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The Best Gift of All

Christmas comes just once a year, The calendar makes that fact quite clear.

For weeks and weeks we bake and shop; *Like busy beavers we never stop.*

Friends and family gather near To share the season and the cheer.

But all too soon Christmas is done To the chagrin of everyone.

Oh, if only good will could remain To neutralize worldly hate and pain.

When all decorations are packed away, And life goes back to the everyday;

There still remains the best gift of all, The birth of Jesus the Savior small.

The promise that His birth did bring Fills my heart with hope to cling.

Believe in Jesus and you will share, Eternity without a care.

Judith E. Both, Branch 27

Give Your Children A Gift That Will Last A Lifetime

Why not give a gift that will grow in value and last a lifetime? Consider purchasing life insurance or an annuity from the ATS. Contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home office for detailed information on our insurance plans and annuity plans.

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Christmas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



events for 2017, our junior members' participation in the 2017 Jugendlager that will be held in Transylvania, and the need of youth participation at the local branches and national level. In 2017, the Committee plans to schedule meetings with the Branch Youth Representatives and Branch Presidents to discuss promoting and strengthening youth activities within their Local Branches. We want to know their ideas of getting their youth active and how the ATS Youth Activities Committee can help to generate more involvement of their junior members. We need our youth to strengthen the future of our society. Kofi Annan, a former Secretary-General of the United Nations once said: "No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts itself off from its youth severs its lifeline; it is condemned to bleed to death." This statement is true for nations as well as a fraternal benefit society. Young people can help to bring new ideas and energy that can benefit our society. From our beginning, family values have been the core of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons. It is only through our junior members that we be able to protect our Saxon heritage and preserve our Saxon culture for future generations. We need the help from all our member families to strive to educate our young on the value of our fraternal benefit society. 2017 scheduled national events will include Bowl Where You Are Tournament during February and March, Saxon Summer Camp the week of July 16th, Family Day at Waldameer Park on July 29, various coloring contests and projects, the Jugendlager in Transylvania August 3 - 16.

It is that time of the year when some of our Local Branches or Cultural Groups have their sausage sales. I believe Youngstown had the first sale on October 22, Cleveland East made sausage on December 3 and the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor held their sale on December 8th. I commend these groups who work hard to make our Saxon Sausage available to our membership. I know that the Sachsenchor made 3,600 pounds on that Thursday! That is quite a feat. We can be grateful that we have the dedication of these members to share and promote a favorite culinary cuisine from our Saxon culture.

The Christmas Season can be difficult when families have experienced a loss in the family over the year. This I know will be true in my family, because of my Brother's death this past winter. You are saddened and feel an emptiness that can be overwhelming. There is always something special you will remember such as your loved one's laughter, or the way he or she always brightened the festivities with the stories they used to tell. So, I think it is important to set aside a special time during your Christmas festivities for the family to share in their memories. Don't be surprised if the laughter and tears flow. It's the moment to allow everyone to experience every emotion while remembering loved ones that are no longer with you. Christmas is a time for family and friends to share in traditions and be grateful for the love each share and a time for us to thank God for the true gift of Christmas, the birth of Christ. I wish you and your family a Blessed **Christmas!**

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: In late 1944, word began to spread that Germans in Transylvania would be conscripted for forced labor in the Soviet Union. Between January 9 - 12, 1945, all German males between the ages of 18 and 35 years old and all women between 18 and 35 years old who did not have babies under one year were rounded up to be transported to the Soviet Union.

About 30,000 Transylvanian Saxons were loaded into trains and transported to labor camps in the Donbas coalfields or elsewhere, even as far as the Ural Mountains. The number of deaths due to the bitter weather, hunger and illness was considerable. The sick and those unfit to work started to return in the Fall of 1945, but the last of the deported did not return from the Soviet Union until 1952. The first returnees were taken to Frankfurt an der Oder in East Germany. From there many tried to get to West Germany to join their spouses who were freed from prisoner-of-war camps or other relatives. Most of them, tried to get back to their children, parents or other family members in Transylvania.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!

Since 1960 Schloss Horneck has housed the Siebenbürger Museum, the Siebenbürger Library and Archive, the Siebenbürger-Institut and is the base for many Saxon organizations. A seniors home is also located on the property. Last September the Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland purchased the property for one million Euro.



Donations were received from individuals and organizations to help fund the purchase of the property. The purchase of Schloss Horneck gives the Siebenbürger Saxons throughout the world a central location where Saxon artifacts, books and other historical documents can be collected and stored to preserve our ethnic history for many years.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons is asking for donations from all Saxons and Saxon organizations to help in funding of this historical facility. If you are interested in giving a donation to help fund this project please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129. Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE By Dolores Both

With bright and cheerful smiles, the Branch 27 ladies arrived at our Christmas party at Faraone Brothers Restaurant Thursday, December 1. The first task of the evening for the ladies was choosing a Christmas card and matching it to the card at their place setting. This ice breaker was quite a surprise, but resulted in much conversation and laughter throughout the evening.

