

## HENRY F. HOLMES PAST ATS 2ND VICE PRESIDENT 1918 – 2014



We sadly report the death of Past ATS 2nd Vice-President Henry F. Holmes. He died peacefully of natural causes on Sunday, November 30, 2014 following an extended illness. He was 96 years old.

Henry was born in Youngstown on September 18, 1918 and was one of four children of Mathias and Regina (Linsing) Holmes. He was raised in Farrell, PA and was a graduate of Farrell High School. He studied at both Youngstown and Penn State universities.

He was a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sharon, PA.

He was retired in 1985 as a supervisor from Sharon Transformer Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp. where he had worked for 45 years.

He was a very active member of Farrell Branch 7 and had served as president, first vice-president and treasurer. He was honored by his fellow Branch members as the Man of the Year in 1975 for his dedication and many hours of volunteerism.

He served on the National Board of Directors of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons for 46 years and in 1982 was presented the Saxon Honor Pin in recognition of his hard work for our Saxon fraternal. He served as an ATS Trustee and 2nd Vice-President. He was the chairman of the Future Planning Committee and was proud of his committee's work on the administering of the ATS Scholarship Program.

He was a 32nd Degree Free and Accepted Mason. He belonged to the former Sharon Lodge 250 and its successor Kedron Lodge 389 in West Middlesex for 50 years. He was captain of the Mercer County Wheel Patrol and member of the Mercer County Shrine Club.

Henry was active in so many different organizations throughout his 96 years. He had belonged to the Farrell Chamber of Commerce and Elks Club. He was a member of the Federation Clubs, Mercer County and was honored as their Man of the Year in 1985. He was a 50 year member and past president of the Farrell Lions Club. He served as their secretary for 30 years and was presented in 1990 for his dedication to the



Henry F. Holmes

Club. In 1993 he was elected as Lion of the Year and was honored in 2004 for his Leadership from Lions International.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife of 68 years, Betty; two daughters Karen Zaborowski and husband Mike and Bonnie Gregorich and husband Rick; two grandsons, Justin Gregorich and wife Kayla and Kyle Gregorich. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Sue Theil and Selma Popa, and his brother, Walter.

Henry loved his family and his fraternal brothers and sisters. We were so fortunate to have him as a member of our fraternal society. He worked hard to further the success of the society. We are thankful for his friendship. He will be missed by his many friends throughout the ATS. May he rest in peace.

### BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

"Born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth, Hark! the herald Angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!' The three reasons that Christ was born as given in a song that you've probably sung many times in your life without really thinking about it's meaningful message. As we approach yet another Christmas season, take some time to fully receive this wonderful gift among all gifts God gives freely to us all.

With there being no meeting held this month, there is not a lot to report from our branch at this time. I would like to thank the ladies of Branch 11 for the nice Christmas dinner that they hosted at The Jackalope on December 6th. If you did not attend, you missed a fine meal and pleasant fellowship with our fellow Saxons. Everyone also received a little gift bag of goodies also to take home.

To my knowledge, we have no members at this time receiving sick benefits. We do however want to say Happy Birthday to Brother Daniel Paghi and junior member Kyle Smith, who are both celebrating birthdays this month.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas J. Manning  
ATS Nat'l President



On a sad note, we were notified that past ATS officer, Henry Holmes, who was a member of Branch 7 in Farrell, PA, passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2014. For many years he served his local branch in a variety of capacities. In addition he was an ATS National Trustee and also held the office of Second Vice-President for many years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our sympathy and prayers go to Betty, his wife of 68 years, and his family and friends. May he rest in peace with a job well done.

December is passing very quickly and by the time you read this article you will be celebrating the Christmas holiday. Liz and I wish everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. The holiday season may require a lot of preparation but it is all worth it to gather and celebrate with your family and friends. It is especially priceless when you see the smiles on the faces of the little children and grandchildren as they open their gifts. One problem is that some of us are surely tempted to taste all of the holiday baked goods which will affect our waistlines. But Christmas only comes once a year. Enjoy it!

Here are more thoughtful quotes that are meaningful. "I've learned that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way." "I've learned that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with." "I've learned that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand." "I've learned that money doesn't buy class." "I've learned that to ignore the facts does not change the facts." "I've learned that love, not time, heals all wounds." "I've learned that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile."

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

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This traditional carol was written in 1818 in Austria.



