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ATTENTION TSBL BOWLERS

Next session:

Sunday, January 9, 2011 in Lorain

Time: 11 :00 A.M.
Bowling fee: \$8.00
Luncheon fee: \$7.00

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BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Sam Palyok

At our November meeting we held elections for our 2011 officers. There was only one change from our 2010 officers and that is the office of president. The new president is Randall Floyd.

The members and officers would like to thank the out going President Jeff Szostek for his dedication and hard work he did for Branch 26.

Meetings for 2011:

January 2nd
February 13th
March 6th
April 3rd
May 1st
June 5th
July 10th
August 7th
September 11th
October 2nd
November 6th

After the meeting:
Thanksgiving dinner
and Memorial Services
December 4th No meeting:
Christmas dinner



All meetings will start at 3:00 P.M.

To all the members of Branch 26 and Branch 40 have a safe and Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

See you at our January meeting.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Hilda Kautz

That nasty winter storm that hit Columbus on Sunday, December 12, blew our Christmas dinner plans all to pieces. Visibility, as well as driving conditions, caused the unexpected cancellation of this event, but rescheduling is better than risking broken bones or automobile accidents. It also caused many of our Saxons to forego the calling hours for a loyal Saxon sister.

Our very deepest sympathy to the family of Katharina (Hendel) Scholtes, who departed this life on December 8th at age 90. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, but the family returned to Transylvania when she was a child and she grew up in the town of Burghalle. In the early 1950's she, her husband, Martin, and her daughter Katherine returned to the United States and settled in Columbus. She was a very kind and caring person. Surviving her are her daughter, Katherine (Donald) Bachinsky, with whom she made her home the last few years, granddaughter, Marie (Brock) Liden, and great grandchildren, Connor and Morgan. We know she is now at peace in her heavenly home.

Belated Happy Anniversary wishes to Rosina and John Hartig who celebrated 55 years together on December 10th and Happy Birthday wishes to Mary Ludwig on December 24th.

Please mark your calendars for our first meeting in 2011 on January 17th at MCL Cafeteria, at 1:00 p.m. Let's hope the weather is a bit kinder to us then.

We wish all of our Saxon friends a most blessed Christmas and many good things in the year ahead.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



New Year's Day is just around the corner. Did you know that it is the oldest of all holidays? It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago. Around 2000 B.C., the Babylonian new year began with the first new moon after the vernal equinox (first day of Spring). It was logical to start a new year in the Spring due to the planting of new crops, and of blossoming. It was a season for rebirth. January 1st has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

Many New Year's traditions still exist to this day and at our house we always start out the new year by having Sauerkraut and pork for dinner. Cabbage is considered a "good luck" vegetable to be consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are considered a sign of prosperity, and is representative of paper currency. No matter what you have for dinner that day, we wish you good luck, good health, and much prosperity for the New Year.

Many resolutions are made on New Year's Day. Some resolve to start dieting, some to quit smoking, and some to exercise more often. I must admit that I no longer make New Year's resolutions because they never lasted very long.

With the New Year it is a time that we must question if we have enough life insurance on ourselves and our family. The ATS provides many different and affordable insurance plans both for adults and children. It is also a good idea to check with your Deputy about our ATS Annuity Program. Now is the time to take action. Do not wait until an unexpected event happens in your life. Contact your Branch Deputy soon for all of the details.

Old man winter has certainly arrived with a vengeance in these past few weeks. It seems that the job of clearing out the snow is never quite finished. It seems that as soon as our apron of our driveway is cleaned out, the snowplow comes down our street and undo all of my hard work. I think this is going to be a long, long, winter.

Quote of the Day: "Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."

Physiologically, it has been shown that smiling can make us feel happy, even if we are forcing the smile deliberately. Regardless of the science, it makes sense to smile, whether we feel like it or not. A smile energizes our brain as well as our muscles, and we don't want our face to settle into sadness.

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

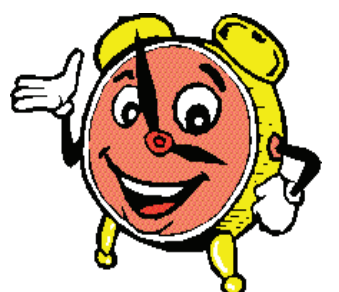
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RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTION CHANGES TO ATS BRANCH 27 SAXON LADIES OF NEW CASTLE, PA

The Saxon Ladies of Branch 27 of New Castle, Pennsylvania propose the following changes.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Article 1 Name of the Society

Section 1

Proposed change: Name of "The Society"

Article 2. Purpose of the Society

Section 1.(c)

Proposed change: All members must be good and loyal citizens of the United States

Article 3. Membership of the society

Section 2(a)

Proposed change: Applicants for membership into this Society must be a national Alliance member, having qualified as follows

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

b. Must be an owner of an Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Life Insurance Certificate or an Annuity saving plan and must retain either one throughout her membership.

Section 2 (b)

Proposed change: A current non-beneficial member is a person who does not own an Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Life Insurance Certificate or an Annuity.

A current non-beneficial member may be permitted to attend meetings but not eligible to vote on ATS business or hold an office.

She must pay local dues as decided at the annual meeting. She shall not be entitled to receive fraternal benefit.

A non-beneficial member must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals as followed in the national alliance Constitution and By-laws and the Constitution of Branch 27.

Section 2 (c)

The age requirement for new adult membership is 16 to 79. Age of juvenile members ranges from birth to 15.

Section 3.

Proposed change: A candidate for membership must be proposed by a designated ATS Deputy that is responsible for submitting proper documents for the purchase of an A TS Life Insurance Certificate or Annuity.

Section 4

Proposed change: Before admission of the candidate, each member has the right to make remarks regarding the candidate which shall not be recorded in the minutes.

Section 9 (a)

Proposed change: The dues for all membership will be set at the annual meeting and must be kept current. All dues are due in January or prorated per month after March meeting

Section 9(b)

Proposed change: Members must attend (5) meetings during the calendar year to be eligible to hold office and vote for officers.

Section 10.

Proposed change: Members who have belonged to the Society Fifty (50) years are exempt from paying dues or who have reached eighty (80) years of age and have belonged to the society for (10) ten years will also be exempt from paying monthly dues, but are still entitled to benefits in the event of death.

Article 4 - Benefits to Members

Section 1.

Proposed change: Delete Section 1.

Proposed change: Delete Section 2.

Proposed change: Delete Section 3.

Proposed change: Delete Section 4

Proposed change: Delete Section 5.

Proposed change: Delete Section 6.

Proposed change: Delete Section 7.

Proposed change: Delete Section 8

Proposed change: Delete Section 9

Article 4 - Death of a member

Section 1

Proposed change:

When a member dies, the heirs or person designated by the member shall receive death benefit, and in lieu of flowers a sum of money from the Society.

Section 2

Proposed change: Delete Section 2

Section 4.

Proposed change: Delete Section 4.

Article 6 Duties of the Officers,

Section 1(c) Duties of the

President.

Proposed change: She shall appoint all committees and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees. She shall sign all checks, meeting minutes, and legal documents as may be required.

Section 2 (b) Duties of the Vice-president.

Proposed change: She telephones or visits all sick members at her discretion. She is not required to visit sick sisters confined in a hospital or living outside the city

limits.

Section 3 (c) Duties of Recording Secretary.

Proposed change: She sends an article to the Volksblatt as needed.

Section 4 (d) (e) Duties of Financial Secretary

Proposed change: Delete (d).

Proposed change: (e) She keeps an up-to-date list of members and their addresses.

Section 5(c) Duties of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Secretary.

Proposed change: c. She shall collect life insurance premiums from members at each Society meeting and remit them to the Alliance Home Office within five (5) days after the meeting.

(d) She shall report the death of a member to the Alliance Home Office.

Section 6(d) (e) Duties of The Treasurer.

Proposed change: Delete (d)

Proposed change: Delete (e)

Article 7 - Meetings Section 7.

Proposed change: Delete Section 7.

Article 9

Capital of the Society Section 1

Proposed change: Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall constitute the minimum capital of the Society, and should the Society find it necessary to touch the minimum capital, it has the right to increase the dues, or decrease the death benefit.

Article 10

Disbanding of the Society Section 3

Proposed change: Delete- Section 3

Order of Business

Proposed change:

1. Call to Order by the President.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting.
4. Reading of Correspondence.
5. Report of ill members.
6. Naming of delinquent members.
7. Report of Special Committees.
8. Report of new Candidates
9. Induction of new members and introduction.
10. Reading of bills.
11. Unfinished business
12. New Business
13. Good and Welfare--Announcements
14. Door prize drawing.
15. Financial Secretary's report.
16. Treasurer's Report.
17. Adjournment. 3/3

EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR By George Schneider

Well we got real winter early this year because winter doesn't officially start until December 21st. One consolation is that our evenings will be getting shorter pretty soon and spring is on its way in a few months.