President Marie Benedict warmly welcomed all to our party and raised her glass of sparkling wine and toasted all wishing everyone and their families and friends a loving and blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Judy Both said grace before our meal. Jane Fishovitz collected donations for the Women's Crisis Shelter. The ladies preferred to support the Crisis Shelter instead of exchanging gifts. Branch 27 will match the amount collected. Poinsettia plants were won by Gudrun Jefferis, Delores Temple, Patty Dufford, Linda Stoops and Elisabeth Kirr.

Judy Both read her beautiful original poem entitled "The Best Gift of All."

After our delicious meal, President Marie Benedict opened the meeting. Reports were approved as read. Branch 27 also donated to the ATS Orphans Fund and members. Marie thanked Carol Lang for driving in to attend our party. It was nice to be able to visit with her again.

Our get well wishes go out to Dan Both, Marie Kraus, Sara Augustine, Jim Jefferies and Tom Manning.

Marie thanked Dolores Both and Jean Kaba for arranging our Christmas party. Amelia Johnson swore in the officers for 2017. They are: Marie Benedict, President; Jane Fishovitz, Vice President; Jean Kaba, Recording Secretary; Gertrude Tizak, Financial Secretary; Helen Burick, Treasurer; Dolores Both, Linda Stoops and Glorie Geisel, Trustees; Judy Both, ATS Secretary.

Marie encouraged everyone

to participate in the club activities the men have scheduled this month. They have been working hard making improvements at the club. The new lighting certainly made the club room brighter and more enjoyable.

Gertrude Tizak is collecting 2017 dues. Since we will not meet in January and February, leave your dues check at the bar in an envelope addressed to Gertrude or send your check to Gertrude Tizak, 241 Cambridge Street #401, New Castle, PA 16105

A suggestion was made to have a speaker at our next meeting after the winter break. We will look for someone interesting to address our group in March or April. Our next meeting will be March 2 at 3:00 pm at the club. Until then, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



Christmas greetings from the lovely ladies of Branch 27, New Castle!

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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.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Tom Fizet

SAXON NEWS FROM THE WEST COAST

As I was typing the date it came to mind Pearl Harbor. I was an usher in a movie theater in Girard, Ohio when the announcement was made of the attack on Pearl Harbor, then the somber address from President Roosevelt of the attack on our forces at Pearl Harbor. It was not easy to accept. Wouldn't it be a wonderful gift and a welcome prayer if all wars would cease and all peoples would come together with Love and Peace? What a blessing to the world for all to work and see together what Peace is all about. With this I will wish all who reads this a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Love filled New Year

You may not know that Rich Maurer is III, he was in the hospital and may be home now. Jim Dundon was in the hospital and is now home. Dr. John Boehm is in the Alliance Hospital doing some rehab. At Community Care, Tom Hahn is home recuperating from his hip surgery doing rehab and anticipating knee surgery. The best I can say is listen to your doctor or therapist and get well soon. Take it easy, guys.

December 6th the Saxon Club served a dinner to about 200 mentally and physically challenged children from our area. If you ever want to be challenged to assist volunteer for this dinner, it's a joy to be able to help.

Programs of interest coming up: The Culture Group Christmas Party on December 18th, the Youngstown Saxon Club will close early on Christmas Eve December 24th and will remain closed on Christmas Day, December 25th. If you look closely I had the wrong dates, last Issue. The bar and lounge will close early on Saturday, December 31st. Tickets are being sold for the Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. There is a great ad, on page 4. in the December 2nd issue of the Volksblatt, I am sure it will reappear in this issue. The Sunday Pork and Kraut dinners will be back in January 2017

Sunday Bingo does a great job for the Youngstown Saxon Club. Regardless, there is a need for workers, helpers, volunteers, whatever you call it, just say relief help. We are looking for a Bingo caller for Sunday Bingo. If 48 were to volunteer for assistance at Bingo, no one would work the game more than once a month. There are 12 people needed for each night. The time required about 6 hours each time. This would give the present workers some needed relief. I can't be any clearer, call the Club office 330-792-7973 or Barry Garhammer at 330-788-4274. You would be in for many thanks.

Branch 30 nominations for officers and trustees in 2017: President-No Nomination, 1st VP Barry Garhammer, 2nd VP - No Nomination, 3rd VP Dave Stryffeler. Treasurer Don Hoelzel, Recording Secretary Jim Mauch, Financial Secretary Don Hoelzel, Ass't Fin Sec'y. Mike Markel, Corresponding Secretary (not official) Tom Fizet volunteer, Librarian, Matt Reardon, Sgt @ Arms Tom Hahn, ATS Secretary Jim



"Yes, healthy snacks between meals is a good thing, but..."

Mauch, Trustees (7 needed) Garland Dunkel and Dick Huebner. These men were elected to serve in 2017 by a unanimous ballot. Ernie Roth, the outgoing President, offered to serve as President Pro Tem in 2017, until the office is filled by volunteer/appointments by the officers. All vacant positions can be filled this way.

Jim Mauch is the ATS Deputy, (Life Insurance and Annuities) for Branch 22/30. Call Jim at 330-792-8484 or email jmauch@zoominternet.net. Read the Volksblatt for all information.

So Goes the News.