# Frohe Weihnachten!



**CLEVELAND SAXON  
DANCE GROUP**  
By Monica Gilles

With 2014 winding down, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support this year. We had a wonderful year and make some great memories. We look forward to your continued support in 2015 with our chili cook-off on March 14, along with our Trachtenball and Traubenfest.

Also, we would like to remind everyone that we also welcome new dancers to our group. Whether young or old, experienced dancer or someone born with two left feet, we would love to have you perform with us. If you are interested in joining the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group, please contact me at 440-309-7894. How about making this your New Year's resolution?

We hope everyone has a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

*Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given, when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes.*

*Joan Windmill Brown,  
American  
author and editor*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015	FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015	FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015

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SAXON CLUB**  
**PORK-KRAUT DINNERS**  
January 18, 2015  
February 15, 2015  
March 15, 2015  
April 19, 2015  
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Cleveland Sachsenheim's  
Annual  
Winterball  
Saturday, January 31, 2015**

Dinner served at 6:30 pm

Dancing Entertainment  
Klang Gesang

\$18 Admission \$7 Children ages 5-12

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To make reservations send a check made payable to:

ATS Branch 1

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9005 Memphis Villas Blvd

Brooklyn, OH 44144-2426

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*Become concerned and involved  
about the future of your Branch.  
Do something about it and it will flourish!*

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons  
Board of Directors  
ATS Scholarship Awards Committee  
5393 Pearl Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

November 28, 2014

Dear Mr. Manning, Directors, Awards Committee, and Trustees:

I want to take a moment to thank you for the Niles-Branch 20 National Scholarship Award which you offered me to attend my first semester at the University of Connecticut. I am here at UCONN to study electrical engineering. While it is more difficult than high school, I think I'm holding my own.

Both of my Grandparents on my Father's side were proud members of the ATS, with my Grandfather and Great aunt being officers in the local club. My Grandmother was sponsored to come to America by Julia and Martin Konnerth. My fondest memory of my Grandfather was how he enjoyed working his garden; for my Grandmother, it was the wonderful cooking she did.

My Dad is in contact with many of our living Transylvanian Saxon relatives in Germany. During his last trip there he brought back some heirloom bean seeds, which we hope to grow in our garden. My Great uncle Martin, whom my father always visits, wants me to learn German and marry a Transylvanian Saxon girl. While I am in no way ready for that type of commitment, I appreciate his interest in my future.

Once again thank you for the confidence you had in me and for the support you have given me. Thank you also for running the overall scholarship program to help all kinds of students tackle college.

John A. Waffenschmidt

**BRANCH 11, LORAIN**  
By Monica Gilles

Well, the end of the year is approaching and soon everyone will be visited by Santa Claus. Well, at least those of us that have been good all year, anyway.

On December 6th, I got to attend two Christmas parties. First, Cleveland West Branches 1 and 4 held their annual Children's Christmas party at the Sachsenheim. We had 9 children from our Lorain branch attend. They provided a light lunch and entertainment. Each child got to visit with Santa Claus and received an early present and got to make a craft. The committee of Santa's elves really did a great job with the planning and shopping. We are very thankful our children are invited. A few of our juvenile members even performed. Great job Kailey, Connor, and Addison!

In the evening was a party for adults. Our branches gathered at Jackalope's for our Christmas dinner. The attendance was a little down from past years but everyone enjoyed the evening. In my opinion, the food was delicious. Everyone who attended was given a small gift. We watched the slideshow that Juliana Johnson and Janie Mowery prepared for this year's convention. Those were some great memories.

At our last meeting, we held our election of officers. It was agreed that everyone is doing such a fabulous job that they should continue on for another year. So, if you don't know, our officers are President Jeanne Petty; Vice President Jane Mowery; Treasurer Ginger Romes; Financial Secretary Sharron Powell; Sgt. At Arms Arleen Gilles; ATS Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Deputy Monica Gilles; and Trustees Juliana Johnson, Elaine Johnson, and Arleen Gilles.

I believe I neglected to mention the November birthdays. Happy Belated Birthday greetings to Sisters Juliana Johnson, Robin Johnson, and Elaine Johnson. Those celebrating in December are Nancy Kranstuber, Molly Kirchner, Suzanne Koepke, and Arlene Jones.

Since 2015 is quickly coming, 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. Meeting will start at 8 pm 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 6 pm. Please contact Juliana Johnson at 440-225-5256 to let her know if you plan to attend by December 30.