We want to wholeheartedly thank all the people that made our annual sausage sale such a huge success. This is always a tremendous fundraiser due to our caring customers and all the people that help.

Branches 1 and 4's Annual

Christmas party was once again a very nice affair. It is a nice event that Branches 1 and 4 put on for all of their members with absolutely no cost to them. We want to thank both branches for inviting our choir to sing a few Christmas carols every year.

The choir's Christmas party was also a very nice affair due to all the hard work from all of our members.

I hope everyone enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I got

pleasantly surprised with a last minutes invitation from a friend which made mine nice too. God bless that family!

All our Christmas parties are officially over with now and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2011 from the bottom of my heart. Wishing everyone all of God's blessings for the season and the New Year.

I want to thank all of my lovely readers for their continued patronage until your hear from me again! Lebe wohl!!

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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2010 FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011

** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011 FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

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SALEM SAXON RETIREES
By Sue Fritzman

The Salem Saxon Retirees enjoyed their December 1st Swiss Steak catered Christmas dinner by Lorrie Weingart and her crew. There were forty-two members and two guests in attendance on this first snowy day of the season, a reminder of what is yet to come! It was wonderful to have the following welcomed guests come out and join us for the afternoon: Edna Malmsberry was a guest of Hazel Tibball and Dorothy McLane was accompanied by George Spack.

The tables were decorated with red poinsettias donated by Siegfried and Hermine Henriss and Mike and Nancy Stumperth in memory of Matt and Herta Drotleff and Henry and Bertha Heidenreich. These plants were later presented to members Pat Martin, Butch Roth, Evelyn Yuhanick, Barb Gorman, Marian Whipkey, Lois Whitacre, Hermine Henriss, Virginia Pilch, Kate Sanor and Bill Hiltbrand.

President Lois Whitacre welcomed everyone as Bill Hiltbrand gave the invocation followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Katie Lederle gave the Treasurer's Report and the minutes were read and approved. A note was read to all from Dorothy and Ed Wentzel. A motion was made by Ann Schmid to suspend the January and February meetings and continue in March. Hermine Henriss seconded the motion and it was carried. Members take note that the next meeting will be held March 2nd.

The annual collection was taken for the Branch 18 "Dress a Live Doll" project.

The 30 outfits were displayed for all to see what had been purchased with the donated monies.

Lois announced the December activities for the lodge: December 2nd-Lodge officers

will meet to make up the calendar for 2011. December 6th Branch 19 meeting, December 10th, Children's Christmas Party, December 13th. Branch 18 meeting, December 18th Saturday monthly Breakfast.

The next meeting will be held March 2nd with the following committee: Francie Tuel taking reservations at 330-3378467- like and Hilda Spack, Ron and Jo Ann Reichenbach, Virginia Pilch.

The meeting was closed with all praying the *Lord's Prayer*. Bingo was enjoyed after the meeting to conclude the afternoon fellowship.

Birthdays Members for January are: Butch Roth-2nd, John Heitman-9th, Ike Spack- 19th, Mike Stumperth-19th, Walter Ulrich-24th, Ina Dutcher-30th. Congratulations to all! No January anniversaries listed.

Our Sympathy to the family of William (Bill) P. Herman, 74, from Kinsman. He was the son of Peter and Anna (Polder) Herman. Bill grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School and Bowling Green State University. He was honored a few years ago as a 50 year Branch 19 member. He was a world-class fast pitch softball pitcher with over 500 wins in the tri-county area of Ohio. He was also known for his popular Bloomfield Flea market in North Bloomfield, OH.

The Indian summer gave us a little warning of this approaching winter. The sparkling silver and what's covered the landscape preparing us for the beautiful scenery to behold. We have had Christmas without snow, but we enjoy all of winter's beauty during the holidays. We are proud that our German people are given most of the credit for our customs and traditions here in the U.S.A. They were very religious at Christmas time but

also fun loving. Not only is the Christmas tree origin credited to the German people, also most of the beautiful music and songs of this Holy season, like "Oh Tannenbaum." The most favorite and beautiful song of the early era is by far "Silent Night" (Stille Nacht) was the only Christmas hymn sung on the battlefield of 1914 because it was so popular and no other hymn was known by the French, English and German people.

The traditional story is that Rev. Josef Mohr (1792-1846) and Franz Gruber (1787-1863) wrote the hymn in Oberndorf, Austria on Christmas Eve. When it was discovered the church organ was damaged by either rust or mice they decided to use a well-tuned guitar for the accompaniment rather than an off pitch organ. Josef Mohr was born into poverty just like his friend Franz Gruber when he handed his friend the six verse poem. Gruber was a schoolteacher, organist and choir director at the time. The verses were requested to compose a suitable melody for two solo voices with a choir and accompaniment of one guitar. Gruber filled the request and this carol was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 with Gruber and Mohr leading the singing. It was enthusiastically received. The organ was repaired and a new one was installed in 1825 and found copies after Gruber and Mohr moved. The original "Rainer Singers" brought this old manuscript to the U.S. in 1839. No one knew the authorship of this carol that was well known or the true origin of the popular carol. An investigation proved that Franz Gruber wrote the authentication, which was needed. A memorial chapel was then erected on the original location of the old St. Nicolas Church where it all began. The following are the variations of the different lyrics that were written before those we know so well: Silent Night, Hallowed Night- Stilly Night- Holy Night, Holy Night, Peaceful Night- Still the Night, Holy the Night. This carol has been translated into 44 languages and performed by 300 artists and has been the worldwide favorite for 190 years. This hymn is breathtakingly beautiful when sung by candlelight and very touching to all especially on Christmas Eve.

Wishing you all God's peace that came on that special silent night!
Merry Christmas!

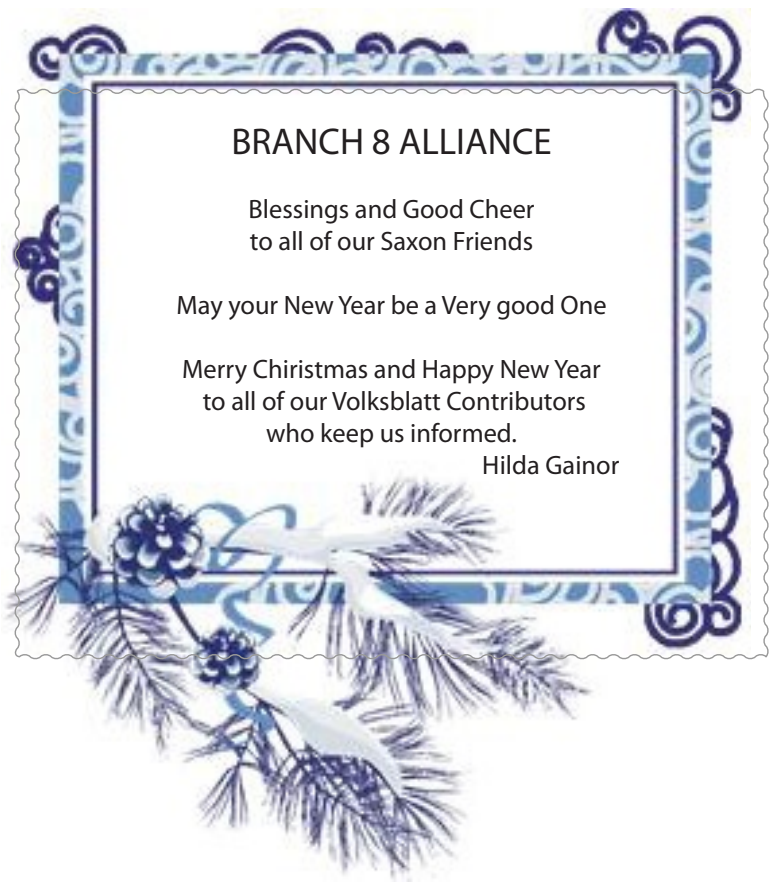


"I wrote assembly instructions for Children's toys. What did you do?"

New Year's Prayer
Kay Hoffman

*Another year is dawning
With the chance to start anew.
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,
In all I say and do,
Not so caught up in selfish gain
That I would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee.
The warm, kind word that I can give,
The outstretched hand to help,
The prayers I pray for those in need –
More precious these than wealth.
I know not what may lie ahead
Of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
That You are walking near.
I'm thankful for this brand new year
As now I humbly pray,
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
Each step along the way.*

submitted by Sue Fritzman



BRANCH 8 ALLIANCE

Blessings and Good Cheer
to all of our Saxon Friends

May your New Year be a Very good One

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all of our Volksblatt Contributors
who keep us informed.

Hilda Gainor



Ring in the New Year
at the
ATS Branch 1
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
December 31, 2010
Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Doors Open at 7:00p.m.
Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per person and include a five-course dinner with your choice of filet mignon, or salmon, all beverages and festivities. Sausage sandwiches will be served after the midnight champagne toast.

Our DJ will be spinning all of your favorite tunes so come prepared to PARTY and DANCE the night away.

