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Hebel, Johann Peter
(1760-1826)

Neujahrslied



*Mit der Freude zieht der Schmerz traulich durch die Zeiten,
schwere Stürme, milde Weste,
bange Sorgen, frohe Feste
wandeln sich zur Seiten, wandeln sich zur Seiten.*

*Und wo manche Thräne fällt, blüht auch manche Rose,
schon gemischt, noch eh`wir`s bitten
ist für Thronen und für Hütten
Schmerz und Lust im Loose, Schmerz und Lust im Loose.*

*War`s nicht so im alten Jahr? Wird`s im neuen enden?
Sonnen wallen auf und nieder,
Wolken geh`n und kommen wieder,
und kein Wunsch wird`s wenden, und kein Wunsch wird`s wenden.*

*Gebe denn, der über uns wägt mit rechter Wage,
jedem Sinn für seine Freuden,
jedem Muth für seine Leiden
in die neuen Tage, in die neuen Tage.*



Ring out the old, Ring in the new

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky
The flying cloud, the frosty night;
The year is dying in the night
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.*

*Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.*

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning
ATS Nat'l President



We hope all of you had a happy and blessed holiday season. We all know that as our children and grandchildren grow up and complete their education years, they often move to other cities to take advantage of job opportunities. They start a new life and often start their own little families. They go where life takes them. Our own family has given us many nice places to visit and they, in return, visit back home as often as possible. We had a wonderful Christmas holiday with our family members. After Christmas dinner and the gift exchange, we played a fun game called Yankee Swap and had lots of laughs, many hugs, and of course, lots of Gemuetlichkeit.

Now that the New Year of 2015 is here, many people make resolutions to quit smoking, lose those extra pounds, exercise more often and also cut down on snacks. We wish you much success with those resolutions, but also remember to be sure that your family is properly insured with a sufficient amount of life insurance. Your local Deputy would be happy to provide the information that you require. Give him or her a call.

This new year generates extra duties for our Home Office staff as they prepare the required end of year statements for mailing. We are very fortunate to have an efficient staff. Not only do they provide service to the ATS members across the country, but they are all active members in their own local Branches. The next time you see Joan, Rob, Monica, or Donna, be sure to show your appreciation for a job well done.

Liz and I wish all of you a very prosperous and healthy New Year, and Gluekliches Neue Jahr.

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

ATTENTION: TSBA BOWLERS

Next Session:
Sunday, January 11, 2015
Hosted by Cleveland-West



Time: 11:00 AM

Bowling Location:
Freeway Lanes of Parma
12859 Brookpark Road
Parma, Ohio



Luncheon:
Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Meal Cancellations or Additions
Please call CJ Schmitz
at (440)235-3343
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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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**YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON CLUB**

PORK-KRAUT DINNERS

January 18, 2015

February 15, 2015

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$9.50

Children \$5.00

includes coffe/tea/pop
and dessert

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!**

**YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON RETIREES
By Teri Laret**

The following are the minutes from the Saxon Retirees meeting held on Thursday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Saxon Club, 710 South Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

We started the Christmas festivities early, more time to enjoy the goodies and beverages with our current officers hosting.

Our president pro-tem is hurrying through the routine that we usually observe. It's about time to say thanks to God for so many blessings received and thanks to our forefathers for a free nation and the sacrifice of so many.

The secretary read the minutes from November and the financial report was given by the Treasurer, Joan Giba. Both reports were accepted by all with no corrections.

Birthdays for December were Dom Sugar, Tillie Stefanick and Gert Galich; we sang to them. There were no anniversaries. Refreshments donated by those celebrating their special month were Dom Sugar, Tillie Stefanick and Ro Dundon.

Please mark your calendars as there will be NO MEETING in January or February. We will see you along with the crocuses in March.

Our special guest today is Dave Stryffeller, an officer of Branch 30 who installed all officers for the 2015 year. Thanks Dave, we hope you will come again.

Susan Mraz printed copies of So-Ein-Tag. We have our own copies now, no excuse for not singing along. Thank You!

