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December 9, 2022

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

On Sunday, November 13, 2022 Saxon Club Branch 26 had its memorial service for our departed members. They are as follows: Kay Falk, Walter (Corny) Szostek, and Marge Skropa. Our prayers go out to their families. Jana Szostek, with the help of Brigitte Floyd, did the memorial tribute.

We were pleasantly entertained by the Wolffgang Quartet from Hobart High School.

After a brief business meeting all issues were approved. We voted to contribute to the Cancer Society and the Childrens Christmas Wishing Tree.

We enjoyed a delicious sit down dinner and friendship all around the room.

Many blessings on Thanksgiving to all.

Our December 4th meeting will be at Insbrook at 2 p.m.

Til we meet again.

"Sometimes we watch the days go by wishing they could last...., And we can't help but wonder

why time must fly so fast,

But we can keep in memory the happy moments left behind,

And can keep our special dreams of joys we hope to find....,

And if we do the best we can through everyday we live,

If we consider what we have as what we have to give,

If we try to see some good in all that comes our way,

Then we will feel contended at the end of each day,

for then, we will have nurtured the very special art

of, Growing rich in happiness while staying young at hearts" Author unknown

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford ATS Nat'l President



The Thanksgiving turkey leftovers are finally gone, the Christmas tree is now up, and we are all shopping (in store or on-line) looking for the right presents for loved ones. It is hard to believe that another year is almost over. Time is flying so fast these days; it makes me want to find a way to pause everything in order to relax and just enjoy life.

Tis the season for the mail to take longer and longer to get where it's going. We have had numerous phone calls at the office about the Volksblatt arriving late. We chuckled the other day when someone said they had just received an older issue. The reason we chuckled was that we had yet to receive that same issue at the home office! Please remember that the Post Office has 2 weeks to deliver the newspaper since it is a periodical. In addition, the Date Log calendar books have been mailed. You should have received yours by the time you get this issue of the paper. (Whenever that may be!)

Tis also the season for Election of Officers at the local Branch level. After your elections, please remember to have your Branch Secretary complete the Branch Roster form and mail it to the office. Even if there are no changes in Officers, please complete the form and send it in. This helps the home office with sending correspondence to the Branches. Different forms and communications go to different people. We need to know who those people are!

Congratulations to all of our Branch Officers, whether you are newly elected to your position or held it for years. THANK YOU for stepping up and taking the positions. You can be proud of your efforts to help promote our Transylvanian Saxon cultural and frater-

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY MAILED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022 Attention Postmaster: Send all Changes of Address to: The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons 5323 Pearl Road Cleveland OH 44129-1503

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nal traditions.

Did you know there is an app out on the internet that is full of Transylvania trivia? The app asks various questions about Transylvanian history in a multiplechoice format. It was designed to help preserve and promote the culture and history of Transylvania and the minorities living in it. The app is free and contains over 1,200 questions with five levels of difficulty. It can be used in English, German, Hungarian or Romanian languages. It is an Android app. I don't believe that it works on an iPhone. You can download the app from the Google Play store. It is called Transylvania Quiz. I spent a couple weeks trying to get past the first level. I hope everyone else can move along quicker than I did!

Until next time....

ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND



We petition our Saxon fraternal community - members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

The need is still great and we ask our members and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Fund program with generous contributions.

Please send your contributions to our ATS office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Write checks payable to the "ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND". Thank you for your help!

NOTE: Gift packages can be ordered for delivery to a specific relative or friend in Transylvania for a minimal cost of **\$40.00**. Send your check payable to the "ATS Saxon Relief Fund" and the **exact name and address** of the recipient to our ATS Office. Please print or type for clarity. The package contents include non-perishable items such as: Coffee, Milk, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Margarine, Soup, Chocolate, Cheese, Sausage, Yeast, etc.