Prepaid Reservations must be made by December 23 by sending your check made payable

to ATS Branch 1 to:

Joan Miller-Malue

17105 Hilliard Road

Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Telephone: (216)251-6036

Designate your choice of meal:

Filet Mignon or Salmon



New Year's Eve Party
At
The Saxon Club
710 S. Meridian Rd.
Youngstown, Oh. 44509
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Includes
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Beer, Pop, Mixers, Goffee & Tea
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FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

2011

April 9, 2011

TSBA Tournament
Host Cleveland West

May 14, 2011

Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host Cleveland East Br. 34 celebrating 100th Anniversary

June 11, 2011

TSBA Bowlers' Convention
Host Cleveland West at Sachsenheim

July 15 - 17, 2011

Saxon Heimattag
Saxonia Club, Aylmer Ontario Canada

July 30, 2011

ATS Golf Outing
Salem, OH hosted by Salem Branch 19

October 22 - 23, 2011

ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

December 24, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Tom & Jerry Party (4 PM - 6 PM)
Youngstown Saxon club - closed early

December 25, 2010

New Castle Br. 25 Club Closed (Christmas Day)
Youngstown Saxon Club closed

December 30, 2010

Salem Br. 19 Officer's Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

December 31, 2010

Youngstown New Year's Eve Party in the Ballroom
Cleveland Sachsenheim New Year's Eve Party

January 1, 2011

Youngstown Saxon Club closed - New Years Day

January 2, 2011

Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting

January 3, 2011

Salem Br. 19 Meeting

January 8, 2011

Lorain Branches 5 & 11 Meeting

January 9, 2011

Youngstown Br. 30 and Br. 22 Meeting

January 10, 2011

Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6 pm
Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 pm

January 11, 2011

Erie Br. 2 Supper/Business Meeting

January 13, 2011

Youngstown Retirees meet

January 14, 2011

Salem Joint Social Dinner 6:30 pm

January 15, 2011

Salem Breakfast 7 - 10 am

January 16, 2011

Youngstown Br. 30 Pork Dinner

January 17, 2011

Columbus Br. 10 Meeting MCL Cafeteria
Cleveland Branches 1 & 4 Meeting

January 29, 2011

Salem Peanut Night 8 pm - ?

February 6, 2011

Youngstown Super Bowl Party Lounge???

February 10, 2011

Youngstown Retirees meet

February 12, 2011

Youngstown Valentine Day Dinner

February 13, 2011

Youngstown Br. 22 and Br. 30 Meeting
Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting

February 20, 2011

Youngstown Br. 30 Pork Dinner

March 6, 2011

Merrillville Br. 26 Meeting

March 10, 2011

Youngstown Retirees meet

March 12, 2011

Youngstown Culture Group Sausage Sale (Pre Order)

March 13, 2011

Youngstown Br. 30 and Br. 22 Meeting

March 16, 2011

Youngstown Lenten Fish Dinner-Restaurant and Lounge

March 17, 2011

Youngstown St. Patrick's Day - Lounge and Restaurant-

March 19, 2011

Detroit Br. 37 98th Anniversary Celebration
Carpathia Club

BRANCH 11, LORAIN

By Monica Gilles

The annual Christmas Dinner was a huge success. We dined at Jackalope's on December 4th. We had close to 50 people attend the dinner. The food was delicious. The ladies provided a variety of cheesecake for dessert. Plus everyone received a small gift. It was so nice to see so many friendly faces, some that we haven't seen for a while. We even had guests all the way from Brazil with us. Scott and Nancy Kranstuber had house guests, Douglas Viegas and his mother, Carmo. This is the first time Carmo had seen snow. She is probably already sick and tired of it and ready to go back to Brazil. And finally, Mother Nature did not show up uninvited. I am extremely happy to report that we collected 140 pounds of food for Second Harvest Food Bank. A huge thanks to everyone for donating. Also, huge thanks to Sister Jeanne Petty for arranging the whole evening.

Happy Birthday to Sisters Mary Schuerger, Nancy Kranstuber, Paula Dickason, Arlene Jones, Molly Kirchner, and Suzanne Koepke.

Do you have enough life

insurance if something were to happen to you? Do your family members have enough coverage? Do you have some extra cash that earning a low interest rate in the bank? Why not consider the ATS for your financial needs? The ATS has several life insurance products available. Not to mention, the annual interest yield on annuities is guaranteed at 3.00%. Give Monica Gilles at call at 440-309-7894 or email her at gillemo76@hotmail.com to discuss what is available for you and your loved ones.

Since the New Year is approaching, that means local dues will need to be collected. Plan to attend the next meeting to turn to pay your dues. If you cannot make the meetings, you can mail your local dues to Sharron Powell; 2308 Mark Drive; Lorain, OH 44052.

Our next monthly meeting will be Saturday, January 8, 2011. The trustees will be serving a meal before the meeting starting at 7 PM. If you cannot make it for the meal, plan to attend the meeting that starts at 8 PM.

May everyone have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Tom Fizet

Thanks to all who donated to the Saxon Club Children's Christmas party. We had about 80 kids plus their parents and grandparents. Santa was well received by all. Chrissie and Janet with their committee made it fun for all.

Our very good Fraternal and Social members of Br 22/30 put the decorations that adorn the Lounge, Restaurant, Pavilion, and Ballroom in place; thanks for the volunteer time spent.

New Year's Eve Party in the Ballroom, call, Mike Teutsch Jr. 330-533-9669, Bill Karako. 330-782-4288 or Mike Teutsch Sr. 330-720-4340 for tickets. On New Year's Eve the doors will open at 7:00 PM with dinner at 7:30 PM. For your enjoyment "Guys without Ties will be playing from 8:30 on. Breakfast will be served at Midnight, \$ 30.00 per person open to the public. Beer, Pop, Mixes, Coffee, Tea included, B. Y. O. B.

To keep your Fraternal Card active you must have your dues for 2011 paid to the Financial Secretary by the February meeting in 2011. See you at the January meeting. This would be a good time to pay your dues. You will keep the same card but your dues must be paid to keep you card active. Send your dues to Don Hoelzel, 695 E. Western Reserve Unit 2001, Poland, Ohio 44514. - Phone 330-953-2856

Branch 30 Pork Roast dinners will be back on January 16, 2011 at 11:30 to 2:30. We look forward to seeing you then. Merry Christmas.

Both branches will meet on Sunday January 9, 2011 at 2:30 PM. This will be a good way to start the New Year; see you at the meeting.

Couples Bocce inside, check the bulletin board and sign up if you want to play. Call Dave Stryffeler for details. Play will begin on January 3, 2011 on the indoor court. There will be a meeting between Christmas and the first of the year.

The Memorial and Celebration committee thanks all who have made a generous donation to the Memorial and Celebration Fund. Read their letter in the Youngstown Branch Monthly News and perhaps if you haven't yet responded you will do so in the New Year. You may want to suggest a program for the committee to think about.

Branch 30 thanked Mike Teutsch Sr., Ralph Scheetz, and Pete Karsti, for their time setting up and taking down and cleaning and buffing the floors when needed, several times a week and sometimes twice a day.

The crew working on the News Letter will be at the Club at 10:00 Monday, December 27, 2010 at 10:00 AM to put the address labels on the News. Help is needed; call Roger at 330-792-0034 or come out at that time.

Gary Kibler has joined Branch

Eating Better as You Age

As you get older, physiological changes can occur that can cause a decline in taste and smell. This can affect nutritional intake and general health. If food doesn't taste or smell appetizing, we are less likely to want to eat. This is especially true if your diet is limited because of the need to reduce salt, sugar, or fat intake.

To help overcome some of these limitations, look for foods that offer new flavors. You can also add additional seasonings to your favorite foods. There are many low-sodium seasoning options that use herbs to liven things up. Choose foods that are fresh and flavorful to begin with. Vegetables should be eaten when they are fresh and cooked by steaming to retain their flavor and texture.

But you do need to take care. While spicy foods can taste better, they can also sometimes cause digestive upset. Balance your need for more flavor with what your body can handle without any added discomfort.

30 and was received as a new member. Welcome and congratulations.

Dick Measmer is doing well after heart surgery, and is attending Br. 30 meetings; Tom Hahn is fine after shoulder surgery (there goes one of our workers.) Get back soon, Tom. Bob Nischwitz and Bob Fellows are recuperating. Bob Hivley has had shoulder surgery. Summer Bocce starts soon, Bob. Fraternal member Robert Fox passed away on Dec. 4, 2010, Donald Mauch passed away on Oct. 12, 2010

Work party cards will be in January to garner help to keep the everyday chores up to date. You will be asked to give some time to help with these.

Pete Karsti and Friends will be at the Saxon Lounge on January 8, 2011 from 6:00 PM on. There will be some Special German food on the Menu. Enjoy good food, good music good fun, and good friendship.

