He was involved with Amvets 35, Brownlee Woods Rod and Gun Club and North Lima Little League Baseball. Ralph enjoyed outdoor activities and travelling and was an avid camper. Holidays, as I learned, when I visited them shortly before Ralph passed on was always special in their home when the family gathered would need long tables in two rooms to accommodate everyone. A man of many talents, Ralph was a very capable, willing and very much appreciated member and trustee of the Saxon Club. We are the richer for having known him. Thank you and Rest in Peace you faithful servant.

At the annual Benefit Dinner Walter Finger was recognized as a fifty-year member. The Rogues of Rafferty and The Tribe of Eos, YSU students, entertained for the program. The Saxon Culture Group Band played for dancing. Walter Benesch was master of ceremonies.

Dr. John Boehm, Jr.



Remembering: President Stryffeler, Mavis Scheetz, Adam and Roman.



A lighter moment—President Bonnie Baker and Margaret and Mike Teutsch.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



The ATS Board of Directors met on Saturday, March 24, 2012, for its first meeting of this year. Many items of interest were discussed and committee reports were presented. Details for the North American Saxon Heimattag were finalized. It will be hosted by Branches 18 and 19 in Salem, Ohio, the weekend of July 20, 21, and 22nd. The program schedule and a Reservation Form are printed in the *Volksblatt*. Participating in Heimattag is an important part of the Saxon heritage and various Saxon Culture Groups are preparing their program selections for this year's event. I know that you will enjoy their performances and will appreciate their dedication to our Saxon culture. Heimattag is also a great opportunity to renew old friendships as well as make new ones and strengthen our Saxon bond. This event is open to everyone so feel free to bring a fellow Saxon, a neighbor, or a friend. We invite everyone to join us in this celebration and we look forward to seeing you there. Please make your reservation as soon as possible.

The months pass by so quickly and here we are in the month of April. Easter has come and gone, Spring has arrived, and the grass looks very green and growing so quickly that I started up the mower and gave it a trim yesterday. The trees are budding and the daffodils and tulips are blooming. The next few months of Spring will be quite busy for many of us. Many students have already been on Spring Break and will now start to prepare for final exams. Senior Proms and Graduations will be held. Housewives will be doing Spring cleaning and window washing. I am sure that husbands will have to pitch in and help before they get to the Golf Course. Enjoy the fresh air and get some sunshine.

Quote of the day: "Once we know our own weaknesses they cease to do us any harm." We get in trouble more often because of what we don't know about ourselves than what we do know. Oblivious to our limits, we attempt things we can't really handle. Unaware that we have an annoying habit of taking over conversations, we drive away potential friendships. Blind to the assumptions we make about people who are different from us, we miss opportunities to learn and expand our horizons. It's not easy to face our weaknesses, but when we do face them, we have a chance to correct or work around them.

This is a reminder that every ATS Local Branch must file Form 990 with the IRS by May 15th. If you have difficulty doing so, please contact the ATS Home Office and they will be happy to provide assistance.

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

## ATTENTION VOLKSBLATT REPORTERS!

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Beginning with the next issue, the deadline for all articles has been changed to the Wednesday the week before the issue date.

Deadline for next issue will be WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th.

As always, deadlines for the next 3 issues can be found on Page 2.

The Editors



## T.S.B.A. Tournament

Just a reminder, the T.S.B.A. Tournament will be held in Youngstown, OH on April 21 & 22.

Please note: We will be bowling at Mahoning Valley Lanes which is located at 2617 Mahoning Ave.

Singles begin at 11:00 am on Saturday followed by Doubles. Sunday bowling will begin at 10:00 am.

See Page 5 for map and hotel info.

TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY  
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**NORTH AMERICAN**

**SAXON HEIMATTAG**

**SALEM, OHIO • JULY 20 - 22, 2012**

**NEW, MORE CASUAL FORMAT!**

**SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILED INFO**

**BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN**  
By Rosemarie Kascher

A 47 year member of Branch 22 was honored as "Woman of the Year", our own Marge Teutsch. She is one of our finest members and we are delighted. Ralph Sheetz, a wonderfully hard working member of Branch 30, was named "Man of the Year". For these people we owe respect and thanks.

Upcoming events are as follows; please consider them on your calendar:

Sunday, April 15 Pork/Kraut Dinner (last one until September)

Monday, April 16, Set-up for Flea Market, drop off at B/R doors

Tuesday, April 17 Flea Market 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ballroom

Saturday, April 21 Vienna Night CANCELLED.

Sunday, April 29 Mother/Daughter Banquet adults \$12, Children 12 years and under \$6, children 3 and under free. Dorothy Fizet will sell tickets. If purchasing by mail, send please, a self addressed envelope. Final day for RSVP is April 25.

Saturday, May 5 Mayfest, German buffet, doors open 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, May 16 Officers meeting.

Sunday, May 20 Branch meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Get wells were sent to Jane Markel, Marge Artz and Carolyn Munson; sympathies were sent

to the family of Mavis Scheetz on the loss of her husband.

Birthdays are Gina Teutsch, Samantha Marucci, Nora Campbell, Betty Garhammer, Katie Herman and Frau Boehm at 92. Anniversary for Dave and Theresa Stryfler, our Br. 30 president and his lovely wife.

We encourage you to come to the annual Flea Market, April 17, 2012 where you will find everything from "Soup to Nuts", doors open at 9 a.m. Luncheon available of sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, sauerkraut, chicken dumpling soup, chips, pop, coffee or tea available after noon. Baked goods for sale and admission is free.

It has been recently reported to our president, Bonnie Baker that we have a proposed Olympic swimmer/diver in our membership. Courtney Collett is the daughter of Kim and Greg Loser Collett and granddaughter of Irene and George Loser of Youngstown. Courtney, a youth member of Branch 22, attends Miami University of Ohio as a freshman with a 4.0 GPA and is pursuing a career in marketing there. Kim will be training during the summer session for the 2013 Olympics in swimming. Her team recently took the bronze medal at the Mid-American Conference. Kim, we wish you well!

Best wishes for a happy spring time!

**EINTRACHT SAXONIA  
SACHSENCOR**  
By George Schneider

Well, we still have been experiencing nice spring weather. It hasn't even rained that much, which is good!

We welcomed back Gustav and Marie Botsch from their Germany trip, which was a short one though, only lasting ten days. The Botschs will be taking another flight very shortly to Alaska. Boy, that should be an interesting trip, we hope they travel safely. They did bring us some very delicious Kuchen to celebrate their German trip.

We would also like to congratulate Johann and Maria Tellmann's granddaughter for completing her confirmation at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Maria brought delicious baked goods to share with us to celebrate this occasion.

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Inge Simonis. Inge and Hans are really beautiful people. We wish them many, many more years of happiness together. Inge also brought delicious pastry to share with us.

We thank the ATS for inviting us to sing at the Saxon Heimattag to be held in Salem, Ohio the weekend of July 20, 21 and 22nd. We will be singing for the church service to be held on Sunday, July 22, 2012. It will be a real nice affair as I haven't been to a Heimattag for quite a while. I will be looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Please support our Sachsenheim by coming to the performance of the Alex Meixner Band to be held on April 28, 2012 at 8:00 until midnight at the Sachsenheim. To reserve tickets please call Christine Roppelt at 216-773-9375 or mail your reservation with check made payable to ATS Branch 1 to Christine at 4107 Gifford Ave, Cleveland OH 44109. The admission price includes one free glass of beer, wine or soft drink. Bavarian ham and sausage sandwiches with sides and other items will be available. There will be a cash bar open for the entire event.