"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope:

> The spirit of Christmas, which is peace: The heart of Christmas which is love:"

I have a list of people All written in a book

And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look

And that is when I realize That those names are all a part

Not of the book they're written in But of my very heart

For each name stands for someone Who has crossed my path some time

And in that meeting they've become A treasured friend of mine

And once you've met some people The years cannot erase

The memory of a pleasant word Or of a friendly face

> So when I send an email That is addressed to you

It's because you're on that "Special list." Of folks that I am indebted to

And you are one of several folks *In times past that I've met*

And happen to be one of those I don't want ever to forget

And whether I have known you For many years or few

In some way you have had a part *In shaping things I do.*

So this is the Spirit of Christmas That forever still endures

May it leave its riches blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

> Submitted by Andy Schiller Branch 9, Chicago (Get well soon, Oinzi!)



BE A PART OF THE ATS TEAM LOOKING FOR MEMBERS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN **LIFE AND ANNUITY SALES**

Looking for energetic members who are interested in selling ATS Life Insurance and Annuities on a part time basis. Individuals must have a valid Life Insurance License or must be willing to obtain a license. (The ATS will reimburse individuals for the cost of obtaining a license.) We will provide training and support throughout your work. You must be ambitious and a self-starter with integrity and strong work ethic. Earnings are commission based and are paid monthly.

Contact us: office@atsaxons.com or call (440) 842-8442 for further information.



LOOKING FOR BIDS TO HOST THE 2017 ATS GOLF OUTING

If your Local Branch is Interested please contact the ATS Home Office at office@atsaxons.com

Or Call Jacob Spor, the Chairman of the Future Planning Committee at 724-657-3773



Jugendlager 2017 in Transylvania August 3 - 16, 2017



Highlights include:

- *Sachsentreffen celebration in Hermannstadt
- * Sightseeing in beautiful southern Transylvania

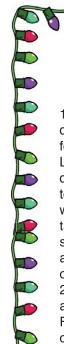
*Experience authentic rural life in Saxon Villages and meet Saxon villagers *Breadmaking, cooking traditional foods, making traditional crafts

* Visit citadels and fortified churches

* Walks in highlands and Carpathian Mountains * Swimming in a saltwater lake

The Youth Activities Committee of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for $5\,young\,ATS\,members$ in good standing ages 16 - 20 to participate in the $24th\,lnter$ national Jugendlager. The trip will be hosted by the Landsmannschaft of Transylvania. Participants must have a valid passport and medical insurance. Participants should be interested in sharing their family's Saxon traditions and be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the ATS. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Saxon heritage and make friends that will last a lifetime.

If interested, please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or office@atsaxons.com for an application form.



Christmas Light

night.



The Youth Activities Committee of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons is looking for candidates to be the group leader for the U.S. participants on the 24th International Jugendlager. The trip will be hosted by the Landsmannschaft of Transylvania.

Candidates must have a valid passport and medical insurance, be interested in sharing their family's Saxon traditions, be knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the ATS, and have knowledge of foreign travel. German language skills are a plus. Preferred age is between 25 and 35.

Please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or office@atsaxons.com if interested in being our Jugendlager Group Leader.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

December 17, 2016

Salem Breakfast Buffet 7a.m. - 10 a.m. Cancelled December 18, 2016

Youngstown, Culture Group Christmas Party December 22, 2016

Salem Bar Open 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

December 24, 2016

Youngstown, Christmas Eve, Club will close early December 25, 2016

Youngstown, Christmas Day, Club will be closed December 29, 2016

Salem Bar Open 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

December 31, 2016

Youngstown, New Years Eve Party in the Ballroom, reservations required

February 19, 2017

Cleveland Br. 4 Chinese Auction/Sausage Dinner

The Public Is Welcome The Youngstown Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian Road Youngstown, Oh 44509



New Year's Eve 2016 Celebrate & Dance To The Music! Jim Frank Trio @ 8:30pm

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\$30.00/ Person, \$55.00/Couple

For Tickets, call Barry at 330-788-4274 The Saxon Club Office at 330-792-7973

Salem Saxon Club Breakfast Buffet is taking a break



The Salem Saxon Club, will not be serving its Breakfast Buffet in December but may resume in January 2017.

Thank you for your support!

Make Christmas memories in your first home

A new marriage or a new house, your first child -- and suddenly it's time to start creating your personal Christmas memories.

Of course, after the next 20 Christmases, you'll have gathered lots of memorable ornaments. By then unpacking the boxes of carefully wrapped treasures will bring a rush of happy remembrances. A kindergarten ornament of colorful chenille stems stuck helterskelter in a Styrofoam ball or a papier mache angel.

What to do now? Start with some good lighting for your tree. Ornaments change throughout the years, but lighting endures.

Next: Be creative. Don't blow your budget on trendy ornaments. Try popcorn strands, paper chains, and even flourpaste cookie cutter ornaments. Spray pinecones with gold and glitter.

If you have a stash of old Christmas cards, a great way to reuse them is for decorations. Cut out the pictures, or hang the cards in tact.

Spend a day outdoors gathering pieces of nature to use in wreaths and for table decor. Hang a fallen tree branch over the table.

When you do buy, remember that even cheap bulbs look great when the tree lights turn on.





