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Spirit of Christmas

Spirit of Christmas please stay around; *In your presence love can be found.* People are happier more generous too, This I do contribute to you. More smiles cross each passing face, In just about any place. Tasty food and gifts galore, That everyone does adore. But more than any tangible cause, And not because of Santa Claus; The reason for this Christmas cheer *Is Jesus was born one distant year.* He was sent to rescue us all, And save us from a hellish fall. A chance to live with God above, And experience endless love. So Spirit of Christmas around please stay, And fill our hearts with love each day.

An original poem by Judith E. Both 2018, Branch 27 New Castle

BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND By Robert Hanek

At our November meeting we held our annual election of officers for 2019. I wish to welcome our new vice-president David Leifer and Gus J. Botsch as trustee, as well as our other members who have retained their positions.

Unfortunately, Martin Schuller was unable to maintain his leadership due to health reasons, and I have accepted the position of president.

We are truly grateful to Brother Schuller for the dedication and hard work he has given to our Sachsenheim and branch. Martin has undergone surgery and we all pray for his quick recovery.

On behalf of Branch 1, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy healthy New Year.



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BRANCH 26, **MERRILLVILLE** By Helen Brooks

Our Saxon Lodge Branch 26 held its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2, 2018. There was a nice turnout. We enjoyed Christmas music and friendship among all of us.

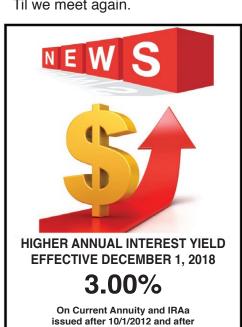
We were served a delicious catered dinner and lots of delicious desserts.

We thank the committee for setting aup a very cheery setting.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God bless all.

Til we meet again.



PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE**

By Joan Miller-Malue **ATS Nat'l President**



On Saturday, December 1, the ATS Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting. We reviewed our Quarterly Financial Statement that was filed with the State Insurance Departments and the **NAIC, the Management Analysis and Discussion** report that was filed with State of Ohio Insurance **Department. All Committees had meetings during** the past quarter and gave their updated reports and recommendations. Once again, our financials showed growth and strength. Our assets had increased to over \$91.5 million which is an increase of \$2.2 million since year end 2017. Unassigned surplus grew to \$11 million. The ratio of surplus to total admitted assets has increased to 12.1%. It is important for fraternals to have a high unassigned surplus which creates a good safety net for protection of our solvency and future payments to our members. But we do need to increase our sales and add new members. Let's try a bit harder to recommend our family members that are not yet members to join our fraternal family. We should all be committed in promoting our fraternal organization. It is an organization to be proud of!

At this meeting, the ATS Board of Directors has approved another increase in the interest yield on new annuity contracts and those annuities currently yielding 2.75% to 3.00% effective December 1, 2018.

An ATS Annuity can help ensure a retirement strategy that can provide you a guaranteed income stream for life. ATS does not have administrative or service fees. There is a penalty fee on the first five years on withdrawals, however, we provide a 10% penalty free withdrawal in each of these

The Youth Activities Committee will provide another adventure opportunity in 2019 for our Junior Members, ages 6 – 12. They have booked an overnight stay at the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo called Tiger Tracks for Saturday, February 23rd. Parents are permitted to attend. All one will need to bring is a sleeping bag and pillow. Sleeping quarters will be in the Wolf Wilderness Lodge. Participants will take a night hike throughout the zoo and identify animals by the food they eat, their tracks, and pelts. In the morning there will be a scavenger hunt compass activity and witnessing of some behind the scenes operations. Participants will have the choice to remain in the zoo all day Sunday. Sounds like fun for the children as well as the parents. Information will be mailed out shortly to our Junior members and more details in upcoming issues of the Volksblatt.

