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BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

Upcoming events:

Wednesdays: Dinner and drawings

Thursdays: Bar Bingo, Queen of Hearts

Fridays: Fish Night, open to the public

Sundays: Breakfast and 2 p.m. meetings
second Sunday

September 3: Officers meeting 6:00 p.m.

September 15: Branch meeting 2:00 p.m.

September 21: Speck Fry 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Speck Fry is an event we always look forward to. The cost is \$20.00, all you can eat and all you can drink! Bring your friends!

In process, is a Pool Club and a Dart Club in the lower lounge. We thank the donor who purchased the equipment needed to start this in memory of a family member. Many thanks.

September 14 is the 300 Club Banquet and Reverse Raffle in the main ballroom. Those who would like to make a contribution to the liquor/wine basket, get a free ticket. Give your contributions, please, to Val Thomas.

We need people to help trim the yard with a weed/wacker on Saturdays, if you can spend a short time helping. The same when the leaves fall.

We welcome Ollie Walter into fraternal membership. There are five new social members we also welcome. The Saxon Retirees meet the second Thursday each month. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Rose Marie Zamary (330) 792-0388.

The Youngstown Trunk and Treasure Flea Market is on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. All proceeds go to the Youngstown Saxon Club. Vendors pay \$5.00 per space, food and produce vendors are also welcome. Happy summer!

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BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON

By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone is having a good summer despite any weather related issues that may be happening. The Canton Saxons will be meeting again on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza, where we will be having lunch and a short meeting. They have been very accommodating and we always have a great lunch along with being able to spend time with our other branch members.

As always, if you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies lodge who are in need, please let us know. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text or phone at (330) 312-5112, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. We are looking forward to hearing from you and please join us at Meyers Landing on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m.



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On Current
Annuity and IRAs
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July 1, 1996
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



The ATS welcomes Lauren M. Ziegler to our Home Office Staff. Lauren is a member of Cleveland East, Branch 33. Those of you who have called the Home Office lately, probably talked with her on the phone. Welcome aboard, Lauren!

The 2024 Transylvania Trip is now over. I believe that everyone had a great time on it. Well, except for Monika Gross. She injured her leg and required surgery prior to coming home. I spoke with her and her husband, Richard, the other day, and she is doing well. We missed her on the bus portion of the trip, but their son Peter and Richard's sister Hannelore kept us updated, and I am sure, shared their pictures and stories with them after returning home.

After the Parliament Building in Bucharest, on our way to Hermannstadt, we stopped at Wolkendorf/Vulcan for a visit to a Fortified Church that is being restored. The Pastor welcomed us and told us about the restoration. This Church is open for services each week. There is a picture of a model of the original site on the back page. Then, we were off to Hermannstadt/Sibiu and the Sachsentreffen, which I wrote about in the last issue. On Monday morning, we boarded our two buses to travel throughout Transylvania and Romania.

The first stop was Cristian/Grossau. I believe this was the village with 60+ stork nests. Storks are big in Romania, as they are considered a sign of a healthy environment. Mediasch/Medias was our next stop. This is the home of Transylvanian Saxon physicist and rocket scientist Hermann Oberth. His home has a rocket monument in front of it. The German School still operates in this town, as they do in many other towns in Romania. Biertan/Birthalm was the next stop, to see the Fortified Church there. It was the Bishop's residence for more than 300 years.

Schässburg/Sighisoara was the final stop of Monday. We stayed in two different hotels this night. Our dinner was "up the hill". Most of us took advantage of the Trolley Ride to get us there. Some of group A walked it! Most walked back down, others took a taxi back to the hotels. Dinner was in the house where Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler, a.k.a. Dracula) was supposedly born. (His father lived in the house during the time that Vlad would have been born. The assumption is he was born in there.) Thanks to Don Blum who brought his Saxon Flag with him for a Group A picture in Schassburg.

Tuesday had the buses heading to Neumarkt am Mieresch/Targu Mures in the Maremures region. We saw the Wooden Church in Barsana, the Monastery, and stayed in Oberwischau/Viseu de Sus. We passed through many, many Saxon villages during our travels that day. Wednesday, we took an old-fashioned steam train ride through the mountain

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donations to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

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'Otis' is still the sign of safety

One invention alone is responsible for the modern city full of skyscrapers that twinkle in the night sky: the elevator.

Before the elevator, buildings could be no higher than the number of stairs that people were willing to climb. It turns out that in the 1800s, that height was about six stories.

Enter the elevator. In the 1830s and 1840s, platform elevators helped lift freight, but they had a bad reputation. The lifting cables regularly broke and sent the car (and its contents) plummeting to the ground. People weren't eager to be on such a lift.

But things changed in 1854, when the American engineer Elisha Graves Otis devised an ingenious safety brake. He attached a strong-bow-shaped spring to the top of the platform, and when the platform cable was pulled up, the spring arched and slid smoothly along the elevator guide rails. Otis showed that when he cut the lift cable, the spring simply flexed back and its ends jammed inside guard rail notches, halting the elevator's fall.

Today, with some modifications, elevators use the same safety system that Otis invented and demonstrated in 1854.

Otis Worldwide is 171 years old and still installs elevators across the globe, including in the 88-story Petronas Twin Towers in Malaysia, the original World Trade Center in New York City, and the Eiffel Tower.



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Lunch at 12:00 PM
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DEADLINE	ISSUE
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

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region. What a beautiful area, with the river and the mountains. After the train ride, we were back on the buses and headed to Sapanata where we visited the Merry Cemetery, known for its brightly colored tombstones with simple paintings describing in a poetic fashion the lives of the people buried there. The Church was as beautiful as the Cemetery! We were then off to the Marmaroschiget or Siget/Sighetu Marmatiei region. We could see the mountainside of Ukraine on the other side of the Tisa River. We stayed that night in the Hotel Carpati in Frauenbach/Baia Mare.

Thursday had us traveling to Klausenburg/Cluj-Napoca. This is the home of the largest university in Romania. In the old days, it was considered the unofficial capital, and then the official capital, of the province of Transylvania. The Salt Mines of Turda were next on the agenda. The mine opened for tourists in 1992. Then, off we went to Karlsburg (formerly Weissenburg)/Alba Iulia, located on the river Mures. We stayed that night at the Hotel Transilvania! We managed to get a picture of all of our travelers outside the

hotel, including our tour guides and bus drivers, thanks to one of our waiters taking the picture. (Speaking of bus drivers, both of them were great! Between parking the buses in small hotel parking lots, driving the narrow streets in our big buses, and traveling all of the switchbacks in the Carpathian Mountains, they did a wonderful job driving!)

On Friday, our last full day, we traveled from Karlsburg to Temeschwar or Temeschburg/Timisoara. On the way, we stopped at Eisenmarkt/Hunedoara and visited the Huniadi Family castle. This was a true "castle", as opposed to our Saxon Fortified Churches. In Temeschwar/Timisoara, we took a walking tour through the three "squares" or market areas to our restaurant for our final dinner. What a dinner! Large platters of food were set on our tables, enough to feed six busloads. We thanked our tour guides, Alex and Bogdan. As a group, we sang Siebenbürgen, with Bogdan leading us. (Thank you, Bogdan!)