Raffle winners for December are: Gert Galich, Dom Sugar, Eileen Anerino, Kay Ring, Martha Konrad and Susan Mraz.

That's all folks, the rest of the meeting will be spent enjoying each other's company. Merry Christmas and have a wonderful 2015!

**BRANCH 26,
MERRILLVILLE
By Helen Brooks**

I would like to take this time to wish all of my Saxon friends and extended family a very Merry Christmas and bright and healthy New Year!

We gathered for our Christmas party on December 7 and shared friendship with one another. Brigitte and Randall and the Trustees decorated the hall to make it very festive.

We had a generous collection for the local food pantry. We enjoyed a delicious catered dinner and, of course, all our great bakers provided delicious treats.

We look forward to the New Year with our January 4th meeting in 2015.

Till we meet again!

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Milestone events in American history

150 years ago in 1865:

President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in the U.S.

The John B. Stetson Hat Company opened in Philadelphia PA.

American blacksmith John Deere received a patent for his steel plow.

A popular song: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," anonymous.

100 years ago in 1915:

The Panama Pacific International Exposition was held in Seattle, celebrating completion of the Panama Canal.

Bayer introduced aspirin in tablet form, and Pyrex glass was invented by Corning Glass Works.

The first transcontinental phone call was made by Alexander Graham Bell in New York City to Thomas Watson in San Francisco.

A popular song: "Keep the Home Fires Burning," by Novello and L.G. Ford.

75 years ago in 1940

Congress passed the Selective Training and Service Act requiring men ages 20 to 36 to register for the draft.

Radar was invented by Robert M. Page and others.

The first McDonald's opened in San Bernardino, CA, as a barbecue place.

The Indianapolis 500 was won by Wilbur Shaw, driving a Maserati at an average speed of 114.277 mph.

A popular song: "You Are My Sunshine," by Jimmy Davis.

50 years ago in 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Social Security Act of 1965, establishing Medicare and Medicaid as part of the "War on Poverty."

In space, James McDivitt and Edward White orbited the earth 66 times. White did a 20-minute spacewalk.

Pete's Subway, launching the Subway franchise, opened in Bridgeport, CT.

A popular song: "Wooly Bully" by Sam the Sham & the Pharaohs.

25 years ago in 1990

President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act requiring that public facilities be made accessible for all.

President Bush ordered Operation Desert Shield, the largest U.S. military mobilization since Vietnam.

Many innovations in computing and gaming were introduced, including the Macintosh Classic, the HP-49 graphing calculator, the Commodore 64 and the Super Nintendo game systems, Sega Genesis and Microsoft windows 3.0.

A popular song: "Blaze of Glory," by Jon Bon Jovi.

ASK ...

**ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW
A CERTIFICATE OF
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATS CAN
HELP YOU TO SAVE!**

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DEADLINE	ISSUE
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015	FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.

SALEM BRANCH 18
By Barbara Spack

Happy New Year!! Salem Branches 18 and 19 did much to celebrate the Christmas season. Our joint Social and Christmas Party was held on December 12 and it was well attended by members and family. Flo Spack prepared the meat, and members brought a covered dish. When Flo cooks everyone is pleased... thanks, Flo! Mary Appleby hosted the Christmas party and did a great job of keeping the children active, engaged, and entertained. Thanks so much, Mary! Dawn Jackson did a beautiful job of face painting Christmas art on the cheeks of the kids. The highlight was the visit from Santa Claus and even some of the bigger (adult) kids sat on Santa's lap. It was a great night of family and festivities. The officers of Branch 18 had their annual officers' dinner on Sunday the 14th at the Salem Hills Restaurant and enjoyed a delicious meal and good conversation. Thanks to the ladies of Branch 18 for the dinner. In the tradition of giving at this time of year, the ladies sponsored 30 children for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. Flo Spack and Terri Spack purchased the clothing to dress each child with a new outfit for Christmas. They did a marvelous job of finding the right tops and bottoms for the various sizes and ages on the list and displayed the outfits at our December meeting. The Salem Saxon Retirees collected monetary donations from their members to support the clothing purchases. Thanks to the Retirees for their support!