Christmas time is nearly upon us. As the day grows closer, I find myself thinking of Christmas past, from my childhood through adulthood. I have had wonderful times spent with my family and friends at special parties at the Sachsenheim,

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsens 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 donation 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, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

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Trivia Quiz: It's a Wonderful Life

Every holiday season, Frank Capra's classic movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" makes the rounds on television stations. People have seen it over and over. See how much you remember from this oft-repeated holiday classic.

- 1. What was Sam Wanewright's jolly greeting?
- 2. What was the name of George's guardian angel?
- 3. What Sesame Street characters were named after the cop and the taxi cab driver in the movie?
- 4. What was Mr. Potter's first name?
- 5. How many Oscars was the film nominated for?
- 6. When the Martinis moved into their new home, what three things did George and Mary give them?
- 7. How much money did Uncle Billy lose when he accidentally gave it to Mr. Potter wrapped in a newspaper?
- 8. What did George have in his hand when he left Martini's bar?
- 9. What book did the guardian angel carry with him?
- 10. What was the name of the Bailey family maid?

See Page 6 for answers

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the Christmas church programs and of course, our family gatherings. I always thought that Christmas Eve church services were the most beautiful of all. For those of us who will be facing our first Christmas without our loved one, this season can be difficult at times in finding joy. But we can find strength in remembering all the wonderful times we spent together. It is important to focus on the warmth of their memory rather than the cold of their absence. I know that I am thankful for my family and my fraternal family's support to help make this a special time of the year. I hope that you and your family will celebrate Christmas with love in your hearts for the birth of Jesus and that you have joyful celebrations that will be full of new memories that you will cherish for years to come.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: In Transylvania, there were definitely Saxon gender roles, ensuring the character of the home was seen as mainly the responsibility of the Saxon "Hausfrau." A Saxon home

was characterized by the embroidered patterns on the linens, the painted motifs that decorated the furniture, the charming pottery that hung on the walls and the beautifully made Trachts. These items served as markers of our ethnic identity, distinguishing them from non-German neighbors. The Folk Trachts stood out as especially important artifact of the Saxon culture which provided an instantly recognizable indicator of their ethnic and religious community. Avery popular activity in the Saxon community was "spinning evenings." Traditionally, most the fabric used in construction of linens or clothing were manufactured during these spinning evenings. While the women would spin, the men entertained them. During these times many young Saxons first began courting their future spouses. Thus, folk textiles reinforced the ethnic homogeneity of the Saxon family. The women's role was very important in helping to characterize our unique cultural identity.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.



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Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon? Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.

ATS outh Activities

Tiger Track Overnight at **Cleveland Metropark Zoo** February 23, 2019

Bowl Where You Are Tournament Ages 6 -17 February and March

Saxon Summer Camp June 23-28 2019 Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio New Adventure Grades 1 - 2 (completed) Discoverers Grades 3 - 4 (completed) Journeyers Grades 5 - 6 (completed) Ultimate Challenge Grades 7- 9 (completed)

Teen Weekend July 19-21, 2019 Salem Saxon Club Ages 13-19

ATS Family Day July 27, 2019 Waldameer Park, Erie PA

Plus Coloring Contests during the Year Coloring projects printed in the Volksblatt





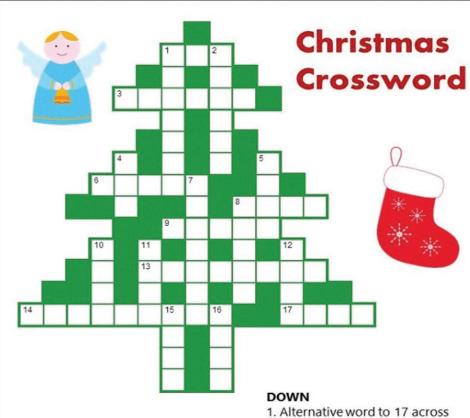


Christmas Word Search



baby gifts holly Santa sleigh tree





ACROSS

- 1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
- 3. Santa's ride
- 6. Celebration
- 8. Newborn
- 9. Northpole crew
- 13. Word of praise
- 14. Words on a Christmas card
- 17. It's opened on Christmas
- 1. Alternative word to 17 across
- 2. Christmas drink
- 4. Christmas dinner centerpiece 5. Dec. holiday
- 7. Christmas warmer
- 8. "Jingle
- 10. Christmas tree
- 11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ___"
- 12. What carolers do
- 15. French Christmas.
- 16. Snow glider



How do you say Merry Christmas in German?