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

De-Grinching Christmas by fighting inflation

Maybe the Grinch isn't real, but as inflation continues unabated, it could feel like your Christmas has been stolen.

Happily, there are still ways to save some money.

First, it's smart to put your holiday gift list together earlier rather than later. This way, you'll have more time to watch for great deals and you won't make last-minute purchases in a panic. You can also use tools like CamelCamel-Camel.com that will track price drops and alert you if items on your list go on sale. You can also use services like Rakuten that provide rewards and cash back when you make purchases.

And, who to buy gifts for? With inflation at historic levels, you can't really blame folks for buying gifts only for immediate family members. Fact is, pretty much everyone is being forced to tighten their belts right now. Inevitably, there are people you feel obligated to purchase for. Try buying small boxes of candy. Or bake holiday cookies or cakes to give away. A halfdozen cookies in a bright wrapper can be very welcome and festive.

Rather than super-sizing your Christmas meal this year, make only what you can eat at one meal (and maybe enough for sandwiches the next day). It's estimated that roughly 40 percent of food ends up in the trash -- and that's like burning cash. Rather than picking up a 20-pound turkey for, say, a six-person Christmas party, downsize to 13 pounds. Instead of pouring eggnog into a punch bowl, make a small pitcher for the fridge. There will be less waste. Also, folks typically want brand-new products, but you can often save a ton of cash buying refurbished goods. It's not uncommon to find refurbished gadgets on eBay and elsewhere that are selling at a steep discount and come with a warranty. And if you're buying any gifts for yourself, consider waiting until the New Year as many retailers will hold generous after-holiday sales to clear out stock and holiday returns.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023	FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon? Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020



Are you Researching your Saxon Roots? You'll want to check this out!



The Association for Genealogy of Transylvanian Saxons e.V. presents genealogical family trees of Transylvanian Saxons and other communities connected to them.

The following local genealogies are currently available: Abtsdorf near Marktschelken, Biertan, Bulkesch, Dunesdorf, Felsendorf, Gießhübel, Hahnbach, Haschagen, Heidendorf, Kreisch, Kronstadt, Malmkrog, Martinsberg, Michelsdorf an der Kokel, Kleinschelken, Kreisch, Mühlbach, Nimesch, Rätsch, Rauthal, Reussmarkt, Schirkanyen, Seiden, Tartlau, Taterloch, Urwegen, Waldhütten, Wölz, Zendersch, Zuckmantel, and more are constantly being added. www.vgss.de/genealogie-datenbank

Verein für Genealogie der Siebenbürger Sachsen e. V. Association for Genealogy of Transylvanian Saxons e. V

The purpose of the Association for Genealogy of Transylvanian Saxony e. V. Augsburg, VGSS for short, is the promotion of the care of the Transylvanian-Saxon family, clan and cultural assets as well as the collection of all data from the church registers and family books of the Evangelical Church A.B. in Romania, from family trees, pedigree tables, pedigree passports and other genealogical documents, in order to merge these and other already digitally recorded local family books (OFBs) and family constellations into a common database and to use these in compliance with the legal provisions applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany (e.g. of the Data Protection Act) to an interested group of people (e.g. family researchers, cultural scientists, historians) and scientific institutions electronically accessible.

The Association has the patronage of the Genealogy of the Transylvanian Saxons project, which carries out the electronic collection of genealogical data and the publication of the resulting genealogy database. The association was founded on June 26, 2017. Founding members are: Krimhild Bonfert, Martin Buck, Bernd Eichhorn, Dr. Dietmar Gaertner, Waltraud Gross, Gerhard Rau, Georg Teutsch, Hugo Thiess, Jutta Tontsch and Christian Ungureanu. On October 12, 2017, the association was entered in the commercial register in Augsburg. The recognition of the non-profit status was then applied for at the Augsburg tax office, which recognized it on November 14, 2017 as "status of a corporation that pursues non-profit purposes, namely: promotion of home care".