The ladies also made a donation to the United Way and Flo Spack reminded us that Quota Club receives support from the United Way. Quota sponsors a Speech and Hearing Clinic in Salem, a very worthy outreach that offers services without any cost or obligation from the recipients.

Officers were installed at the December meeting. Officers elected for the new year 2015 are President Flo Spack, 1st Vice President Annette Howard, 2nd Vice President Terri Spack, Recording and ATS Secretary Barbara Spack, Financial Secretary Helen Aeling, Treasurer Denise Crawford, Trustees Mary Ann Roth, Catherine Sanor, and Annette Howard, and Sergeant at Arms Dorothy Hahn. Congratulations to the new officers. Many many thanks are extended to outgoing president Marilyn McNutt and ATS officer Marcia Spack. We greatly appreciate the years of service that both have given in their respective offices.

With sadness, we report the passing of member Doreen Hutmacher Wilt; and Marlene Randolph, mother of past Branch 18 president Debbie Vogt. We extend our condolences to the Hutmacher, Wilt, Randolph and Vogt families.

The Joint Social will be on Friday, January 9 at 6:30pm, weather permitting. Meat is provided by Branch 18 and everyone should bring their table settings and a covered dish. The next breakfast will be on Saturday, January 17 from 7am to 10am and is open to the public. It is an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet and the cost is \$6.00 per person. Bingo will continue with a limited winter schedule. Bingo will be held the first Wednesday of the month in January, February and March; and will return to weekly every Wednesday starting in April. For the January 7th bingo, a free sausage and kraut sandwich on a roll will be given to all players; and the kitchen will also offer soups, chips, candy, desserts, and beverages for sale. Please support the scholarship fund and offer to volunteer for Bingo or come out and play. Doors open at 4:30pm and Bingo starts at 6:30pm. The kitchen opens at 5pm.

Our next ladies' meeting will be held on Monday, January 12 at 7:30pm.



Officers Christmas Dinner



Alex counting off the gift wish list on his fingers



Arden on Santa's lap



Crafts



Face Painting



Let the games begin!



Stockings, ATS coloring books and Santa

**HOLIDAY FUN
IN SALEM**



Catie



Children's Christmas Party



Ho Ho Ho Ashleigh and Oma



December Joint Social



Terri Spack and Flo Spack with clothing for Angel Tree

INVITE

your relatives and friends to join the crowd at ATS.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

January 5, 2015
 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 7, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.
 Youngstown Br. 22 Officers meeting
January 7, 2015
 Salem NO Retirees
January 8, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.
January 9, 2015
 Salem Joint Social (weather permitting) 6:30p.m.
January 10, 2015
 New Castle 150 Club Banquet 5 p.m.
 Youngstown Culture Group "Night at the Races"
January 11, 2015
 Youngstown Br. 22 meeting
January 12, 2015
 Salem Br. 18 Trustees Audit 6:30 p.m.
January 12, 2015
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
January 15, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.
January 17, 2015
 Salem Breakfast Buffet 7a.m.-10a.m.
January 18, 2015
 Youngstown Pork / Kraut Dinner
January 22, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.
January 29, 2015
 Salem Bar open / Peanut night 8p.m.-10p.m.
February 2, 2015
 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
February 4, 2015
 Salem Bingo - doors open 4:30 - Bingo 6:30p.m.
February 4, 2015
 Salem NO Retirees
February 5, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.
February 9, 2015
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
February 12, 2015
 Salem Bar open 8p.m.-10p.m.
February 13, 2015
 Salem Joint Social (weather permitting) 6:30p.m.
February 19, 2015
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 6:30 p.m.
February 19, 2015
 Salem Bar open 7p.m. - 9 p.m.
February 20, 2015
 Salem Fish Fry (1) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
February 21, 2015
 Salem NO BREAKFAST BUFFET
February 26, 2015
 Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:30 p.m.
February 26, 2015
 Salem Bar open/Peanut Night 7p.m. - 9p.m.
February 27, 2015
 Salem Fish Fry (2) 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
March 2, 2015
 Salem Br. 19 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
March 4, 2015
 Salem Saxon Retirees 11:30a.m.
March 4, 2015
 Salem Bingo (doors open 4:30) Bingo 6:30p.m.
March 5, 2015
 Salem Set-up for fish fry 6:30 p.m.
March 5, 2015
 Salem Bar open 7p.m. - 9p.m.
March 6, 2015
 Salem Fish Fry (3) 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
March 9, 2015
 Salem Br. 18 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
March 12, 2015
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 6:30 p.m.
March 12, 2015
 Salem Bar open 7p.m. - 9p.m.
March 13, 2015
 Salem Fish Fry (4) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 19, 2015
 Salem Set-up for Fish Fry 6:30 p.m.
March 19, 2015
 Salem Bar open 7p.m. - 9p.m.
March 20, 2015
 Salem Fish Fry (5) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
March 21, 2015
 Salem NO BREAKFAST BUFFET