As the year comes to a close I thank all who have read Branch 30 articles for 2010. It has been interesting for me to report the activities to you. Best of all it is great to be able to wish all of the Branches and the home ATS home office a Blessed and a Merry Christmas. We offer our prayers and thanks to be free to do so.

So goes the News.

CHURCHES



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

10:00 Bilingual Service

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

**St. Thomas Evangelical
Lutheran Church**
9509 Lake Avenue
Cleveland, OH
(216) 961-4870
**Rev. Dick Williams
Pastor**
Cell (330) 524-1718

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

**10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
Adult Bible Study**

11:00 a.m. English Worship

**Daily Devotion:
www.EarlyWord.org**

St. John's Lutheran Church
1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
**Rev. Karen Ullestad
Pastor**

**10:00 Worship Service
10:00 Sunday School**

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Elmer Schneider

Members and guests of Branch 5 and 11 gathered at Jackalope Restaurant on Saturday, December 4th where they enjoyed a very nice evening of good food, a Christmas drink and some Christmas singing. I believe everyone had a nice time and we thank Sister Jeanne Petty for making the arrangements for this get together. I believe we should have more of them in the future, not only on Christmas. Two of our guests were from Brazil; they were guests of Scott and Nancy Kranstuber.

Our next meeting and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 8th. The dinner is at 6 p.m. at the Chris Restaurant followed by the meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club. We hope to have a good turn out for the first meeting of the year.

Branch 5 Officers and members wish each and all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

We held two enjoyable Christmas parties during December. First was the Children's Party that was held on December 4th. We entertained 62 children with making of a craft and a program that included a visit from Santa. We wish to thank our junior members Olivia and Andrew Greger for the wonderful job they each did in reciting a German poem and Abby Richardson for playing a Christmas medley on the flute which was fantastic. The children and adults enjoyed the magic by Michael Mage. Santa brought a gift for each child and refreshments were served during the visit from Santa. We wish to thank everyone who had helped to make this a fun afternoon for our members' families that included ATS members from Cleveland East, Cleveland West and Lorain.

The following week we held our Annual Holiday Membership Banquet where we enjoyed a delicious homemade meal cooked by our Saxon cooks: Maria Tellman, Maria Botsch, Anna Alischer, Hilda Henning, Sara Hermann and Maria Fischer. After dinner we honored are newly attained sixty-year members: Theresia Handel and Maria Homm and our fifty-year member Inge Schuster. How fortunate we have been to

have these lovely ladies in our Branch for these many years. They all have dedicated many hours serving our fraternal of which we are truly grateful for their commitment. We wish to thank Chris Roppelt for installing Branch 1 and 4 officers. We welcome our newly elected Trustee Renee Louie. Renee served as an officer several years back and we are happy that she is willing to serve again as a Trustee. President Monica Weber briefly reflected on the loss of our dear Trustee Susanna Roppelt who died in August and how we will miss her help at all our events and most of all her friendship. Following the installation the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor, under the direction of Andreá Ball, sang several songs and then we all joined in to sing several Christmas Carols before we headed for home. We thank Vice President Stephanie Miller Hanek for chairing this event. Although we were all a bit nervous about the weather forecast, we did enjoy an afternoon of Saxon Gemuetlichkeit.

We will end 2010 with our Rock 'Roll New Year's Eve Party.

Once again we wish to thank everyone who donated a toy for the Community Corners Christmas Gift Program. They were so

Protect yourself from drug-resistant infections

Drug-resistant staph infections (including MRSA) are declining in hospitals, but MRSA and other infectious agents are still out there. The trick is to keep them from spreading to others and to protect yourself from people and objects that might carry infection.

A staph infection can show up as an abscess, boil or furuncle (a boil that involves a hair follicle and nearby skin). It may be red, swollen and painful.

If the infection moves into the bloodstream, doctors at Duke Medicine say it can cause low blood pressure, chills or fever.

Basic hygiene is still the most important part of protection.

- Wash hands frequently. Do it before eating, before and after using the bathroom, after contact with animals, after social outings and shopping, and when returning home from work.

- Because excessive antibiotic use can give an advantage to drug-resistant bacteria, take antibiotics only when necessary. When prescribed, take the correct and whole dose and finish the entire prescription.

- Don't share personal items, such as towels, clothing, combs or razors.

- Cover any wound with a dry, sterile bandage.

- Avoid contact with other people's bandages or wounds.

- If you have a sore or break in the skin, wash and dry clothes, towels and bed linens on the high-heat settings.



grateful for our kindness. They were so elated to see the wonderful items donated to make disadvantaged children happy on Christmas morning.

Our first monthly meeting of 2011 will be held on Monday, January 17th at 7:00 pm. We will hold our Memorial Service that evening.

New Year Wishes

I wish you Health...

So you may enjoy each day in comfort.

I wish you the Love of friends and family...

And Peace within your heart.

I wish you the Beauty of nature...

That you may enjoy the work of God.

I wish you Wisdom to choose priorities...

For those things that really matter in life.

I wish you Generosity so you may share...

All good things that come to you.

I wish you Happiness and Joy...

And Blessings for the New Year.

I wish you the best of everything...

That you so well deserve.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIEND!
author unknown

The officers and members of Branch 4 wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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.

Karl R. Theiss
Age 87

Died: November 22, 2010
Branch 19, Salem OH

William P. Herman
Age 74

Died: November 26, 2010
Branch 19, Salem OH

Martha P. Baxter
Age 97

Died: December 4, 2010
Branch 2, Erie PA

M. Dorothy Radatz
Age 91

Died: December 5, 2010
Branch 34, Cleveland OH

Hermine Fabritius
Age 94

Died: December 8, 2010
Branch 9, Chicago IL

Katharine Scholtes
Age 90

Died: December 8, 2010
Branch 10, Columbus OH

Mathilde Schuller
Age 73

Died: December 12, 2010
Branch 9, Chicago IL

BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

Merry Christmas, everyone! Please be sure to pay your dues by December 31st, or with the new keycard system, you will not be able to enter the club.

Upcoming events: New Year's Eve Party, \$30.00 ea. BYOB, "Guys without Ties,"- doors open at 7:00 p.m. Get tickets from Mike Teutsch, please. January 5th, Officers meeting; January 9th, General meeting; January 16th, Pork Kraut Dinner.

Birthdays: Tillie Stefanic, Carol Allison, Helen Fotiuk, Analise Kimes and Maria Teutsch; Anniversaries: Jennie Salinas and Thelma Schuller.

Thank you to all who made possible and helped with the well attended Christmas Party; special thanks to the "Fotiuk Girls".

We welcome Virginia Williams as our new First Vice President and Carol Allison as our new Trustee; congratulations to you both.

Get wells were sent to : Andrea Spencer, Mary Ann Ufran, Dorothy Chlebus, Thelma Schuller, Sara Deutschlander and Rosemarie Kascher. Have a great New Year.



Cleveland West Branches 1 & 4 Holiday Banquet



Maria Homm and Theresia Handel (center) receiving their 60 Year Honors. To left is Marianne Wadsworth, daughter of Maria Homm. To right is Br. 4 President, Monica Weber.



Inge Schuster receiving her 50 Year Certificate from Br. 4 President Monica Weber.



Randy, Katie and Joey Simonis enjoying their parents' and grandparents singing with the Sachsenchor.



The Officers of Branch 1



The Officers of Branch 4



Sara Hermann (center) with daughter Trudy Schaefer and daughter-in-law Barb Hermann.

Eintracht Saxonia Sachsenchor



BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

The meeting was held on December 6, and the weather was very cold with a distinct chill in the air that winter had officially arrived. President Mueller brought the meeting to order and lit a candle as in past December's in memory of deceased members over the past year. A moment of silence was given in honor of Brother George Bell, and dear friends John Krestal and Ron Sanderson.

Sister Schmidts reported that we have two members that are currently ailing. We wish Sister Katherine Toecker and Sister Tili Schiller a speedy recovery.

Old Business: It was discussed that a banquet would be held in the near future and members would pay 50% of the costs and non members full price. The officers will look into locations and report at the next meeting.

Due to lack of attendance and cost factors the float for the Stueben parade will be canceled for next year's parade.

Christmas Party was held December 19, at the DANK Haus at 1 pm. Entrance donation was \$5.00 or a donation of \$5.00 in canned foods for the Uptown Ministry.

On November 27, 2010 the Donauschwaben held the 50th Anniversary of Rosenball. As Jugendleiter I was very proud of the 30 Jugend that performed, especially the five Saxon teenagers that performed in this event: Elizabeth Hauer, Erica Hauer, Christian Mueller, Victoria Mronga and Markus Thut. All former queens from 1961 to the present were invited to attend the event. Elizabeth Hauer received the most roses and was crowned the 50th Rosenkoenigin. What a joyful moment

as a parents, grandparents and aunts/uncles to witness this event!. We are very proud to say we have three Saxon Rosenkoenigin from Branch 9 (Rose-Marie Hauer 1982, Victoria Mronga 2008, and Elizabeth Hauer 2010).