Some of us departed early the next morning at 4:00 a.m. for our 6:30 a.m. flights back home. The rest of the group had early afternoon

flights. It was definitely a tour to remember. We had two sets of 3 generations on our trip with grandma, daughters and grandchildren. Lots more of two generations, with mothers/sons and fathers/daughters, etc. Lots of cousin connections, too. Thank you to everyone who participated. The Saxons in Transylvania and Germany were very impressed with our 80 people plus the 40 from the Youngstown Culture Group who traveled from America to the Homeland for the Sachsentreffen.

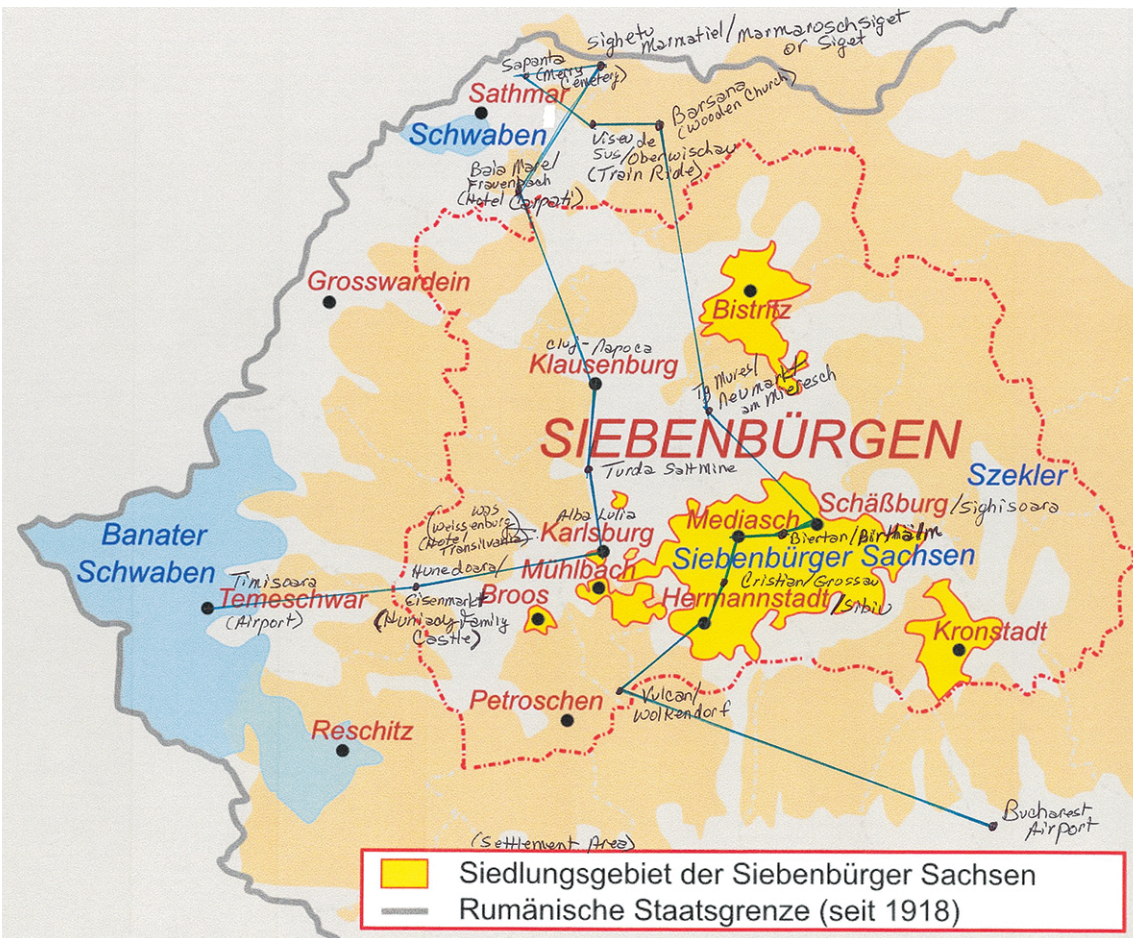
I have included a map of where all we traveled. My "dots" may not be in the exact spot, but they are definitely in the right region. I was working with a map of Romania (with Romanian names), the Siebenbürgen map that you see, as well as googling some of the cities and knowing they were "northeast" of somewhere else that I found on a map. The little villages that we traveled through were not on any of the maps that I was looking at, and for that, I'm sorry. I hope that you can add them to what I did up. Again, thank you for helping make this a wonderful trip!

Until next time...



Just wanted to say Thank You for organizing the trip to Romania. I really enjoyed meeting a lot of new Saxons. The parade and festivities in Sibiu-Sachsentreffen 2024 was amazing, so many people and the food and beverages were excellent. I really enjoyed going to visit the Turda Salt Mine. We climbed down 172 stairs to get there, needless to say I didn't walk back up them I took the elevator up as far as it would go so only had to walk up 120 steps. It was such an amazing site and so nice and cool down there. My niece, Monica Gilles and I rode a giant ferris wheel while down there. There were so many beautiful churches with beautiful architecture. We got to see some storks and their huge nests. I am so glad I got to have this experience with my nieces Monica Gilles, Logan MacArthur and nephew Brian Gilles.

Thanks again
Jeanne Petty (Lorain, Oh)



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Oktoberfest at the Grounds 2024

Eintracht Singing Society

586 McKee Crossing,
New Castle, PA 16105

Saturday, September 21, 2024

2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

German Food

Music by Madel Jager (3-6)

Music by Maennerchor and Kinderchor
throughout the day

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 19 - 20, 2024

ATS Open Bowling Tournament

Host: New Castle Bowlers

July 11 - 13, 2025

North American Saxon Heimattag

LOCAL EVENTS

September 7, 2024

New Castle Eintracht Männerchor

Schützenfest

September 14, 2014

Youngstown Br. 30 300 Club Dinner

September 15, 2024

Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree

September 21, 2024

Youngstown Br. 30 Speck Fry

New Castle Br. 25/27 Octoberfest at the Grounds

September 28, 2024

Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

Cleveland East Br. 33 Clambake Social

October 19, 2024

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest

October 25, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party

October 26, 2024

New Castle Br. 25/27 Rocktober at the Grounds

December 7, 2024

Cleveland West Sausage Sale

December 14, 2024

Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party

Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

Eintracht Singing Society
New Castle PA

"Rocktober" at the Grounds

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October 26, 2024

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Band plays 8 - 11



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Some medicines should not be taken with coffee

If you are used to taking your thyroid or allergy meds with your first cup of morning coffee, you may want to change that habit.

Several common medications have well-known or suspected interactions with coffee, which may alter their effectiveness or the absorption of the drug.

Levothyroxine helps balance hormones in people with hypothyroidism, and should not be taken with coffee. According to several studies, the absorption of thyroid medicine can decrease from 30 percent to 55 percent when taken with coffee.

The same is true with osteoporosis medication, which should be taken with water to maintain its effectiveness.

Some medications for depression and mood disorders also are not absorbed as well when taken with coffee. Drugs like fluvoxamine, amitriptyline, escitalopram, and imipramine appear to be metabolized differently when taken with coffee.