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

First of all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and all your families! This time of year we should be forever grateful that we have all our loved ones and each other. For those that have left us we hold their memories dear in our hearts forever. I hope Santa was good to all of you!

Our meeting was held on December 1, 2014, with many members in attendance. It was so nice to see everyone that ventured out! President Thut began the meeting with a candle that was lit in memory of our members that passed on this year. We remembered Agnes Bell, Michael Haner, and George Thut Sr.

On our Sick report we have Sister Hilda Linz, Sister Rose Marie Morgan, Brother Fritz Roth and Brother Hans Schuller. We wish them all a speedy recovery!

On November 29, Stephanie Schmidt was crowned Rosenkönigin 2014-2015. She is the daughter of Brother Mike and Sister Claudia Schmidt. Stephanie is a member of the Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe and also assists with duties in Branch 9. We are very proud of her and wish her good luck throughout the year with her responsibilities. We are very proud to have royalty!

Elections were held and officiated by Brother Bill Blatter. We thank the Officers that assisted in 2014. Our new Officers are President Diethild Thut, Vice President Herwig Schmidts, Secretary Elfi Sanderson, Treasurer/Financial Secretary Hildegard Schmidts, Trustees: Claudia Schmidt, Kathy McCrea, Maria Huprich, Public Relations Rose Hauer, Sergeant at Arms Rick Hartig, Youth Representative Brian Schuller. Congratulations to all these Officers and all the best in 2015.

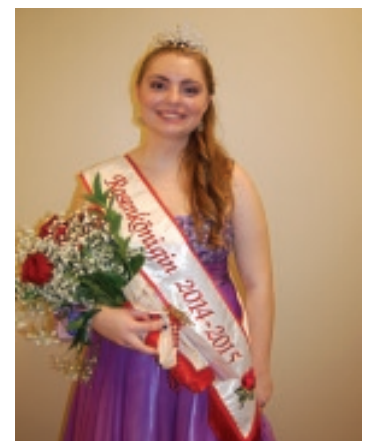
The Christmas party was held on December 14, 2014 at the DANK Haus with excellent attendance. Thank you to the Christmas committee for all the tasty food and bakery items. They were all quite delicious! A special thank you to Brother Bill Blatter for playing all the beautiful Christmas carols on

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO CHRISTMAS PARTY



the piano. Thank you to Sister Elfi Sanderson for conducting the program. We had kids sing, play instruments, and read poems! What a wonderful time to watch all these young people express their Christmas joy! We could not have a party without Santa! He came and brought presents and Saxon goody bags for all the kids! A fun afternoon was had by all!

The next meeting will be January 5, at 8 pm at the DANK Haus!



**Rosenkönigin
Stephanie Schmidt**

The push to put a computer into each child's hands

Last year, President Obama announced a federal effort to get a laptop, tablet or smartphone into the hands of every student and every school in the U.S.

The plan was to pipe in enough bandwidth to get all 49.8 million American kids online simultaneously by 2017.