All of us have dealt with illnesses and deaths in 2014. During this holiday season, we will remember those no longer with us in a very special way and hold close those still with us. May 2015 bring good health and happiness to everyone. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND**  
By Joan Miller-Malue

It was so delightful to see our Junior Members from Cleveland East, Cleveland West and Lorain at the Children's Christmas Party. Every time we have a holiday party, we are just amazed how the kids are growing. We want to thank our young members who participated in the program by either singing or playing an instrument: Addison Long, Kailey and Connor Hochevar from Branch 5 - Lorain; Vala and Andreas Schobel, Cleveland-West; Annabelle and Dean Kloos, Cleveland-West; Dylan and Sienna Axe. They all performed beautifully. After the children performances the group was entertained by Mad Science followed by a visit from Santa Claus who brought a gift for each child. We want to thank everyone who had helped decorate the Hall and helped during

the party.

Each year Branch 4 assists with the Community Corner Hunger and Family Center's Christmas Gift Program. This center is a part of the West Side Ecumenical Ministry. We want to thank our members who donated toys, sporting equipment, nail polish kits and teen jewelry. We donated a total of 80 gifts for this special program. We are grateful that those who donated had the Christmas spirit within their hearts. You will be part of brighten some child's Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

We want to thank the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor members and their helpers for the hard work and long hours to have their Annual Sausage Sale. We know that many of them were exhausted after that

very long day. But we just want you to know that we are grateful for your great efforts in providing us with the delicious homemade Wurst!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. We hope that more of our members are willing to volunteer their time and talents in 2015. There is always something that you can do to help out at the Sachsenheim. The Sachsenchor and Cleveland Saxon Dance Group always welcome new members. Why not give it a try in 2015 and see what fun you can have joining a cultural group here at the Sachsenheim.

Remember the best gift around the Christmas Tree is the presence of Family wrapped in love! To our Fraternal Family, the members of Branch 4 wish you love, health and happiness this Christmas and through the New Year!




**2014 HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS**

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

<u>Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries</u> by Rev. John Finsel	\$15.00	Desktop Flag Set (American and Saxon)	\$ 7.00
<u>Fleeing to the Friendly Enemy</u> by Barbara Oehler Weber	14.00	Desktop Flag Set (American & Saxon, plus choice of Canadian or German)	9.00
<u>Flucht aus Siebenbürgen</u> (German Text) by Monika Götz/Maria Schneider	20.00	ATS Baseball Cap (Blue with red embroidered ATS emblem)	10.00
<u>Ant People</u> (Children's book) by Anne Junesch	10.00	DVD "Leaving Transylvania" Producer/Director: Dieter Anner	20.00
<u>Saxon Cookbook</u> (Third Edition)	12.00	Saxon Apron	15.00
CD <u>Musikalische Reise</u> Siebenbürger Sachsen in aller Welt	12.00	Black T-Shirt with Saxon Wappen	20.00

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**Grandpa said ...**

- I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- The bonds of matrimony are a good investment if the interest is kept up.
- Trouble starts when a man is so busy earnin' his salt he forgets his sugar.

# FRATERNAL CALENDAR

## LOCAL EVENTS

- December 20, 2014  
Salem Breakfast Buffet 7:00a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- December 21, 2014  
Youngstown Culture Group Christmas Party
- December 24, 2014  
New Castle Tom and Jerry Party 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Youngstown Sxon VClub will close early
- December 25, 2014  
New Castle - Christmas Day - Club closed  
Youngstown Saxon Club closed
- December 26, 2014  
Salem Peanut Night 8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
- December 31, 2014  
New Castle New Year's Eve Event 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
Youngstown Saxon Club closed
- January 10, 2015  
New Castle 150 Club Banquet 5 p.m.

## Google tricks

You can do all sorts of things in the Google search field, including calculations, definitions, conversions (like miles to kilometers), but who cares about that. You can do tricks in Google. Try typing in "do a barrel roll" or "tilt." The results are fun for all but Apple's Safari users. Perhaps due to Apple's much celebrated war with Google, Safari does not roll on Google command.

## New Year's Eve

December 31, 2014  
Youngstown Saxon Club

710 S. Meridian Road  
Youngstown, Ohio

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Buffet at 7:30 p.m.

Band "GUYS WITHOUT TIES" starts at 8:30 p.m.

FREE Breakfast Buffet at Midnight

with a Champagne Toast

BYOB - Beer, Pop, Mixers,

Coffee, Tea and Favors included

\$45.00 per person

For tickets contact

Barry 330-788-4274

Bill 330-540-1262

or Saxon Club Office

330-792-7973



Vala and Andreas Schobel sang "It is Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas."