Happy belated Easter greetings go out to all of my lovely readers. I hope everyone enjoyed Easter with their family and friends, and that they experienced the true meaning of Easter with a visit to the church of their choice, remembering that Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross.

May God bless all my lovely readers until you hear from me again.

**Having one child  
makes you  
a parent;  
having two  
makes you  
a referee.**

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**IT'S GREAT TO BELONG ...  
AND TO PARTICIPATE!  
BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER**

**PORK-KRAUT DINNER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012**

**YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB**

**11:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

**\$8.75 includes coffee,  
pop and dessert**

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**TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!**

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**SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:**

**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES  
IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.**

You may either

**MAIL: PO BOX 45198,  
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, APRIL 18, 2012	FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012	FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012	FRIDAY, MAY 25, 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.**



# 103rd ATS NATIONAL CONVENTION

## JUNE 2 & 3, 2012

### Youngstown Saxon Club

710 S. Meridian Road

Hosted by ATS Branch 30

## ATS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

Registration 9:00 – 10:00 AM  
 Convention Opens 10:00 AM  
 Lunch Recess Noon – 1:15 PM  
 Convention Resumes 1:30 PM

### SUNDAY

Convention Resumes 9:30 AM  
 Lunch Recess or Close Noon  
 Convention Resumes 1:30 PM  
 Convention Recess 3:30 PM  
 (if necessary)

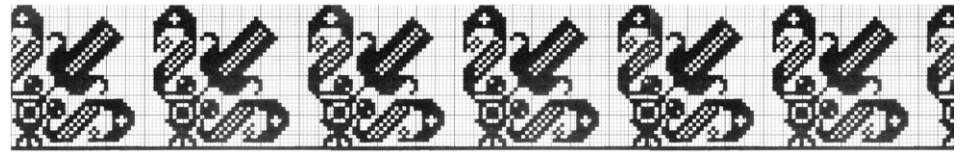
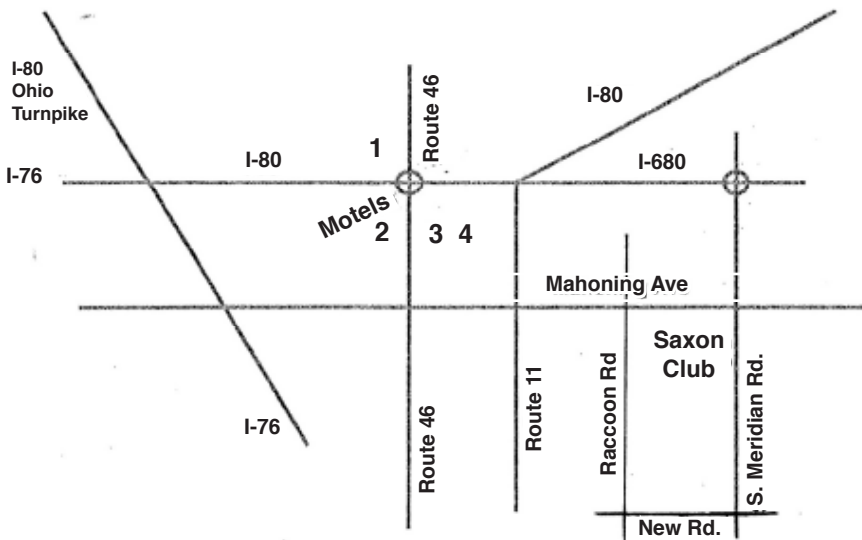
### SATURDAY EVENING

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 – 6:30 PM  
 Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
 Program & Dance 7:30 – 11:00 PM

### MOTELS:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Holiday Inn Express *<br>5555 Cerni Place<br>Austintown, OH 44515<br>Tele: 330-505-5700<br>\$119 plus tax       | 3. Fairfield Inn & Suites *<br>801 N. Canfield-Niles Road<br>Austintown, OH 44515<br>Tele: 330-505-2173<br>\$103 - \$112 plus tax |
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\* Mention Youngstown Saxon Club



## SAXON HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT

A highlight of the ATS Convention is the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit. The Exhibit this year will be held at the Youngstown Saxon Club, where the ATS Convention will meet on June 2 - 3, 2012.

The Junior Category, which allows our junior members, ages 13 and under, to exhibit their handcrafted items in an open category, will once again be a part of the Exhibit. All members competing in this category will receive a small token of appreciation.

The Handicraft Exhibit provides an opportunity to display articles which relate to our Transylvanian Saxon cultural background, but is not restricted to this category only. It is a showplace for the artistic talents and abilities of our people, present and past.

A prize competition is held for items made by present ATS Members only. The rules for this prize competition are as follows:

1. There will be prize competition in ten (10) categories.
2. There will be first and second prizes awarded in each category.
3. There will be one (1) President's

Award for "Best of Show" Entry.

4. No more than three (3) entries allowed per member.

5. Only items actually made by present ATS members, ages 14 and over, are eligible for entry in this prize competition.

6. Winning entries will be determined by ballot vote of the Convention Delegates.

7. There will be a separate Junior Category for ATS members, Ages 13 and under.

NOTE: An Entry Blank must be filled out for all items placed on display. Advance registration will be appreciated. The exhibit room will be opened Saturday morning (June 2nd) for delivery and set-up of display items. All items must be picked up Sunday morning (June 3rd) prior to the start of the Sunday Convention Session.

Send your entry blank for the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit to:  
 Youngstown Saxon Club  
 Convention Handicraft  
 701 S Meridian Rd.  
 Youngstown OH 44509

## ATS Convention Meal Menu

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Lunch – Buffet

Cold cuts, potato salad  
 pasta, cottage cheese, coffee/tea  
 dessert .....\$18.00 # of Lunches \_\_\_\_\_ \$Amount \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday - Banquet Dinner

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres  
 Chicken Marsella..... \$17.00 # of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ \$Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib..... \$ 25.00 # of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Baked potato, green beans almandine,  
 Tossed green salad, rolls, butter,  
 Coffee, tea, dessert

### Sunday - Lunch

Chicken cordon bleu / gravy,  
 Scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, corn,  
 Coffee, tea, rolls, butter, dessert .....  
 \$ 21.00 # of Lunches \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## Reservation Deadline by May 23, 2012

Please make checks payable to ATS Branch 30  
 Mail to: Youngstown Saxon Club  
 ATS Convention Meals  
 701 S. Meridian Rd.  
 Youngstown, OH 44509

## SAXON HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT ENTRY BLANK

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring the following items for exhibit only

I will bring the following items to enter in prize competition

My ATS Certificate No. is \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Exhibit Categories: Describe your entry.