Frohe Weihnachten

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

February and March, 2019 **Bowl Where You Are Tournament for Junior Members** February 23, 2019 **Tiger Tracks at Clevenad Metro Parks Zoo** May 4, 2019 **Branch Presidents' Meeting Host New Castle** June 23-28, 2019 **Saxon Summer Camp** July 12-14, 2019 **North American Saxon Heimattag** Host Aylmer German-Canadian Club, Aylmer ONT July 19 - 21, 2019 Teen Weekend July 27, 2019 Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA October 19-20, 2019 **ATS Open Bowling Tournament**

LOCAL EVENTS

December 15, 2018

Salem Joint Social 6:00 p.m. Christmas Party Cleveland Children's Christmas Party Sachsenheim 2:00 p.m.

December 16, 2018 Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party

Host Cleveland West

December 24, 2018

New Castle Tom and Jerry Party

December 31, 2018

New Castle New Year's Eve Bash January 13, 2019

Lorain TSBA Bowling at Rebman Lanes

February 10, 2019

New Castle TSBA Bowling at Colonial Lanes

February 17, 2019

Cleveland West Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner March 3, 2019

Youngstown TSBA Bowling at Holday Bowl April 6-7, 2019

Cleveland West TSBA Tournament

How we came to know the drummer boy

One of the most beloved Christmas carols is a sentimental ballad, not grounded in Biblical verse, but well rooted in hearts at Christmas.

Pa rum pa pum pum. The little drummer boy played for the baby Jesus. We don't worry the drumming woke The Babe because, after all, Mary nodded. And, the little drummer boy, who was a poor boy, too, played his best as a gift for the newborn king. And He smiled.

What more can you ask of a carol than a tear for innocence and a musical ox and lamb that can keep time?

Well, perhaps one thing you could ask, if you were the author, as was Katherine Davis, a Wellesley music teacher, was for a little credit.

Seems in 1941, Davis gave an interview in which she spoke about a tune running through her head for



a little Christmas carol that she said practically wrote itself.

About 20 years later, a friend called to say her carol was on the radio.

"What carol?" asked Davis.

"The Little Drummer Boy. It's everywhere."

And it certainly was. Davis managed to claim credit (and royalties) for the song, which is now part of the beloved library of uniquely American Christmas carols.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

I am so honored to say that Branch 9 had a successful year. Our club hosted a Stiftungsfest, Picnic, a group from Transylvania and a Christmas Party. Many of our members volunteered in the community by attending Feed my Starving Children. Branch 9 supported the German Day Association by participating in various events and supported many other Chicagoland German Club events. We survived another year and plan on many more!

Our final meeting for the year was held on December 3. We had a record turnout. President Thut brought the meeting to order and all the reports were read and ac-



Amanda Schmidt

cepted. She reported we lost five members this year and lit a candle for a moment of silence in honor of these members. We also gained one new member this year. President Thut thanked the membership for all the volunteering and the support that was given to have our club succeed another year. President Thut stressed the importance of purchasing policies and annuities from the ATS.

Members on the mend are Brother Ricky Hartig, Brother Henry Reif, and Sister Pauline Zultner. We wish you all the best!

Branch 9 is very excited to announce that Amanda Schmidt, daughter of Brother Michael and Sister Claudia Schmidt, was crowned Rosenkönigin 2018-2019 at the Donauschwaben Rosenball on November 24, 2018. Amanda was a member of the Kindergruppe and currently is in the Jugendgruppe at the Donauschwaben. Branch 9 sends a big congratulations to Amanda and the Schmidt family! I would also like to acknowledge Paige Deloy and Karina Thut also performed at the Rosenball. We would also like to thank all the Saxon members that attended the Rosenball. Many former Saxon Rosenkönigin were in attendance. See group photo.