2016 HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Looking for a unique way to pass on a bit of your Saxon heritage to someone on your Christmas list? Why not check out the exclusive items offered for sale at the ATS Home Office. Prices are very affordable and these items won't be found at your local department or book stores. See below the list of available gifts:

Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries		Saxon Apron - "I Saxon Cooking	\$15.00
by Rev. John Foisel	\$15.00	•	
Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy		Saxon Apron with picture of Saxon Couple	\$15.00
by Barbara Ohler Weber	\$14.00	Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon)	\$ 7.00
Flucht aus Siebenbürgen (German Text)		Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon)	\$ 7.00
by Monika Görig/Maria Schneider	\$20.00	Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon,	
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by Anne Junesch	\$10.00	rius crisice or cariadian or cormany	φ 5.00
Saxon Cookbook (third edition)	\$12.00	ATS Baseball Cap	\$10.00
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by Gerhard Maroscher		Black T-shirt with Saxon Wappen	\$20.00
DVD "Leaving Transylvania"		Navy Sweatshirt with ATS Logo	\$25.00
Producer/Director: Dieter Auner	\$20.00	CD "Glück Auf" by Eintracht Männerchor	\$ 5.00
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HOLIDAY ORDER FORM

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Saxon Apron Trove Saxon Cooking	-		XX-La	arge	<u> </u>
Saxon Apron with Saxon Couple					
Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon)			TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSE	\$	10
Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon)	-	-	Make Check payable to: ATS		
			ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road,	Cleveland, OH	44129

BRANCH 37, DETROIT By Susi Fleischer

The members and friends of Br. 37 celebrated the annual Christmas party at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, December 4th. Everyone who attended had an enjoyable afternoon, especially the children.

The Music Messengers, Rob and Dennis, entertained everyone with music and accompanied the audience in the singing of Christmas songs. The singing of Jingle Bells prompted Santa Claus to enter and bring joy to everyone, especially the children.

The children were delighted with their gifts and, after visiting and taking pictures with Santa, they bid Santa farewell, since he had other stops to make.

A very special thank you to Santa for taking the time to visit the children at Br. 37.

As President of Br. 37, I would like to thank everyone who made this afternoon possible. Either by preparing food, buying gifts, cleaning up or just helping out wherever it was needed. Katie Moody prepared

and served the food. Debbie Ferguson was a great help to Santa, by assisting in purchasing the gifts for the children. Susie Leprich for decorating the tables. Mike Rehner, Rob Schneider and Dennis for entertaining us with Christmas music. Without the dedication of these people, none of these activities would take place. Thank you to all the members who brought cookies, which were enjoyed by everyone after the delicious meal.

Also a special thanks to all the officers who dedicate their time in keeping our Branch going throughout the year.

Our first meeting of 2017 will take place on January 8, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

At this time the Officers for 2017 will be installed: Susanna Fleischer, Pres.; Samuel Fleischer, 1st VP/Finc. Secy; Debbie Ferguson, 2nd VP; Katie Moody, 3rd VP; Janet Nelson, Secy.; Susanna Wilburn, Treas. and Trustees: George Breck-



Sam and Susi Fleischer and family with Santa at Detroit's Christmas Party

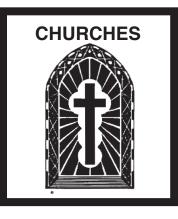
ner, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, and Katharina Breckner.

I would like to extend a special invitation to all our young members, please come to our meetings and take an active part in our Branch; everyone is needed to keep the Branch alive and well.

Happy Birthday wishes to all members who are celebrating this special occasion during the month of December.

We wish everyone a merry and peaceful Christmas, also a blessed and healthy New Year.





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10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School Church Choir

Bell Choir

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BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

As you read this article it most likely will be the week of Christmas where we will be writing Christmas cards, busy baking, getting last minute gifts and of course wrapping presents. Then those two magical days begin with the birth of our Lord, precious time with family and the arrival of Santa Claus. Remember Christmas is all about love, family and children we hold so true and dear. It does not matter what we eat, or what presents we get, what matters is how the holidays are spent with our loved ones.

The meeting with elections was held on December 5, 2016, at the DANK Haus. President Thut began the meeting by thanking all the committees for a job well done for the 75th Celebration of the Stiftungsfest, Picnic and the Christmas Party. Without all our committees these events would have not been successful. She also lit a candle for a moment of silence for all our members that passed away this year. These include Brother George Fleps, Sister Sara Kleisch, Sister Hilda Linz, Sister Irma Linzing, Brother Hans Salmen, Sister Regina Salmen, Brother Wilhelm Salmen, and Sister Katharina Wagner. Deepest sympathy to all these families and may their souls are at peace with the Heavenly Father.

It is with a heavy heart that I must share the passing of Sister Katharine Wagner on November 10, 2016. Sister Wagner was a loyal member of member of Branch 9, and the choir for many years. She was very helpful in always assisting in many functions and a fun person to be around. Branch 9 extends their deepest sympathy to family on their loss. She was the beloved wife of the late Wilhelm E. Wagner. Loving mother of Elfi (the late Ronald) Sanderson, Hilde (David) Schoonmaker, and Wilhelm H. (Sheryl) Wagner. Proud Oma of Jenny Deloy, Michael and Dave Sanderson, Kristin Johnson, Meagan Cataldo, Will and Kristina Wagner. Dearest great grandmother of 10. Beloved sister of Suzie Henning, Maria Sonntag and the late Martin Stefani and Sofia Lederer. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

"Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter and the smiles; I've only gone to rest a little while. Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased my hurt and given me relief. So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be, Because, I will remember you all and look on with a smile. Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.