Don't combine coffee with medicines like felodipine (Amlodipine), since caffeine tends to block the positive effects of the drug, according to Medical News Today.

According to the American Diabetes Association, the caffeine found in coffee can make it harder to manage blood sugar. In the ADA study, caffeine was found to increase both glucose and insulin.

FEDERATION JUGENDLAGER 2024 IN CANADA

Dear Fellow Saxons, Canadian Host families and Jugendlager Friends,

Andreas and I would like to thank everyone that helped make our 2024 Jugendlager trip as US representatives a trip of a lifetime! There are so many wonderful memories and so many people to thank that helped us create treasured memories. First off, thank you ATS for selecting us to represent the US along with Catherine Leprich and our excellent group leader Jonathan Barkett. Thank you to the many host families that housed all the Jugendlager participants and gave us many fun and exciting days and nights of fantastic sightseeing, trips, camping, and Gemütlichkeit!! One of my favorite places we visited was the Elevated Park since it was such a beautiful day and a beautiful place. The pool parties were also a lot of fun because we all could just hang out together and share stories of what its like living in different places; the different cultures we encounter and our socioeconomic differences around the world.

The Jugendlager reunion was great to experience to see all the different people getting back together and having a ton of fun catching up and talking. We both loved the Jugendlager presentation to the Heimattag of performing the two dances which were the Stern polka and the Spretzer Tanz. Andreas pointed out that our Opa, John Schobel was the original accordionist and one of the founding group members of the Cleveland Saxon

Dance Group, not to mention our dad, "Johnny" was a long-time member of the dance group as well, so it was nice to step into their shoes for a brief time and perform for our fellow Saxons.

The trip to the Aylmer Museum to see the exhibit: "Transylvanian Saxons in Canada since the 1920s" was a great trip to see our heritage on display. Andreas fondly remembers the pizza making party where a few of the brave put Carolina Reaper and other hot pepper sauces on their pizzas as a base sauce. Gallons of milk were drunk that night for those underestimating the heat of the hot peppers.

We are very thankful that we had the chance to be a part of the Jugendlager as we both now have memories with many amazing Saxons that I hope to never forget.

Finally, we want to thank our Opa and Oma (John & Sophia Schobel) who told us about the opportunity and for helping pay for our transportation to Canada (and a little pocket "Geld"). Also, thank you Opa for sharing your stories, songs, and written life memoirs to us to be able to learn better about you and Oma's childhood experiences in and around Neudorf and Sighisoara areas and share that with our fellow Jugendlager Friends. Andreas and I are looking forward to 2026 where we would love to meet up and rekindle our friendships and create more memories.

Sincerely,

Andreas & Vala Schobel



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BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson

Many thanks to the Picnic Committee, sisters Jeanne Petty, Barb Gilles, brother Brian Gilles and all others who helped bring together another fine Branch 5 picnic this year which was on August 18 at Lakeview Park. What started out looking like a rainy day turned out to be a sunny, breezy day with delicious food and fellowship that was enjoyed by all who attended. By having the all-day reservation of the pavilion, we had plenty of time to relax and visit while playing bingo, card games, contests and water balloon toss. If you missed it, you'll have to wait until we do it

again next year.

Remember that our monthly meetings will resume after our summer break at the American Slovak Club on September 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays being celebrated by members this coming month of September are brothers Harry Kallas, myself Michael Johnson and junior members Tyler Henderson and Flora Jones. May everyone celebrate their special day the way they want. Happy Birthday!

Continue to enjoy what's left of summer and until next time be safe.

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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.

Carol Ann Sebek
Age 79
Died: July 9, 2024
Branch 17, Canton

Mary E. Crawford
Age 89
Died: July 23, 2024
Branch 30, Youngstown

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
Mother Teresa

The kindest people do not just exist - they choose to soften where circumstance has tried to harden them, they choose to believe in goodness, because they have seen firsthand why compassion is so necessary.
Bianca Sparacino

The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

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BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

Summer time is winding down and now that it is September we will be back on our monthly schedule of having a meeting on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 7 p.m.

We wish our Branch 4 bowling team good luck for the upcoming TSBA season. The first bowling session will be held on Sunday, September 15th in Salem, Ohio.

With autumn season comes the Sachsenheim's Clambake that will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Clambake with chicken \$25.95 and Clambake with steak \$29.95. Order of extra clams is \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance. You can get your tickets at the Sachsenheim or call the Club at 216-651-0888. There will be no tickets for sale the night of the clambake.

Come October we will celebrate Lagerfest on Wednesday, October 16th which is presented by the Cavalier Distributors; the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group's Annual Traubenfest on Satur-

day, October 19th and the Children's Halloween Party on Friday evening, October 25th.

We are proud of our junior member Lexi Seiler for being named an ambassador to Breakthrough T1D which helps to raise funds for finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. She is looking for folks to join her and her team the CARB-o-RAE-tors for a fundraising walk on October 20th. For more information on how you can support this fundraiser go to <https://www2.breakthrough1d.org/goto/teamcarborae-tors>. Let's give Lexi our support in helping to find a cure for T1D.

Taco Tuesday at the Sachsenheim is a very popular place to be on Tuesday night. With the patio open, it makes it extra nice. Wednesday is Wing Night and Thursday is hot dogs and sliders plus there always several dinner specials each evening. Friday night offers a variety of specials along with the regular fish menu. And there are always a variety of good German beers.



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Selection of grant recipients will be determined by a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee. Selected recipients will be awarded \$500, payable to the lending institution.

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SALEM SAXON RETIREES
By Norma Byers

Salem Saxon Retirees met on August 7, 2024, at the club with 18 present.

Our president quieted us down so Tony gave the invocation, and we all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

I think everyone was eager to eat because we got the drift of sauerkraut. So, we did and we also had hot dogs, buns and everything to go on them! We had cubed potatoes, fried - delicious and then our choice of carrot cake or chocolate with fudge icing!! Wow- how good!

We all still miss George Spack; he loved the Saxon Club!!

Dianne and Katie gave their reports and Dora Lee

handled the 50-50 drawing.

Nancy Stumperth gave us the birthday names: Julie Davis, Norma Byers, Mary Ann Roth, Katie Lederle. We sang Happy Birthday!

We then stood and said The Lord's Prayer and we spotted Tony coming in with Bingo.

Our next meeting is September 4th, and I hope to see all of you.

By the way, I have to tell you, I celebrated my 93rd birthday!

Stay well, take care of yourselves, eat healthy, live, laugh, love and be happy, and we'll see you in September!!

TOODLE- OO.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES
By Ro Dundon

Since there was no meeting in August this is just a note to let you all know our next get together will be in Ashtabula on Thursday, September 12th, at 11:30 a.m.

Our President RoseMarie will be calling everyone with the information.

A belated Happy Birthday. Hope your day was great and that you got to do all that you wanted to do.

Stay comfortable in this weather. Enjoy Labor Day with family and friends but be safe.

Here's hoping to see everyone on September 12th.

Until we meet again, as Usual, it's RO.