PlansfortheChristmasParty are underway on December 16, at the Donauschwaben clubhouse in Des Plaines, IL. Invitations have been sent out. Please bring all your families and friends and join in the fun. There are lots of activities planned and of course a visit from Santa. **Please remember to bring non-perishable foods for the food pantry, **a new book or new toys for young children to donate to the hospital, and bakery goods if possible. Many members were generous with the raffle last year and it was much appreciated. If you care to bring a gift for the raffle the limit is \$10. Please mark the age range if it is for a child. **Also please have your son, daughter, grandchild share their talents for the program by singing, playing an instrument, reading a poem, etc. We would love to have them share their talents with us. HOPE TO SEE **EVERYONE THERE!**

Our elections were held for 2019 and conducted by Brother Bill Blatter and Brother Walter Dreschler. A very special thank you to both of these gentlemen.

Our new Officers for 2019

President:

Diethild Thut
Vice President:
Herwig Schmidts
Secretary:

Elfi Sanderson

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Hildegard Schmidts Financial Secretary: Claudia Schmidt

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Claudia Schmidt, Margaret Mahltig Rose-Marie Hauer Youth Representative: Elizabeth Hauer Public Relations:

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Ricky Hartig

I would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless You All! Prosit Neu Jahr!

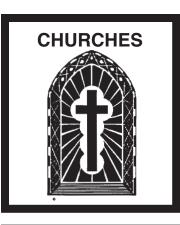


Schmidt Family



Saxons at Rosenball





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10:00 Worship Service



CLOSED

SALEM SAXON CLUB BAR WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, JANUARY, **AND FEBRUARY PLEASE CHECK** THE BRANCH CALENDAR FOR RE-OPENING DATE



Christmas Jokes

What is every parent's favorite Christmas Carol? Silent Night.

What's the absolute best Christmas present? A broken drum... you can't beat it!

What do you call a frog hanging from the ceiling? Mistletoad.

What's the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight? One slays the dragon, and the other's draggin' the sleigh.

How does a sheep say "Merry Christmas"? Fleece Navidad!

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

Here we are at the end of another year. With no meeting this month, there is not much news to report. However, starting with the new year the one important change that everyone needs to know is that we have moved our meeting night. Beginning in January 2019, our monthly meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at the Slovak Club, at the same starting time which is 7:00 PM. Hopefully, this will increase our attendance as well as assure having meetings every month without cancellations due to holidays. Please be prepared to pay your yearly sick benefit dues at the first meeting of the year on January 21st.

On behalf of our members I would like to thank Sisters Jeanne Petty and Ginger Romes for all of their hard work and planning that went into making our Branch 5 Christmas party a wonderful success. The meals we enjoyed at Wood & Wine were exceptional and the gift bags for the ladies and the men were greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Sister Barb Gilles for introducing us to her friend Andrea, who entertained us on the piano and kept us all singing Christmas carols to cap off the evening. Thank you also to all the members who brought canned food items for donation to the Harvest Food Second Bank, and also items on the 'Wish List' (items such as diapers, toiletries, bath soaps(no trial sizes), wipes, gift cards for gas or grocery gift cards from Giant Eagle or Walmart) going to the Genesis House Shelter for Women and Children. If you would still like to participate in donating you can bring these items with you to our first meeting January 21st.

For this holiday season I am happy to report that there is no one sick or receiving sick benefits that I am aware of. Remember to call Sister Jane Mowery at (440) 865-0555 if you need to report a need for sick benefits as soon as you are under a doctor's care.

Birthday greetings for the month of December go out to Sisters Arlene Jones, Nancy Kranstuber, Suzanne Koepke, Brother Dan Paghi Jr. and Junior member Kyle Smith. Happy Birthday to all and enjoy your special day!

Until next year, may everyone have a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year!

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

This is the final update on the Christmas Party and Celebration. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 22nd. The Christmas Party will be at the Hickory House in Gahanna at 12 O'clock. Please come join us in our Celebration.

