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Bits of This and That...from Larry

Spring has arrived and some of the past few days have been the kind that keeps us in Nebraska i.e. beautiful, light breeze, and comfortably warm temperatures. Soon Nebraska's summer winds and scorching hot days will be upon us and we will have forgotten the bitterly cold days of winter. And then before we know it, the beauty of autumn will be here.

I have been fortunate in that I have had the opportunity to travel to Italy, France, and Russia. I have also been a visitor to many of the states here in America, from Alaska to Georgia and many stops in between. I found out one thing, Dorothy of the "Wizard of Oz" was right, "There's no place like home."

As editors of the newsletter, Norma and I get newsletters from other chapters as well as correspondence from members of the Lincoln Chapter and people from other states.

One of the things I always enjoy reading is recipes. We get recipes from all over and I have shared some of them with you. Now I have decided to include a new feature called The Cook's Corner. The first recipe is from our own John Stuertz. The recipe is for Sauerkraut Soup and sounds like it would be good.

We recently saw a recipe from the Milwaukee Chapter Newsletter for Borsch which we'll include in a later newsletter. Henry Sader has made a good Borsch which I have eaten. We'll see if he'll share the recipe with us.

If any of you have a recipe you'd like to share, send it to us. We'd be happy to print it in a future edition.

Things to look for in this edition...

Congratulations to Karen Johnson

for the commendation she received from the National Education Association. Look for the item titled "GRs in the Community."

It has been said that "One person's "junk" is another person's treasure." This brings us to the garage sale, which is fast approaching. If you have items to contribute, call Jay and Corinne Jacox. Please remember, all items should be clean and clothing should be clean and wearable.

If you would care to price your items, that would be appreciated but not necessary.

Jay and Corinne have also been working on setting up an outing to the SaltDogs baseball game. Check out the flier which is inserted in this newsletter. You need to get your reservation in soon.

Becky's trials and tribulations of a homeowner continue. You will find them recorded elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to say "Thank you" all the volunteers who helped make the Soup Supper a success. I have said it before and I will say it again, the Lincoln Chapter has the greatest group of volunteers anywhere!

I am happy to see names in the volunteer list that I do not recognize. There are also names of many people who were considered "newbies" not that long ago.

Volunteers

Following is a list of the volunteers that helped make the



Soup Supper a success:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Barbara Schmidt | Ruby Weber |
| John Weber | Don Weber |
| Donna Day | Jay Jacox |
| Corinne Jacox | Judy Runion |
| Nancy Borrell | Pam Wurst |
| Paul Loos | Rick Rekert |
| Ed Barthule | Judy Lawson |
| Sharon Buckner | Robert Wagner |
| Marilyn Wagner | Susan Stoehr |
| David Loos | Tim Hardt |
| Dale Dinges | Karen Johnson |
| Mary Frost | Kay Wood |
| Sherry Pawelco | |

If you know of anyone we missed, let us know so we can say thanks in the next newsletter. ☐



GRs in the Community

Submitted by Jay Jacox

Our own Karen Johnson represented the Local Chapter of AHSGR during the recent "Read Across America Day" at Norwood Park Elementary school.

"Read Across America" commemorates the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the author of such books as "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Cat in the Hat" ("Die Katze im Hut", in German).

Karen read books to pre-school and kindergarten children. She was joined

by a Sertoma Club member, a state senator, a Lincoln Public Schools board member, a local author and a community organizer who read to other grades. So our AHSGR representative was in good company.

Karen also received a commendation from the National Education Association for her efforts in helping increase literacy in the Lincoln community. Way to go Karen! ☐

Baseball with the Saltdogs, 2015 Style

Submitted by Jay Jacox

It's that time of year again when it's "eins, zwei, drei strikes, you're out at the ol' ball game."

The Lincoln Chapter's annual road trip to Haymarket Park to see our own Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club is rapidly approaching.

This year's event is scheduled for a 6:05 p.m. start on Saturday, June 6, as the 'Dogs take on the dreaded Wichita Wingnuts.

Once again, the Lincoln Chapter will be throwing out the first pitch and our

name will be in lights on the scoreboard and announced over the public address system.

Last year we had a good number of GRs attend the Saltdogs game, while in February and even larger crowd was on hand as we witnessed a Lincoln Stars hockey game. Don't miss out on the fun again this June.

