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HAPPY NEW YEAR—2015!!!

Hello, dear AHSGR family. Well, here we are and the birth of Jesus has been celebrated. I hope you all had a merry and blessed Christmas.

I will also wish you a Happy New Year. We are pretty laid back when it comes to partying. We might have a glass of wine to toast the New Year, if we're still awake at midnight. Hot time in the old town, eh?

You may have noticed that the newsletter is a bit late this time. The reason for that is that we were waiting until after the January membership meeting and election of officers so the list of officers could be included.

It has been a busy time for AHSGR and the Lincoln Chapter; open house, end of year appeal from the International Board, and the Lincoln Board's Christmas dinner at the

Fireworks. Yes, they paid for their own dinners. I know I have told you from time to time, that board members receive no money for any expenses they incur.

A number of years ago, when Ruth White, Norma Somerheiser and I went to Kearney for a genealogy workshop, everything including meals and car gas, was at our own expense, not AHSGR's. The International Board, while in Lincoln for meetings, does not receive anything for air or ground transportation, lodging, or food. And remember, that's two meetings and the convention.

When they agree to be on the Board, they know that, but they serve anyway.

Okay, preaching is over except...if you meet any of these people, you might say, "Thank you for your service."

I'm retired from the military and every time someone says that to me, I get a warm feeling.

Have you enjoyed the stories that have been appearing in the newsletter? Norma and I sure have. (It means we don't have to work so hard. Ha-ha.) Seriously, this is part of our genealogy, our history.

We have had several people who have asked for help trying to find someone they think they might be related to and have read about in the newsletter.

I also want to recognize our Chapter volunteers. There are several members who work daily doing various things necessary at Headquarters as well as helping with activities in the community and fund raisers for the Chapter, such as the Broda dinner and soup supper. ☐

Christmas Open House

by Jay Jacox

The Lincoln Chapter partnered with International Headquarters on Sunday, December 7 to sponsor an open house for the community.

The open house was meant as a holiday get-together as well as a way to help promote the Headquarters new Sunday hours.

The good crowd who attended were able to tour the museum, have treats with coffee or cider to drink and enjoy the festivities.

Corinne Jacox played Christmas carols on the piano while Barb Schmidt lead singing groups, both in English und auf Deutsch. It was an excellent day and a good way to kick off the holidays. ☐



Corinne Jacox playing the piano at the Open House.

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is an international organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and the dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage, and genealogy of Germanic settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants. The International foundation of American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is responsible for exercising financial stewardship to generate, manage, and allocate resources which advance the mission and assist in securing the future of AHSGR.

German Origins Project

by Dick Kraus, GO Editor (Taken from the Sunflower Chapter Newsletter)

The German Origins Project of the AHSGR intends to provide, in one place, reference to all the information available regarding the pre-Russia origins of the first settler in my GR family Line. This is a huge undertaking and may never be finished! But the project site in the AHSGR website already is almost a half-million words. Enormous progress has been made.

At the 2004 AHSGR convention in Modesto, our Village Coordinators, having noted that much, often isolated, research was being done, decided it was time to try to assemble in one place everything reported or known about the origins of settlers in the German colonies in Russia. That way someone wanting to look into his or her family's pre-Russian history would not have to start from zero. That is when I, Dick Kraus, volunteered as editor to begin the project. I continue in that role today and am being provided good information by other Village

Coordinators and AHSGR members.

You find the GO project by typing "AHSGR GO project" with no quotation marks, into your Google search engine. Click on the first suggestion that comes up and you will be taken to the project. Once there it is a very good idea to read all of the introductory material. You will soon see that the project is one huge alphabetical index, so we often refer to it as the index, or the GO Index. To find a family name or a place name, left-click on the alpha section that will include that name, then scroll down until you come to the name.

An entry in GO is very succinct and uses many abbreviations and cross references. Most of the abbreviations are explained at the beginning of each alpha sequence; if one is not there, look for it in the Index itself. A word in bold type is a cross-reference and has its own entry in the Index. To get full benefit of the Index, look up in the Index

all the bold words you find in an entry that interests you. Statements in red have been proven in original, usually German, records.

So look for your family in the GO Index. If your people settled on the Volga, currently there is a 9-1 chance that you will find reference to the original settler there. If you not only check that entry but all its bolded cross-references, there is a 3-1 chance that either (1) you will learn something you did not know, or (2) I will learn something if you tell me of any errors you find or about any information that you have which is missing from the entry.