There is one change and correction. There was much discussion regarding members needing a driver in order to come to the Christmas Party. It was discussed that the driver of the member would not have to pay for the Christmas Party. I thought there was a vote on this item, but while there was much discussion, it was decided that any final decision on this matter was actually tabled until the January 21st meeting. I apologize for the confusion. Let me

know if this creates a problem.

Guests are very welcome! All non-member guests will pay \$ 30.00 for the Christmas Party. Donald Blum will be collecting the guest money.

We had an initial count for the people attending the Christmas Party. We have added some members and guests to the initial count. If you would like to attend, and there will be additional guests with you, please contact Donald Blum (Cell phone 614-580-8616 or Home phone 614-837-1915 or email at donaldcblum@prodigy.net).

There is no December meeting.

Merry Christmas! Ho, Ho, Ho. Did you know that in Canada HO-HO-HO is a postal code for letters to be sent to Santa Claus.

Porch Pirates plot to steal Christmas



Christmas is here and the Porch Pirates are waiting to steal it.

Some new services are available to thwart the efforts of the thieves who steal packages from the doorstep. But awareness can help,

Porch theft has grown up alongside online shopping.

In 2017, UPS delivered about 750 million packages during the holidays while the U.S. Postal Service logged about 850 million, according to CNBC.

Meanwhile, about one in 10 adults have reported package theft.

Security cameras, either real or fake, can scare away would-be thieves. Many cameras are integrated into doorbells. But subtle cameras don't usually scare off criminals, so manufacturers recommend actually posting a sign to tell criminals they are on candid camera.

Amazon is working on a way to prevent package theft with its new Amazon Key option, available to Prime members in a few dozen cities for about \$250. The system is powered by an electronic front door key that allows a delivery driver to unlock the home and place the package inside.

For people with pets or concerned about privacy, Amazon has also introduced a Key In-Car service, which allows carriers to open a car trunk to store packages.

Amazon also has lockers available at places like Whole Foods that serve as a central drop off point from which the purchaser can pick up their package with a secure code.

Still, most people will have to make secure arrangements by having packages delivered to a work address or a trusted neighbor.



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.

Carl E. Kramer

Age 88

Died: June 17, 2018 Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Dorothy D. Burns

Age 92

Died: July 24, 2018 Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Raymond E. Peterson

Age 81

Died: October 23, 2018 Branch 2. Erie PA

James R. Kirchner

Age 73

Died: October 31, 2018 Branch 33, Cleveland OH

Nancy A. Davis Moore

Age 84

Died: November 2, 2018 Branch 18, Salem OH

Walter C. Grischow

Age 82

Died: November 10, 2018 Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Thelma L. Hale

Age 91

Died: November 11, 2018 Branch 2, Erie PA

Dorothy J. Hinchliffe

Age 94

Died: November 14, 2018 Branch 18, Salem OH

Wayne F. Drotleff

Age 71

Died: November 15, 2018 Branch 33, Cleveland OH

Bonnie J. Eckenrode

Age 71

Died: November 15, 2018 Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Sophia Bachner

Age 92

Died: November 19, 2018 Branch 4, Cleveland OH

William J. Morschhauser

Age 85

Died: November 28, 2018 Branch 2, Erie PA

Gertrude M. Grecko

Age 84

Died: November 30, 2018 Branch 22, Youngstown

John H. Bauman

Age 80

Died: December 2, 2018 Branch 30, Youngstown OH

PotPourri

Günther Schuster: "Hellich Nuëcht"

Mit dem Weihnachtsgedicht "Hellich Nuëcht" grüßt der Mediascher Mundartautor Günther Schuster alle in der ganzen Welt verstreut lebenden Landsleute und erinnert an die ganz besondere Bedeutung und Atmosphäre, die dieses Fest für uns Siebenbürger Sachsen schon immer hatte. Wenn sich zu Weihnachten die Zeit für einen Augenblick auf ihrem Weg selbst verliert und wir innehalten, verzaubern uns die Sterne am Himmel mit ihrem Licht der Erinnerung und entfachen in unseren Herzen jene Glut, die diese Nacht heiligt. Frohe Weihnachten und ein gutes Neues Jahr 2019! Norr de Geseangdt!