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Ceramics     | 6. Needlepoint |
| 2. Crewel       | 7. Quilting    |
| 3. Crocheting   | 8. Painting    |
| 4. Cross Stitch | 9. Photography |
| 5. Knitting     | 10. Open Class |
- Junior Category (Ages 13 and Under) - Open Class

### AGREEMENT

I agree to be responsible for the delivery, display and pickup of these items at my own risk, and hold the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons and Branch 30 harmless against any and all loss, damage, cost and expense that may be incurred by reason of such display and exhibition. I hereby certify that any item(s) entered under my name for Prize Competition was (were) made by me personally.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

## BRANCH 17 & 14 CANTON By Jeanne Kirsch

### NATIONAL EVENTS

#### 2012

- June 1, 2012  
ATS Officers' Pre-Convention Meeting
- June 2-3, 2012  
ATS National Convention  
Host: Branch 30, Youngstown
- June 9, 2012  
TSBA Annual Convention  
Host: Alliance, Ohio
- 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  
Host: Branch 25, New Castle
- September 7-9, 2012  
Saxon Teen Weekend, ages 13 - 19  
Salem Saxon Club
- September - October  
Bowl Where You Are Tournament  
Ages 6 - 17

### LOCAL EVENTS

- April 13, 2012  
Salem Joint Social 6:30 p.m.
- April 14, 2012  
Salem Krapfen Pick up / Lunch 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
New Castle First Day of Trout at Picnic Grounds
- April 15, 2012  
New Castle Sauerkraut Dinner  
Youngstown Branch 30 Pork Dinner 11:30
- April 17, 2012  
Youngstown Branch 22 Flea Market 9:00AM
- April 19, 2012  
Salem Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.
- April 21, 2012  
Salem Breakfast 7:00 -10:00 a.m.  
Salem Spring Clean-up (CC) 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Spring Concert  
Chicago Stiftungsfest DANK Haus
- April 28, 2012  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?  
Cleveland - Alex Meixner Band
- April 29, 2012  
Youngstown Mother – Daughter Banquet
- May 2, 2012  
Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30 a.m.
- May 5, 2012  
New Castle Singers Spring Concert  
Youngstown Mai Fest  
Cleveland Saxon dance Group Trachtenball
- May 6, 2012  
Salem Mothers Day Brunch 1:30 p.m.
- May 7, 2012  
Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 11, 2012  
Salem Joint Social 6:30 p.m.
- May 10, 2012  
Youngstown Retirees meet
- May 12, 2011  
Salem 30 Week Drawing (CH) 4:00 p.m.
- May 14, 2012  
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 17, 2012  
Salem Set-up for Breakfast 7:00 p.m.
- May 16, 2012  
New Castle 66 Card Tournament Dinner
- May 19, 2012  
New Castle Cleanup at the Grounds  
Salem Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- May 20, 2012  
Youngstown Br. 30 meeting
- May 25, 2012  
New Castle Opening Weekend at the Grounds
- May 26, 2012  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m.
- May 28, 2012  
Youngstown Saxon Club closed - Memorial Day

We have been blessed with nice weather with the Easter season and spring, may our blessings continue.

The Branch 30 Pork Dinner is coming up on April 15, 2012; we have some good waiters and waitresses waiting to serve you. The menu is the same - Roast Pork and Kraut. We are taking time off from the dinners and will be back on September 23, 2012. Keep in touch thru the *Volksblatt*. The dinners are open to the public and we will miss seeing your smiles and thanks.

Future events; April 14th the tribute to the Legends, doors open Saturday at 6:30 PM, Buffet at 7:00 PM show at 8:00 PM. See Mike Teutsch for tickets.

Branch 22 Flea Market is on April 17th, Lunch available at Noon.

Mother Daughter Banquet, hosted by Branch 22, Sunday April 29th, doors open at 1:00 PM; see ad in the *Volksblatt*. The Ladies know that the Branch 30 members will be glad to serve. If you haven't volunteered yet there still is time, talk to Dave Struffeler.

Monday, May 2nd is the kick off for the Men' Summer Bocce League - same starting times. Check with your captain if you need to get registered; see Dave, or Joe Kubic Jr.

The work parties, and the other guys, are doing some much needed fixing up and yard work. The next work party is set for April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you can come out some other time, contact John Boehm Jr. 330-518-3625. It is odd but the Trustees have set a special (Clean Up Day) on Wednesday April 25th. This day is set-aside for Administrative Professionals Day. Good way to spend your day off?

The monthly meeting for Branches 22 and 30 will be on May 20th at 2:30 PM. Your attendance at the monthly meetings will make you eligible for voting and for nominations in the October elections.

Open Flea market will begin on Tuesday, May 1st. See Marty, or come out early and sign up for a spot. Marty puts in much time to keep this going. Members can also set up to sell whatever it is you no longer need.

The Culture Group will be bringing us a May Fest on May 5th. Ad will be in the *Volksblatt* later.

These are many dates to think about and remember. The most important one is to remember the ATS Convention to be held at the Youngstown Saxon Club, hosted by Branch 30. The Lounge and Restaurant will be open on Friday night. Don't forget our good Fish Dinners and specials. The Convention will begin with registration on Saturday morning, June 2nd and the convention will continue on June 3rd. All members are welcome please reserve your meal tickets soon.

Some of our Brothers have departed ranks and have

taken up new lodgings; Harold Deeds Jr. 75, passed away on March 14th. He graduated from Chaney and served in the US Marines and was a member of Branch 30 for 24 years. Our condolences to his wife, Harriet, mother and his children.

Ralph Scheetz is the kind of guy that you say how can we get along without him? This is where we are now. Ralph passed away on April 8<sup>th</sup>, the day he was to receive the Branch 30 Man of the Year award. Mavis made sure his family was there for the occasion. A grandson, accepted the award for Ralph and the family. Ralph spent many hours at the club and if something needed attention, it was not for long - "tell Ralph if it needs fixed." Ralph will be missed and thanks to Mavis, and other family members.

IT'S GREAT TO BELONG AND PARTICIPATE ! BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER. SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION.

So Goes the News.

Just wanted to remind you of our next meeting 11 a.m. on April 15 at La Pizzaria, 3656 Dressler Rd. N.W. in the Purple Room. We wish to send our thoughts and prayers to the families of Betty Untch and Maggie Goodyear who have passed away last month. Both have been long time members and also were bowlers with the Saxons. Our deepest sympathy is extended.

Sister Irma Klemens has a birthday coming up on May 8th and we wish her good health and much happiness. P.S. Thank you very much for the thoughtful cards you send.

Thought for the day: You never have to explain something you never said.

**Sachs  
halte  
Wacht!**

### THE CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S ANNUAL TRACHTENBALL



**Saturday, May 5, 2012  
Westside Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio**

Doors Open at 6:00 pm  
Dinner Served at 6:30 pm  
Prepaid Reservations Requested!!