The project The Genealogy of the Transylvanian Saxons project is under the patronage of the Association for Genealogy of the Transylvanian Saxons e. V. Its goal is to collect all data from the church registers and family books of the Evangelical Church A.B. in Romania, from family trees, pedigree charts, ancestral passports and other genealogical documents. This data and other data from local family books and family constellations that have already been digitally recorded are to be merged into a common database. The genealogy database created in this way is made accessible to an interested group of people (e.g. family researchers, cultural scientists, historians) and scientific institutions in compliance with the legal provisions applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany (e.g. the Data Protection Act).

The project work is done on a voluntary basis and is regulated by the statutes of the project genealogy of the Transylvanian Saxons. In order to facilitate the work on the project, all Transylvanian Saxons who have family books, lists of ancestors or descendants, family trees, ancestral passports, etc. are requested to send a copy to the Transylvanian Library Schloß Horneck, 74831 Gundelsheim/Neckar (e.g. Hd. Mr. Christian Rother). 90 employees are currently working on this project. That's a gratifying number, but not high enough for the amount of work that still needs to be done. For this reason, further collaborators are sought, namely: Family and genealogical researchers, but also other people who are willing to enter data from church registers into a genealogical program, Staff who can read ancient manuscripts and would be willing to transcribe church records.



Try George Washington's nog, but go easy

If you are going to blow first, then the diet at Christmas, what better way than with thick, sweet, and usually alcoholic eggnog? eggs, add

Of course, Christmas nog has its lovers and haters. The haters always have a point. Who would want to mix eggs and dairy products? But the lovers have a point, too. It's actually really yummy and people from every century, stretching back to the first American settlements at Jamestown and another 500 or so before that, loved it.

In fact, George Washington, the first president of the United States, wrote out his own personal recipe for nog:

"One quart cream, one quart milk, one dozen tablespoons sugar, one pint brandy, 1/2 pint rye whiskey, 1/2 pint Jamaica rum, 1/4 pint sherry—mix liquor separate yolks and whites of eggs, add sugar to b e a t e n y o l k s, mix well. Add milk and cream, slowly beat

and cream, slowly beating. Beat whites of eggs until stiff and fold slowly into mixture. Let set in cool place for several days. Taste frequently."

What is missing from this heavily alcoholic recipe is the number of eggs. According to Time magazine, you should try a dozen. That will add up to a five-ounce drink with at least 400 calories. Go light.

Nogs you buy in the store are also thick and sweet, but the FDA permits only 1 percent egg yolk. Still, it does ring in the season.

Cleveland Saxon Dance Group 50th Anniversary January 28th at 5pm

Sachsenheim Hall 7001 Denison Ave Cleveland, OH 44102



The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will be holding their 50th Anniversary Celebration! We are hoping all past dance group members, family, and friends will be able to join us in celebrating!! Tickets:

50th-anniversary-celebration-reservations.cheddarup.com

ADVANCE PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS \$40 PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2022. \$45 AFTER THAT DATE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 14TH, 2023 COCKTAIL ATTIRE OR TRACHTS ARE REQUESTED

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

January 15, 2023 TSBA Bowling - Host Cleveland East February 5, 2023 TSBA Bowling - Host New Castle March 5, 2023 TSBA Bowling - Host Youngstown March 25 - 26, 2023 TSBA Tournament - Host Cleveland West July 7-8, 2023 North American Heimattag Host: New Castle Branch 25 July 22, 2023 ATS Family Day Waldameer Park, Erie PA

LOCAL EVENTS

December 10, 2022 Salem Joint Social / Christmas Party 5 p.m. **Cleveland and Lorain Childrens Christmas Party** Westside Sachsenheim Cleveland December 11, 2022 **Cleveland East Christmas Party Pine Ridge Country Club** Youngstown Br. 30 Christmas Party Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party 12 p.m. **Hickory House** December 18, 2022 Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party **Donauschwaben Club** January 28, 2023 **Cleveland Saxon Dance Group 50th Year Reunion** March 25, 2023 Youngstown Br. 30 Goulash Dinner

Kid-friendly snow ice cream

Families in snowy locales can take advantage of the white stuff for a fun and easy dessert that kids love to make and eat.