Congratulations also to Sister Maria and Brother John Huprich on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Your Marriage Is Golden

*A partnership like yours is rare;
50 years you've been together!
You've always been a loving team,
In sunny and stormy weather.
Nothing can tarnish your lasting love;
At 50 years, you're gold.
Your affection shines as you go through the years,
With each other to love and to hold.*

By Joanna Fuchs

December is always a special time at Branch 9, and again this evening elections were held! We thank President Mueller for all the hard work she has done in the last twelve years and wish her success. We thank Brother Bill Blatter for running the elections and filling all the positions.

Election results: Presiden Diethild Thut, Vice-President George Thut, Secretary Hilde Mueller, Treasurer Margaret Mronga, Financial Secretary Hildegard Schmidts, Trustees: Regina Fleps, Claudia Schmidt, Anna Salmen, Sergeant in Arms Ricky Hartig, Public Relations Rose-Marie Hauer, Youth Representative Claudia Schmidt.

Congratulations to all the Officers and "do your best" for the new year! Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to all the members! Happy Birthday was sung for all December birthdays.

As a final note, I would like to wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year (Gesegnete Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr!) May Santa be good to you and make all your dreams and wishes come true.



Rosenkoenigin
Elizabeth Hauer

Not your traditional New Year's Eve

December 31 can make us think of toasting the new year, Guy Lombardo music, and New York's Times Square with its plunging ball marking the start of the new calendar. Add confetti, fireworks, and, oh yes, more toasting.

During the past several years, alternatives have been put forth to this business as usual.

They eliminate the traditional



New Year's Day hangover.

In the mid-1980s, three

teen boys decided that an all-night Monopoly party would be a great way to bring in the new year. They and others continued the games into their adult and married lives.

First Night Pittsburgh 2010 is a community family-based celebra-

tion of the arts. It features mu-

sic, mime, magic, story telling and theater. The stages are the city's historic theaters, churches, building lobbies and the streets in between. First Nights are now celebrated in cities and towns across the world.

Other suggestions for New Year's Eve are:

- Murder mystery games set round a table with role-playing and prizes.
- Sleepovers for kids and

adults, even entire families.

- Outdoor sports events like cross-country skiing or bonfire-lit ice skating on ponds where the right conditions exist.

- Themed costume balls with music, dancing and theater.

- Lavish all-night dinner parties for gourmands.

- For those who like drinking, a new synthetic alcohol creates the buzz without the hangover.

BRANCH 37, DETROIT
By Susi Fleischer

The end of the year is approaching fast and hopefully all our goals have been met and we are looking forward to a more fulfilling year 2011.

Election of officers for 2011 was held at Br. 37's November meeting. List of officers is as follows: President-Susanna Fleischer; 1st VP/Finc. Secy.-Sam Fleischer; 2nd VP-Debbie Ferguson; 3rd VP-Mary Ann Fleischer; Secretary-Janet Nelson; ATS Secretary-George Schemmel, Sr.; Treasurer-Sam Klein; Trustees: George Breckner, Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson and Trudy Klein.

Br. 37 hosted the Christmas Party for all the members and friends at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, December 5th. This event was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Christmas carols were sung, which put everyone in a festive mood before Santa Claus arrived and presented each child, age 12 and under, with a gift. A very special thank you to this year's Santa Claus, a job well done. The children were all delighted with their presents and then bid Santa farewell, since he had other stops to make.

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. Maria Emrich, Susanna Krautner, Katie Moody and Dawn Wiseman prepared and served the food. Jean Fisher provided the potato salad. Debbie Ferguson was a

great help to Santa, she put her expertise to work in purchasing the gifts for the children. Without the dedication of these people, none of these activities could take place. If I forgot to mention someone by name, please forgive me.

Also a thank you to all Br. 37 members who attended our Christmas celebration and brought cookies for everyone to enjoy as dessert with our meal. Hope to see all of you next year at our monthly meetings as well as our next special event, Br. 37's 98th Anniversary Celebration which will be held March 19, 2011 at the Carpathia Club.

George Schemmel, Sr. underwent a second operation for replacing his hip the first week in December. George is recuperating at the Shelby Nursing Center, Room 301, Bed A, 46100 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315. Please keep George in your prayers and wish him a speedy recovery. Drop him a note and let him know that you are thinking of him and wish him all the best.

Our first meeting of 2011 will take place on January 9th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Officers please meet at 2:30 p.m. A special invitation to all our young members, please come and take an active part in our Branch, everyone is needed to keep our Branch alive and well.

We wish everyone a merry and peaceful Christmas as well as a blessed New Year.

BRANCH 19, SALEM
By Robert P. Vogt, Sr.

Fröhliche Weihnachten!

Merry Christmas to all! On behalf of Branch 19, I would like to wish all a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

At our meeting on December 6th, we held election of officers. Thanks to all of our officers who served our club for 2010. After the election, all offices remained the same. Officers for 2011 are, President George Spack, First Vice President Henry Spack, Second Vice President Glenn Spack, Secretary Robert Vogt, Financial Secretary Richard Vogt, Treasurer Art Maroscher, Sergeant-at Arms Francis Schlueter, Trustee Sam McKinney and Trustee Rudy Maroscher. Two trustee positions and ATS secretary position remain open. Any club member interested in filling these positions please let it be known. Congratulations and thank you to all of the officers.

On a sad note, Br 19 has lost another member. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Karl Theiss. Karl passed Nov. 22, 2010 and had been a fifty year member joining in October of 1939.

The Social / Christmas Party was held December 10 at our club. Ninety members and guests were in attendance including 26 children. The children and some adults were treated to balloon artists Kahuna Balloona. The two gentlemen crafted a variety of animals, objects and even a Santa Clause. Later in the evening, the real Santa arrived to listen to the requests and handed out stockings to the children. Judging by the smiles, the youngsters seemed to really enjoy themselves. Thanks to Br. 18 and especially Kate Oesch, Kate Schneider, Mary Appleby, Darlene Sanor, Jill Drotleff, Florence Spack, Debbie Vogt, Greg Oesch, and of course, Santa Claus!

The 2011 calendar of events is out. Clip it out and post it where you'll see it and remember to participate in our club functions.

Upcoming Events:

- January 3**
Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
(Take down decorations)
- January 10**
Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:00 p.m.
Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- January 14**
Joint Social Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- January 15**
Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- January 29**
Peanut Night 8:00 p.m. - ?

Happy New Year!
Bis zum nächstenmal.

SALEM BRANCHES 18 AND 19
SOCIAL/CHRISTMAS PARTY



Faces of excited children



No one is ever too big to believe.



Emma Ulrich and Rudolph.



"Grandpa" Richard Spack and Maverick



Isabel Martin and her Baby Doll.



BRANCH 37 DETROIT
CHRISTMAS PARTY



Br. 37 Christmas Party



Santa with the children from Br. 37.

BRANCH 2, ERIE

By Lee Wolfe

Our regular meeting was held Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. We held a moment of silence for deceased member Dorothy E. Smith. Included in our prayers was Mary Ann Hess who was recently in the hospital.

After the meeting we held our Memorial Service for our 2010 deceased members and the loved ones of our members. It was a fine and moving ceremony and some of us could not help tearing up as we honored our lost loved ones. It's a nice ritual to do and we thank the members who braved a nasty snow day to attend the meeting. When the service ended we held our Chi Party and we all enjoyed cookies, cheese and crackers, even deviled eggs and tea and brandy. I think the best part of the day was the comradeship we shared. The members agreed to make our Christmas donation to the John Kanzius Cancer Research Fund and also to make a donation to the Saxon Relief Fund. All in all I think we were all glad we came despite the weather.

President Manning thanked the members who handled the above event, Lee and Dick Wolfe and Val and Art Pinczewski and everyone else who helped and contributed the goodies.

Our next doings will be our Supper/Business meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. It was agreed to have a prime rib sub meal which is free of charge to the members and \$6 to non-members. Please make your reservation with Val Pinczewski at 898-0494.

At our January meeting we will hold our Election of Officers. If you wish to run for an office, please call George Cook at 833-7217. If you are an incumbent and wish to run again, please make sure George is informed.

As a reminder, please pay your Branch dues of \$6 for 2011 by submitting your check to Vince Leone, 3417 Pacific Avenue, Erie, PA 16506 payable to ATS Erie Branch 2 and noting in the memo part "Dues". Thank you!

Congratulations to two of our young participants in the 6 to 7 age bracket of the Bowl Where

You Are Tournament namely, Skylar Sutton and Kyle Van De Merwe, who took first place in their Girls and Boys Division.

It appears I owe Chuck and Evelyn Holdsworth an apology, I had Chuck's name as *Check* in the last column. I guess when you try to right something you end up making a left.