Enjoy a DELICIOUS Schnitzel Dinner  
with all the trimmings

Program at 8:00 pm

The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group  
and  
Dance to the wonderful music of  
Hans Schobel and the Bergvagabunden

Wear your Tracht and join us for our  
Traditonal Aufmarsch

PREPAID RESERVATION FORM  
TRACHTENBALL – MAY 5, 2012

\_\_\_\_ Adult Dinners @ \$18.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Children's Dinners @ \$9 (Ages 4 –10).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check or Money Order payable to:  
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group  
Mail Check and Reservation Form to:  
Stephanie Miller-Hanek  
22677 Peachtree Lane Rocky River, OH 44116

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Tickets will be held at the Door  
We will have assigned seating.  
Please indicate if you have a seating preference  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
Stephanie Miller-Hanek at (440)356-5582  
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 28, 2012

## CHURCHES



### St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd.  
Warren, Michigan 48093  
(586) 979-3850  
stpeters\_church@sbcglobal.net  
www.stpeterswarren.or

**Rev. Waldemar Gies**  
Pastor  
pastorgies@sbcglobal.net

**10:00 Bilingual Service**

**Nursery School**  
Coffee following service.  
Bible Study, Senior Circle,  
Sunday School, Church  
Choir, Bell Choir

### St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church

9509 Lake Avenue  
Cleveland, OH  
(216) 961-4870

**Rev. Dick Williams**  
Pastor  
Cell (330) 524-1718

**9:00 a.m. German Service**  
2nd Sunday of the month  
Pastor Susanne Carter

**11:00 a.m. English Worship**

Daily Devotion:  
www.EarlyWord.org

### St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road  
Highland Hts., Ohio  
(440) 449-1334

**Rev. Karen Ullestad**  
Pastor

**9:00 Worship Service**

## BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Phyllis Biggs

We really had wonderful turn out for the meeting; the weather was beautiful. Helen Aeling and Denise Crawford are our delegates for the convention. Our dinner meeting will be at South Beach on April 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Phyllis Biggs was wished a Happy Birthday. The attendance awards were given to Phyllis Biggs, Hazel Tennis and Leslie Reed. A donation was given to the YWCA for ABC for kids. The hostesses for the May meeting are Helen Aeling, Denise Crawford and Karen Kinser.

True wealth is  
the product of  
a principled life.

Garrett Gunderson,  
entrepreneur

## TSBA TOURNAMENT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO APRIL 21-22, 2012



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| 1. Mahoning Valley Lanes<br>2617 Mahoning Ave<br>Youngstown, OH 44509-2334 | 4. Comfort Inn<br>5425 Clarkins Dr<br>Youngstown, OH 44515-1120        |
| 2. Youngstown Saxon Club<br>710 S Meridian Rd<br>Youngstown, OH 44509-2935 | 5. Hampton Inn<br>880 N Canfield Niles Rd<br>Youngstown, OH 44515-1105 |
| 3. Best Western<br>870 N Canfield Niles Rd<br>Youngstown, OH 44515-1105    | 6. Holiday Inn<br>5555 Cerni Pl<br>Youngstown, OH 44515                |

## BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

So, I will start my article out by reminding everyone that the annual Stiftungsfest will be held at the DANK HAUS on the second floor on April 21, 2012. Doors will open at 6 pm. Admission is \$10 and dinner will be available for \$12. Ladies, remember to bring your homemade pastries and committee members remember to bring your raffle prizes. Let's all plan to have a great evening!

The meeting was held on April 2, with great attendance. The weather was very nice and it's wonderful to see all the trees and flowers in bloom! President Thut began the meeting with all the regular reports and

reminded everyone to attend the Stiftungsfest! She also reminded members that we need delegates for the ATS convention in June. If you would like to attend please let her know.

Sick List- President Schmidts reports the following members are ill and recuperating: Sister Sara Hartig, and Sister Ella Reif. Best wishes to Sister Rosemarie Morgan who will be going into the hospital soon for surgery. Please remember these members with a phone call and a prayer.

Mark your calendars for the annual Picnic on June 24.

All the best and Happy Spring!

## In spite of being underwater on mortgages Homeowners are sprucing up, renovating their properties

Home improvement stores are breathing a sigh of relief and the construction sector is seeing a ray of light. Homeowners and landlords are improving their properties for the first time in several years.

IHS Global Insight is predicting a nationwide increase in home-improvement spending of 5.7 percent for 2012.

Small-scale improvements are popular with most updates, including new light fixtures and faucets, kitchen cupboards and exterior doors, rather than room additions.

The rise in improvement spending comes as the economy and consumer confidence are picking up. It's encouraging to the construction industry, which has seen new-home construction fall since the recession. Though

more new homes are being built, the number is still low.

One interesting fact is that people who know they are underwater on their mortgages are going ahead with improvements. Whatever their homes are valued at by others, they and their children like where they live. They can afford their mortgage payments, and are secure in their employment.

People in such situations think their property values will rise in the future but know that could be some years away. If they need a room or a patio, they think they might as well go ahead with it.

Financing with home-equity loans probably isn't available for them, so personal savings or other types of loans have to be used.



## BRANCH 37 DETROIT

We sadly report the death of our member Dr. Michael D. Lutsch, Jr. who has been a member of Branch 37 since 1950.

Dr. Michael D. Lutsch, Jr. Dr. Michael D. Lutsch, Jr., formerly of Haslett, MI, and Harrison, MI, passed away on March 27, 2012, in Longmont, CO. He was born March 10, 1937, in Detroit, MI. Predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Marlynn, his sister, Mary Beecher, and his parents. Survived by his three children: Andrew Lutsch of Longmont; Sharin' Joy of Glacier, WA; and Christine of Fairbanks, AK; and grandson, Mason, of Longmont.

Mike found joy in U. of M. Athletics, fishing, solving puzzles, playing cards, and spending time with his grandson. He also appreciated his time with the Alzheimer's Support Group. Memorial service to be held in Michigan at a later date.

Memorial contributions to the Friends of the Longmont Senior Center c/o Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, 326 Terry St., Longmont, CO 80501. Share condolences at www.ahlberg-funeralchapel.com.



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.

**Elizabeth J. Reich**  
Age 89

Died: March 10, 2012  
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

**Andreas Seimen**  
Age 86

Died: March 13, 2012  
Branch 9, Chicago IL

**Elizabeth M. Miess**  
Age 79

Died: March 23, 2012  
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

**Ralph H. Scheetz**  
Age 74

Died: March 24, 2012  
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

**Michael D. Lutsch, Jr**  
Age 75

Died: March 27, 2012  
Branch 37, Detroit MI

**Thomas J. Spicker**  
Age 48

Died: March 30, 2012  
Branch 30, 2012

## Excerpts from the Saxon-English Dictionary



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

*Glacklich Ouyster!*  
Happy Easter

*Pozz ahf, Soxish Maytschen! Hayt aas shpretzen Dahch!*  
Look out Saxon Girls! Today is Dousing Day.

*Varuhm Deest tyaa mech vau tyaa deest mech?*  
Why do you do me like you do me?

*Ech koon zaan da Schreiven ahf da Voont.*  
I can see the writing on the wall.

*Heem aas vooahr da Haartz aas.*  
Home is where the heart is.

*Vau bahlt daa fergaasen.* How soon they forget.

*Tsayt bekit avaych foun dech.* Time gets away from you.

*Shaar tsyaalt net.* Almost doesn't count

*Mane Tsayt aas dane Tsayt.* My time is your time.

*Dyaa oun en glacklich Gezicht.* Put on a happy face.

*Gouk grooaht Heem.* Go straight home.