All you need is clean, newfallen snow and a couple of pantry staples. The final product is thick and rich and icy, and you'll have enough to feed a crowd of happy kids.

1. During or immediately after a snowfall, collect 8 to 10 cups of fresh, clean snow.

2. Put about half the snow in a smaller bowl and sprinkle with about a teaspoon of vanilla extract.



la, and condensed milk are combined, add the mixture back to the larger bowl with the rest of the snow.

5. Add the rest (or less) of the can of sweetened con-

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING – NO DECEMBER MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY SUN-DAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 There will be no December meeting, as we are having the Christmas Party in December. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME

The time is close for Columbus Branch 10's Christmas Party. GALA EVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th HICKORY HOUSE 550 OFFICENTER PLACE GAHANNA, OHIO 43230 12 TO 4:00 PM COST \$ 35.00 PER PERSON We understand that there will be a visit by Sankt Nikolaus to pass out treats and special surprises to all the Good Saxons.



STORY Who is Krampus?

Krampus is a half-goat, half-demon, horrific beast who literally beats children into being nice and not bad. Krampus has horns, dark crazy hair, fangs and a long tongue. He comes with a chain and bells that he swings about, along with a bundle of birch sticks used to swat naughty children. In addition he steals the bad children and takes them down to an underworld.

This is definitely not the story, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', that you would read to your children or grand children! Don't tell this story to them if you want them to be happy and cheerful during the Christmas Season.



live.

According to folklore, Krampus shows up in towns the night of December 5, known as Krampusnacht or Krampus Night. The next day, December 6 is Nikolaustaug or St. Nicholas Day. On Nikolaustaug children look outside their door to see if the shoe or boot they left out the night before is filled with a reward for good behavior or a rod for being naughty.

Amore modern take on the tradition in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, and the Czech Republic involves drunken men dressed as devils, who take over the streets for a Krampuslauf—a Krampus Run of sorts, when people are chased through the streets by the devil dressed people.

But Krampus has been having resurgence over the past few years, thanks partly to the attitude in our culture, with people searching for ways to celebrate the yuletide season in nontraditional ways. In the United States, people are embracing the dark side of Christmas with Krampus movies, special 'Krampus' television episodes. They're throwing Krampus parties, attending local Krampusnachts (in cities like Washington, D.C. and New Orleans), and running in Krampus themed races.

Regardless of how cool Krampus is becoming, you won't find me telling this story to my grandkids, no matter how naughty they have been.

PRAYERS

Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in Columbus.

Please keep Karl Lassel in your prayers. Karl is recovering and rehabbing from an injury. We wish him the best.

CELEBRATIONS

December Birthday. Please join me in wishing a very Happy Birthday to Marlene Betts (December 25).

FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

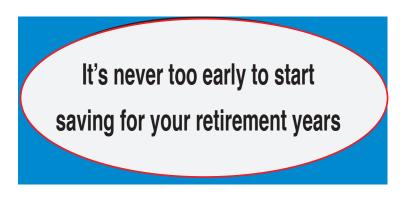
HUMOR

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and mother,' she asked, 'is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

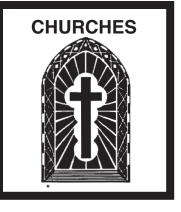
3. Drizzle about half a can (14 ounces) of sweetened condensed milk over the vanilla-flavored snow and mix with a wooden spoon. densed milk, if desired.6. Mix again and serve immediately with your preferred toppings.7. Freeze leftovers in a

4. When the snow, vanil- sealed container.



Krampus is like the Anti-Saint Nicholas. While Saint Nicholas is the patron saint, Krampus is anything but a patron saint of children. The name Krampus comes from the German word Krampen, meaning claw and is rumored to be the son of Hel in Norse mythology. While St. Nicholas rewards children with sweets and presents, Krampus stuffs them into a sack and takes them away to a place where wild animals





St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church 11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, Michigan 48093 (586) 979-3850 stpeters _church@sbcglobal.net www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service Nursery Coffee following service **Senior Circle**

Speaking of safety: Be a smart holiday host

If you are hosting a holiday party, consider taking these precautions.