The project is far too big to be done justice in these few words.

GOOD HUNTING.

(When this article appeared in the Sunflower Chapter newsletter, the convention in Lincoln had not taken place. Mr. Kraus was planning on offering an in-depth demonstration of the project at the convention.) □

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Following our successful outing to the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball this past August, your local chapter is planning another road trip.

This time we are gathering on Saturday, February 7, to see our own Lincoln Stars hockey club as they take on the Bloomington Thunder at the Ice Box.

We will all be seated in the north section of the arena in seats with cushioned seats and backs.

As with our trip to the Saltdogs, our section is fully ADA accessible and our special price of \$10 per ticket is almost 40% off the regular price.

Come join us for the excitement, fun, and camaraderie that only a Lincoln Chapter event can provide. A registration form is included in this issue of the newsletter. For more information please contact Jay at (402) 327-8962. □

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**The AHSGR Lincoln Chapter is off on another road trip.
This time spend a night dancing with the . . .**



**Come join in and celebrate with us as we cheer on our own
Lincoln Stars hockey club at the Ice Box.**

When: Saturday, February 7, 2014 7:05 start Don't be late!

**Where: AHSGR will have our own area in the north section at
the Ice Box. Our section is fully ADA accessible and seats
have padded cushions and backs.**

Fee: \$10.00 per reserved seat (almost 40% off of regular price)

**Come for the fun, camaraderie, excitement and special surprises that only
AHSGR Lincoln Chapter and the Lincoln Stars can dish up.**

**Registrations must be received by Wednesday, January 28
to be assured a seat with the group.**

Questions? Call Jay Jacox at (402) 327-8962 for more info.

**Mail the registration form below and payment to
Jay Jacox, 1000 North 81st Street, Lincoln, NE 68505.**

**** Make checks payable to AHSGR Lincoln Chapter. ****

clip and mail

I just can't pass up seeing the Stars with AHSGR. Sign me up.

Contact (1st) person: _____ Phone: _____

2nd person: _____ 3rd person: _____

4th person: _____ 5th person: _____

TOTAL RESERVATIONS _____ X \$10.00 per person = _____

I will need wheelchair accommodation _____

Mail this registration form and payment to:

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Winter in the Late '50s

submitted by Becky Schenaman, North Bottoms

Winter in the late '50s meant snow and lots of it.

We had quite a long walk to Lincoln High School. At that time girls could not wear slacks or jeans to school, you wore skirts, blouses, or sweater sets.

Coats were car coats which were hip length; we wore bobby socks which were white cotton cuffed up above the ankle.

Shoes were loafers or saddle shoes which were tied and were white with brown around the laces. We wore ankle-high rubber boots with fake fur trim. From below the knee to above the ankle our legs were exposed to the winter wind and freezing snow. By the time you arrived at school your legs were red-purple. It really was a miracle we did not freeze.

Kids today can dress much more sensibly and they most often have cars or moms to drive them.

It was rare to be driven to school or to be bused. We did not use back packs so we could at least be able to put our hands in our pockets. We carried books and notebooks in our arms.

Just writing this I can remember how cold some of those days were and yet that being said, I also remember boys running onto the ice-packed streets to grab onto car bumpers to be pulled along by an irate motorist who was hoping they wouldn't fall off and be ran over by a driver behind him.

Boys also loved to make snowballs and either throw them at us girls or run up behind us and rub the snow in our faces.

We all laughed and survived the walk home to be greeted by the smell of soup on the stove or a good casserole baking in the oven.

Mom always had hot tea brewing in a kettle on the stove or a pot of cocoa simmering on the back burner. We

could have a homemade raisin oatmeal cookie before supper or an apple from the bushel on the back porch.

We would take our wet clothes and lay them on the floor heat registers and put on our flannel pajamas and warm slippers.

We were so glad to be home in our big old house with our dog and cat and knowing supper would soon be on the table and we were warm, tired and happy.

