



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

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A Word from our President...

Here we are, back from the Portland convention and it surely was a good one with 600 plus attending. The library at Concordia University is a beautiful building and the grounds and scenery were lovely. They had requested no rain during our convention and we only had one day of rain with the temperature in the 70's all week. Being on the University campus gave us the privilege of having many great speakers and seminars.

Our AHSGR membership is up this year, a good sign. Let's all work hard to try to get a new member to join us.

We're all looking forward to next

year's convention, 2013, in Ft. Collins, CO. We will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Manifesto. Plans are underway for a great convention in Ft. Collins at the Hilton Hotel. There is always great camaraderie and you might just find a cousin you didn't know you had!

Many, many thanks to the Lincoln Chapter volunteers who helped at headquarters while the convention was going on in Portland. They all did a great job and were very much appreciated. ■

Nancy Borrell
Chapter Pres.

Garage Sale...

Once again, Nancy Borrell graciously offered to hold the garage sale at her home. That meant people schlepping in and out all week, getting ready, and then having the sale for two days, not to mention taking over her kitchen and dining room for lunch and a bit of rest. Thanks, Nancy.

The following is a list of the volunteers who helped:

Judy Lawson	Sharon Buckner
Karen Johnson	Judy Runion
Leslie Bill	Ruby Weber
John Weber	Dale Dinges
Susan Stoehr	Barb Schmidt
Don Weber	

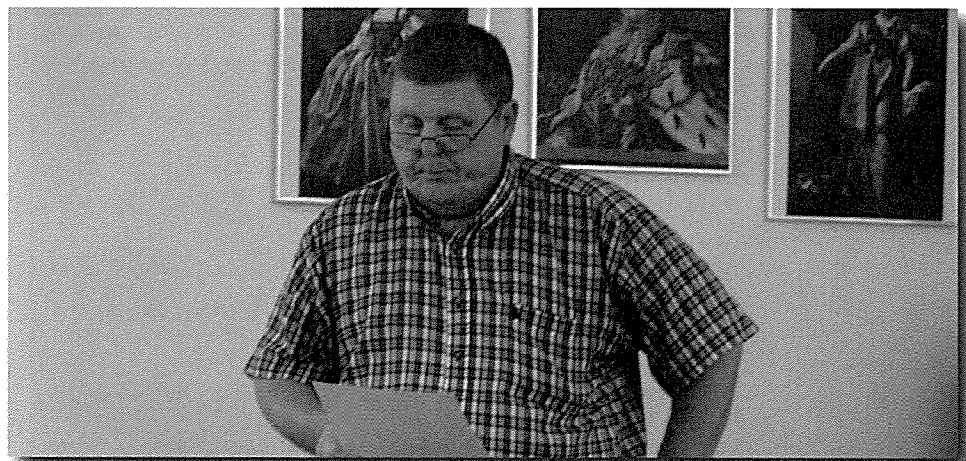
and of course, Nancy Borrell.

Nancy, Judy Lawson, Sharon, and Leslie win the grand prize for having been there all four days. [At least according to the info I received.] What is the grand prize?

You are the first chosen to lead the way for the next garage sale!!!

I hope I haven't missed the names of anyone. As always, please call me and let me know and I will make amends in the next newsletter. My phone number is: 402-438-3814. ■

Second Chapter Membership Meeting of the Year



The second yearly meeting was held in the board room at the Heritage Center on Sunday, June 24th. Paul Loos presented a very interesting program about Norka, complete with pictures and maps. Even if your roots don't go back to Norka, but to some other Russian village, you would have

enjoyed Paul's presentation. He gave many examples of the information available for researchers at the Heritage Center.

The afternoon was topped off with popcorn, ice cream, and beverages which were served by the Chapter Board. ■





A Wealth of Information

If you have not visited the Heritage Center or know what is available to you, take time to do so. There are research documents from Igor Plevi, ship manifests, census records, information on villages, and on, and on, and on.

There are also dedicated employees there to help you. Take advantage of their knowledge. You'll be glad you did.

New Faces at the Heritage Center

I am including a short biography of two of the employees and will include more in the next newsletter. I'm a little slow in getting these bios to you but "better late than never."

Yvonne Dahl

"I joined AHSGR in November 2011 as the office administrative assistant; I've always been a paper pusher. I am a native Nebraskan and love it here in the Good Life state.