*****Let's get Ready For The***
Youngstown Saxon 300 Club
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Check Out the Menu

All food is prepared and Served by Marko's Catering

Menu (Delicious)
Appetizers on Your Table
Roast Beef / Gravy
Chicken Francaise w/ Lemon Sauce
Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions
Honey Glazed Baby Carrots
Garden salad
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Coffee & Fruit Drink
Cake for Dessert

To-Go Orders Available
See Ticket Taker for more information
BAR... Bottoms Up
The Bar will be an Open Bar
BEER, WINE & MIXED DRINKS will be FREE all evening as long as the supply lasts.

5:30 ... Doors Open ... Open Bar
6:30 ... Dinner Is Served
7:45 ... Reverse Raffle Starts



BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Branch 33 Annual Summer Picnic

We are in the waning days of August and the Summer break is coming to an end. Children, teens, and some adults are back in School; hope everyone had a great summer, wishing you good luck in the new school year. Everyone who went to Romania on the ATS trip is back and I've heard a lot of good things about the trip; The Treffen was a great success and so much fun. August 18 was our annual summer picnic, good turnout and everyone had a great time. Happy that the weather wasn't a complete washout. Thank you to the ATS board for sponsoring a fantastic July Family best Day ever at Waldameer Park. And the Heimattag in Canada was a wonderful success. Thank you to our Canadian brothers and sisters for hosting; everyone had a marvelous time!

So now, turning to upcoming events: we will resume Branch meetings on Wednesday, September 11th at Messiah Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. If you went to Waldameer for the ATS Family Day, remember to bring your receipt for reimbursement.

Our Clambake Social is scheduled for Saturday September 28th; doors open at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lyndhurst at 3 p.m., dinner served at 4 p.m. Please make reservations with Cindy Schneider (216) 410-8851 or Arline Suts (440) 867-6103. Full Clambake meal cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, extra bag of clams \$12. Dinner of chicken only is \$20 members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Please come and enjoy a great meal and Gemütlichkeit with your Saxon brothers and sisters!



Labor Day is September 2

This end-of-summer holiday is for you

We look forward to holidays, but the work and preparation tend to cut into our time off. Think Christmas, New Year's, and Easter.

Not this time. The Labor Day weekend is yours, a time to do whatever YOU want. You can snooze in a hammock, putter around the house and yard, see a parade, or go on a picnic (which may take a little preparation).

If you have kids, they might want to take advantage of the last day of swimming pool season. Though most schools have already started, this day gives summer its proper sendoff.

With three days to play, there's plenty of time left over for friends and maybe even a cookout.

On Labor Day, we honor the monumental contributions the workers of America have made. They are responsible for the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our nation.

In the beginning, Labor Day was a day of rest for people who worked physically in factories, shops, and construction. They were honored. Now, we all take credit for making our country what it is, no matter where or how we work. We're all part of it and proud to be.

So take a break, take a trip, refresh your body and mind. And whatever you do, stay safe.



New Castle Branch 25 Proposed Constitutional Changes

1. Constitution Changes

Current

Article II

Purpose of the Society

The purpose of the Society shall be to preserve and to foster Transylvania Saxon and German-American virtues, customs, manners, and cultivate songs to promote sociability, to hold its members and their families in high esteem, to aid same in sickness and in case of death.

Proposed Change

Article II

Purpose of the Society

The purpose of the Society shall be to provide fraternal fellowship and brotherhood for its members as envisioned in the following goals:

1. To perpetuate the preservation of the Transylvanian Saxon and German American heritage and culture, and cultivate songs to promote sociability.
2. To support its members in times of need and sorrow.
3. To encourage all members to be good and loyal citizens of the United States.
4. To fulfill its obligations and support as members of the national Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Branch 25 (referred to as national alliance in the remainder of this document).

Current

Section 2. Only men of Saxon or German descent who possess a good character, who at the time of their initiation have passed the age of 21 years are eligible to join the society and be Active Members of Branch 25 of the A.T.S. All new members who join the Society as Active members as of January 1, 1985, under the age of 40, must have a certificate of insurance with the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. Germans or Saxons who are over 45 years of age when they enter this country, but not over 50 years of age may join as Active Members if they are eligible otherwise. Anyone who cancels his A.T.S. certificate will no longer be an active member of Branch 25. In addition to this, members must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals outlined in the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons Constitution and By-Laws.

Proposed Change

Section 2.

Applicants for Active membership in this society have voting rights. They must be male, 21 or more years of age and be a national alliance member qualifying by one of the three criteria below:

1. Is of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
2. Is married to someone of Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
3. If other than the above, the applicant must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals outlined in the national Alliance Constitution and By-Laws.

And must also qualify by one of the two criteria below:

1. Is an owner of an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract. Is an existing member and over the age of 50 when this revision of the constitution was adopted.

Active Membership privileges begin when a national alliance policy is approved.

Members who surrender their ATS policy cannot remain Active members.

Current

Section 2. Only Active members have the right to be elected to office, they must be eligible, belong at least twelve (12) months to the Society, have attended at least six (6) meetings, and should be citizens of the United States.

Section 3. Members who join the Society as Active members after January 1, 1985 must have a certificate of insurance with the A.T.S., and must be in good standing with the A.T.S. to be eligible to be elected to office.

Proposed Change

Section 2. Only Active members have the right to be elected to office,

they must be eligible, belong at least twelve (12) months to the Society, have attended at least six (6) meetings, and should be citizens of the United States.

All Branch Officers must be members in good standing with the national alliance.

Section 3. DELETED

Current

This organization cannot be dissolved or annexed as long as there are nine (9) members and they are willing to continue. Should an attempt be made to dissolve or annex the Society, no decision shall be made until an order has been handed down by the Court of Lawrence County.

Proposed Change

This organization cannot be dissolved or annexed as long as there are nine (9) members and they are willing to continue. When disbanded, the organization assets shall be used to establish an ATS scholarship.

2. By-Laws Changes

Current

Duties of the A.T.S. Secretary

Section 6. The A.T.S. Secretary collects, at the regular monthly meeting, all monies due the A.T.S. and forwards the money to the bank designated by the A.T.S.; keeps accurate records, and reports of new and suspended members of the A.T.S.; issues transfer cards to members transferring to another branch.

Proposed Change

Section 6. The A.T.S. Secretary keeps accurate records, and reports of new and suspended members of the A.T.S.; issues transfer cards to members transferring to another branch. He shall immediately report the death of a member to the office of the Alliance. He shall promptly report to the Alliance any illness or accident to members which may result in claims. The ATS Secretary shall, in spirit of fraternal helpfulness, be of service to members in all Alliance business.

Current

Article 3.

Sick Benefits

Section 1. Together with social, recreational and other such benefits afforded by the Eintracht Singing Society, A.T.S. Branch 25 to its members, the Society may pay sick and death benefits as stated in Article 3 and Article 4, to its active members in good standing according to the Constitution and By-Laws, provided that it is authorized by a motion made, seconded and carried by the members at a meeting held in accordant with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Eintracht Singing Society, A.T.S. Branch 25.

Section 2. Six (6) months after initiation into the Society, that is after payment of the seventh (7th) month's dues, and active member in case of sickness may be paid benefits not exceeding five dollars (\$5.00) per week for each full to twelve (12) weeks in one year. In no case can a member draw more than sixty dollars (\$60.00) sick benefit from the Society in any twelve (12) consecutive months.