And there is a great reason. Steve Graham, professor of education at the University of Arizona, says of computer use, "From first grade to 12th grade, we have the same effects with these types of programs. It's basically a 20 percentile jump" in learning.

But there have been stumbling blocks

for schools to overcome before all students can work on computers at the same time. For one thing, just one in 5 schools has the wiring to get all students online at once.

There's a steep learning curve for both teachers and parents.

Matthew Gudenius, a 36-year-old computer whiz is moving his 6th graders to computers for part of the day. But some parents like books better and others complain that they can't help their kids with homework.

The move toward more computer use in grades K to 12 marches on.

CHURCHES



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**Rev. Waldemar Gies
Pastor**
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10:00 Bilingual Service

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

St. John's Lutheran Church
1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334
Rev. Roberta Davis-Newhouse
Pastor

9:00 Worship Service



**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
BINGO**

SALEM SAXON CLUB

**Benefitting the
Scholarship Fund
Homemade Dinners,
Sandwiches & Snacks
For Information call
330-222-1770**



**SALEM SAXON
CLUB BAR
WILL BE OPEN
EVERY THURSDAY
BEGINNING
JANUARY 7.
PLEASE CHECK
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS
FOR TIMES.**



The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
Hosts

"A Night at the Races"

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Youngstown Saxon Club
710 South Meridian Road

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Races begin at 7:00 p.m.

**\$5.00 Admission
Horse Racing Chinese Auction
50/50 Drawing**

Food available for Sale

Tickets may be purchased at the door on the
night of the event or at the Saxon Club Lounge
prior to January 10th.

For more information call Bonnie at
330-501-2851

**BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN
by Rosemarie Kascher**

Calendar of upcoming events,
Youngstown:

Bingo Sundays in the Ball-
room; doors open. @ 5:00
p.m.. Bingo at 6:45 p.m. need
workers

Wednesday, January 7: Of-
ficers Meeting, Br. 22

Saturday, January 10: Culture
Group Night at the Races@
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 11: Br. 22
meeting, lower lounge @ 2:00
p.m.

Sunday, January 18: Pork/
Kraut Dinner 11:30 - 2:30 p.m..
Ballroom

We welcome Mary Ann Dah-
man as our new trustee for Br.
22 and Kay Ring as the new
president of the Retirees; we
wish you both well.

It is the time of year when
your annual dues are renewed.
Please direct them to: Betty
Garhammer, 969 Canfield Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44511 330-
788-4274.

We encourage members and
their friends to come to our
new Bingo games on Sunday
evenings, starting at 6:45 p.m.

It is open to the public. This is
an important new venture for
the Club, and we invite your
participation or to come help.

Get Wells were sent to: Dar-
lene Nischwitz, Shirley Stamp,
Rosemarie Kascher, Andrea
Spencer, Jim Raymond, Caro-
lyn Rauschenberger. Thinking
of you to: Tom and Dorothy
Fizet, Shirley Stamp, Carol
Allison and Violet Theisler. A
thank you was sent to Virginia
Williams.

Birthdays: Gert Galich, Tillie
Stefanick, Eleanore Laise,
Monica Simon, Helen Fotiuk,
Margaret Toll. Anniversary is
Jenny Salinas.

Flowers were sent to Car-
rie Sturgeon and Darlene
Nischwitz. Please keep your
contributions coming to the
Memorial/Celebration fund;
building repairs are always
needed since our building is
now fifty years old and parts
wear out. Your support is very
much appreciated.

May YOUR Christmas and
New Year be filled with joy.



**Salem
Saxon Club
Breakfast
Buffet**

January 17, 2015

None in February or March
due to Fish Fries.

Will begin again monthly
on April 18

**BRANCH 25
NEW CASTLE**

**Albert D. Burick †
1931 - 2014**

We sadly report the death of
Past President of the Eintracht
Club, Albert D. Burick. He died
after a lengthy illness on Decem-
ber 7, 2014 at his residence with
his family by his side.