• Make sure your walkways and steps are clear and well-lit. Shovel the snow, melt the ice and check for any tripping hazards.

• Put your personal information in a secure place, including bills and documents with sensitive information, bank statements and credit card statements. Keep purses and wallets out of sight.

• Put away your calendar with vacations and appointments listed on it.

• Remove small valuables that could be broken or stolen. Lock doors to rooms you don't want people to go into.

• Be responsible about serving alcohol. The Insurance Information Institute (iii.org) reports that more than 30 states allow hosts to be found liable if an inebriated guest causes an accident.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

Hopefully everyone had a RSVP to Elfie Sanderson at 847-732-0939. great Thanksgiving!

Twenty-five Saxon members and their friends attended A Christmas Story at the Marriot Theater on November 19. It was nice to get together, and get into the pre-Christmas spirit.

On November 26, a large number of Saxons attended the Donauschwaben Rosenball. This year one of own, Paige Deloy who dances with the Chicago Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe, was crowned Rosenkönigin 2022-2023. She is the daughter of Sister Jenny Deloy (Eric) and granddaughter of Sister Elfie Sanderson. We wish you much happiness as the Queen.

Invitations have gone out for the Christmas party on December 18, at the Donauschwaben Hall in Des Plaines, IL. The event will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please bring your family and friends. There will be lots of food, Christmas Carols, other surprises and a visit from Santa.

In order for the committee to better prepare please

Our next meeting with elections will be held on December 5, at the Donauschwaben Hall in Des Plaines starting at 7 p.m. Hope to see you all there!



Paige Delov



Paige Deloy and family



Saxons attending Donauschwaben Rosenball

Butter boards add interest and flavor to holiday tables

Butter boards -- softened butter swirled onto a wooden board and flavored with honey, sea salt, herbs, dried fruit and more -- are all over social media.

Home cooks can flex a little creative muscle with this endlessly customizable option to make bread and butter a little more interesting. As a bonus, a thoughtfully crafted butter board looks great on a holiday table. Choose a single flavor combination or create a board with several options for guests to dip, swirl and spread. The basics: You will need softened butter (about two sticks) and flaky sea salt. If you choose unsalted butter, you will want to adjust your sea salt to taste. You will also need a board or serving plate/dish. Spread the softened butter onto the board in your desired shape with swirls and peaks for aesthetic appeal. Once the butter is shaped, sprinkle it with flaky salt before layering with your preferred toppings.





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.

Andreas Gross Age 87 Died: November 10, 2022 Branch 1, Cleveland, OH

William Werner Age 83 Died: November 10, 2022 Branch 19, Salem, OH

Margaret Moherman Age 93 Died: November 14, 2022 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Lee C. Althouse Age 87 Died: November 22, 2022 Branch 19, Salem, OH

Bonnie J. Baker Age 80 Died: November 23, 2022 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Margaret L. Troll Age 94 Died: November 23, 2022 Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Quotes

Whatever it is you're seeking won't come in the form you're expecting.

Haruki Murakami

If you do nothing unexpected, nothing unexpected happens.

Fay Weldon

For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.

Jane Wagner

• Plan all-inclusive entertainment so guests have something to do besides eating and drinking.

• Serve high-protein foods and snacks. Serve coffee instead of liquor for an hour before guests are scheduled to leave.