As long as I have



Katharine Wagner

the love of each of you, I can live my life in the hearts of all of you."

On our Sick List we have sister Maria Fandl, Sister Maria Huprich, Brother Rick Opperman, Brother Fritz Roth, Brother Andy Schiller, and Sister Katharina Thut. Please remember these members with a phone call or greeting card.

On November 26, several of our teenagers (Amanda Schmidt, Stephanie Schmidt and Karina Thut) participated in the Donauschwaben Rosenball. We were very fortunate to have one of our Saxon ladies Karina Thut as Rosenkoenigin 2015-16. Karina was escorted

by Tomas Botsch from Cleveland. Karina gave a beautiful speech at her de-crowning. Branch 9 was very proud of her!

The meeting then continued with the elections. Thank you to Brother Bill Blatter and Brother Walter Drechsler for performing such a smooth election.

New Officers for 2017 are as follows:

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President Thut ended the meeting with a poem by Evelyn Schütz called "Advent."

The members then socialized by drinking and have cake.

**Please note: We will be changing our meeting location for January and February. Please watch your mail for further details!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!



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.

Rose Mary Pandone

Age 78 Died: November 4, 2016 Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Katharina Wagner

Age 89 Died: November 10, 2016 Branch 9, Chicago IL

Ila R. Cobbett

Age 93 Died: November 22, 2016 Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Marjorie F. Thomas Age 83

Died: November 30, 2016 Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Ronny M. Silvas Age 79

Died: December 5, 2016 Branch 30, Youngstown OH



Photo of Branch 9 Jugend who were also members of the Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe.

Das Fest der Hoffnung und des Lichtes

Das Fest der Hoffnung und des Lichtes, Es rückt nun näher Tag für Tag, Geborgenheit und Glück verspricht es, Vertrauen, was auch kommen mag.

Legt ab die Hast, besinnt euch wieder, Was dieses Fest im Ursprung war, Es strahlte einst ein Stern hernieder, Er leuchtet seitdem immerdar.

Er will uns wärmen, Hoffnung geben, Und säen frohe Zuversicht, In jedes Erdenmenschen Leben, Vergessen wir die Botschaft nicht.

Vor lauter Jagd nach den Geschenken, In Unrast und Geschäftigkeit, Vor lauter kurzem Alltagsdenken, Vor lauter Lärm und Heftigkeit..

Vor lauter Glanz und lauter Flimmer. Und herrlichem Geschenkpapier. Vor heimeligen Kerzenschimmer. Vor lauter Fernsehspaß beim Bier.

Gedenket jener hier auf Erden. Die auf der Schattenseite sind. Der Alten, Schwachen, Ausgezehrten. Der Mutter mit dem kranken Kind.

Lasst dieses Fest vor allen Dingen. Ein Fest euch der Besinnung sein. Und Frieden in die Herzen bringen. Und mit ihm Kraft, um zu verzeihn." Horst Winkler

Eingesandt von Regina Mild, Cleveland Br. 4

Beating Holiday Stress

Here's a two step formula for handling stress. Step number one: Don't sweat the small stuff. Step number two: Remember, it's all small stuff.

-- Anthony Robbins

Stressed spelled backwards is desserts.

-- Barbara Enberg

Adopting the right attitude can convert a negative stress into a positive one.

-- Hans Selye

Stress: The confusion created when one's mind overrides the body's basic desire to choke the living daylights out of some jerk who desperately deserves it.

-- Anonymous

In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive.

-- Lee Iacocca

There must be quite a few things that a hot bath won't cure, but I don't know many of them.

-- Sylvia Plath

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Schafleuchter und Leuchtersingen am Heiligen Abend

Der wohl schönste Brauch in Siebenbürgen ist das weihnachtliche Leuchtersingen am Heiligen Abend in den meisten ländlichen deutschen Dorfkirchen Siebenbürgens. Es ist die von Jung und Alt meistbesuchte christliche Feier im ganzen Kirchenjahr. Da erklingen die hellen Stimmen der Schulkinder, sie singen zur Ehre Gottes ihr Leuchterlied beim Schein der strahlenden Kerzen ihrer geschmückten Christleuchter.

Mit großer Hingabe tragen die Befugten – Schulkinder, Jugendliche und Erwachsene – zum Gelingen dieser Feier bei. Bis heute bleibt dem Teilnehmer das weihnachtliche Leuchtersingen in unvergesslicher kindlicher Erinnerung.

Der wohl einzigartigste "Christleuchter" in Siebenbürgen ist der sogenannte Schafleuchter aus Keisd. Er wurde 1887 im Korrespondenzblatt des Vereins für Siebenbürgische Landeskunde erwähnt: "... der älteste der drei Leuchter heißt der Schafleuchter, weil er in dem einen Bilde die Hirten mit ihren Schafen auf dem Felde bei Bethlehem zeigt. Auf der anderen Seite stehen die drei Weisen aus dem Morgenlande, auf dem dritten sehen wir Maria mit dem Jesuskinde".