Section 3. For mischievously brought about sickness or immorality or sickness caused by other carelessness, the Society will pay no benefits.

Section 4. After a member has drawn the maximum lifetime benefit of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) sick benefits, a Member will only be eligible for death benefits. In case of insanity or chronic disease of a member, the Society may pay maximum of fifty- dollars (\$50.00) to him. Should a member on account of insanity or chronic disease desire to make a settlement, he may receive a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for such settlement. After such settlement. a member will lose all rights to further benefits.

Section 5. In case of sickness, the sick member shall report to the Financial Secretary because sick benefit certificates will be recognized from that day only. To non-residential members. the date postmarked will be recognized as the departing date. It is the duty of every member upon recovery from his sickness to personally bring a physician's report to the Financial Secretary.

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Section 6. A member who is sick and behind with his monthly dues, can during this sickness regain his good standing, but during this sickness is not eligible for benefits.

Section 7. No member can be suspended by the Society during his period of sickness. The Society must wait for the member's dues, but has the right to deduct back dues from any possible sick or death benefit.

Section 8. A member after reaching the age of at least seventy (70) years and after being an active member for a total of thirty (30) years may elect to become a Lifetime member by notifying the Financial Secretary to this effect.

Section 9. No member shall cast before another member legally received benefits.

Proposed Change

Article 3. Sick Benefits - Deleted

Current

Section 1. Every male wishing to join the Society as an Active male member must have himself proposed by two (2) Active Members in good standing must fill out application printed by the Society for such purposes and present application and the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) with the Society in advance of his initiation.

An applicant for Active male membership who has reached their fiftieth (50) birthdate will not be eligible for sick or death benefits and will not be eligible to vote on sick or death benefits.

The proposer of a new member must be present at the meeting or no action will be taken on the application. Applications for Active male membership must present proof of German or Saxon descent. Applicants for Active male membership for whom there is no previous record of anyone in his family having ever belonged to the Society in the past will be accepted for ballot if they present written proof of German or Saxon descent. This may consist of baptism certificate, passport, family bible, birth certificate or similar legal proof.

Eintracht Singing Society, Branch 25 records of past generations of membership in the Society will be sufficient to accept application for ballot.

Section 2. Should a candidate be rejected by five (5) votes, the members proposing the candidate is entitled to be heard at the following meeting. At that time, the candidate will be voted upon by ballot. The acceptance of the proposed candidate will be by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Should he again be rejected, the member proposing the candidate has no more right to complain and the initiation fee shall be refunded by the Financial Secretary.

Section 3. In case a member is behind with his dues, he may not receive any benefits.

The initiation fee may at the discretion of the Society be raised or lowered for the good and welfare of the Society at a regular monthly meeting.

Section 4. Should it be revealed that a member has made false statements in his application for membership to the Society, charges should be brought against him and if found guilty of same shall be dropped from the Society and loses all payments made into the Society.

Section 5. If a member leaves the city and still wishes to remain a member, he must within fourteen (14) days report his exact address to the Financial Secretary and see to it that his dues are paid six (6) months in advance. Non-residential members must in case of sickness send in a doctor's certificate stating nature of sickness, when it started and ended. The Society may retain six (6) months' dues from any possible sick benefit monies.

Section 6. If a member leaves the city or United States and is at the time of leaving a member in good standing, he must continue paying dues in order to be entitled to sick and death benefits. If a member becomes three (3) months behind with his dues while out of the city or United States, he must again rejoin as a new member and meet the requirements as to age and health.

Section 7. Members who are behind three (3) months with their dues are suspended from the Society, and if they wish to again become members they must again pay the initiation fee and make a new application for acceptance.

Section 8. It is the duty of every member to be present at all meetings. Should a member discuss Society business or talk about the Society in a descending way with a nonmember upon the first offense he may be punished and fined five (\$5.00) dollars if found guilty. In case of repetition he may be expelled from the Society.

Section 9. Candidates for Passive membership must be proposed by two (2) Active male members. The initiation fee and one (1) year's dues must accompany each application for memberships.

Passive members are not eligible for sick or death benefits.

Proposed Change

Section 1. Every male wishing to join the Society as an Active male member must have himself proposed by two (2) Active Members in good standing, must fill out an application printed by the Society for such purposes and present application and the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) with the Society in advance of his initiation, and must pay a premium payment or annuity payment to the national society with the national society application.

The proposer of a new member must be present at the meeting or no action will be taken on the application.

Section 2. Should a candidate be rejected by five (5) votes, the members proposing the candidate is entitled to be heard at the following meeting. At that time, the candidate will be voted upon by ballot. The acceptance of the proposed candidate will be by two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Should he again be rejected, the member proposing the candidate has no more right to complain and the initiation fee shall be refunded by the Financial Secretary.

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Section 6. DELETED

Section 7. Members who are behind three (3) months with their dues are suspended from the Society, and if they wish to again become members they must again pay the initiation fee and make a new application for acceptance.

Section 8. When applications require a medical examination, the applicant shall pay the examination fee.

Section 9. Upon approval of an application, a certificate contract for the plan applied for shall be forwarded to the Branch Deputy or Agent for delivery to member.

Section 10. If an applicant is not approved by Branch membership, the applicant may apply to another Branch or be accepted in the ATS Home Branch.

Section 11. It is the duty of every Active member to be present at all meetings. Should a member discuss Society business or talk about the Society in a descending way with a nonmember upon the first offense he may be punished and fined five (\$5.00) dollars if found guilty. In case of repetition he may be expelled from the Society.

Section 12. Candidates for Social membership must be proposed by two (2) Active male members. The initiation fee and one (1) year's dues must

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accompany each application for memberships.

Section 13

A Social Membership may not exceed 10% of the ATS membership of the Society. The ATS secretary is responsible to notify the officers if this ratio is exceeded.

Current

Section 3. The one receiving the most votes is elected. Only capable male members who are present at the meeting, have been a member in good standing for the last three (3) years, have attended at least six (6) meetings this year, are a citizen of the United States, and holding an A.T.S policy can be elected.

The requirement of being a United States citizen only applies to new members who joined the Society as Active members after January 1, 1985.

The requirement of being a member for at least three (3) years applies to new members who joined the Society as Active members after April 4, 2008.

In order to run for the office of President or Vice President of the Society, a member must have held an office for twelve (12) months prior to the election.

Incumbent Officers are eligible for reelection, and if not present at the meeting, must send in written consent to be nominated.

Proposed Change

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This section is being renamed **Article 11 Acceptance and Changes of By-Laws**. No other changes were made.

New Sections Added to By-Laws

Article 8.

Charges and Grievances

Section 1. Disputes and Grievances arising between members may be directed in writing to the President who shall refer the matter to the Committee of Reconciliation, who are to hold an impartial hearing of the parties involved. Their recommendations shall be presented at a regular meeting and approved by two-third (2/3) of the members present.

Section 2. Should a complaint or grievance be made against an Officer, he shall be suspended from office until a decision has been made.