Brown sugar and walnut butter board:

Mix desired quantity of light or dark brown sugar with a small amount of cinnamon and nutmeg (try two tablespoons of brown sugar with 1/4 teaspoon each of spices and adjust to taste). Sprinkle brown sugar mixture over butter and top with walnut pieces and candied orange peel, if desired.

Rosemary fig butter board:

Mince desired quantity of fig and fresh rosemary and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon.

sprinkle over butter. Add a tiny bit of orange zest, if desired. Drizzle with balsamic glaze.

Cinnamon honey butter board: Use a hand or stand mixer to mix room temperature butter with two tablespoons of honey and 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon until smooth. Spread the butter onto your serving board and drizzle with two more tablespoons of honey, then sprinkle with

Whatever the present moment contains, accept it as if you had chosen it. Eckhart Tolle

The sacriest moment is always just before you start. Stephen King

Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside ourselves will affect $\mathcal{US}.$

Stephen Covey

O du fröhliche, o du selige

O du fröhliche, o du selige. gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit! Welt ging verloren, Christ ward geboren: Freue, freue dich, o Christenheit!

O du fröhliche, o du selige. anadenbringende Weihnachtszeit! Christ ist erschienen, uns zu versühnen: Freue, freue dich, o Christenheit!

O du fröhliche, o du selige, gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit! Himmlische Heere jauchzen dir Ehre: Freue, freue dich, o Christenheit!

Johannes Falk Str. 1 (1768 - 1826); Heinrich Holzschuher Str. 2+3 (1798 - 1847); Weise aus Sizilien

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht Lieb' aus Deinem göttlichen Mund, Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund, **Christ, in Deiner Geburt! Christ, in Deiner Geburt!**

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Hirten erst kund gemacht! Durch der Engel Halleluja tönet es laut von fern und nah: Christ der Retter ist da! Christ der Retter ist da!

Text: J. Mohr (1792-1848) Weise: F. Gruber (1787-1863)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen aus einer Wurzel zart. wie uns die Alten sungen, von Jesse kam die Art. Und hat ein Blümlein bracht mitten im kalten Winter, wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein, das ich meine, davon Jesajas sagt, hat uns gebracht alleine Marie, die reine Magd. Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat hat sie ein Kind geboren wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Text: geistlicher Dichter, 15. Jhdt. Weise: 15. Jhdt.

Deutsche Weihnachtslieder



Am Weihnachtsbaum die Lichter brennen

Am Weihnachtsbaum die Lichter brennen, wie glänzt er festlich, lieb und mild, als spräch' er: "Wollt in mir erkennen getreuer Hoffnung stilles Bild!"

Die Kinder stehn mit hellen Blicken, das Auge lacht, es lacht das Herz, o fröhlich seliges Entzücken! Die Alten schauen himmelwärts.

Zwei Engel sind hereingetreten, kein Auge hat sie kommen seh'n, sie gehn zum Weihnachtstisch und beten, und wenden wieder sich und geh'n.

"Gesegnet seid, ihr alten Leute, gesegnet sei, du kleine Schar! Wir bringen Gottes Segen heute dem braunen wie dem weißen Haar.

Zu guten Menschen, die sich lieben, schickt uns der Herr als Boten aus, und seid ihr treu und fromm geblieben, wir treten wieder in dies Haus."

Kein Ohr hat ihren Spruch vernommen, unsichtbar jedes Menschen Blick sind sie gegangen wie gekommen, doch Gottes Segen blieb zurück.

Ihr Kinderlein kommet, o kommet doch all'

Ihr Kinderlein kommet, o kommet doch all'! Zur Krippe her kommet in Bethlehems Stall. Und seht, was in dieser hochheiligen Nacht der Vater im Himmel für Freude uns macht.

O seht in der Krippe im nächtlichen Stall, seht hier bei des Lichtleins hellglänzendem Strahl in reinlichen Windeln das himmlische Kind, viel schöner und holder, als Englein es sind.