When we started out for the Tuesday meeting it was a snowy, blustery day and we all joked about getting stranded at the Club. Can't think of a better place to be stranded in where there is heat and enough food and drink. However, when we left the weather was much better and we all got home safely. (Some of us thought "doggone", it would have been fun to be stranded at the Siebenbuerger Club). Speaking of the Club, we note that thru a raffle to its members, the Club made a donation to the Barber National Institute of a large screen TV, DVD player and Nintendo and Wii system. What a nice gesture. Donnalee Morschhauser won the Club's dinner gift certificate.

A very happy birthday to our January babies some of whom are: Debra Euston, Vince Leone, Richard Gaber, Ann McLaughlin, Katelyn M. Griffith, Mary Lou Kenny, Evelyn Garofalo, Mary E. Nicholson, Samantha Comi, Donnalee Morschhauser, Myrell Wellman, Quinn Griffith, Fr. Edward Shelliito, Bradley McLaughlin and special birthday greetings to three members who are in their nineties: Charlotte Boehm who will be 93, Donald G. Slater who will be 96, and Anthony Heintzel who will be 94.

A very happy anniversary to our January couples: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Montie, 19 years; Marvin and Margaret Hunt, 55 years; Albert and Gail Webb, Tom and Liz Manning, 53 years; Alan and Donna Youngquist, 48 years; Robert and Dianne Santos, 13 years; and Joseph and Kathleen Koscielniak, 40 years. We hope all of the above enjoy a truly lovely day.

May we take this time to wish all of you a New Year that brings you happiness, good times, good fortune and most of all really good health! See you in 2011!!!

SALEM BRANCHES 18 AND 19 2011 - CALENDAR of EVENTS - 2011

January

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| 4 | Br. 19 Meeting (Take down decorations) | 7:30 p.m. |
| 6 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 8 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Br. 18 Trustees Audit Br. 18 Meeting | 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | Breakfast | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 23 | Rental (CH) | |
| 28 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 30 | Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

February

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| 1 | Br. 19 Trustees Audit Br. 19 Meeting | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 6 | Rental (CH) | |
| 8 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Set-up for Fish Fry | 7:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Fish Fry | 5:00-7:15p.m. |
| 25 | Set-up for Fish Fry Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 26 | Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. |
| 27 | Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

March

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| 1 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 4 | Set-up for Fish Fry | 7:00 p.m. |
| 5 | Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. |
| 8 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Set-up for Fish Fry | 7:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. |
| 18 | Set-up for Fish Fry | 7:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. |
| 20 | Rental (CH) | |
| 25 | Set-up for Fish Fry | 7:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. |
| 27 | Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

April

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| 1 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Easter Egg Hunt | 1:00 p.m. |
| 5 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 9 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Sausage Sale Rental (CH) | 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Br. 18 Trustees Audit Br. 18 Meeting | 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 17 | Breakfast Spring Clean-up (CH) | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| 18 | Rental (CH) | |
| 24 | Spring Clean-up (CC) | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| | Rental (CH) Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |
| 29 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |

May

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| 3 | Br. 19 Trustees Audit Br. 19 Meeting | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 7 | 30 Week Drawing | 6:00 p.m. |
| 8 | Rental (CC) | |
| 10 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 15 | Breakfast | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 19-20 | Saxon Club Garage Sale | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| 29 | Rental (CC) Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

June

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| 2 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 3 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Rental (CC) | |
| 11 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Rental (CC) | |
| 13 | Rental (CH) | |
| 14 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Breakfast Rental (CC) | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 22 | Rental (CC) | |
| 26 | Rental (CC) Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |
| 27 | Rental (CC) | |

July

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| 1 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Rental (CC) 4 th of July Dance (CH) | 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| 5 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 9 | Joint Social Dinner & Scholarship Awards | 6:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Rental (CC)(CH) | |
| 12 | Br. 18 Trustees Audit Br. 18 Meeting | 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 17 | Breakfast Rental (CC) | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 23 | Rental (CC)(CH) | |
| 24 | Rental (CC)(CH) | |
| 25 | Rental (CC) | |
| 29 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 30 | Rental (CC) | |
| 31 | Rental (CC) Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

August

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| 1 | Rental | (CH)(CC) |
| 2 | Br. 19 Trustees Audit Br. 19 Meeting | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 4 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 7 | Rental (CC)(CH) | |
| 9 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Joint Social Dinner Rental (CC) | 6:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Rental (CC) | |
| 21 | Breakfast | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 28 | Rental (CC) Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

September

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| 1 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 9 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 10-12 | Teen Weekend - (ATS) | |
| 13 | Br. 18/19 Joint Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Breakfast Rental (CC) | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 19 | Rental (CC) | |
| 25 | Peanut Night | 8:00 p.m. - ? |
| 30 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:30 p.m. |

October

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| 2 | 50 Year Dinner Rental (CC) | 6:00 p.m. |
| 4 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 8 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Rental (CC) | |
| 11 | Br. 18 Trustees Audit Br. 18 Meeting | 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | Breakfast Rental (CC) | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 21 | Set-up for Fish Fry | 7:00 p.m. |
| 22 | Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. |
| 28 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg. | 7:30 p.m. |
| 30 | Sausage Sale Peanut Night | 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - ? |

November

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|----|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 6 | Rental (CH) | |
| 8 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Veteran's Day Dinner | 6:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Joint Social Dinner | 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Rental (CH) | |
| 20 | Breakfast | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| 27 | Peanut Night (Decorate for XMAS - - - - - Free drinks for all members!!!) | 8:00 p.m. - ? |

December

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|----|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Saxon Retirees | 11:30 a.m. |
| 2 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg 2011 Planning Meeting | 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| 6 | Br. 19 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Joint Social Dinner Children's XMAS Party- | 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Br. 18 Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Breakfast Peanut Night | 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. - ? |
| 30 | Br. 19 Officer's Mtg | 7:00 p.m. |

You can lose weight without going hungry: Here's how to do it

To achieve a healthy weight, and maintain it for the rest of your life, don't think about losing weight fast. Do it slowly and steadily.

You won't have to make intricate calculations about how many calories you should eat, then write down the value of every morsel you consume. And you won't have to buy a diet book that calls for recipe ingredients you've never heard of.

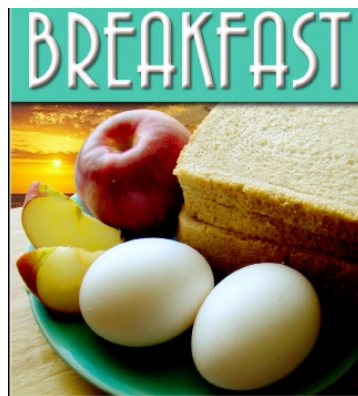
Instead, reduce calories by making better food and drink

choices.

Drinks: Rather than drinking a latte with 500 calories, have a cup of black coffee. Instead of drinking sugary soda pop, choose diet pop or water.

Planning: Plan your meals and snacks for a week. Make a shopping list that includes low-fat meat, fish, chicken, vegetables, fruits and whole grain bread.

Snacks: If you want to snack on chips, nuts, crackers or candy, put the amount you intend to eat in a bowl. Stash the bag



away so you won't eat more without thinking about it.

Prepare foods wisely: Broil or bake your chicken, fish and

red meats. Frying adds calories. Battering and deep frying can double the number of calories.

Skip the butter when you make mashed potatoes. You won't notice it's missing after you add low-fat gravy.

Salads: Use fat-free or low-fat salad dressing. Two tablespoons of blue cheese dressing have 150 calories. You might use three or four tablespoons, depending on the size of the salad.

When to eat: At three meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus

an evening snack. Studies show that people who eat breakfast will eat less the rest of the day. Include protein, like cheese or an egg, fruit, and whole grain bread. Drink a glass of water before each meal.

How much to eat: At home and at restaurants, eat a reasonable portion of food. Relax and take your time. If you eat fast, you'll eat more.

You may not want to do all of these things, but doing some of them will result in weight loss.

Reinhart Guib als 36. Bischof der Evangelischen Kirche A.B. in Rumänien eingeführt

Am 27. November 2010 hat die 77. Landeskirchenversammlung Reinhart Guib zum neuen Bischof in das höchste leitende Amt der Evangelischen Kirche A.B. in Rumänien gewählt. In der langen Reihe der Träger dieses Amtes seit der Reformation ist er der 36. Bischof. Er tritt seinen Dienst als Oberhirte in einer historisch völlig veränderten Lage an und bedarf der besonderen Leitung des Heiligen Geistes, der auch bisher seinen Lebensweg geprägt hat.