Hellich Nuëcht

Et äs gaonz reahjch, de Nuëcht äs klõr. Eos ener Kärz äm Bäsch trepst Lächt än 't schär schiun eosgelufän Johr, daot sich äm deffe Schnie verkrecht.

Hiu iuwen af 'em Dannebūm heocht de Erännerung und schroat. Är Zehren flessen durch 'en Drūm än diëm et teosend Belder schnoat.

Än deser Nuëcht gefreßt de Zegt; Sä huët sich sealwst verliuren. Mät jedem Beld, daot em nea segt, widd uch e Stärn gebiuren!

Wonn dron dä Stärn um Hemmel glähn verzuwern sä mät Muëcht eas Härzen, dä nea alle brähn und hellijen des Nuëcht.

Günther Schuster SBZ Online 23. Dezember 2017



"Did I hear you right? You want an educational toy?"

It's a Wonderful Life Trivia Answers:

- 1. Hee-haw!
- 2. Clarence.
- 3. Bert and Ernie.
- 4. Henry.
- 5. 5.
- 6. A box of salt,
- a loaf of bread, and a bottle of wine.
- 7. \$8,000
- 8. His insurance policy.
- 9. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.
- 10. Annie.



Ein Herz für Schloss Horneck – es ist Zeit, Danke zu sagen

Weihnachten und Neujahr stehen vor der Tür! Es ist die Zeit, um inne zu halten, sich zu beschenken, die Zeit, um Danke zu sagen, um Gutes zu tun, die Zeit, um aus einem Rückblick Schlüsse für die Zukunft zu ziehen. Die Herzen werden weicher, die Gemüter emotionaler, man schließt ab und beginnt voller Hoffnung wieder neu.

Auch für den Schlossver-

ein und das Schlossteam ist diese Zeit sehr wichtig. Wir blicken auf ein sehr ereignisreiches, arbeitsreiches, aber auch auf ein erfolgreiches Jahr 2018 zurück. Wir haben im März 1,9 Millionen Euro Förderung von der Beauftragten der Bundesregierung für Kultur und Medien (BKM) für den Um- und Ausbau von Schloss Horneck zum Kultur- und Begegnungszentrum bekommen, am 7. Juli ein wunderschönes Schlossfest mit 700 Besuchern gefeiert, ein "Musterzimmer" gebaut, das Pförtnerhaus komplett renoviert und vermietet, Förderung des Landesamts für Denkmalschutz erhalten, den großen Umbau gestartet und im November 880000 Euro Aufstockung von der BKM zum Umbau erhalten. Mit Weihnachtsstand und siebenbürgischen Kulturgruppen feiern wir im Rahmen der Stadt einen stimmungsvollen 1. Advent. In diesem Jahr wurden durch tägliche ehrenamtliche Arbeit einiger Helfer des Schlossvereins und des Schlossteams mehr als 250000 Euro Kosten eingespart. Das ist eine große Vielfalt an wunderbaren Nachrichten!

Einer der ganz großen, wichtigen Erfolge in diesem Jahr kommt still und leise, wie ein Geschenk: Die elegante Schlosswelle breitet sich still, leicht und beharrlich aus, schafft es zu begeistern, und nach und nach nimmt sie immer mehr Herzen mit. Es sind die Herzen von Siebenbürger Sachsen, Gundelsheimern und zahlreichen Prominenten, die sich begeistern und einfangen lassen. Seit dem Schlossfest wissen einige, was Schloss Horneck bieten kann. Mit dem 1. Advent werben elegante Kärtchen mit dem Slogan "Ein Herz für Horneck" und rot-blauer Welle für dessen Verkaufsprodukte: Die vielen Lebkuchenherzen sind Zeugen der wahren Herzen für das Schloss auf dem Weihnachtsmarkt der Stadt, weil sie uns in dieser liebevollen