He was born in New Castle on
March 23, 1931, the son of John
and Mary Andrejck Burick. He
was a veteran who served in the
Navy. He served in naval avia-
tion during the Korean War from
Jan 7, 1952 until his honorable
discharge on Jan. 1, 1956. He
received the National Defense
Service Medal and the Good
Conduct Medal for his service.

Albert was retired from Bab-
cock & Wilcox after 30 years of
service. He had worked in the
crane department and later
worked in the office in logistics.
Following his retirement he
worked as a salesman for Sears
for over nine years.

He was married to his wife,
Helen, for 55 years. They have
two children, Albert D, (Debo-
rah) Burick, Jr., of New Castle
and Susan (Kenneth)Diviney
of Ashburn, Va.; five grandchil-
dren, Albert, III, Andrew (Diane)
Burick, Steven Burick, Ryan
and Kari Diviney and great-
grandson, Alex Burick.

Al enjoyed photography
and had taken photos at ATS
conventions and other fraternal
events. He also enjoyed
traveling.

Albert was entombed at the
Parkside Mausoleum where the
New Castle Area Honor Guard
performed full military honors.

The family wishes contribu-
tions to be made to ryansrally.
org in memory of Albert.

Albert always had a smile on
his face and was a dedicated
member of our fraternal fam-
ily. We will remember him for
his fine endeavors. He will be
truly missed by his family and
friends.



**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.**

Arlene Karlinchak
Age 85

Died: November 17, 2014
Branch 2, Erie PA

Maria Schneider
Age 88

Died: December 5, 2014
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

John Karst
Age 88

Died: December 15, 2014
Branch 10, Columbus OH

**BRANCH 11, LORAIN
By Monica Gilles**

Since 2015 is here, it is also
time to pay your local dues.
Please mail your local dues to
Sharron Powell; 1704 N. Urban
Circle; Lorain, OH 44053. This
is a different address from last
year. Let's start 2015 will every
member being paid up.

A better way to pay your dues
would be to join us at the first
meeting of the New Year. Meet-
ing will start at 8pm at Slovak
Home on January 3. But before
the meeting, join us for dinner at
Lenoci's on the corner of Oberlin
Ave. and Cooper Foster Park
Rd. Dinner will be at 6pm.

**Cleveland Sachsenheim's
Annual
Winterball**

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Dinner served at 6:30 pm

**Performance by Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
Dancing Entertainment
Klang Gesang**

\$18 Admission

\$7 Children ages 5-12

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Your Horoscope

January

ARIES: Attitude adjustment isn't needed this year, you already have a positive outlook. Fine-tune your "vibration" to attract more success, and the results will be sensational.

TAURUS: As a tradition-minded person, you're thinking it could be time to rethink your commitments. Know your role in dealing with co-workers, bosses and clients.

GEMINI: Inspiration will soon come to you in a meeting and provide meaningful insights. Don't keep them to yourself. Decide what you can do to bring them to fruition.

CANCER: You and your partner have been focusing on a decision that now should be made. A new car, a vacation destination, save money? You'll determine the best bet.

LEO: A status-quo-altering event will soon occur. It has the potential to bring greater satisfaction at work or a change in your living arrangement, maybe a home or apartment.

VIRGO: You like to feel grounded in your work and your life. So just think of yourself as an anchor in a sea of disarray. Stand strong in the face of uncertainty.

LIBRA: Productivity and a sense of accomplishment bring an era of cooperation with your co-workers. Do whatever you can to keep the ball rolling.

SCORPIO: January begins a new year, one in which you'll have the confidence to solve a financial issue. Anyone could have one, but this one is yours to handle over time.

SAGITTARIUS: Interactions with the others will be stimulated and stimulating all through January. The relaxing atmosphere at your workplace helps you feel secure.

CAPRICORN: You'll have the chance to make considerable progress in 2015, but you'll have to cope with unexpected situations. Don't rush. If you keep calm, you'll win.

AQUARIUS: This year might start off with a bang, but it will take your style to keep the year running in the right direction, even if tasks seem commonplace or mundane.