Section 3. If a party involved refuses to attend the hearing, the case shall proceed as if he were present. A request for one postponement shall be granted a member.

Section 4. The Committee of Reconciliation shall consist of five members, three Trustees, the Vice President and the Immediate Past-President (if

available, and if not a representative will be appointed by the Trustees), the latter to be the chairman.

Section 5. A member who, at a meeting or outside of the Society, is guilty of improper action towards another member (so far as the Society affairs are concerned), or who shows himself undeserving of Society membership, shall be suspended or expelled.

Section 6. A member who misconducts himself in the Society hall may be suspended and summoned before the officers, and if found guilty shall pay a fine from twenty (\$20.00) dollars to seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars or be suspended for three (3) months or both depending upon opinion of the officers. Upon second such offense he may be permanently suspended from the Society and shall not be accepted any more as a member.

If the first offense is of a serious matter, the member could be suspended permanently; it should be presented to the body at the next meeting and the body should vote on the decision.

Section 7. Should a member have been before the Executive Committee and has as evidence five (5) members of the Society that he had not been dealt with justly, he can seek the signatures of five (5) members and present same to the members of the Society. Should the witnesses be found right, the members shall elect a new tribunal for this purpose. It is the duty of all undersigned witnesses to be present at the next meeting to defend the said member. If not, then the appeal is lost.

Article 9.

Alliance Convention Delegates

The Society shall elect Delegates to represent the Society at the Alliance Convention meetings.

Section 1. The Society is entitled to send one Delegate per fifty Alliance members in good standing to Convention, with a minimum representation of two Delegates and a maximum limit of twelve Delegates.

a. If the total number of Society members in good standing is greater than any multiple of fifty, an additional Delegate may become eligible if he represents less than fifty but more than twenty-five members.

b. All Delegates must be in good standing, that is, they must be fully current with all payments to the Alliance and the Branch as of December 31, preceding the Convention.

Section 2. The Society must forward the name and certificate number of its Delegates on certified official forms to the Alliance Home Office by April 15, preceding the Convention.

Section 3. Any Alliance member in good standing, regardless of ancestry or affinity, may be elected or serve as a Delegate.

Section 4. The President and ATS Secretary shall automatically be the first two Delegates and remaining Delegates shall be elected.

Article 10.

Affiliated Groups

Affiliated groups organized and sponsored by the Society (I.E. Männerchor, bowlers, etc.) shall be governed as follows:

Section 1. Applicants for membership in an affiliated group must be members of the Society.

Section 2. A group must submit an annual activity report and financial report to the Society by February 15th each year.

Section 3. The names of the affiliated groups shall remain the property of the Society. If the group become inactive the remaining funds and other assets must be remanded to the Society.

Reflections: “Home Without Borders” Sachsentreffen 2024

Gary Diehl, Branch 19 Salem, Ohio

Some of my earliest, most precious childhood memories are interwoven with images, sounds, smells, tastes, strangewords and phrases connected to my maternal grandmother, Anna “Schuller” Untch. Born on April 21, 1891 in Mortesdorf, Transylvania, she made the journey to a new land in the USA and a new life as a teenager. But like most Saxon immigrants in those days, she never left her love of the “Old Country” behind as her new life in America unfolded.

As I spent time at Grandma’s house, stories of the trials and difficulties back in the “Old Country” would often go along with whatever normal tasks she did that day. When “helping her” with her laundry, vacuuming the carpet and shaking out all the throw rugs, or baking some fresh Hunklich, Kuchen or Krapfen she would, unknowingly, include tiny little glimpses of a place called Transylvania – of Siebenbürgen, her “Süsse Heimat”. I didn’t understand then how those images, smells and tastes would shape my experience with the ATS group in Hermannstadt a few weeks ago.

Although the sights around Bucharest were interesting, what I experienced once we drove over the Carpathian Mountains into Transylvania took me by surprise. In no way did I expect to feel the emotions that flooded my heart when the Saxon pastor at the first village church (in Vulcan/ Wolkendorf) we stopped at greeted us in perfect English and said, “Welcome home!”

Seeing his little church that was built more than 5 centuries ago now being restored and preserved was amazing. Knowing that his small congregation still meets regularly to worship where their forefathers did hundreds of years ago was so inspiring. Picturing generations of families protecting one another and yet welcoming weary travelers with “Gemütlichkeit” like they welcomed our group warmed my heart. The

son Michael and granddaughter Karin took us to see Mortesdorf, Medias and Reichesdorf, I began to understand more about those glimpses of the “Siebenbürgen— Süsse Heimat” that my Grandma Untch shared.



Mortesdorf (above, below)



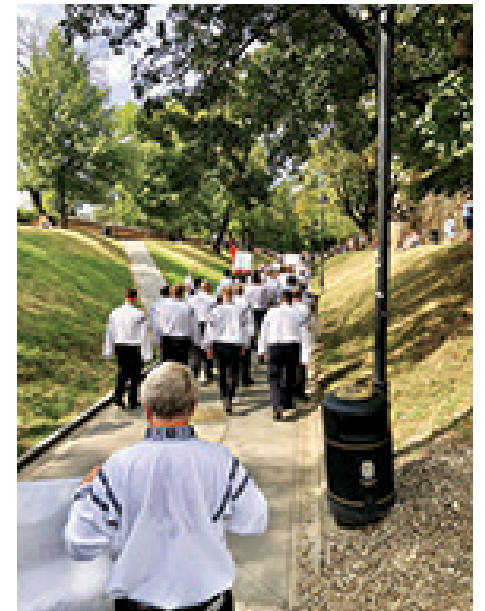
Those unexpected emotions came in waves throughout the Sachsentreffen events, especially one particular moment during the grand parade. I helped carry the ATS banner at the front of our group. The parade route was so much longer than I imagined with people lining both sides of the entire route waving and clapping as each of the 82 units passed by. One elderly gentleman in a lawn chair let us see his heart as tears rolled down his weathered cheeks and he waved enthusiastically at this small group from the “Uuu-Ess-Ahh” shouting

to us all, “WELCOME HOME!” My tears quietly joined with his in warm gratitude.

I am so grateful for this experience, and for all those glimpses of my heritage my Grandma and all those other Branch 18 and 19 Salem Saxons shared with me in my childhood. I now realize that their “Old Country” is deeply rooted in me. Now I see that my connections to Home and Family truly transcend the artificial borders of maps, labels, place and time. Thank you for your welcome home, Siebenbürgen, Süsse Heimat!



Parade (above, below right)



New Medicare prescription plan spreads out costs

Those with Medicare prescription drug coverage will soon be able to pay their out-of-pocket costs in monthly installments.

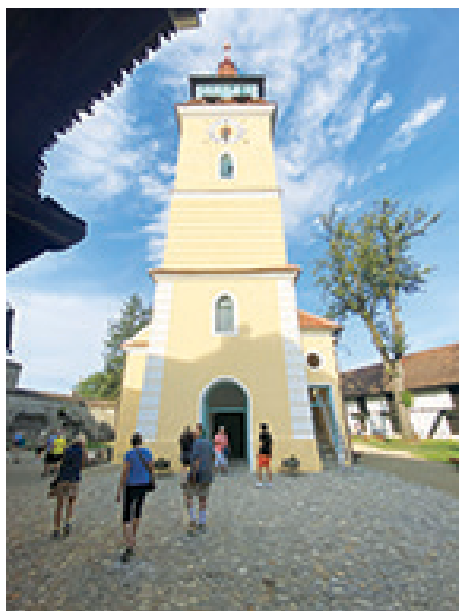


This could help Medicare recipients with high monthly prescription drug costs.