Gebackene Herzen für den Weihnachtsmarkt in Gundelsheim zu Gunsten von Schloss Horneck, November 2018. Foto und Gebäck: Gudrun Müller

Kreation nicht nur Gudrun Müllers Backkünste, sondern auch die Hilfsbereitschaft, der "alten" und vieler neuer Helfer zeigen. 17 Helfer aus Heltau, Agnetheln und Mediasch haben sich angeboten, am Weihnachtsmarkt in Gundelsheim, Schloss Horneck würdig zu vertreten und ehrenamtlich stundenlang mit viel Liebe zuhause alles vorzubereiten oder vor Ort zu helfen. Viele rührten mein Herz im November mit ihren Fragen: "Wie können wir helfen?", mit ihren Angeboten: "Ich habe viel Kraft, bin handwerklich sehr begabt, gib mir bitte Arbeit", oder: "Wir möchten so gerne etwas Sinnvolles tun und für etwas Bleibendes mitarbeiten!" Ein Heltauer Ehepaar bietet Waren-Sponsoring für das Schloss durch die Firma an. Drei ganz junge Frauen haben ihre kostenlose Hilfe angeboten, um die Homepage ins Englische und Rumänische zu übersetzen. Sogar eine Kutsche gibt es im Angebot! Die Welle trägt viele mit, die Stimmung für das Schloss zeigt immer mehr Herz, wird weicher und optimistischer. Das sind alles kleine Weihnachtsgeschichten, die sich bereits in der Vorweihnachtszeit zugetragen haben.

Eines haben beide Feste gezeigt: Geld und Förderung bringen die Grundbedingungen, dass etwas entstehen kann, und sind somit sicher sehr wichtig. Aber nur wenn auch unser Verantwortungsgefühl und unsere Herzen für Schloss Horneck dabei sind, kann Hilfe nachhaltig sein, und nur mit nachhaltiger Hilfe können die alten Mauern weiterhin unsere siebenbürgischen Schätze schützen und am Leben erhalten.

Wer Verantwortung gegenüber dem Kulturerbe auf Schloss Horneck hat, entwickelt irgendwann auch ein Herz dafür. Man kann auch ohne Emotion beginnen, allein nur aus Verantwortungsgefühl diesem Erbe helfen, es bewahren und pflegen. Spätestens wenn man in Gundelsheim ist, tritt für dieses Schloss Begeisterung ein. Was für eine tolle Kulisse haben wir hier für unser Kulturerbe! Ein Schloss umgeben von Weinbergen, am Ufer des Neckars, ein Burggraben, umgeben von Mauern, die schon von Deutschordensrittern im Mittelalter erschaffen wurden, ein Maschinenhaus mit der ältesten funktionsfähigen Heizung Deutschlands, der selbe Burggraben, in dem man wunderschöne Feste feiern kann. Das ist ein Privileg, das man erst erkennen muss, um es zu schätzen.

Wir, unsere Generation, müssen diejenigen sein, die das Kulturerbe weitergeben und auf die Art weitergeben, damit es bis in die Zukunft bestehen bleibt und irgendwann an die Siebenbürger Sachsen erinnert, die sich verantwortungsvoll und mit Herz ein bleibendes Erbe geschaffen haben. Jede Generation hat die Verantwortung, das Kulturerbe des eigenen Volkes weiter zu geben. In diesem Falle ist ein Teil des Kulturerbes nicht mehr im Ursprungsland, sondern dort, wo fast alle von uns und unsere Kinder und Kindeskinder leben.

Wir sagen DANKE allen Unterstützern, allen Geldgebern, Spendern, und vor allem allen, die mit viel Herz und Einsatz 2018 geholfen haben, dieses Projekt voranzutreiben. Ohne den dauerhaften Einsatz dieser Helfer würde dieses Projekt nicht erfolgreich sein!

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Ellwood City, PA Br. 32

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