Der Wortgebrauch "Leuchter" ist hier wohl fehl am Platz, denn es handelt sich um eine dreiteilige, auf Holz bunt gemalte und zusammengefügte Darstellung des Weihnachtsgeschehens um die Geburt Jesu. Die gemalten Figuren stehen in unterschiedlichen Landschaftsbildern mit und ohne Architektur. Die drei unteren Ebenen werden zu Weihnachten mit Moos belegt und darauf geschnitzte, bemalte, modellierte oder auch gekaufte Einzelfiguren gestellt. Meist sind es die überlieferten alten, von Hand aus Holz geschnitzten Lämmchen.

Die von Hand gezogenen 22 Wachskerzen sind Lichtspender, die 15 bunten Fähnchen aus Glanzpapier bestücken das krippenähnliche Weihnachtsgeschehen. Als besonderer Schmuck werden Wintergrünsträußchen (Buchsbaum, Grüngut) an den Seitenkanten und an den Bodenrand angebracht. Als Bekrönung stehen oben sieben Kerzen, mundartlich "Siwengestern" (= Siebengestirn) genannt.

Beim Leuchtersingen steht der geschmückte "Schafleuchter" auf dem Taufbecken. Der Korpus des Leuchters hat



Anbetung der Heiligen Drei Könige. Fertigung und Bilder des Leuchters: W. Förderreuther



Keisder Schafleuchter mit der Anbetung der Hirten. Fertigung und Bilder des Leuchters: W. Förderreuther



Maria und Jesuskind. Fertigung und Bilder des Leuchters: W. Förderreuther

eine Höhe von 75 cm und einen Durchmesser von 64 cm. Eine seiner drei bemalten Tafeln sind dem Kirchenschiff zugekehrt. Um alle Darstellungen zu betrachten, geht man ringsum, oder aber der Leuchter wird gedreht. Am Boden des Gestells befindet sich ein großes Loch. Es ist anzunehmen, dass der "Schafleuchter" früher an einer Stange befestigt war und gedreht wurde, so dass die bemalten Flächen der Reihe nach im Kirchenschiff gesehen werden konnten.

> Rose Schmidt SBZ Online 23. Dezember 2009



Viktor Kästner

Der helich Kräst

En Däckeldach vu Schni uch Ëis Låt af dem Sachseländche wëiß, Vum Mūterhūf, diër drangder wickelt, Sen alle Fiëlder schwarz gepickelt; Nor hä uch dīrt stiht än der Läft En Dästelknup vum Rëif bedäft, Se Bärtchen äs vum Wängd zerrīft, Verstruwelt schnänkt e mät dem Hīft.

Wänn allent af dem Fiëld entstökt, Wid et än Dorf uch Stiëdte lokt, Dō hirt em alle Klōke klängen Und alle Wält Purnatus sängen; Vum Kirchentorn än der Gemin, Dō fänkle Lächtcher häll uch rin, Als ōf det Flemmche sälwent wässt, Hekt kåm zer Wält der Helich Kräst.

Doch ōwends, wänn em giht zer Rah Und glīwich dīt de Ūgen zā, Wänn näst mih tuen und krëischt und dremmert Und uch det Schnīlächt zāgeschemmert, En īnzich Stärn ä senger Prōcht Erlicht de knäckschwarz danklich Nōcht, Nō kit der Helich Kräst gerånt Mät Vären durch det Sachselånd.

Vum Kīschken drëift, wat e gekån,
De Rueß als Knēcht der Nåjohrsmån,
E plätscht und guecht se durch de Grappen,
Äm Schni erkennt em komm de Trappen,
Und haizt und hoizt, bärjous, bärjän,
Und giht et schwēr, si schlīt e drän,
De Schnīweht spīrt de Schlide komm,
Diër schängzelt iwre wä en Plom.

Der Helich Kräst hält, Puff af Puff, Bänoh vīr jēder Rōkestuff; E schmëißt de Knēchte Brēser Nutschen, De Mēden Zackerwärk zem lutschen, Und wō e fängd en Bellesch lån, Dō stumpt e'm alt de Schisemån Patzvōl mät Gorreknedlen un Und patzt de Dirr und rennt dervun.

Und git et Kängd äm Hous dertuan, Schloppt e durch't Schlässellöch erän, Sackt än de Frommen tousend Sachen; Des Morjest git et vii ze lachen: E Mukeschken, en Zäckelchen, E būwlän Zinnebäckelchen, E Kipekratzer, schwarz vum Ross, Und en Hanzwurst, diër hapse moss.

Und än der Mättent stiht e Būm, Ervīrgezūwert wä äm Drūm, Dō sekt em hangdert Lächtcher blankern, Vil gäldän Äpelcher dru flankern, Derlängst e Bach, e Rēkelchen, Ous Fugeresch en Dēkelchen, Und fir det bīs Gekängdsel gāt Vlrm Späjel nōch en Birkerāt.