Reserved tickets are only \$11.50 per person. A registration form can be found in this edition of the newsletter.

See you at Haymarket Park! ☐

GARAGE SALE TIME

by Jay Jacox

It is once again Garage Sale time for our Chapter. This year the garage sale will be held on Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., both days, at 1000 North 81st Street.

The garage sale is a good social event for our group. Any help at any time is always appreciated as we raise money to fund other Local Chapter events that run throughout the year. Donating a part of your day or even a couple of hours would work great, too.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the cause or have some time you can spare, please call Corinne and Jay Jacox at (402) 327-8962. ☐

**Friday, June 12 &
Saturday, June 13,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
both days
1000 No. 81st Street**

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG

"Happy Anniversary"

May

none we are aware of

June

Larry and Norma Schenkel
Bob and Marilyn Wagner

Unsere Leute Erinnerung

"Our People in Memory"

Joanna Jane (Eyer) Lutz
Harold J Rauscher
Lillian Irene Barthule

Verna June Damm
Rose Ehly

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: 402-420-9580.

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

May

Sheryl Pawelko
Dean Pawelko

June

Kevin Hergenrader
Ruby Weber



Woes of a Homeowner

by Becky Schenaman, North Bottoms

Can you believe it is April already? The last time I wrote I was in the middle of major plumbing problems and I said I would keep you all updated.

The first company I hired strung me along for over two months. It reached the point the only thing working were my sinks and the toilet with the help of a plunger. Ridiculous!

So I called the company I had hired and asked their answering service to record my message: "You're fired! I am sorry to have to do this. But like everyone else I want to be able to live normally. I cannot believe you put me off this long and did not care!" That day they finally called me back and told me they were sorry but the ground was too cold and they had to rent a backhoe.

That same day I called John Henry's. They came down and measured, took two camera scans and only charged me \$95 for those. (I had paid the other company \$289 for one camera scan.)

Two days later they had the city permits and the land marked by all the utilities companies. The third day at 8 a.m. the backhoe was here. They dug up the alley, replaced the old sewer lines, and had it all done by 3 p.m. I ordered new rock for my part of the alley from the city at their cost and they delivered it and spread it out for me.

It really pays to get more than one bid from repairmen. I usually will just take the word of the first person I call and hire them. I am too trusting. But as a widow I am getting a little wiser.

So all of you ladies reading this: do

not be like me. Just do not take someone's word. Get the bid, the information on the repair, and a set time work is expected to be started and finished.

I know one thing for sure, it's wonderful to be able to do my laundry, bathe at home, flush the toilet, and know it works by itself.

Oh, the luxuries of the 21st century!

I did save a few of the clay tiles from 1895, and now you're saying to yourself "WHY?" I can only say, "Who knows?"

They were original to my little North Bottom house and I love my North Bottoms history and all the past residents used those pipes daily, so I had to preserve that history.

Life is always interesting in the "Rooshin Bottoms."

'Til next time, Mocks Goot ☐

Germans from Russia Wedding Customs

(Taken from the Intermountain Chapter newsletter.)

It was a tradition for the young couple who were planning to marry, to choose two men to be their representatives, who went into the Volga River Valley to invite guests to their marriage ceremony.

These men carried with them a cane that the bride-to-be had tied a ribbon on. At each household, they recited a poem, which was really an invitation to the wedding. If the family tied a ribbon on the cane, it meant they were accepting the invitation. Weddings were looked forward to and eagerly attended.

The ceremony must be held in the wintertime, on a weekday, and not during Lent. Farm work was at its slowest season and there was ample time to prepare for it. A Dutch Hop was held after the wedding, and everyone loved dancing to the music played by a polka band.

The groom would tuck a flower in his left lapel and pin a long, wide ribbon under it. The light colored sash would drape down the entire length of the dark suit coat.

The bride would place a fancy handkerchief on her wedding gown, and as a man would dance with the new bride, they would pin money to the handkerchief.

The dance would go on until midnight, and then begin again the next morning, lasting for two days. ☐

Grandma's Recipe for Doing Family Wash

(This is an authentic washday recipe in its original spelling as it was written out for a bride four generations ago.) Provided by Mrs. Gus Lebsack, Loveland, CO.