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Injury	Bibby		Hunzel
Inside	Dertaan	Job	Beshahften
Iron	Eizen	Joy	Frooaht
Iron (pressing)	Bighel	Jug	Kreuch
	Eizen	Juice (cabbage)	Gech
Ironing Board	Bighel	Jump	Hopps
	Breeaat		

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

Our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was enjoyed by 51 children and 80 adults. The children had a good time making a craft and being entertained by Diamond the Clown who did storytelling and creative balloon hats, bracelets, etc. Of course, all the children loved the egg hunt. We wish to thank everyone who had helped to make this another great event for our children. It is nice that we can get together with Cleveland East and Lorain to join us at our holiday parties.

We wish to express our sympathy to John Miess and the Miess family on the passing of Elizabeth Miess who died on March 23, 2012 at the age of 79.

Elizabeth has been a member of ATS Branch 4 since 1957. Elizabeth and John and their children, John D., Rosemarie Mihu and Annette Strba were familiar faces at the Sachsenheim. They shared many past Saxon events with us. We will keep the Miess family in our prayers.

We also express our sympathy to Krista and Dieter Herbert on the death of their sister-in-law, Erika Herbert who passed away on February 27, 2012.

Our April meeting will be held on Monday the 16th at 7:00 pm. We will elect our delegates to the ATS Convention that will be held in Youngstown, Ohio the weekend of June 2 and 3rd.

The Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor is busily preparing for their Annual Spring Concert that will be held at the Sachsenheim on Saturday, April 21, 2012. A roast pork and red cabbage dinner will be served at 5:30 pm followed by their concert then dancing to music of the Deutscher Musik Verein. Call Maria Fischer at (216) 741-1398 to make your reservations. Deadline for reservations is April 16th.

That weekend the TSBA will be holding their Annual Tournament that will be held in Youngstown, Ohio. We wish our Cleveland West Bowlers luck.

The following weekend the "Alex Meixner Band" will be coming to town to perform at the Sachsenheim on Saturday, April 28th. This is a "rocking, head banging, polka band" that is known throughout the USA. You do not want to miss this spectacular evening. Get your tickets in advance for \$18 by calling Christine Roppelt at (216) 773-9375 or send to Christine at 4107 Gifford Ave, Cleveland 44109. Make the check payable to ATS Branch 1. This is a fundraiser for the Sachsenheim, so let's bring along your friends have enjoy a great evening of music and Gemuetlichkeit.

And our cultural events continue with the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's Annual Trachtenball that will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Doors open at 6 pm and a Schnitzel dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The program will start at 8 pm followed by dancing to Hans Schobel and the Bergvagabunden. The reservation form is in the *Volksblatt* and reservations are to be mailed to Stephanie Miller-Hanek. The deadline for reservations is April 28th. They are asking everyone to wear their Tracht and join them for the traditional Aufmarsch.

So you can see that the various groups at the Sachsenheim are keeping themselves busy, but they need "YOU" to come to the club to join them and support them in their endeavors. Bring your kids and grandchildren to let them learn about their ethnic culture and enjoy the events with the adult members of the family. We should be grateful that we have a place to get together to share our Saxon culture.

**Reducing debt**

My neighbors argued over a patio they wanted. She had grand ideas, but he wanted costs kept to a minimum. She won, and the construction bill climbed higher and higher.

I was surprised to find my neighbor smiling as the workmen finished the surface. He said:

"You see where they're smoothing over that cement? I just threw my wife's credit cards in there."

Westside Sachsenheim, Cleveland Presents:

**ALEX MEIXNER**

**ONE NIGHT ONLY**



**Saturday,  
April 28, 2012**

**8-midnight  
Sachsenheim Hall  
7001 Denison Ave  
Cleveland, OH**

**Advance sale tickets \$18  
or \$20 at the door.**

**Reserve tickets with: Christine Roppelt  
216-773-9375**

**4107 Gifford Ave Cleveland, OH 44109**

**Make checks payable to ATS Branch 1**

**Admission price includes one free glass of wine, beer or a soft drink. Bavarian ham and sausage sandwiches with sides and other items available à la carte. Cash bar open for the entire event.**

**BRANCH 25, NEW CASTLE**  
By Adam Pivovar

The New Castle Eintracht Maennerchor SPRING concert is May 5th beginning at 8 pm at The Eintracht Hall at 108 Taylor Street.

Singing will be visiting chorus Teutonia of Pittsburgh plus New Castle, followed by the Jack Vassko Band for your listening and dancing pleasure.

We will have food and various drinks and lots of comradeship.

We must also note the BIG Annual Maennerchor picnic will be held on July 14th. Always a

delightful happy event, it will be held at the Eintracht grounds on McKee Crossing Road end. The Grounds open at 1pm. Youngstown Culture Group Brass Band, under the direction of John Kraus, will entertain beginning at 3pm. Singing at 5pm and 7pm, and at 8pm the Jack Vasko Band will play until closing. Any singing groups are also invited for our singing session. Let us know. The Club phone number is 724-652-7221. Summer grounds phone is 724-652 5299.

**CLEVELAND AND LORAIN'S  
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**



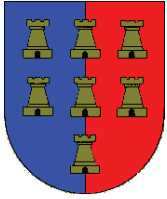
**Saturday, April 21, 2012  
Sachsenheim  
7001 Denison Avenue**

**Dinner at 5:30 pm  
Roast Pork with Red Cabbage  
\$18.00**

**Concert following the Dinner  
Music for dancing by Deutscher Musik Verein**

**Call Maria Fischer for Reservations  
(216)741-1398**

**Deadline for Reservations is April 16th.**



**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

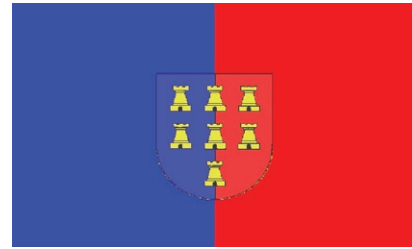
Food will also be sold at the outside pavilion/grill