With Medicare prescription drug plans, the most you have to pay each year \$2,000. But if your prescriptions cost you \$500 a month, you still have four large monthly payments to make before you hit the maximum. Your prescriptions will be free after that, but getting to that point can be difficult.

With the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan, beneficiaries can spread their costs out over 12 months. So instead of paying \$500 per month for four months, you would pay \$166.67 every month.

The plan begins Jan. 1, 2025.



Vulcan/Wolkendorf (above, right)

flood of unexpected emotions continued to surprise me.

In the early 1980s my parents helped my Mom’s cousin Sim (Simon Schuller) leave then Communist Romania, eventually to see his entire family resettle near Nuremberg in the six years following. When his



BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE
550 Offcenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
September 16, 2024
Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.

Remember to bring a canned good item, household product or other food item.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

MEETING

We celebrated Sofie Untch's birthday (August 6) and Michael and Debby Roth's Anniversary (August 25). We sang to them. We talked about the trip to Kitchener, Ontario celebrating Heimattag with all of ATS. We spent quite a bit of time reviewing the trip to Transylvania in order to visit our families' homeland. We will be posting pictures and stories of the trip and our experiences in the next several editions of the Volksblatt.

CELEBRATION

We want to wish Christine and Todd Oehlman (September 5) and Jill and Don Blum (September 9) congratulations and very happy anniversaries. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Jubiläum!

TRANSYLVANIA TRIP

The trip began from various cities in the US, Canada and Europe. We all have stories of our flight travels that we will let the individuals share individually and personally. Denise Crawford, President of ATS, did an excellent job of setting up our schedule and making arrangements for the entire tour. She coordinated with the travel company, and on a personal basis did an unbelievable job on every aspect of the trip. It was a memorable trip, where we got to go back to Transylvania, our families' homeland. Will be sharing pictures in the Volksblatt as well as on the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10 Facebook Group (Anyone with similar heritage is welcome to join the Facebook Group by going to the group and asking to join).

Everyone met up at our first stop in Bucharest, Romania. The groups were split up into two groups of Group A and Group B. Sometimes we stayed in the same hotels and

other times we stayed hotels that were very close to each other. Group A stayed at the Continental Forum in Bucharest. The hotel accommodations throughout the trip were great. People like myself, that are not world travelers had to get acclimated to the differences between Europe and the US. Early on we realized that the hotels do not provide wash cloths or Kleenex. We all had our special electrical adapters for the various outlets and wattage used in Europe but it did take getting used to the fact you did not have wash cloths and Kleenex. Another difference was our key cards to our rooms. Not only did they unlock your hotel room doors, they were used in elevators to enable you to make the elevator operate and get you to your own floor. Once you arrived at your room you found another funny different quirk to the hotel key card. When we entered our rooms we had no electricity, lights or air conditioning. The hotels devised a way to conserve energy. There was a slot in the room where you had to insert your card. Once you inserted your card you had power. When ever you left the room you would take the card with you and it would cut off the power (ingenious but took some getting used to).

The meals were unbelievable. I assume there are vegetarians or vegans in Romania but the food was definitely meant for carnivores. We ate more meat (and healthy portions) in the 10-11 days than I have eaten in the previous 6 months. We assumed we would put on 15-20 pounds while we were there but you would walk off the meals by walking 10-16,000 steps a day. Each morning we had a variety of choices but I found myself consuming a lot and variety of styles of eggs. Additionally, I enjoyed the fresh and large sauteed mushrooms with the meals. Naturally, there were a variety of meats, cheeses, breads and pastries. Being older I am more accustomed to eating between 6-6:30 p.m. and because our days were filled with exciting activities we were eating between 8-9:30 p.m. (we quickly adjusted to this change-but seems to be normal in Europe).

The first place we visited was the central government building in Bucharest. This is a massive building, second in size in the world to Pentagon in Washington DC. You see the sheer size of the building as you traveled through the various rooms used for all kinds of government functions. Not only was the building massive, it contained beautiful murals, art work, statues, chandeliers, ornate designs & fixtures, an exquisite architectural features. This building was also where we began to get acclimated to the amount of steps that we would find in our travels on the trip.

As we would learn on our trip that Romania is an extremely religious country. Their last census 90% of the people claimed to have some religious affiliation. This demonstrated in the murals and art. Many times they would be telling the stories of the Bible and the life of Christ (personally I found this to be extremely moving).

While we did not visit the church across from our hotel in Bucharest, we would begin to see the massive size and architectural design of these churches that we would see throughout Romania/Transylvania.

Our first dinner would give us a little bit of insight into what we could expect; meat, potatoes, beer and wonderful deserts. Also, we were provided with entertainment of dancers and comradery of the company of our Saxon friends.

This is where we leave in this Volksblatt on the beginning of our journey through Romania/Transylvania. We will pick up in upcoming editions of the Volksblatt on the remainder of the tour.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10 (Facebook Group).

We are happy to announce

that the group has grown to over 200 members. Please invite people to join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of

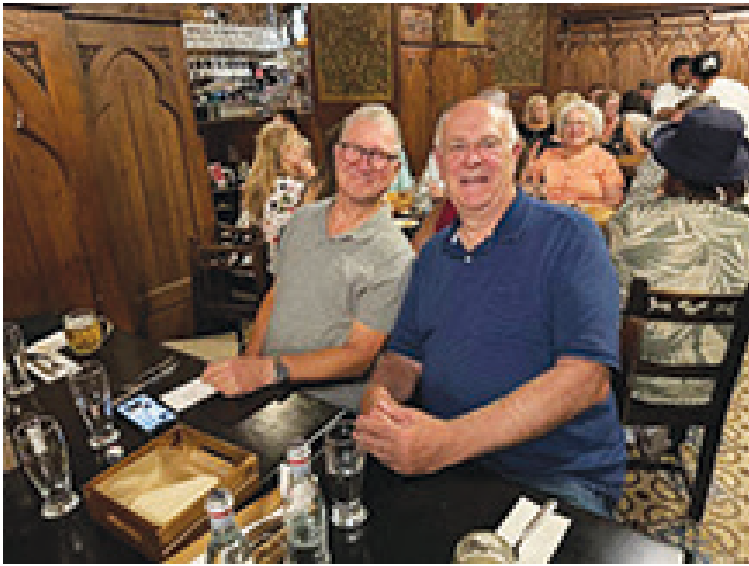
the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