Da liegt es, das Kindlein, auf Heu und auf Stroh;

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her.

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her. Ich bring euch gute, neue Mär. Der guten Mär bring ich so viel, Davon ich sing'n und sagen will.

Euch ist ein Kindlein heut geborn, Von einer Jungfrau auserkorn, Ein Kindelein so zart und fein, Das soll eur Freud und Wonne sein.

Es ist der Herr Christ, unser Gott. Der will euch führn aus aller Not. Er will eur Heiland selber sein, Von allen Sünden machen rein.

Er bringt euch alle Seligkeit, Die Gott der Vater hat bereit't, Daß ihr mit uns im Himmelreich Sollt leben nun und ewiglich.

So merket nun das Zeichen recht: Die Krippen, Windelein so schlecht. Da findet ihr das Kind.gelegt, Das alle Welt erhält und trägt.

Des laßt uns alle fröhlich sein Und mit den Hirten gehn hinein, Zu sehn, was Gott uns hat beschert Mit seinem lieben Sohn verehrt.

Merk auf, mein Herz, und sieh dort hin. Was lieqt doch in dem Krippelein? Wes ist das schöne Kindelein? Es ist das liebe Jesulein.

Sei willekomm, du edler Gast! Den Sünder nicht verschmähet hast Und kommst ins Elend her zu mir Wie soll ich immer danken dir?

Ach Herr, du Schöpfer aller Ding, Wie bist du worden so gering, Daß du da liegst auf dürrem Gras. Davon ein Rind und Esel aß!

Und wär die Welt viel mal so weit, Von Edelstein und Gold bereit't, So wär sie doch dir viel zu klein, Zu sein ein enges Wiegelein.

Der Sammet und die Seiden dein, Das ist grob Heu und Windelein, Darauf du Kön'g so groß und reich Herprangst, als wär's dein Himmelreich.

Das hat also gefallen dir, Die Wahrheit anzuzeigen mir, Wie aller Welt Macht, Ehr und Gut Vor dir nichts gilt, nichts hilft noch tut.

Ach mein herzliebes Jesulein, Mach dir ein rein, sanft Bettelein, Zu ruhen in meins Herzens Schrein, Daß ich nimmer vergesse dein.

Davon ich allzeit fröhlich sei, Zu springen, singen immer frei Das rechte Susaninne schon, Mit Herzenslust den süßen Ton.

Alle Jahre wieder

Alle Jahre wieder, kommt das Christuskind auf die Erde nieder, wo wir Menschen sind.

Kehrt mit seinem Segen ein in jedes Haus, geht auf allen Wegen mit uns ein und aus.

Ist auch mir zur Seite still und unerkannt, daß es treu mich leite an der lieben Hand.

Wilhelm Hey (1837) Weise: Friedrich Silcher (1842)

Maria und Joseph betrachten es froh. Die redlichen Hirten knien betend davor, hoch oben schwebt jubelnd der himmlische Chor.

O beugt wie die Hirten anbetend die Knie, erhebet die Händlein und danket wie sie. Stimmt freudig, ihr Kinder - wer sollt' sich nicht freu'n? stimmt freudig zum Jubel der Engel mit ein!

Was geben wir Kinder, was schenken wir dir, du bestes und liebstes der Kinder, dafür? Nichts willst du von Schätzen und Reichtum der Welt, ein Herz nur voll Demut allein dir gefällt.

"So nimm uns're Herzen zum Opfer denn hin; wir geben sie gerne mit fröhlichem Sinn; und mache sie heilig und selig wie deins, und mach' sie auf ewig mit deinem in eins."

Lob, Ehr sei Gott im höchsten Thron, Der uns schenkt seinen ein'gen Sohn. Des freuen sich der Engel Schar Und singen uns ein neues Jahr.

Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) - Ein Kinderlied auf die Weihnacht Christi





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