## Cleveland Sachsenheim Annual Children Christmas Party



The Group watching an experiment by the Mad Science

The Annual Children's Christmas Party that included Junior Members from Cleveland-East; Cleveland-West and Lorain Branches was held at the Sachsenheim on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank our young members who performed during the program. They added a wonderful Christmas spirit to the party.



Annabelle and Dean Kloos performed "Kling, Glöckchen"



Dylan and Sienna Axe performed several songs



Addison Long and Kailey & Connor Hochevar sang "Frosty the Snowman"

## CHURCHES



### St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

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(586) 979-3850  
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www.stpeterswarren.or

**Rev. Waldemar Gies**  
Pastor  
pastorgies@sbcglobal.net

**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**

Winter is on my head,  
but eternal spring  
is in my heart.  
— Victor Hugo

## BRANCH 37, DETROIT

By Susi Fleischer

The members and friends of Br. 37 celebrated the annual Christmas party at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, December 7th. Everyone who attended had an enjoyable afternoon, especially the children.

Pastor Gies started off with a prayer before the luncheon was served. After everyone was fed and their hunger was satisfied, we sang Christmas carols before Santa Claus made an appearance to present each child with a gift and listen to their wishes for a special request this year.

Catherine Leprich entertained the membership with a Christmas carol on her Cello. Makayla and Sarah Wiseman recited a poem. Thanks to these young people for bringing some joy to all of us.

A very special thank you to Santa for taking the time to visit the children at Br. 37. The children were delighted with their gifts and, after visiting and taking pictures with Santa, they bid Santa farewell, since he had other stops to make.

As President of Br. 37, I would like to thank everyone who made this afternoon possible. Either by preparing food, buying gifts, cleaning up or just helping out wherever it was needed. Katie Moody and Marie Emrich prepared and served the food. Debbie Ferguson was a great help to Santa, by assisting in purchasing the gifts for the

## BRANCH 37, DETROIT

By Janet Nelson

### Katharina Klein (1914-2014)

Katharina Klein, who reached the age of 100 years, died at Henry Ford Hospital, Macomb Township, Michigan on November 9. She had recently celebrated her 100th birthday of October 14. Her funeral was held Thurs. November 13 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Warren, Michigan. Pastor Waldemar Gies officiated at the German and English service. Arrangements were made by Bagnasco-Calcaterra Funeral Home and burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, East in Mount Clemens.

Surviving Katharina are her son, Samuel (Edeltraud) Klein,

children. Susie Leprich for decorating the tables, and Janet Nelson for ordering and picking up the chicken, which is always a big hit with the members. Mike Rehner and Rob Schneider for entertaining us with Christmas music. Without the dedication of these people, none of these activities would take place. Thank you to all the members who brought cookies, which were enjoyed by everyone after the delicious meal.

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

Our first meeting of 2015 will take place on January 4, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

At this time the Officers for 2015 will be installed: Susanna Fleischer, Pres.; Samuel Fleischer, 1st VP/Finc. Secy; Debbie Ferguson, 2nd VP; Trudy Kalvin, 3rd VP; Janet Nelson, Secy.; George Schemmel, Sr., ATS Secy.. Samuel Klein, Treas. and Trustees: Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, Katharina Breckner and George Breckner.

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

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Sam Klein family for the loss of Katharina Klein, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and Great-Great-Grandmother, who at the age of 100 passed away on November 9, 2014. She will be missed by all the members of Br. 37 as she was a very active part of the Branch for over 57 years.

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

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

of Macomb, Michigan, and grand-sons Ronald (Heather) Klein of Shelby Township, Mich., and Robert (Michelle) Klein of Lansing, Mich. Grand-children Lauren Klein, Reanna Klein, Jason Klein, and Marissa Klein, as well as great, grand-child Jackson Spann survive her also. In 1993 her husband Samuel Klein died. Her daughters Katharina Margaret (d. 1935) and Johanna (d. 1939) predeceased her.

Katharina was born and raised in Woelz, Siebenbuerger. Her parents were Johann Kraus and Elisabeth (Mattes) Kraus. On January 16, 1935 Katharina married a Woelz man, Samuel Klein. Sam was called to serve in the German army during World War II and Katharina was forced to work in Russia in a factory from 1945 through 1948, enduring many hardships.