Kam uch bä mech, mehr wiër te bäst, Und sack mer än, tā, Hel'jer Kräst, Gäf åndre Giëld uch Gūld uch Gäder, Si vii se wängsche, mät dem Fäder, Mir schink en Härz fīr Vūlk uch Rēcht, Erhålt mer rīn uch āgeschwēcht En hidre Sänn, de Kängde glech, Dänn ärer äs det Hemmelrech.

Mūterhūf = Maulwurf; bedäft = bereift; zerrīft = zerzaust; schnänkt = nickt; entstōkt = erstarrt; Purnatus (Puer natus) :: ein Weihnachtslied; mät Vären = mit Viergespann; Kīschken = Kutschlade; Grappen = Gruben; schängzelt iwre wä en Plom = wirbelt drüber wie eine Flocke; Brēser Nutschen = Brooser Nusse; Bellesch = Klotz; Schisemån = Stiefel; Gorreknedel = Pferdeapfel; patzt = wirft zu; Mukeschken :: Kälbchen; Zäckelchen = Zicklein; Dēkelchen = Püppchen.



Adoration of the Magi, 1488 by Domenico Ghirlandaio

Friedrich Schuster Der Nikulaus giht duirch de Gåss

Der Nikulaus giht duirch de Gåss, åf dem gebījte Räck hëit em e Såck, siëng Buort äs grou, siëng Pëilz äs lunk, e Klëikeltschen hält t'än der Hūnd. "Hu mer de Brånnen zāgedākt? De Källerdirr schuin uofgeschloußen? Ni mer en Kråch mät Wiëng na mät? Gi mer det Schwiëng dem Nouber Hanz?" Der Nikulaus giht duirch de Gåss und säckt de Kändch, dai åf e wuorden. Et siën nouch zwiëlf, dai siën niët schūld, wiël d'Åldjer blëiwen än dem Lūnd. "Hu mer det Lächt na uofgedrëiht? De Plåch äm Ståll, die lëch verstouchen? Ni mer druëi Hunklichen uch mät? Gi mer den Hångd dem Nouber Blouch?" Der Nikulaus giht duirch de Gåss, blëift stouh fuir āsem Hois und wiërt, e siëtch es zā, wai mer't verluoβen uch än de Suorje schār ersuoffen. "Wī huot de Schlässel än dem Schäpp? Hu mer en än dem Duir vergëißen? Huot emest en erois gezuijen, en diëf ångder de Stīn gestouchen?" Der Nikulaus giht duirch de Gåss, åf dem gebījte Räck hëit em e Såck, siëng Buort äs grou, siëng Pëilz äs lunk, en Schlässel uch hält t'än der Hūnd.

Klëiikeltschen = Glöckchen; lëich = Egge.



Advent Hilde Fürstenberg

Im Tale sind die Blumen nun verblüht Und auf den Bergen liegt der erste Schnee. Des Sommers Licht und Wärme sind verglüht, In Eis verwandelt ist der blaue See.

Wie würde mir mein Herz in Einsamkeit Und in des Winters Kälte angstvoll gehen, Könnt ich in aller tiefen Dunkelheit Nicht doch ein Licht in diesen Tagen sehn.

Es leuchtet fern und sanft aus einem Land, Das einstens voll von solchen Lichtern war, Da ging ich fröhlich an der Mutter Hand Und trug in Zöpfen noch mein braunes Haar.

Verändert hat die Welt sich hundertmal In Auf und Ab - doch sieh, mein Lichtlein brennt! Durch aller Jahre Mühen, Freud und Qual Leuchtet es hell und schön: Es ist Advent!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS Frohe Weihnachten

I like Christmas because it sparkles & glows. It comes only once a year, and still its radiance warms the child's heart and fills his mind with pleasant dreams of joy and happiness I like Christmas because Christmas is Christ I see the beauty of the gospel unfold within my heart, which began in Bethlehem of Judea when HIS spirit glorified that little town, and HIS coming sanctified a lowly manger Christmas bears Christ's name, symbolizes His love, proclaims his truth, and showers His gifts upon the world. Although Earthly Kings ignored him, and the proud could not understand him, the common people heard him with with hungry hearts, and gladly received him May Christmas time mean more to you Then gifts on Christmas morn May you feel the peace the whole world knew When Christ the Lord was born May you know the special gladness And hope that came to men And may it thrill your heart just now As Christmas comes again God bless our friends. Author unknown

The ATS Board of Directors sends special thanks to all our members and friends who have supported our fraternal benefit society. We hope that your Christmas holds one special blessing after another. We extend our warmest wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Saxon Club Lower Lounge Restaurant 710 S. Meridian 44509 (330) 792-7973 PRES. June Hoelzel 695 E Western Reserve Rd Unit 2601 Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856 SEC'Y. Cynthia Blubaugh 4540 Deopham Green Unit 2601 Youngstown OH 44515 (330) 793-9189 ATS SEC'Y. Julaine Gilmartin 4173 Timberland Trail Canfield 44406 (330) 799-5171 SICK NOTICES to Cynthia Blubaugh Address listed above LOCAL DUES to Betty Garhammer 969 Canfield Rd. Youngstown 44511 (330) 788-4274

