


Christmas festivities in other lands

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Yuletide greetings to all! We want to keep on building friendships with all of you out there!

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The joy of Christmas is boundless — it circles the globe and is celebrated in as many ways as there are nations.

In Panama, for instance, Christmas is a time for visiting. The visits begin on Christmas Eve, when friends come to your home. Together, you go on to yet another friend's home. So the visits continue, until Christmas night, when it's time for a party. Children open their gifts at midnight in this country, where decorated trees, both artificial and green, add to the holiday atmosphere. On Christmas Day, special fruitcakes and yellow cakes are served in honor of the holiday.

ing of *panettone*, special cakes baked at Christmas time. Attending mass and gathering together with other family members for a big dinner are other Christmas traditions in Italy.

In Brazil, the holiday celebrations begin at midnight on Christmas Eve. Factories sound off their sirens at this time, and the cities are brightly decorated with lights, as stores stay open all night. After church services, families gather together for a feast of turkey or lamb, tropical fruits and Christmas cake. And, they toast each other with champagne. In this country, you'll find only artificial trees in the homes, because of the warm climate.

Bavarian children eagerly await a visit from *Knecht Ruprecht* on December 6. This Santa-like figure

distributes candy to good children, while naughty youngsters get a spanking from "Grumbles," a devilish figure carrying sticks or a switch. The *Christkindl* or Christ Child brings presents on Christmas Day as well.

It's summertime in Peru during the Christmas season, so instead of going sledding, youngsters there go roller skating and biking on Christmas Day. The festivities begin with midnight mass on Christmas Eve, after which families go home for hot chocolate with *panettone* (an Italian cake bread) and open presents. There is food in abundance at this time, notably roast pig or turkey, either cooked on a spit or in the ground. Musical instruments are played while everyone sings folk songs and there is much dancing. Firecrackers are set off during these holiday parties in Peru.

St. Lucia's Day, December 13, ushers in the holiday season in Sweden.

Italian children look forward each Christmas to the arrival of *Babbo Natale* or Father Christmas. Another Italian custom popular with youngsters is the exchange-

We're sending friends our recipe for a bright and healthy 1987! Thank you!



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Season's Greetings

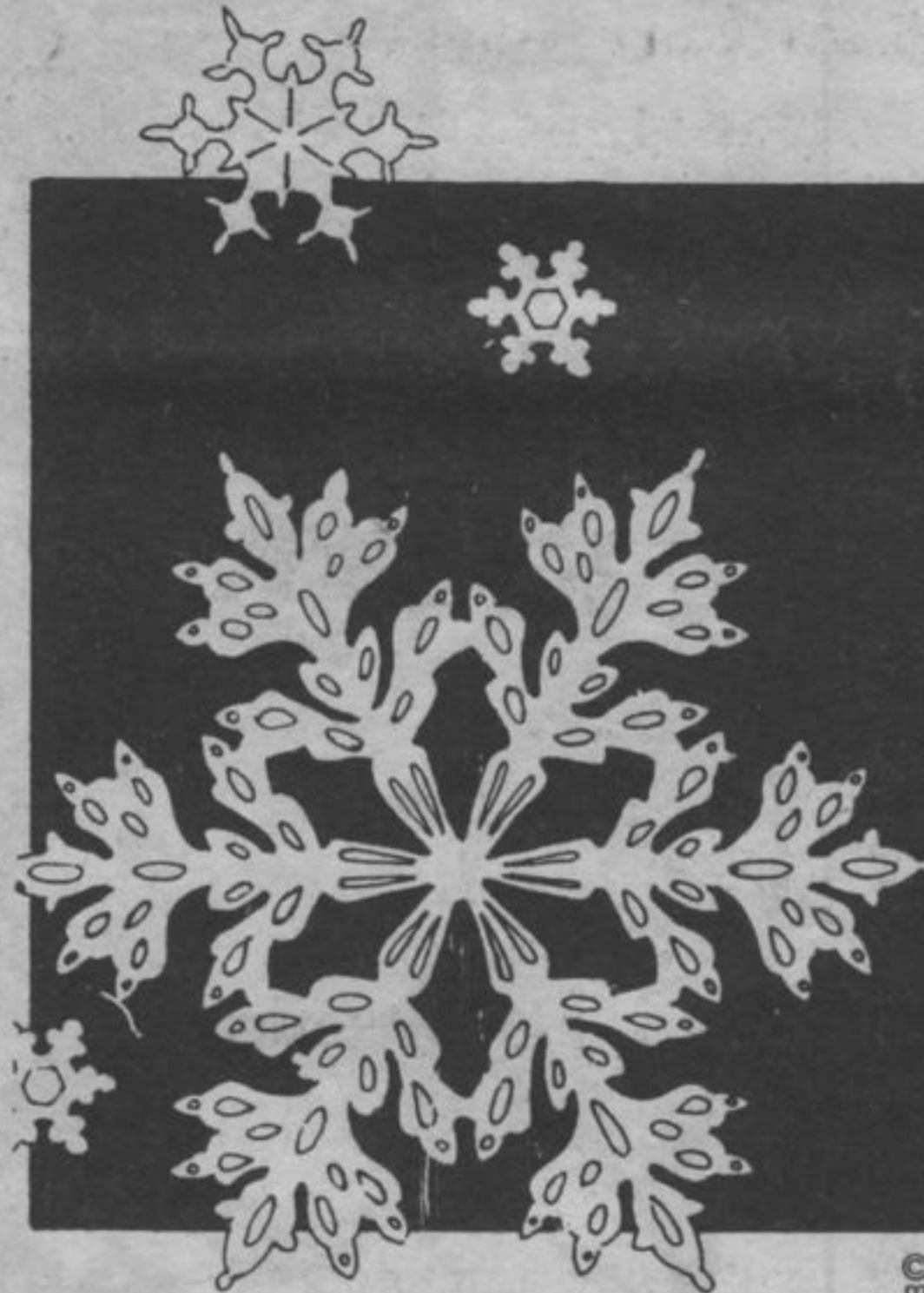
Here's wishing you a white Christmas, along with the hope for peace and good will. Thanks, friends.

To the People of Terrace Bay & Schreiber we wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Tradition dictates that the eldest daughter of the family should rise at dawn to serve coffee and cakes to the household. As St. Lucia she wears a white robe and a halo of lighted candles. Public appearances by St. Lucia are quite common in Sweden today, where white-robed girls can be seen in schools and civic buildings on St. Lucia's Day.

Holiday festivities in Mexico begin with a parade on December 16. For nine consecutive nights, "Joseph" and "Mary" search for a room at the inn, a reenactment known as *Las Posadas*. At the end of the nine nights, the searchers are finally given a posada and a fiesta follows. For the children, the highlight of the fiesta is the breaking of the *pinata*, a clay container stuffed with goodies.

Denmark celebrates Christmas as the greatest holiday of the year and preparations are elaborate indeed in this Scandinavian country. The season begins with Baking Day, when the dough is mixed for *brunekage*, a paper-thin spice cookie served at Christmas. Mixing is done two or three weeks before the baking in order to allow the dough to ripen and the flavors to blend. Families gather for an early meal on Christmas Eve, and after dinner, the father and mother disappear into the parlor or living room, which has been kept locked. The doors are flung open to reveal the Christmas tree, decorated not only with ornaments but with small Danish flags as well. As the members of the family clasp hands and circle the tree, they sing Danish songs and carols.

Here Comes Santa Claus



May sleighbells ring a tune of glad tidings and cheer, remembering our blessings. Our many thanks to all of you this Christmas.

Season's Greetings from the Management & Staff
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