PISCES: Look for synergy. Your life needs it and your special project won't fly without it. Find people or organizations you work well with, because you can't do it alone.

January birthdays

- 1, Glen Davis, basketball player, Baton Rouge, LA, 1986,
- 2, Kate Bosworth, actress in 21, Los Angeles, CA, 1983.
- 3, Eli Manning, football quarterback, New Orleans, LA, 1981.
- 4, Julia Ormond, actress in Legends of the Fall, England, 1965.
- 5, Robert Duvall, star of many movies, San Diego, CA, 1931.
- 6, Nancy Lopez, Hall of Fame golfer, Torrance, CA, 1957.
- 7, Nicolas Cage, popular movie star, Long Beach, CA, 1964.
- 8, Stephen Hawking, physicist and author, England, 1942.
- 9, Sergio Garcia, professional golfer, Spain, 1980.
- 10, Evan Handler, movie actor, New York, New York, 1961.
- 11, Phyllis Logan, "Downtown Abbey" actress, Scotland, 1956.
- 12, Jeff Bezos, founder, Amazon.com, Albuquerque, NM, 1964.
- 13, Liam Hemsworth, in The Hunger Games, Australia, 1990.
- 14, Kristin Cavallari movie actress, Denver, CO, 1987.
- 15, Drew Brees, football quarterback, Austin, TX, 1979.
- 16, Albert Pujols, baseball player, Dominican Republic, 1980.
- 17, Jim Carrey, star of many movies, Canada, 1962.
- 18, Kevin Costner, movie star and director, Lynwood, CA, 1955.
- 19, Paula Dean, chef and cookbook author, Albany, GA, 1947.
- 20, Bill Maher, comedian and TV host, New York, NY, 1956.
- 21, Geena Davis, movie star, Oscar winner, Wareham, MA 1956.
- 22, Linda Blair, actress and movie star, St. Louis, MO, 1959.
- 23, Mariska Hargitay, Law & Order star, Los Angeles, CA, 1964.
- 24, Mischa Barton, TV actress in The OC, England, 1986.
- 25, Ana Ortiz, TV actress in Ugly Betty, New York, NY, 1971.
- 26, Wayne Gretzky, Hockey Hall of Fame, Canada, 1961.
- 27, Alan Cumming, TV and movie actor, Scotland, 1965.
- 28, Jessica Ennis, Olympic heptathlete, England, 1986.
- 29, Sara Gilbert, actress in The Big Bang Theory, Santa Monica, CA, 1975.
- 30, Gene Hackman, movie star, two Oscars, San Bernardino CA, 1930.
- 31, Minnie Driver, star of Good Will Hunting, England, 1970.

Happy New Year!

History shows that celebrations of the new year have taken place for thousands of years, the earliest evidence comes from ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago.

Traditions and superstitions abound and may differ according to regions of the country. Here are a few you may know about and a few that may befuddle or amuse you.

Fireworks and loud revelry: In many cultures, noise drives out evil spirits.

Images of a baby with a banner: they represent the birth of a new year. The Greeks used this imagery in 600 B.C.

Kissing at midnight: Smooching our favorite people ensures our ties and continues throughout the new year.

Resolutions: early Babylonians made promises to return borrowed farm equipment, but modern people are more likely to swear off smoking and liquor.

Eat black-eyed peas, collard greens and corn bread: This Southern tradition has gained favor nationally. Black-eyed peas symbolize prosperity because peas swell when cooked, collard greens represent money, and cornbread symbolizes gold.

Some common superstitions about New Year's Day.

Take nothing out of the door: Nothing, not even garbage, should leave your house on New Year's Day. Don't even take Grandma home.

Don't eat chicken or turkey on January 1: Like these birds, you'll scratch in the dirt all year long for your dinner.

Don't wash your laundry on New Year's Day: If you do, a family member may be "washed away."

Don't cry on the first day of the year: Tears set the tone for the next 12 months.

Let out the old year: At midnight, open all the doors of your house to let the old year escape unimpeded.