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

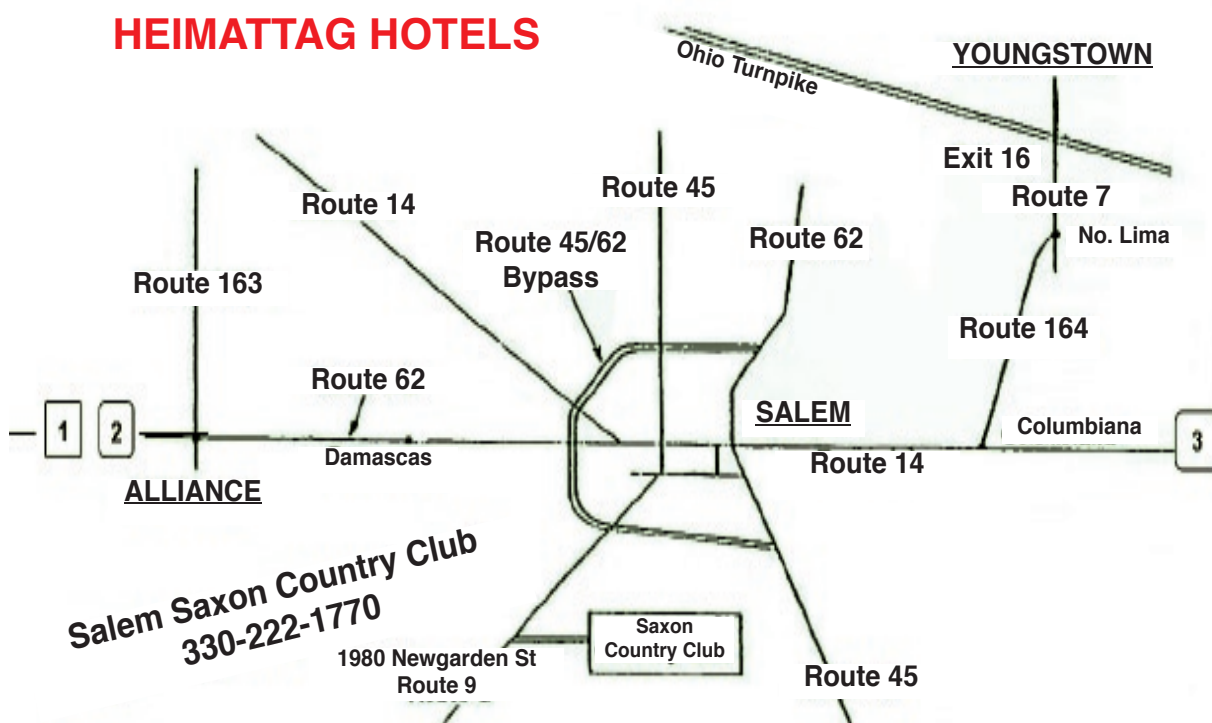


**2012 SAXON HEIMATTAG**  
**JULY 20 – JULY 22**  
**HOST: BRANCH 18 & 19 SALEM**  
**RESERVATION FORM**

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012 7:00 pm</b>		
Chuckwagon Spuds & Suds (includes admission, Burgers, wings, veggies, dips and more “Saxon Hoe Down” – Wear Country Western attire	\$10	_____
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012 5:00 pm</b>		
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		
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012 12:30 pm</b>		
Luncheon Buffet	\$20	_____
Children ages 6 – 12	\$10	_____
Includes admission, schnitzel, cabbage rolls, Salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert		
<b>ONLY ADMISSION – NO RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER:</b>		
One Day Admission	\$ 5	_____
Three Day Admission (Children ages 12 & under are free)	\$ 8	_____
<b>TOTAL REMITTED</b>	\$	_____

**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

## Deciding which home repairs should come first

When you're ready to do some repairs, home inspectors quoted in CNN Money say you have decisions to make. They recommended these priorities:

1. Electrical system. Wiring problems can cause fires or electrocution. Call an electrician to open your main panel box, tighten loose connections and look for trouble spots. He can also check switches, outlets and light fixtures.

To lengthen the life of circuit breakers, flip every one off and back on once a year to prevent corrosion.

2. Basement. Have a home inspector check the building foundation, especially if beams have bowed or posts are rotting.

Structural damage downstairs means shifting and wall cracking upstairs, so have

the foundation checked as well.

Water causes most problems. Keep the basement dry by making the landscape slope away from the house.

3. Roof. A water stained ceiling means roof problems, as do missing or broken shingles, smooth spots where granules have worn away from shingles or green algae growth on the roof.

To prolong the life of the roof, prune tree limbs so they are at least 10 feet from the roof to keep squirrels away and let moisture evaporate after rain.

4. Gutters. When it's raining, check for clogs and overflows. Get gutters cleaned one to three times a year, depending on how many trees you have. Always clear deep snow from gutters.



## EARTH DAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

Earth Day is a day that is intended to bring awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. It is a day to think about our planet and what we can do to keep it special; to think about saving water and energy, reducing pollution, recycling, protecting animals, trees and plants.



The ATS Youth Activities Committee wants all our junior members to do their part in helping the Earth stay beautiful and healthy. What can we do to help?

1. Reduce on the stuff that you use or throw away.
2. Reuse items instead of putting them in the garbage.
3. Recycle everything you can...glass, paper, cans, cardboard and plastic.
4. Buy products in packaging that can be recycled
5. Write or draw on both sides of a piece of paper before recycling
6. Don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth
7. Make sure the faucets are turned off all the way so they don't drip
8. Turn off the television and computer when not in use
9. Turn out the lights when you leave a room
10. Never litter. Animals can choke on trash they find
11. Keep trees healthy, don't peel off the bark or break branches
12. Take part in a community Earth Day event

Color the following picture and mail it to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129 and receive an Earth Day gift. Please include your name, address, Branch number and Certificate number.



## Mother-Daughter Banquet

hosted by the

Saxon Ladies Society Branch 22

**Sunday April 29, 2012**

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

Deadline: April 25, 2012

**WE WILL HONOR  
THE MOTHER OF THE YEAR  
AND YOUNGEST CHILD**

MENU

Stuffed Chicken Breast with all the trimmings

Chicken Strips for Children

Adult Tickets - \$12.00

Children 12 years and under - \$5.00

3 years and under - FREE

Sister Dorothy Fizet has the tickets and you may call her at (330) 792-7249

If you call for tickets,

you may make your check

payable to SAXON LADIES SOCIETY BRANCH 22

and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to

Dorothy Fizet • 5606 Norquest Blvd • Youngstown OH 44515

so she can send the tickets to you.

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Dinner at 1:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT - 2:00 p.m.

Children Tap Dancers



## ATS GENEALOGY MESSAGE BOARD

Many of our members are interested in tracing their family history and have often contacted the ATS Office for help. We do not have the records to help in tracing your family tree, but we can offer you a place to ask for help from other members. Under this column, you can submit a short paragraph requesting help in searching for family members. When possible be specific on names, places and dates. Send your short request to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129 or email us at office@atsaxons.com. Include your name, email and/or phone number that you want listed in the *Volksblatt* that members may contact you directly.

## Cleveland Sachsenheim's Tree of Life



Purchase a Leaf to:  
Memorialize your Family Name....  
Honor someone dear to you....  
Engrave your own name....

The Cleveland Sachsenheim wants to recognize and honor our Saxon Families and Friends by creating a "Tree of Life."

The cost of each Leaf is \$50 and you can have a maximum of 30 characters and spaces per line. Maximum 3 lines per Leaf.

Examples:

John Schmidt

in memory of

Michael and Anna Schmidt

or

(Just one line)

George F. Miller Family

A special dedication of the Tree of Life will be held in 2012.

Complete the form below and make your check payable to ATS Branch No. 4

Engraving to read (up to 3 lines)

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check and this form to:

Monica Weber

19625 Riverwood Ave Rocky River OH 44116

Any questions please call Monica at 440-356-5936

Or email: monica\_weber@sbcglobal.net

Let's give honor to our Families' Names



### Bundeskanzlerin würdigt Aussiedler und Vertriebene als Brückenbauer

Berlin - Bundeskanzlerin Dr. Angela Merkel hat beim Jahresempfang des Bundes der Vertriebenen (BdV) am 20. März in Berlin die Leistungen der Vertriebenen und Aussiedler gewürdigt. Neben der Bundeskanzlerin nahmen an der Veranstaltung im Berliner Kronprinzenpalais Bundesinnenminister Dr. Hans-Peter Friedrich, der Aussiedlerbeauftragte der Bundesregierung, Dr. Christoph Bergner sowie weitere Vertreter der Bundespolitik teil. Zeitgleich wurde im Kronprinzenpalais die von der Stiftung „Zentrum gegen Vertreibungen“ realisierte Ausstellung „Heimatweh“ eröffnet. In einem großen Bogen umreißt die auf den drei Einzelausstellungen „Die Gerufenen“, „Erzwungene Wege“ und „Angekommen“ basierende Präsentation die weitgehend unbekannte Heimat der deutschen Volksgruppen außerhalb der Bundesrepublik mit ihrer Siedlungsgeschichte, Flucht und Vertreibung sowie die Integration der Vertriebenen und Aussiedler seit 1945.