New Castle, PA Br. 25

Mtg. 2nd Thursday 8:00 p.m. Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., New Castle PA 16101 (724) 652-7221 PRES. John McCormick 293 Algoma Ln New Castle PA 16105 (724) 944-2657 johnmichaelmccormick@hotmail.com SEC'Y. Jonathan Baisch 3336 Plank Rd New Castle PA 16105 (724) 816-6866 ionathanbaisch@gmail.com ATS SEC'Y: Timothy Womer 262 East River Rd Edinburg PA 16116 (724) 355-3311 tim@twwomer.com SICK NOTICES AND LOCAL DUES to: Doug Schafer 113 Okinawa Dr New Castle PA 16105 (724) 652-3038

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Merrillville, IN Br. 26

Meeting first Sunday at 2 p.m. Slovak Club - 6920 Broadway (219) 756-5101 PRES. Randall Floyd 1806 E. 73rd Ave. Merrillville, 46410 (219) 798-6908 rfloyd1066@msn.com REC. SEC'Y. Raymond (Sam) Palyok 724 E. 25th. Pl Lake Station, 46405 (219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net ATS SEC'Y. Randall Floyd Address and phone as above LOCAL DUES to Zita Palyok 724 E. 25th PI, Lake Station IN 46405 (219) 962-7345 randz724@comcast.net

New Castle, PA Br. 27

Mtg. 1st Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St., 16101 (724) 652-7221 PRES. Marie Benedict PO Box 25 Edinburg, 16116 (724) 667-7395 bckskinbnny@verizon.net SEC'Y.Jean Kaba 16 Sunnybrook Dr New Castle 16105 (724) 658-1791 j.kaba@aol.com ATS SEC'Y. Dolores J. LeComte 125 W North St Apt. 331 New Castle16101 (724) 651-4111 deej65@yahoo.com LOCAL DUES and SICK NOTICES to Gertrude Tizak 241 Cambridge St. #406 N.Castle, 16105 (724) 652-1867 Tizakg@yahoo.com

Monaca, PA Br. 29

Mtg. 1st. Monday 7 p.m. Saxon Club 410 6th St. PRES. Leo Stiteler 1610 Virginia Ave Monaca PA 15061 (724) 601-4707 | stiteler@yahoo.com ATS SEC'Y. Terri L. Munroe 1255 Chestnut St. Monaca, 15061 (724) 544-0457 enchantra220@yahoo.com

Youngstown, OH Br. 30

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 2:00 p.m. Saxon Club 710 S. Meridian 44509 (330) 792-7973 PRES. Ernie Roth 6280 Morningside Hubbard OH 44425 (330) 534-4960 djer1@netzero.net SEC'Y. Jim Mauch 1053 Collins Ave Youngstown OH 44515 (330) 792-8484 jmauch@zoominternet.net

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ATS ADULT & JUV. SEC'Y. Jim Mauch Same address etc as listed above LOCAL DUES to Donald Hoelzel 695 E Western Reserve Unit 2601 Poland OH 44514 (330) 953-2856

Ellwood City, PA Br. 32

Mtg. 2nd. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview St. (724) 758-3268 PRES. Sara Dudash 619 Meadowridge Dr Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 758-4890 ATS Sec'y. Sara Mullin 600 Dover Ln. Ellwood City, 16117 (724) 758-4764 SICK NOTICES to: Joan Evans 197 Portersville Rd Apt 3 Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33

Mtg. 2nd. Weds. 7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church 1000 Ford Rd Highland Heights OH PRES. Ema Litschel 8050 Conestoga Trail Concord, 44060 (440) 358-1184 SEC'Y. Arline Suts 413 Downing Dr Chardon OH 44024 (440) 285-9498 asuts@windstream.net ATS SEC'Y. Karyn Schmidt 4979 Anderson Rd Lyndhurst OH 44124 (216) 382-7397 SICK NOTICES to Arline Suts Address and phone as above LOCAL DUES to Michael Bretz 388 East 317th St. Willowick, 44095 440-943-4543 meb3172@att.net

Detroit, MI Br. 37

Mtg. 1st. Sun. 12:30 p.m. St. Peters Lutheran Church 11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, MI (586) 979-3850 PRES. Susanna Fleischer 11060 Furbush Rd. Holly, 48442 (810) 694-1860 beetlebugsue7@peoplepc.com SEC'Y. Janet Nelson 650 Trinway Dr. Troy, 48085 (248) 879-3213 janetreadnelson@gmail.com ATS SEC'Y. George Schemmel, Sr. 20843 Coventry Clinton Twp., 48035 (586) 791-8135 SICK NOTICES AND LOCAL DUES to Samuel Fleischer 11060 Furbush Rd. Holly, 48442 (810) 694-1860 beetlebugsue7@peoplepc.com

Ellwood City, PA Br. 45

Mtg. 2nd. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Saxon Club 901 Millview Ave. (724) 758-3268 PRES. Tim Hardy 224 Reno Rd Portersville PA 16051 SEC'Y. Laura Crable 703 Frew Rd Ellwood City PA 16117 ATS SEC'Y. Sam Mullin 600 Dover Lane Ellwood City, 16117 (724) 758-4764