- Bild a fire in back yard to heet kettle of rain water
- Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert
- Shave one hole cake lie soap in bilin water
- Sort things, make three piles, 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile work britches and rags
- Stur flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water
- Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullord but don't bile—just rench and starch
- Take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then rench, blew, and starch
- Spred tee towels on grass
- Hang old rags on fence
- Pore rench water on flower bed
- Scrub porch with hot soapy water
- Turn tubs upside down
- Go put on a cleen dress—smoth hair with side combs—brew cup of tea—set and rest and rock a spell and count blessins. ☐



Sauerkraut Soup (From the kitchen of John Stuertz)

1 qt. sauerkraut, rinsed.

(Use the kind in the jar or plastic bag which can be found in the refrigerated section of the grocery. The kraut in the can leaves an odd flavor.)

1 lb. or more smoked German sausage, cut into 2 inch pieces or diced. (You may substitute any smoked sausage.)

3 or 4 potatoes, diced

3 qt. water

1 large onion, diced

1 stalk celery, optional

Bring water to a simmer; add potatoes, sauerkraut, sausage, onion and celery. Simmer for at least 3 hours.

Options: Liquid smoke can be added a drop or two to a bowl or it can be added during reduction/cooking time. Adding at reduction time will give the soup more depth. During reduction time, if soup becomes too thick, add some water. Soup may also be served with sour cream. (Originally this soup was made with beef bones or whatever beef cuts were available.)

Kase Verinik

(from the kitchen of Nancy Hoppe, Northern Illinois Chapter)

Dough: 4 eggs

½ cup milk with a pinch of salt

Flour- enough to make a stiff dough

Filling: 2 lbs. farmers or dry cottage cheese

2 tbsp. sugar

2 tbsp. flour

Pinch of salt

½ cup seedless yellow raisins

Mix together and add 2 tbsp. sour cream. Roll out dough and cut into 4 inch squares. Put filling on top and pinch corners together, seal edges making sure they are closed or filling will fall out.

Put into a kettle of boiling water for about 5 minutes, they will float to the top when done. Pour browned butter over the top. Note: Some Volga German cookbooks include ingredients other than raisins, such as onions and night shade berries.

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New Members of AHSGR

The following is a list of the newest local members of the International Organization of AHSGR:

Elvia Heinrichs
 Stephen & Nancy Loos
 Samuel Lesoing
 Diane & John Reiger Wilson

Lydia Regier
 Rick & Nancy Rekart
 Addison Wilbur
 James & Annetee Stier
 Barbara & Dan Schepers

We would like to welcome them to the organization and invite them to become members of the local Lincoln Chapter. You will find a membership

application form in this newsletter. Annual dues are only \$12.00 per couple. **Note to current Lincoln Chapter members: If you know any of these new members, get in touch with them, ask them to attend some of our functions to get acquainted and witness the good times we have. ☐

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2015 Calendar of Events

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.
June 6, 2015	Lincoln Saltdogs Ball Game	7:05 pm	Haymarket Park
June 9, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
June 12-13	Garage Sale	all day	Jacox Residence
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

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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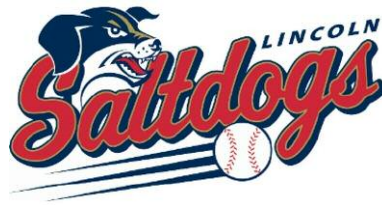
Mother's Day
May 10, 2015

Father's Day
June 21, 2015



Memorial Day
May 25, 2015

AHSGR Lincoln Chapter is again going to the 'Dogs . . . literally.



Come join us as we celebrate our own Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club when they take on the Wichita Wingnuts at Haymarket Park.

When: Saturday, June 6, 2015 Don't be late!

Where: AHSGR will be in a section in shade of the lower deck at Haymarket Park. Our section is ADA accessible.

Fee: \$11.50 per reserved seat

Hear the Lincoln Chapter's name announced and see it up in lights on the scoreboard. Witness us throw out the first pitch. Come for the fun, camaraderie, excitement and special surprises that only AHSGR Lincoln Chapter and the 'Dogs can dish up.

An AHSGR member will meet you at the gate with your tickets.

Registrations must be received by Friday, May 15 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.****

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

Contact (1st) person: _____ Phone: _____

2nd person: _____ 3rd person: _____

4th person: _____ 5th person: _____

TOTAL RESERVATIONS _____ X \$11.50 per person = _____

Mail this registration form and payment to:
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