Die Präsidentin des Bundes der Vertriebenen, Erika Steinbach, wies auf die anfänglichen Widerstände gegen die Stiftung hin, die das Thema Vertreibung erst wieder an die Oberfläche brachte. Steinbach sagte, dass die Ausstellung ein Signal setze, dass Vertreibung immer ein menschenrechtswidriges Verbrechen ist. Der Bundeskanzlerin dankte die BdV-Präsidentin für ihren Einsatz, dass die Bundesstiftung „Flucht, Vertreibung, Versöhnung“ im Berliner Deutschlandhaus einen würdigen Erinnerungsort erhält. Steinbach mahnte bei dieser Gelegenheit erneut die Einrichtung eines nationalen Gedenktages für Vertriebene sowie die Entschädigung deutscher Zwangsarbeiter an.

Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel gab in ihrer Rede ein klares Bekenntnis zu den Anliegen der deutschen Vertriebenen und Aussiedler ab. So erinnerte sie an das den Vertriebenen zugefügte Unrecht und mahnte als Lehre hieraus, „menschenverachtenden Entwicklungen - auch in ihren Ansätzen und wo auch immer auf der Welt - entgegenzuwirken und Vertreibung für alle Zeit zu ächten.“ Merkel betonte die Bedeutung der Vertriebenen und ihrer Organisationen für die europäische Integration und als Brückenbauer in vielen Bereichen. Die Bundeskanzlerin würdigte auch die Leistungen der deutschen Minderheiten in Mittel-, Ost- und Südosteuropa als Vermittler und Bindeglieder zwischen den Völkern. Sie erinnerte daran, dass das reichhaltige kulturelle Erbe der Vertriebenen Teil unserer deutschen Identität sei, die es zu erforschen, weiter zu vermitteln und zu entwickeln gelte. Diese Bedeutung der Aufgabe werde durch die

entsprechende Förderung des Bundes und der Länder besonders hervorgehoben.

Die Stiftung „Flucht, Vertreibung, Versöhnung“ als sichtbares Zeichen der Erinnerung und Aufarbeitung des Unrechts von Vertreibungen gewinne weiter an Kontur. Die Bundeskanzlerin sagte zu, dass die Bundesregierung aufpassen werde, dass die Arbeit daran auch wirklich Schritt für Schritt weitergehe. Durch ihre Aussagen hat die Bundeskanzlerin deutlich gemacht, dass für sie die Anliegen und Sorgen der Vertriebenen, Aussiedler und deutschen Volksgruppen sehr wichtig sind.

Seitens des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland nahmen der Bundesvorsitzende Dr. Bernd Fabritius als BdV-Vizepräsident und der Stellvertretende Bundesvorsitzende Rainer Lehni als BdV-Präsidiumsmitglied am Jahresempfang und der folgenden Bundesversammlung teil. Dabei bot sich dem Bundesvorsitzenden am Rande des Empfangs die Gelegenheit, mit Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel ein Gespräch zu führen.

Thema waren die grenzüberschreitenden gemeinsamen Bemühungen des Verbandes mit der rumänischen Regierung zur Regelung von Fragen der in Deutschland lebenden Landsleute. Die Kanzlerin nahm die mündliche Zusage des rumänischen Staatspräsidenten Traian Băsescu zur Teilnahme am Heimattag in Dinkelsbühl interessiert zur Kenntnis. Eine von Fabritius ausgesprochene Einladung an die Bundeskanzlerin, als Ehrengast am Heimattag 2012 ebenfalls teilzunehmen, nahm Angela Merkel mit Interesse entgegen und bat um Zusendung weiterer Informationen



**Gang durch die Ausstellung „Heimatweh“: Bundeskanzlerin Dr. Angela Merkel, begleitet von Bundesinnenminister Hans-Peter Friedrich und BdV-Präsidentin Erika Steinbach.**

dazu. Diese wurden zwischenzeitlich an das Bundeskanzleramt übermittelt.

Ein weiteres Gespräch führte der Bundesvorsitzende – gemeinsam mit dem Landesvorsitzenden des BdV in Bayern, dem Aichacher Landrat Christian Knauer - auch mit Bundesinnenminister Hans-Peter Friedrich. Dabei wurde die Situation der Entschädigung der deutschen Zwangsarbeiter vertieft.

Friedrich wies auf bestehende Probleme bei der Bestimmung des berechtigten Personenkreises sowie der Nachweismöglichkeit hin. Fabritius entgegnete, dass jedenfalls bezüglich der aus

Rumänien verschleppten deutschen Zivilpersonen im Januar 1945 genaue Angaben und auch eine Nachweisführung möglich wären. Gleichzeitig wurde die Idee eines institutionellen Entschädigungsmodells angesprochen. Nachteil eines solchen Modells wäre der fehlende individuelle Entschädigungsansatz, der als Geste der Rehabilitation von direkt Betroffenen notwendig wäre. Bundesminister Friedrich sagte zu, die Angelegenheit unter Berücksichtigung dieser Informationen erneut zu überdenken.

Rainer Lehni  
SBZ Online  
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**Im Gespräch mit Bundesinnenminister Hans-Peter Friedrich (links): Dr. Bernd Fabritius (Bildmitte) neben Christian Knauer.**



**Im Gespräch mit Bundeskanzlerin Dr. Angela Merkel: Bundesvorsitzender Dr. Bernd Fabritius (links) neben dem BdV-Landesvorsitzenden Christian Knauer (Bildmitte).**

### Grete Menning Gierer De Bäffelmälch

Ke Gerjeschdref e Lihrer  
kâm,  
ânt Zäkescher Gebät,  
und frocht uch glech um  
irschten Däch,  
wie dehiem en Bäffel hät.

Der Mischl mält sich glech  
und soot:  
„Mir hun äm Ställ zwo  
größen.  
Vuer denen äwer grälen  
ich,  
well sä sich änj norr  
stößen!“

„Ech wiël 'si gärn e Liter  
Mälch  
äft Menet vun ech hun.  
Freech glech denj Motter.  
Soo mer dro,  
ow ech se kâ bekunn?“

'si soot der Lihrer und  
erwoort  
en Äntfert u gennem  
Märjen.  
Dän soot der Gang: „Härr  
Lihrer, mächt  
Ich jo glätt nichen Särjen.

E jede Märje, soot menj  
Motter,  
kennt Ir e Liter hun.  
Net norr äm Menet ient,  
denn soot,  
wät hoot Ir dro dervun?“

„Soo, hoot dä Mälch uch  
en däck Ruhm?“  
„Dä hoot se, gänz gewäss!  
De Maus, dä driw gelufe  
wor,  
net ägerämpelt äs!“

### De versprochän Hiën

Äls Lihrer kân em äst  
erliëwen!  
'si geng et iest uch desem  
iëwen.