Reinhart Guib wurde 1962 in Mediasch geboren. Nach dem Besuch der deutschen Grundschule und des Gymnasiums in Mediasch studierte er 1984 bis 1989 evangelische Theologie in Hermannstadt. 1990 wurde er zum Pfarrer ordiniert. Das Vikariat leistete er in Fogarasch ab, seine erste Pfarrstelle war ab 1990 in Deutsch-Tekes. 1994 berief ihn die Kirchengemeinde Mediasch, wo er ein Jahr später auch Dechant des Mediascher Kirchenbezirkes sowie Mitglied des Landeskonsistoriums wurde. 2007 wurde Guib Bischofsvikar. Als erster Präsident des neugegründeten Gustav-Adolf-Werks in Rumänien konnte er dieses in den Jahren 2003 bis 2009 mit aufbauen und leiten. Seine Arbeit in Gemeinde und Bezirk ist geprägt von großer Nähe zu den Menschen, von strukturiertem Denken, kollegialem Umgang mit den Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeitern sowie großem und liebevollem Einsatz in allen Bereichen des gemeindlichen Lebens. Er hinterlässt einen gut geordneten Kirchenbezirk und eine Gemeinde, die sich einerseits freut, dass ihr Pfarrer Bischof geworden ist, andererseits aber auch traurig ist, ihn nicht mehr in unmittelbarer Nähe zu haben. Reinhart Guib ist verheiratet und Vater dreier Kinder.

Die feierliche Einführung in das Bischofsamt erfolgte am 3. Adventssonntag, dem 12. Dezember 2010, im Rahmen eines Festgottesdienstes mit Abendmahl in der Hermannstädter Stadtpfarrkirche unter Beteiligung einer großen Gemeinde, aller Pfarrer der Landeskirche, der Vertreter aus der Rumänisch-Orthodoxen, der Griechisch-Katholischen, der Römisch-Katholischen Kirche und vieler Gäste aus dem In- und Ausland. Die Einführung wurde von dem ebenfalls neugewählten Bischofsvikar Pfarrer Dr. Daniel Zikeli aus Bukarest vollzogen. Assistenten der Einführung waren die Bischöfe Dr. Martin Hein (Kassel), Dr. Michael Bünker (Wien), Deszö Zoltan Adorjani (Klausenburg), Kato Bela (Klausenburg). Sie sprachen Segensworte über den eingeführten Bischof. Den liturgischen Dienst versah der Hermannstädter Stadtpfarrer Kilian Dörr.

Die Predigt über Lukas 3,1-14 stellte der eingesegnete Bischof unter das Thema: „Eine Kirche für alle und alle für die Kirche“: „Das will eine Kirche sein, in der sich alle Gemeindeglieder und Gemeinden, von A bis Z, von Abtsdorf bis Zuckmantel, von Suceava bis Bukarest, von Sendlak bis Konstanza, über Mühlbach, Hermannstadt, Mediasch, Schäßburg und Kronstadt beheimatet fühlen und den Weg zu Gott zusam-



Auf dem Weg zum Bischofsamt: Reinhart Guib mit Tochter Helene, links Bischofsvikar Dr. Daniel Zikeli, rechts Landeskirchenkurator Friedrich Philippi. Im Hintergrund die Stadtpfarrkirche, davor das Standbild des Sachsenbischofs Georg Daniel Teutsch. Foto: Friedrich Schuster

men gestalten. Und mit uns hier auch alle, die uns nahe stehen im Inland sowie in Österreich und Deutschland und darüber hinaus.“ Die Auslegung der Ermahnungen des Johannes, in die erwartungsvolle Situation des Advent hineingesprochen, überträgt der Bischof in die Situation der Gegenwart mit den Ausführungen: „Liebe Brüder und Schwestern, wie zu Zeiten Johannes' gibt es auch heute bei uns vieles, was dem Kommen Gottes entgegensteht. Das, was uneben ist zwischen uns und bei uns, können wir gemeinsam ebnen, durch Offenheit und Vergebungsbereitschaft. Mitmenschen und Gemeinden, die arm und klein geworden sind, brauchen unsere Liebe und unser Verständnis, um aufgerichtet und gestärkt zu werden. Da, wo der Schein größer ist als das Sein, kann die Neuentdeckung der verlorenen Demut zu einem Umdenken und einer neuen Solidarität führen ... so dass die Kirche bewahrt wird, zur bloßen Dekoration eines bürgerlichen selbstsicheren Lebens zu entarten, oder einem schwärmerischen Aktivismus ohne innerer Lebendigkeit zu verfallen. Der von euch berufene Bischof will auf den Spuren des Johannes

im Dienst unseres Herrn Jesus Christus euch ein Stück Wegbereiter und Hirte, aber besonders Wegbegleiter und Seelsorger sein. Ich lade euch herzlich ein, mitzuwirken an der Vision ‚Eine Kirche für alle und alle für die Kirche', damit wir alle das gesetzte Ziel, das Johannes hier anspricht, erreichen: ‚Und alle Menschen werden den Heiland Gottes sehen.' Eine Vorfreude auf dem Weg zu diesem Ziel schenkt uns der Herr durch das baldige Feiern der Geburt unseres Heilandes. So wünsche ich euch allen eine Adventszeit der Vorbereitung und Wegbereitung und ein Weihnachtsfest mit dem Frieden und Liebe bringenden Heiland. Denn er ist unsere Zukunft.“

Im Anschluss an die Predigt folgte die Feier des Heiligen Abendmahles in hergebrachter, würdiger Tradition mit Altarumgang, das mehrere Pfarrer und Pfarrerinnen austeilten. Es war beeindruckend, dass alle Gottesdienstbesucher – es wurden über 500 geschätzt –, an der Abendmahlsfeier teilnahmen. Den kirchenmusikalischen Dienst versahen Ursula Philippi an der Orgel und ein gemischter Chor unter der Leitung der Mediascher Organistin. Landeskirchenkurator



Bischof Reinhart Guib (in der linken Hand die Ernennungs-urkunde zum Bischof) empfängt die Glückwünsche von Vertretern der Kirchengemeinden. Foto: Friedrich Schuster

Friedrich Philippi dankte für die Beteiligung und Mitgestaltung und lud die Gäste, die in großer Zahl aus Mediasch gekommen waren, zum Mittagessen ein, das in mehreren Räumen angeboten war. In diesem Rahmen wurden fast 20 Grußworte gesprochen, in denen deutlich wurde, in welcher Weise die Siebenbürgische Kirche in weltweiter Ökumene nicht nur wahrgenommen, sondern auch geschätzt wird. An dieser Stelle nur einige prägnante Aussagen von Bischof Dr. Hein, der auch im Auftrag der Evangelischen Kirche Deutschlands sprach:

„Der Vorsitzende des Rates der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland, Präses Nikolaus Schneider, und Auslandsbischof Martin Schindehütte haben mich gebeten, Ihnen, lieber Bruder Guib, und Ihnen, lieber Herr Professor Philippi, von Herzen zur Wahl ins Amt des Bischofs und des Landeskirchenkurators zu gratulieren. Die evangelischen Gemeinden und Kirchen in Deutschland sind auf vielfältige Weise mit den Gemeinden in der Evangelischen Kirche in Siebenbürgen verbunden. Wir freuen uns, dass die Kirche der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Ihnen, Bruder Guib, einen leitenden Geistlichen gewählt hat, der seine theologische Ausbildung hier in Hermannstadt an der eigenen kirchlichen Hochschule absolviert hat und im Dienst als Gemeindepfarrer, Dechant und Bischofsvikar viele Erfahrungen für das neue Amt gewonnen hat. Außerdem haben Sie, lieber Bruder Guib, in Erlangen Ihr Auslandsstudium absolviert: an der Fakultät, an der ich selber studiert und wissenschaftlich gearbeitet habe.“

Seitens des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen

in Deutschland sprach Alfred Mrass das Grußwort. Der stellvertretende Bundesvorsitzende wies auf die Verbundenheit mit der Heimatkirche hin, die in der Bereitschaft zum Helfen immer wieder zum Ausdruck gebracht worden sei.

Seitens des Hilfskomitees und der Siebenbürgischen Pfarrgemeinschaft grüßte der Vorsitzende Dekan i.R. Hermann Schuller: „Das viel zitierte Wort von Hermann Hesse: ‚Jedem Anfang wohnt ein Zauber inne', erreicht uns in solchen Situationen immer wieder, kann aber in dieser Kirchenjahreszeit noch ausgeweitet werden, denn die Tage des Advent münden in den Zauber des Heiligen Abends, in die Weihnacht. Der Stern von Bethlehem will in das Dunkel, aber auch in die Freude der Tage hineinleuchten. Möge Euch dieses Leuchten in der neuen Verantwortlichkeit, im neuen Lebensabschnitt erhalten bleiben.“

Abschließend sei noch der Segenswunsch von Bischofsvikar Daniel Zikeli, ein alter irischer Segenswunsch, wiedergegeben: *Gott halte dich in seiner Hand, / wenn die Klippen steil sind. / Gott halte dich in seiner Hand, / wenn die Nacht trostlos ist. / Gott halte dich in seiner Hand / auf dem Weg, den du beschreitest. / Gott halte dich in seiner Hand / und sei zu deinen Häupten.*

In diesem Sinne wünsche ich Dir, lieber Bruder Guib, und Deiner Frau in unser aller Namen viel Kraft durch Gottes Heiligen Geist! ER stärke Euch allezeit und schenke Euch alle Gaben, die Ihr für diesen wichtigen Dienst in unserer Kirche benötigt.