Ein Gedicht zum neuen Jahr,
aufgezeichnet von Friedrich Schuster.

Wängsch zem Nuëigouhr

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
ihre Gëildsäck ängje voul,
mät em Boindjel zägedrëiht,
niche Fläcken ugenëiht!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr
ohne Sturm uch ohnen Houll,
dät äm Wänkter er net fraist
uch de Ärbet net verlaist!*

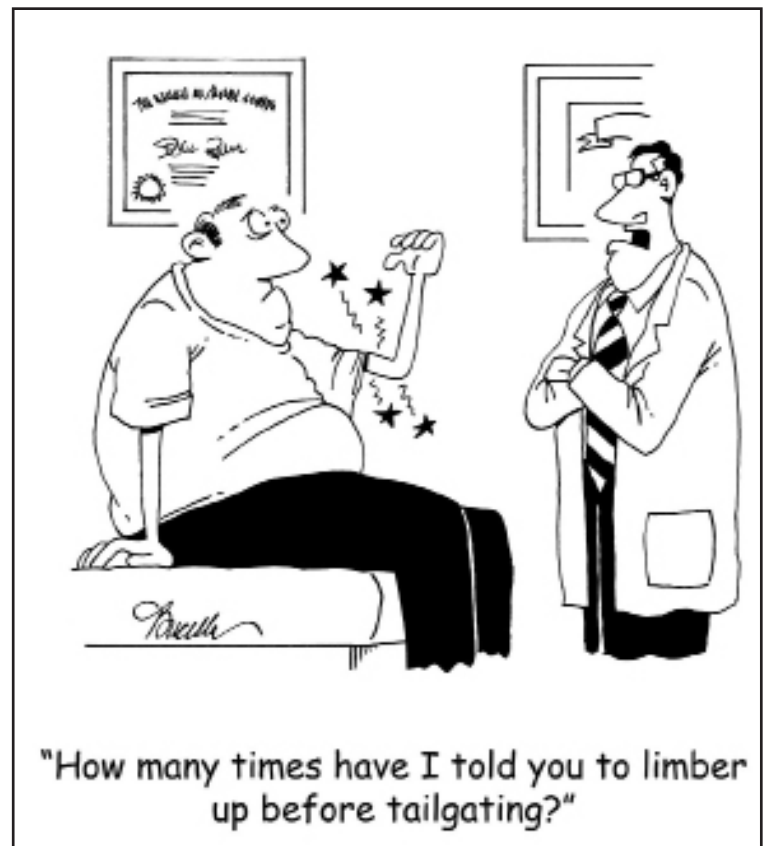
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ihrem Auto Sälwerstouhl,
mät vār Räder, dai äng gounn,
uch äm Schnī net blëiwe stouhn!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr
ohne Sorjen uch Gefouhr;
Lot det Känn uch dūn net hëin,
wunn äm Hois flejen de Spëin!*

*Ich wängschen ich en nuëi Gouhr,
wāt vergongen äs, wāt wour,
hot er sächer schui vergëißen,
wäte kit, soll net enttëischen!*

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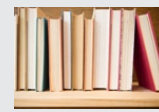
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The old saying is "any organization is only as good as its members." This coming year we hope that our members participate more in their local branch meetings and activities as well as in the national events. We encourage our members to support the cultural groups that work so diligently to keep the Transylvanian Saxons' culture alive in the USA. We ask that you volunteer at your local branch wherever your talents are needed so that your local branch stays strong. Many branches are looking for members to serve as officers, to help coordinate activities and work on charitable projects. It is important that we keep our children involved in our events and to hold special youth activities. Welcome the services of our young people and any of their new ideas that could improve the vitality of our fraternal.

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We have a great year ahead of us! Let's join forces to make this a prosperous year for our society and share our Saxon Gemütlichkeit with one another and within our communities.

*New year gives us fresh hope,
For a better future,
New year gives us fresh start
for all our endeavors
New year gives us fresh confidence
to face all the challenges*

We hope that 2015 will bring joy, peace, and happiness to you and your entire family.

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