In 1951 the family was reunited with Samuel in Munich and there they lived until their emigration to the United States in January of 1957. They sailed from Bremerhaven on the USS General WC Langfitt, arriving in New York City. Katharina and her family joined her uncle Michael Kraus in Detroit.

Katharina Klein was the consummate homemaker, enjoying cooking, embroidery, and gardening. As a member of Branch 37 she often helped by cooking for branch events. She was active in the Saxon church, Peter Lutheran Church and the Seniorenkreis or seniors' group there. Branch 37 will remember her as a pleasant, helpful person and wonder at her long, active life.



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.

### Herta Zakel

Age 90

Died: October 31, 2014  
Branch 32, Ellwood City PA

### Ruth E. Schmader

Age 86

Died: November 12, 2014  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

### John W. Himrod

Age 96

Died: November 23, 2014  
Branch 02, Erie PA

### Henry F. Holmes

Age 96

Died: November 30, 2014  
Branch 7, Farrell PA

### Robert V. Brown

Age 78

Died: November 30, 2014  
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

### Albert D. Burick, Sr.

Age 83

Died: December 7, 2014  
Branch 25, New Castle PA

### Melba Jo Young

Age 75

Died: December 5, 2014  
Branch 22, Youngstown OH

## BRANCH 37 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Dawn Wiseman, Katie Moody, Sarah and Makayla Wiseman with Santa



Branch 37 Members



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

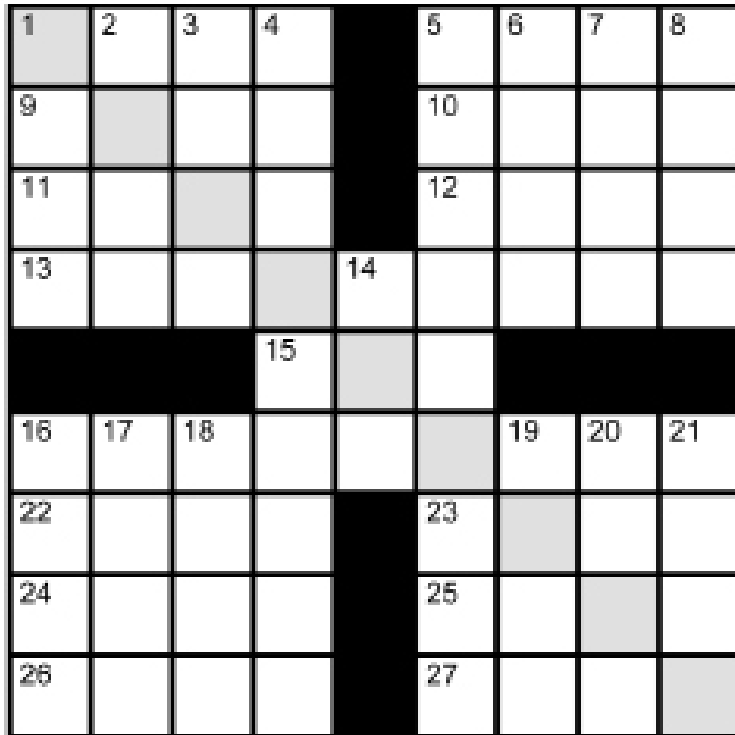
Tickets may be purchased at the door on the night of the event or at the Saxon Club Lounge prior to January 10th.

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330-501-2851

## Holiday gifts, small and large

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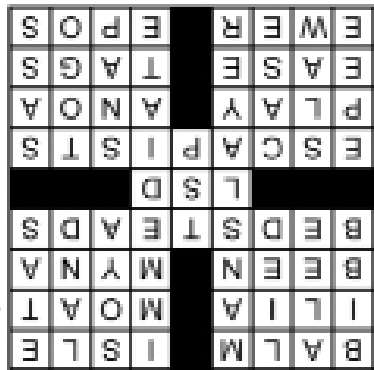
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5. "Cast Away" setting
9. Hip bones
10. Castle defense
11. "\_\_\_ here long?"
12. Talking bird
13. Frames for the night
15. "Ack"
16. Like some magicians
22. DVR button
23. Wild ox
24. "\_\_\_ on Down the Road"
25. License plates
26. Porcelain piece
27. Heroic tale



### Down

1. Kind of lettuce
2. On the safe side, at sea
3. Emulated Pinocchio
4. Murderer
5. Straightaway
6. \_\_\_ bean
7. Capture, as a fish
8. Flight data, briefly
14. Cooking meas.
16. Fencing sword
17. Cole \_\_\_
18. Beer buy
19. Become unhinged
20. Like some orders
21. Be rude to

The title is a clue to the word in the shaded diagonal.