I have German background in my family, although not Russian. I find history interesting and enjoy having it as part of a day at the office.

I spend my free time with our granddaughter, gardening, at the movies (I love period movies), and as an avid

Husker baseball fan."

Denise Matulka

"I have been the librarian at AHSGR since October 2011. I was born and raised in Lincoln, the South Bottoms to be exact—just blocks from AHSGR. I have a bachelor's degree in English and Children's Literature from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois.

I feel very fortunate to be working at AHSGR, and I have learned so much about genealogy and the history of the neighborhood I grew up in. Though I am half Czech, I do have German Russian roots through my mother's side. I love books and reading, which I am sure is not a surprise, but I also love music, particularly Americana, folk-rock, and folk music.

The only shoes I wear are Birkenstocks (even in the winter), so I am a complete contradiction to the notion that all women are obsessed with shoes. I am a bit of an Anglophile and love anything British, especially mysteries (both books and television shoes). Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot, anyone?" ■

Achtung-Attention-Attenzione

PLEASE plan to attend the September 16th General Membership meeting at 4PM at the Antelope Park air-conditioned shelter house. The by-laws, with new changes, will be presented for vote. The by-laws have not been changed for quite a few years and there are parts that really need up-dating. I know Ruth White has been working diligently for quite some time on these changes. (I'm not sure if she had a committee to help or not.) Your attendance is important. We will have a pot-luck meal prior to the meeting so please bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert and your own table service. ■

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Who Says You Can't Go Home Again?



On May 6, twenty-nine locals boarded a time machine that was a chartered motorcoach and traveled back in time. The event was the Lincoln Chapter's spring bus tour and the destination was historic Henderson and Sutton, home to a large Germans from Russia immigrant population in Nebraska.

Author Jim Griess was master of ceremonies and led us on a historic tour of Clay and York counties. Our first stop was in the country at the Immanuel Reformed Church Cemetery, where many Germans from Russia immigrants were laid to rest, including some of our traveling companions' ancestors.

Next up, our driver, Keith, and his wife, Judy, took us to discover the town of Sutton. There we met local Sutton historian and city tour guide Jerry Johnson. Jerry introduced us to "The Filling Station," a beautifully renovated storefront that is tastefully jammed-packed with historical items and dis-

plays about life in the early days of Sutton.

One could spend hours at "The Filling Station," but it was time for a walking tour of Sutton and lunch. Jerry took us through historic Sutton, telling stories about the early days of the community. We ended up at the Soldier's Monument in Chautauqua Park.

Lunch was held at the Legion Club in Sutton, where German-Russian dishes were made especially for us. We dined on bratwurst, schinken, kaseknopf, and kuchen.

The afternoon was spent at the John & Emma Gray Sutton Historical Museum. The Sutton house and grounds remain furnished and maintained as it was at the turn of the 20th century. We experienced life in 1908 and visited the restored schoolhouse on the grounds.

Our final stop of the day was at the Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park. There we took in a replica of an immi-

grant house used by immigrants from Russia. Also on the grounds were the quite interesting G.A. Friesen home and barn, as well as an early Mennonite schoolhouse, church and general store/visitor center.

Our time was well-spent as we just beat the approaching thunderstorm. Everyone piled into the motor coach and our driver, Keith, returned us back to Lincoln and the year 2012.

The trip on May 6th was an enjoyable hands-on history lesson of early Nebraska and the German-Russian immigrants who settled this land. The day was not something you could experience by reading about it in a book. Photos from our day spent exploring history can be found on the chapter website at ahsgrlincolnchapter.org. ■

(Submitted by Jay Jacox)

Thanks, Jay. It sounds like it was a rousing success. Perhaps an outing like this will become a yearly event.



9th AH\$GR Membership Campaign

June 15, 2012 - May 15, 2013

EACH ONE - REACH ONE

The Membership Campaign rewards AH\$GR members and chapters who recruit new members for AH\$GR or purchase gift memberships for new members. Cash prizes will be awarded at the 2013 Convention. Membership Data Forms are available through Chapters or on-line at <http://www.ahsgr.org/membership.htm>

- *\$100 to the AH\$GR member AND \$200 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the largest number of new members*
- *\$75 to the AH\$GR member AND \$150 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the 2nd largest number of new members*
- *\$50 to the AH\$GR member AND \$100 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the 3rd largest number of new members*
- *A \$25 cash prize to 3 new members selected at random.*

New Members are Critical to the Growth and Success of AH\$GR

Every Member Counts - Talk to your Family & Friends - Tell your community about AH\$GR - Buy a Gift Membership for someone

79% of New Members Join Because Someone Asked Them!