Hermann Schuller

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Kierzer Nuëigouhrswängsch

Kerzer Neujahrswunsch in siebenbürgisch-sächsischer Mundart, aufgezeichnet von Friedrich Schuster.

*Ich wängschen ich e gäldan Däschken,
än em jëiden Äk e gebrouda Fäschken,
än der Mättemt e Liter Wiëng,
er sellt long liëwen uch gesangd sen!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
irer Gïs grou Hour,
irem Zâp en krâmmen Huiren,
git mer en Krezer, ich bâ gefruiren!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
ire Kuirekâste voul,
iren Houf voul Schweng,
ire Kâller voul Wiëng,
ire Stâll voul Vaih,
Gottes Sëijen uch derbai!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
e glücksëilich Gouhr uch en zefridlich Gouhr,
dout ould mecht der Härr uofwândjich mouchen
uch vil Glück uch Sëijen än't nuëi Gouhr schinken!*



Potpourri

Your Horoscope

January 2011

ARIES: Avoid the idea that your fate is unavoidable. What you do now can change the future. Think about the areas of your life that are in jeopardy and make a plan to get out of danger, be it financial, in love or health.

TAURUS: The beginning of a new year puts you in a mood for change. Make it a happy mood because the stars predict a lucky year for you. Set the stage and watch the good things happen.

GEMINI: When that certain person says something that is offensive to you, detach from the situation. It could be that he or she is going through a difficult time and has a tendency to be rude. Live and let live.

CANCER: The stars predict that you will be tested this month. The test could be by a partner who seeks proof of commitment, whether or not the test is obvious. Respond with kindness and see the happy results.

LEO: You have places to go and things to do, but you'll find that your effectiveness will reach its peak in January. With careful calculations, you will be able to handle it all.

VIRGO: The holiday rush is over. After the decorations are stored away, you can take a deep breath and arrange some me time. If it's your turn for a few days off at work, take them. Get away and recharge.

LIBRA: Your taste for the "good things" could be at odds with your budget. Avoid competing with friends and neighbors for possessions. Instead, kick back, pay some bills, and begin to enjoy your life.

SCORPIO: Your ability to handle matters and move on serves you well. It also puts you in a forgiving mood. If slings and arrows come your way just be amused rather than aggravated.

SAGITTARIUS: Before this latest development, things seemed to be going well at work. Do your best to take the change in stride, and you will soon be on top of things again.

CAPRICORN: Let your creativity come out whether you are playing with a child or having a good time with a loved one. Your great imagination surprises and delights many people.

AQUARIUS: An even pace makes for a more efficient day, but sometimes demands create hectic ups and downs. Do what you can to calm the waters and get the work done. Tomorrow could be back to normal.

PISCES: It's easy to become so absorbed in your work-a-day life that you forget about your friends. Take opportunities to get back in touch with your pals, or create the opportunities yourself. It's good for you.

Scottish New Year

As 2011 rolls in, Auld Lang Syne will fill the air at many a gathering. This traditional tune, from a poem written by Scottish poet Robert Burns, bids the old year farewell and welcomes in the new. Auld Lang Syne links Scotland to much of the world on New Year's Eve. But Scotland has many other traditions that make Scottish festivities unique.

Hogmanay is the name that Scots give to the last day of the year and their celebration of the New Year. In cities, towns and villages, there are torch processions and the setting off of fireworks.

In rural areas, bonfires, that are said to burn up the old year,



take the place of fireworks. In some places, barrels of tar are rolled through the streets and set on fire to destroy the old year.

In many homes "first footing" is still observed. The Scots believe it to be good luck for the first foot over the threshold, as the New Year begins, to be that of a dark-haired man

"Auld Lang Syne"

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne.
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes And pou'd the gowans fine,
We've wandered mony a weary foot, Sin' auld lang syne.

We twa hae sported i' the burn, From morning sun till dine,
But seas between us braid hae roared Sin' auld lang syne.

And ther's a hand, my trusty friend, And gie's a hand o' thine;
We'll tak' a right good willie-waught, For auld lang syne.

Robbie Burns 1759-1795, Scotland

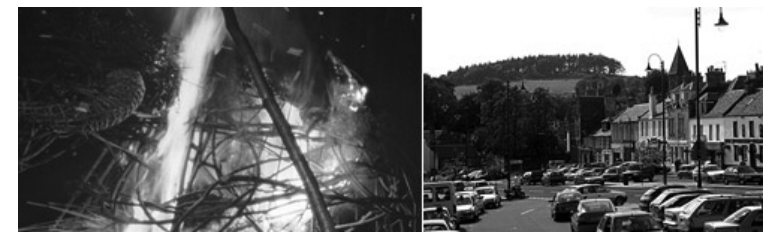
bearing a gift such as shortcake, coal or whiskey. Such visits are often arranged.

Foods popular during this time of celebration include cheese, bread, steak pie, shortbread, currant loaf, oatcakes and scones, all to be accompanied by wine, cordials and other spirits.

Local areas of Scotland have developed their own Hogmanay rituals. An example is the Stonehaven Fireball Festival. Thousands

flock to this North Sea fishing port, where on New Year's Eve approximately 60 participants in kilts whirl five- to 15-pound flaming balls around their heads.

They march to the harbor, accompanied by drummers and pipers, where they fling the flaming balls into the sea. Historically, this was done to drive out evil spirits and bring good luck to the fishing fleet. Now it also welcomes the new year.



Fire festivals and traditions have had a long history in Scotland, with many claiming pagan origins. Most of these fire ceremonies have passed into the darkness of history but a few have survived.

JANUARY 2011

January birthdays

1. Michael Imperioli, Detroit 1-8-7, Mount Vernon, NY, 1966.
2. Cuba Gooding, Jerry Maguire, actor, the Bronx, NY, 1968.
3. Eli Manning, football quarterback, New Orleans, LA, 1981.
4. Julia Ormond, actress, Legends of the Fall, England, 1965.
5. Diane Keaton, actress, many movies, Los Angeles, CA, 1946.
6. Howie Long, sportscaster, Somerville, MA, 1960.
7. David Caruso, CSI Miami actor, Forest Hills, NY, 1956.
8. Charles Osgood, television journalist, New York, NY, 1935.
9. Imelda Staunton, Harry Potter movies, England, 1956.
10. George Foreman, boxer, entrepreneur, Marshall, TX, 1949.
11. Naomi Judd, country singer, Ashland, KY 1946.
12. Jeff Bezos, founder, Amazon.com, Albuquerque, NM, 1964.
13. Patrick Dempsey, Grey's Anatomy, Lewiston, ME 1966.
14. Andy Rooney, 60 Minutes, columnist, Albany, NY, 1919.
15. Drew Brees, football quarterback, Austin, TX, 1979.
16. Debbie Allen, dancer, singer in Fame, Houston, TX, 1950.
17. James Earl Jones, actor, many movies, Arkabutla, MS, 1931.
18. Kevin Costner, actor and director, Lynwood, CA, 1955.
19. Drea de Matteo, The Sopranos, West Des Moines, IA, 1972.
20. Bill Maher, comedian, TV host, New York, NY, 1956.
21. Geena Davis, Oscar, The Accidental Tourist, Ware, MA 1957.
22. Greg Oden, basketball player, Buffalo, NY, 1949.
23. Mariska Hargitay, Law & Order, Los Angeles, CA, 1964.
24. Mary Lou Retton, Olympic gymnast, Fairmont, WV, 1968.
25. Ana Ortiz, Ugly Betty actress, New York, NY, 1971.
26. Ellen Degeneres, comedian, actress, New Orleans, LA, 1958.
27. Alan Cumming, Tony award for Cabaret, Scotland, 1965.
28. Elijah Wood, Lord of the Rings, Cedar Rapids, IA, 1981.
29. Oprah Winfrey, TV host, studio owner, Kosciusko, MS, 1954.
30. Gene Hackman, three Oscars, San Bernadino, CA, 1930.
31. Justin Timberlake, singer, actor, Memphis, TN, 1981.

Top Ten New Year Resolutions

I resolve to work with neglected children. (my own).

I will answer my snail mail with the same enthusiasm with which I answer my e-mail.

When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL... LOL!"

I will not ring the stewardess button on airplanes just to get her phone number.

I will balance my checkbook. (on my nose).

I will think of a password for my computer other than "password."

I will try to figure out why I "really" need 11 e-mail addresses.

I will go into McDonald's and order a McSpreader

I will go into McDonald's and order a McSlurry

I will find out why the correspondence course on "Mail Fraud" that I purchased never showed up.



Christmas Word Search

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Days filled with warmth and sun.

I wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year.
Lots of laughter and happiness
To fill your world with cheer.

May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot,
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought.

May your journeys be short,
Your burdens light.
May your spirit never grow old.
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold.

I wish this all and so much more.
May all your dreams come true.
May you have a Merry Christmas friend
And a happy New Year, too.

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