## Saint Nick and the Christmas stockings

No traditions are as varied as those associated with St. Nicholas, although the saint has somewhat melted into the person of Santa Claus in the West.

Around the world, there are many stories about St. Nicholas, even many churches that claim his remains.

Most authorities say St. Nicholas was the 4th century bishop of Myra in Turkey. He was very generous and loved children. In 1087, Italian sailors stole his remains and

took them to Italy, greatly increasing his popularity in Europe.

St. Nicholas became the patron saint of Russia. In Greece,

he is the patron saint of sailors; in France he is the patron of lawyers; and in Belgium the patron of children and travelers. The Feast of St. Nicholas, December 6, has been marked by gift-giving and charity.

The tradition of Christmas stockings comes from stories about St. Nicholas. There are many variations on the story, but this is one version of how St. Nicholas accidentally invented Christmas stockings:

A nobleman had lost all his money, leaving his three daughters without dowries, which meant they could never marry.

Nicholas, then a bishop renowned for his charity, heard the story and was moved with pity for the three girls.

He thought of a plan that would help the girls, but keep his identity secret. One night, he put gold coins into three pouches and threw them down the chimney of their home. Luckily, the coins were captured in stockings the girls had hung on the fireplace to dry. And thus began the tradition of treats and goodies in Christmas stockings.

Other stories feature Nicholas throwing the coins through the window but it is curious that Santa Claus is often said to come down a chimney.



"It's a real pet, Andrew. You don't press a button to play with it."



## Stefan Hann: "Chrätowend"

Einmal werden wir noch wach, heissa, dann ist Weihnachtstag! Wie es einst in der Christnacht war, daheim in Eibesdorf, daran erinnert sich Stefan Hann.

Er wurde am 27. Januar 1929 in Eibesdorf geboren. Nach Besuch der Lehrerbildungsanstalt in Schäßburg war er Lehrer und Schulleiter, davon 29 Jahre lang in seiner Heimatgemeinde Eibesdorf. 1989 wurde er pensioniert, 1990 erfolgte die Aussiedlung. Er lebt heute in Augsburg. Das Gedicht "Chrätowend" wurde mit freundlicher Genehmigung des Verfassers entnommen seinem Gedichtband "Erinnerungen", gedruckt 2001 bei Manfred Funk in Augsburg.

Allen Lesern unserer Siebenbürgischen Zeitung Online ein gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest, Gesundheit und viel Erfolg im neuen Jahr und allen unseren Mundartautoren viel Freude beim Schreiben immer neuer Texte wünschen von Herzen Hanni Markel und Bernddieter Schobel

### Stefan Hann: Chrätowend

*Ech erännern mich feng:*

*Wä ech als Kängd um Chrätowend än de Kirch geng,*

*wä der hiesch geschmäckt Chrätbum viur dem Iälter steangd,*

*amroingt vu villen erwuerdungsvuele Kängd'.*

*Det Lächt wor äos, et bräde nor noch Karzen, et wor, als wer der Chrätöingel än allen Harzen.*

*Mät dem Herr Lièhrer sunge mir Chrätliedcher end soden änzwäschen uch Chrätgedichter.*

*Wonn der Herr Farr präddicht vun des Chästkängds Geburt,*

*wor et ställ, datt em en än em jede Wänkel hiurt.*

*Wonn dro sung de guunz Gemien äm Chor, wä feyerlich uch ergrefend daut wor.*

*Afwat mir awer um miesten hadde gewuert, word es endlich uch beschiert:*

*Mir bekummen en Tock mät Apel uch Nutschen, mät Keachen uch äst zem Lutschen. -*

*Des Fruad de Kängd het nemmi hun, wo'se en Tock mät Sessegeten bekunn. -*

*Wunderkarzen entzunge mir bäm Hiemegohn, mer hiurten uch schiun de Chrätmun mät der Gießel schlon;*

*die nor weart, datt mer hiemekummen, äm as zem Bieden ze ermunnen.*

*Uch die schatt äos seng Gowen. -*

*Wä feyerlich wor't doch um Chrätowend!*

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# Merry Christmas



## My Christmas Wish to You

By Ruth Kephant

My Christmas wish for you, my friend  
Is not a simple one.  
For I wish you hope and joy and peace  
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.

*The ATS Board of Directors  
and Home Office Staff  
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a Blessed Christmas and  
a Healthy and Happy New Year!*

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