E Känjd hätt äm en Hiën  
versprochen,  
meer hie glätt nichen kangt  
gebrochen,  
denn Hiënen hädde sä  
genach.  
Doch doocht e sich:  
Mänsch, sä doch klach!  
E Geschink, dät nit em un,  
denj Hiëne lufe net dervun.

De Zejt vergeng. De Hiën  
kâm net!  
Der Lihrer frocht: „Wätt  
äs denn dett?  
Wo äs de Hiën, dä ir  
versprochen?“ –  
„Mir kenne se na uch  
gebrochen“,  
soot menj Motter, „Gott  
sä Dänk,  
as Hiën, dä äs na nemmih  
kränk!“

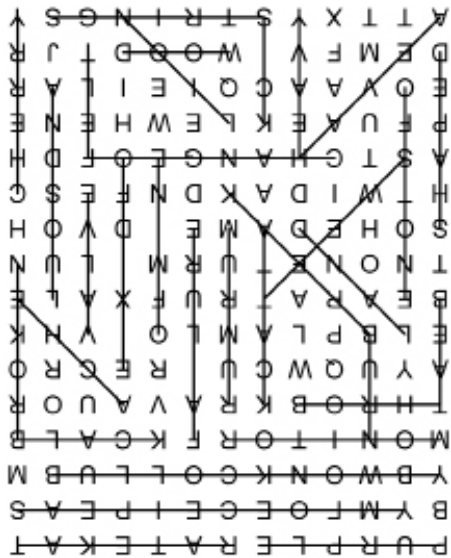
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# PotPourri

## 'Heart' word Search

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## Trivia Teaser Creative Spellings

1. What popular website gets its name from a misspelling of the word for the number one followed by one hundred zeros? a-Yahoo, b-Tumblr, c-Google, d-eBay.

2. What word did Vice President Dan Quayle attempt to "correct" at a 1992 school spelling bee by adding an additional "e" to the end of it? a-Quail, b-Hawk, c-President, d-Potato.

3. What sports trophy is filled with misspellings, including Dickie Moore's name spelled 5 different ways? a-Lombardi Trophy, b-Stanley Cup, c-Ryder Cup, d-Davis Cup.

4. The name of which U.S. state is misspelled on the Liberty Bell and in the U.S. Constitution? a-Delaware, b-Pennsylvania, c-Massachusetts, d-Mississippi.

5. The properties of a Monopoly board are named after real locations in Atlantic City. Which Monopoly property is spelled wrong? a-Mediterranean Avenue, b-Oriental Avenue, c-Reading Railroad, d-Marvin Gardens.

6. What word is misspelled in the title of a best-selling autobiography by entrepreneur Chris Gardner? a-Cemetery, b-Christmas, c-Cheese, d-Happiness.

7. What nation's king, Carl XVI Gustaf, misspelled his own name when signing his accession documents in 1973? a-Sweden, b-Norway, c-Denmark, d-Finland.

8. Who directed the blatantly misspelled movie *Inglorious Basterds*? a-Tim Burton, b-Eli Roth, c-Clint Eastwood, d-Quentin Tarantino.

9. According to the lyrics of the song "Watching Scotty Grow," what does P-R-L-F-Q spell? a-Mom and Dad, b-Love, c-Scotty, d-Moron.

10. This 3-letter term is inserted after an uncorrected quoted word or phrase that is misspelled? a-Sic, b-Cum, c-Pip, d-Yuk.

Answer to 'Creative Spellings'  
1-c, Google  
2-d, Potato  
3-b, Stanley Cup  
4-b, Pennsylvania  
5-d, Marvin Gardens  
6-d, Happiness  
7-a, Sweden  
8-d, Quentin Tarantino  
9-a, Mom and Dad  
10-a, Sic

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## Experts: Girls benefit from sleepovers

Though some parents may disagree, experts find that kids can benefit from a sleepover. At the Center for Research on Girls, psychologists say it provides youngsters with a block of time where they are together, in person, without direct supervision by an adult.

It's unfortunate that kids today don't have "goof around" time like they used to. The result can be kids who don't know how to fill their own time and solve problems on their own. The sleepover is one small step toward providing that goof around time.

A favorite activity today is creating a dance routine, filming it and putting the video on their computers.

# The Great Pacific

Deep in the Pacific great ocean currents meet and begin to swirl into gyres. From the surface, this seldom-traveled section of the ocean does not seem unusual. But just below the surface, a vastly different and profoundly modern ocean has formed.

The ocean gyres have become garbage patches. Filled with debris carried along ocean currents, the gyre waters, just below the surface, have become a thick soup of multi-colored plastic particles. The plastic never fully degrades; it just breaks up, becoming smaller, sharper, and more numerous -- a galaxy of plastic bits floating in the ocean currents.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, there is no scientific measurement of the size of this plastic garbage patch. Some say it is as large as Texas or France, more than 260,000 square miles. Until recent decades,



scientists did not worry about human pollution of the ocean. The extreme enormity of The Pacific alone -- 96 million square miles (or 15 times the entire continental U.S.) was thought to be large enough to absorb anything.

But plastics, which are showing up on every coast in the world and floating in every body of water, are now causing concern. In the belly of whales, plastic trash accumulates over a lifetime. Sea fish and birds eat it and die. And there are new questions about the toxicity of plastics.

Most everyone agrees the plastics do not belong in the ocean and removing existing debris is probably impossible for now, but prevention is possible. About 80 percent of the ocean's garbage comes from the land. Deliberate dumping, accidents, violent weather and seemingly benign behaviors account for the accumulation.

A plastic bottle thrown into an open manhole, goes from the sewer to a stream, from a stream to a river and on to the ocean. A bottle left on the beach eventually gets caught in currents and ends up in the garbage patch.

While the problem is enormous, individuals can actually make a difference: Don't throw trash in any sort of water; clean up beaches and campgrounds. Don't dump from your boats. Avoid using plastics. It will help.

## Garbage Patch

### How to solve a sudoku puzzle

To solve a sudoku, you only need logic and patience. No math is required.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has a number 1 through 9 with only one occurrence of each number.

Each column and row of the large grid must have only one instance of the numbers 1 through 9. The difficulty rating on this puzzle is easy.

### Sunny April Sudoku

2				1	3			
		3			2	7	8	
							6	3
9	5			8	6			
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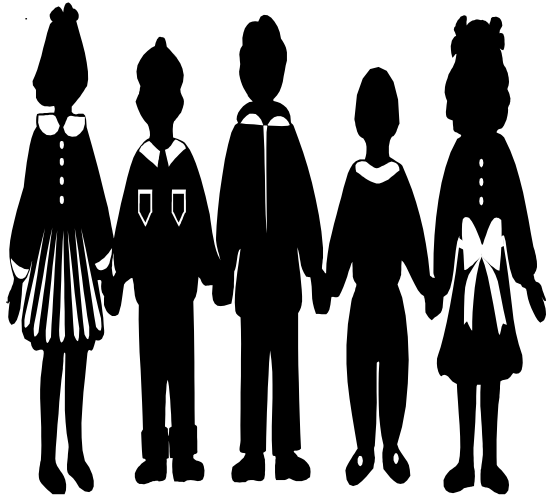
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