Mocks Goot ☐

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

January

Ed Barthule
Sharon Buckner
Mary Frost
Clarence Gunn
Bob Riddle
Barbara Schmidt

February

Kerry DeLair
Phil Dinges
Jack Frost
Dorothy Heidenreich
Kurt Hergenrader
Dorothy Neill
Annie Settell



FROHLICH JUHRESTAG *"Happy Anniversary"*

January

Sid and Ken Babcock

February

none

Unsere Leute Erinnyng *"Our People in Memory"*

Randall "Randy" Loos
Bill B. Svoboda
Verna Mae Loos
Jeanne Niederhaus

Your Help is Needed

If you are aware of the death of someone who is a German from Russia, please give Judy Lawson, the Chapter Corresponding Secretary, a call. She would like to honor them by putting their name in the Newsletter. Judy's phone number is: 402-420-9580.

GRs in the Community

Submitted by Jay Jacox

This past October 31 your local Chapter made Halloween a little brighter for many youth in Lincoln. The chapter ran a booth at the "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event at Norwood Park Elementary School.

Trunk or Treat is a fun and safe way for children to celebrate the holiday. Children may travel from car trunk to car trunk of sponsors in the parking lot much as they would from house to house. That's where the "trunk" part of the event's name comes from.

The "treat" was set up in the school gym with games and activities. Your local Chapter members, Jay and Corinne Jacox, Paul Loos, Don Weber, and John Weber ran a bean bag toss game complete with prizes.

AHSGR Lincoln Chapter partnered with Norwood Park PTO, Northeast



Sertoma Club, and a sorority from the University of Nebraska to provide activ-

ities for approximately 150 youth and their families. What a fun night! □

Broda Dinner a Success

by Jay Jacox



Don Weber, Rodger Wurst, John Weber preparing food at the Broda Dinner.

Our annual Broda dinner on December 7 was once again a success. Approximately 125 hungry guests attended, including some new local chapter members living in Iowa.

Master chef Paul Loos again cooked up a culinary delight with beef and vegetables. A selection of pie was also served.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who made this labor-intensive event a

success.

Also a thank you goes out to the "quilting ladies" for making the beautiful quilt for the raffle, which raised over \$500 to help your local chapter sponsor other events and activities. Lynette Schultz was the excited winner of that special prize.

Congratulations to everyone for once again helping make one of our "signature events" a success.

Following is a list of those who helped with the Broda dinner:

Barbara Schmidt	Ruby Weber
John Weber	Don Weber
Becky Schenaman	Donna Day
Jay Jacox	Corinne Jacox
Judy Runion	Nancy Borrell
Pam Wurst	Rodger Wurst
Paul Loos	Rick Rekert
Ed Barthule	Judy Lawson
Sharon Buckner	Bob Wagner
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2015 Calendar of Events

January 13, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
January 19, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
February 7, 2015	Lincoln Stars Hockey Game	7:05 pm	The Icebox
February 10, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Café, 48th & Hwy 2
February 16, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
March 10, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
March 16, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
April 9-10-11, 2015	Int'l Board Members Meeting		631 "D" St.
TBA	Soup Supper	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	WSI Hall, 1430 N. 10th St.
April 14, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
April 20, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
April 26, 2015	General Membership Meeting	2:00 pm	631 "D" St., (Refreshments following)
May 12, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
May 18, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
TBA	Garage Sale		
June 9, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
June 15, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
June 28, 2015	General Membership Meeting (Refreshments following)	2:00 pm	631 "D" St.
July 12-19, 2015	International Convention	Billings, Montana	
July 14, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
July 20, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
August 11, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
August 17, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
September 8, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
September 20, 2015	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00 pm	Antelope Park Shelter
September 21, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
October 13, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
October 19, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
October 31, 2015	Trunk or Treat	6:00 pm	Norwood Park School, 4710 N. 72 St.
TBA	Broda Dinner	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	WSI Hall, 430 N. 10th St.
November 10, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
November 16, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
December 8, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
TBA	Board Members' Christmas Dinner		
January 10, 2016	Annual Membership & Business Meeting (Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers)	1:00 pm	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall 10th & Charleston Sts.

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2015 DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues time is here again. They have not changed, just \$12 for the year. "Such a bargain." A member's resolution for the year is to get a friend to come to one of our meetings. If it is something that appeals to them, we might get some new members. Remember the membership drive motto for the International Board is "Each one, Reach one."

Lincoln Chapter Membership Application

Name _____ German Russian Heritage? Yes No

Email _____ Date of Birth _____ Anniversary Month _____

Spouse _____ German Russian Heritage? Yes No

Email _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Ancestral Village _____ Ancestral Names _____

Make your check for \$12 payable to Lincoln Chapter AHSGR and mail to:
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