Transylvania trip from a Columbus point of view

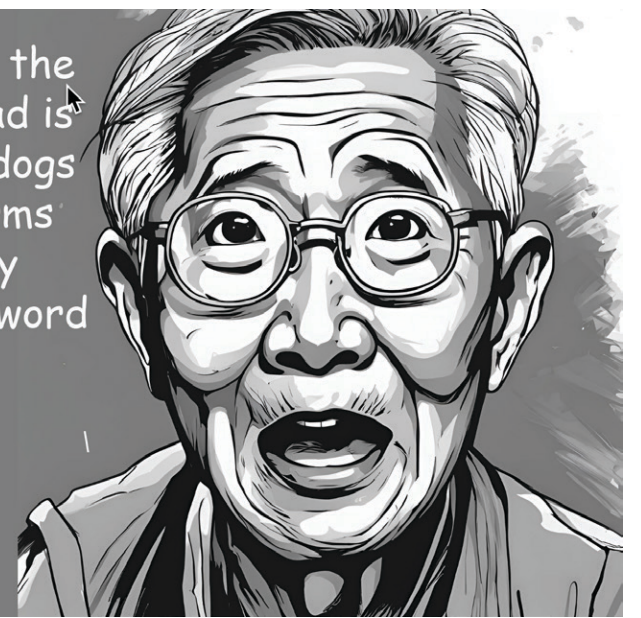


Transylvania trip from a Columbus point of view



To a small child, the perfect granddad is unafraid of big dogs and fierce storms but absolutely terrified of the word "boo."

Grandparents Day is September 8.



Join together on National Grandparents' Day

In the past, families were united with three to four generations often living in the same household. The wisdom of the elders was passed down to succeeding generations. In our newer world, generations may live many miles apart and see each other infrequently.

Grandparents' Day is a step forward in pulling families back together. There is a reason the official flower of Grandparents' Day is the forget-me-not. With the pace of contemporary living, it is easy to put off a visit, a call, or a card.

If your children are old enough, they can be part of the plan to honor their grandparents. If the grandparents are close enough for a visit, children can help plan a party menu. Even a small child can help in the kitchen -- perhaps deciding

how to set a pretty table.

While gifts from a store are nice, a homemade gift from the children will be appreciated. One idea is to build a scrapbook for each set of grandparents (and today there are often more than two sets). Do a few pages then leave some pictures and scrapbooking materials for grandparents to add their own photos and comments.

Don't have any living grandparents? Don't let that stop you from celebrating the day. Contact your nearest assisted living facility and ask who never has a visitor. Then visit. Or if you have an elderly neighbor, invite him or her over for an afternoon. However you do it, make Sept. 8 a day to remember someone special.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

10 things to know about prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is one of the most common types of cancers, but when detected early, it is also one of the most treatable. Here are some important facts that every man (and everyone who cares about one) should know:

1. Prostate cancer affects about one in eight men, and more than 175,000 men are diagnosed each year.
2. More than 30,000 men die from prostate cancer each year. In many of these cases, the disease is diagnosed at an advanced stage and is no longer treatable.
3. When detected early, prostate cancer is usually very treatable. The five-year survival rate for men who are diagnosed early is more than 99 percent.
4. Prostate cancer generally grows slowly, with no symptoms until the disease progresses into a more advanced stage.
5. At later stages, symptoms may include urinary obstruction, blood in urine or semen, and bone pain.
6. Prostate cancer risk increases with age. There are also several genetic risk factors, including a fam-

ily history of prostate cancer, having a female family member with a history of breast or ovarian cancer, and having a family member who carries the BRCA mutation. Black men are also more likely to develop prostate cancer and die from the disease.

7. Most men can begin regular screening at age 50, but men who fit into higher risk categories should begin screening sooner. Your doctor can determine a screening schedule that's appropriate for you.

8. Screening usually includes a digital rectal examination and a blood test to measure prostate-specific antigens. An MRI machine may also be used in certain cases.

9. Prostate cancer is often treated with radiation therapy or surgery to remove the entire prostate. Some cancer is simply monitored over time, and treatment is delayed or avoided entirely.

10. To reduce your risk of prostate cancer, it's important to eat a healthy diet and exercise, manage your weight, avoid tobacco, and limit your consumption of red meat, especially charred red meat.

MARIENBURG / FELDIOARA / FÖLDVÁR



The Evangelic church and the ruins of the Teutonic Knights' fortress, separated only by a ditch, are the pride of Feldioara. The 13th century Romanesque basilica with three aisles and a later added bell tower shows an interesting particularity, a vaulted gallery at the second level of the tower dedicated to the founder of the church. During the 18th century the tower is provided with a roof, constructed after the model of the Black Church in Braşov.

The interior of the church is covered with crossed vaults, which in the chancel are supported by half-column piers. Their capitals are decorated with vegetal, anthropomorphic and biblical motifs. From the pre-reformation altar only few parts were preserved and moved later to the Black Church. From the curtain wall only some remains still exist, while the boulder walls of the nearby Teutonic fortress still stand. The latter's defence walls were 4m thick and enforced with four towers. The remains of a chapel within the enclosure can still be seen today.

Place and surroundings

The fortifications of Feldioara will always remain in old scripts and paintings in its full majesty, as the Teutonic knights built it 800 years ago. At the beginning of the 13th Century, King Andrew the 2nd of Hungary offered The Land of Bârsa to the Teutonic Knights Order for them to defend the eastern border of the growing empire. The knights received in exchange immunity and the right to autonomy and self-governance. Pope Honorius the 2nd even granted them the right to start a state.

In 1211 one started with the building of a new fortress. This caused concerns to the Hungarian aristocrats, who then imposed in 1225 the permanent banishment of the

Order from the region. The administration of the village was taken over by the Cistercien monks, which in the same century started building the fortified church with the help of the villagers. The church has been over centuries the cultural and religious center of the Transylvanian Saxons and stands today not far away from the ruins of the knight's castle, in the middle of the village.



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HEIMATTAG IN KITCHENER

Photos submitted by John and Donna Foisel, Br. 33 Cleveland East



September Wordoku

How to solve wordoku puzzles

You only need logic and patience to solve a wordoku.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one letter from the word TREMBLING. Similarly, each letter can only appear once in a column or row in

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the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is medium.

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(724) 346-0373
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ATS SEC'Y. Bonnie Gregorich
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West Middlesex PA 16159
(724) 528-0309
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LOCAL DUES to Kathy Schuller
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(440) 293-6973

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H (614) 837-4038 C (614) 432-3666
Olga.hesch@gmail.com
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Canton, OH Br. 14
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Location varies
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(330) 862-2563 HHA658@aol.com
SICK NOTICES to Thomas Rowinsky
Address as shown above

Canton, OH Br. 17
Mtg. 2nd Sunday Location varies
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mkrowinsky@neo.rr.com
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SICK NOTICES to Mary Rowinsky
NO LOCAL DUES

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Salem, OH Br. 19
Mtg. 1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.
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(330) 332-8174
SEC'Y. Robert P. Vogt, Sr.
973 Sunset Blvd. Salem, 44460
(330) 881-3346 mvcobra27@gmail.com
ATS SEC'Y Glenn Spack
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SICK NOTICES to Glenn T. Spack
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(330) 222-1770

New Castle, PA Br. 25
Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m.
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Wampum PA 16157
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(724) 699-3039 Stellejw1@comcast.net

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Ellwood City, PA Br. 32
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Cleveland, OH Br. 33
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