If EACH ONE of us strives to REACH ONE new AH\$GR member, we help to assure the future of AH\$GR

See the reverse side for a Membership Data Form – Copy and Recruit

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

July

Jolene McInnes
Virginia Dietrich
Gladys Herstein
Marti Kaufman
Kathy Tichota
Mary Ann Gooding
Derald Drbal
Sheryl Heidenreich
Kathy Hill
Joanne Hein
Kay Buecker
James F. Worster
James S. Kruse
Don Weber
Karen Johnson

August

Kathleen Svoboda
Larry Schenkel
Manny Luft
Bernice Booth
Heidi Dinges
Lillian Bauer
Bob Settell
Nancy Huls
Sandra Schmidt
Cheryl Ferree
Beth Imig

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG *"Happy Anniversary"*

July

Steven & Sharon Kahler
Sandra & Henry W. Schmidt

August

Dale & Heidi Dinges
Kathy & Ronald Hill
J. Scott & Teri Nelson
Bob & Joyce Riddle
James & Janet Worster

Special Happy Anniversary Wishes – 65 YEARS!!!

Bill & Elsa Amen
Scotty & Marti Kaufman

Both Bill and Scotty did a lot of repair, upkeep and landscaping at the Heritage Center. They also served on the Lincoln Chapter Board of Directors for a long time. Marti and Elsa were volunteers for mailings, for ethnic food preparation and serving, and for special events held at the Heritage Center. I am sure I could list more work these members have done, but you get the idea from the above. If you have a special anniversary or other event of note and would like to have it in the newsletter, please let me know.

Unsere Leute Erinnyng *"Our People in Memory"*

Ruth Snider
Emma Kaiser Hansen
Theresa "Rose" Spahn
Amelia Dittenber Stockfeld

Henry Bridegam, Jr.
Walter F. Schwabauer
George Wertz

2012 Convention

The AHSGR Society convention was held in Portland, Oregon June 14-17, 2012 at the Concordia University Campus. Holding the convention on a university campus was something new but was apparently a success as 600 people were in attendance, the most we've had for some time.

The German-American Society cooked lunch each day and it was typical German fair; sausage, schnitzel, and cabbage, lots of cabbage.

Village Coordinators gave presentations and they repeated them, so there were more opportunities for attendees to listen to them and to see more than one presentation.

The convention program is online at

www.ahsgr.org where you can get the Village Coordinators information.

Next year the convention will be held in Ft. Collins, Colorado. If you have never attended a convention out-of-state, you should try to in 2013. The courtesy that is shown to out-of-state attendees is just wonderful and our Colorado "cousins" will make you feel at home.

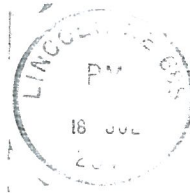
Heritage Center News

The Heritage Center was kept open during the convention which hasn't been the case in the past.

It was decided that the expense of sending the entire staff to Oregon was too great, so only three staff members were able to go.

Was it worth keeping the Center open? I would say so, as between fifty and sixty people stopped in during the week of the convention. As Nancy stated in the President's message, volunteers were there to help as well. ■





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2012 Calendar

Lincoln Chapter AHSGR

August 14	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
August 20	Board Meeting	7:00pm	6th & D Streets
September 11	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
September 16	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00pm	Antelope Park Shelter
September 17	Board Meeting	7:00pm	6th & D Streets
October 9	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
October 15	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	6th and D Streets
November 2	Broda Dinner	5pm-7pm—WSI Hall	1430 No. 10 Street
November 13	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
November 19	Board Meeting	7:00pm	6th & D Streets
December 11	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
December 17	Board Member's Christmas Dinner	TBA	
January 6, 2013	Annual membership & Business meeting	1:00pm—Immanuel Church	
	Fellowship Hall (potluck dinner & election of officers.)		