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Big Shoes to Fill

Does anyone remember who replaced the great Mickey Mantle in the New York Yankees lineup when he retired? Thought that would get some folks scratching their heads.

Well, that's kind of the way it feels for us – taking over this publication for Norma and Larry Schenkel. Norma and Larry have been legendary working on this newsletter for the past thirteen years. We all owe them a great debt of gratitude for all the hard work they've done over that time. Norma and Larry are not going anywhere. They're just "retiring" from the journalism business.

Enter a change of married couples working on the newsletter. With new personnel in any endeavor, things change. While trying to keep faithful to the foundation the Schenkels have laid we will be tinkering around with a slightly different format and some new surprises planned for down the road.

One thing that is different already is something the Board of Directors has been looking at for some time. In an effort to cut down on costs (and therefore, membership dues) all mailed copies of the newsletter will be primarily in black and white. Full-colored copies can always be found on the Lincoln Chapter's web page at <http://www.ahsgrlincolnchapter.org>.

We look forward to working with everyone and only hope we can fill some of the "big shoe" space the Schenkels have left. By the way, the answer to the question above is Joe Pepitone, not a household name, but still a solid player.

Jay and Corinne Jacox

Fall General Meeting

Save the date! Our Fall General Membership Meeting has been moved from its usual September time frame to Sunday, October 9, at 4:00 in the Antelope Park Enclosed Shelter at 1650 Memorial Drive. The date change was necessitated due to scheduling conflicts.

After a short meeting, dinner will be served and the evening's activities will follow. After a successful run at last fall's event, the GR Carnival was asked to come back. Activities will include carnival games of skill and chance for all. Tickets won at carnival games can be entered into jars for specific door prizes. Tickets from each jar will be randomly drawn for the prizes. See you there!

Road Trip to Arbor Lodge

The Lincoln Chapter once again has been asked to come back to participate in the Ethnic Festival at Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City on October 2. We are renting an air-conditioned touring van for the trip and would love to have you visit Arbor Lodge with us. Please see the insert flyer in this issue for registration information. Van space is limited. Hope to see you there!

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If there is anything you would like to see in future issues please contact Jay or Corinne at 402-327-8962. We welcome comments and suggestions!

Children of the 1930s and 1940s, "The Last Ones"

Submitted by Norma Somerheiser

Born in the 1930s and early 1940s, we exist as a very special age cohort.

We are the 'last ones.' We are the last, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war with fathers and uncles going off.

We are the last to remember ration books for everything from sugar to shoes to stoves. We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available. My mother delivered milk in a horse drawn cart.

We are the last to hear Roosevelt's radio assurances and to see gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors. We can also remember parades on August 15, 1945; VJ Day.

We saw the 'boys' home from the war build their Cape Cod style houses, pouring the cellar, tar papering it over and living there until they could afford the time and money to build it out.

We are the last ones who spent childhood without television; instead imagining what we heard on the radio. As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood "playing outside until the street lights came on." We did play outside and we did play on our own. There was no little league.

The last of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like. Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Newspapers and magazines were written for adults. We were the last who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country exploded with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned the housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work. New highways would bring jobs and mobility. The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. In the late '40s and early '50s the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class. Our parents understandably

became absorbed with their new lives. They were free from the confines of the depression and war. They threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

We weren't neglected but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad we played by ourselves "until the lights came on." They were busy discovering the post world war.

Most of us had no life span, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and the economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and went to find out. We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity where we were welcomed. Based on our naïve belief that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. Of course, just as today, not all Americans shared in this experience. Depression poverty was deep rooted. Polio was still acrippler. The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 1950s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks. China became Red China. Eisenhower sent the first "advisors" to Vietnam. Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

We are the last to experience an interlude when there was no existential threat to our homeland. We came of age in the late 1940s and early 1950s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, climate change, technological upheaval and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with insistent unease.

Only we can remember both a time of apocalyptic war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We experienced both.

We grew up in the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better, not worse.

We did not have it easy. Our wages were low, we did without, we lived within our means, we worked hard to get a job, and harder still to keep it. Things that today are considered necessities, we considered unreachable luxuries. We made things last. We fixed, rather than replaced. We had values and did not take for granted that "somebody will take care of us." We cared for ourselves and we also cared for others. We are the "last ones."

--author unknown

Looking Forward to Fall

Submitted by Becky Schenaman

It is hard to believe fall is coming! My last story I was looking forward to mowing, enjoying my flowers and all the good things summer brings. I got fooled and learned not to plan so far ahead.

Early in June I decided to wash the garage entry rug to my back door, so I drug it out on my driveway. I took the hose and a bucket of hot soapy water and scrubbed it with a broom. All went well until a couple of hours later when I decided to pull it inside to dry instead of leaving it in the sun on the drive.

It was not a good idea as it was heavy from the water soaked in it. Well, I got in but did I leave it at that? No! I put it over two lawn chairs. Needless to say, when I did that my back started to HURT!

Two days later, in the wee hours of the morning, I could not stand the pain any longer. I thought if I called 911 my dog would be a handful for the rescue personnel. So, I waited until daybreak and called my sister Donna. We went to the emergency room. I just figured I would get a shot and go home. Oh, NO. It was major Old Lady damage and I was in the hospital for four days and sent home with Home Health Care.

What would we do without family? Donna has taken Shorty my dog out to potty for the last two months, and put up with a crabby sister who thinks she can do more than she can. So, we both will be glad when I heal. My brother has taken over as the lawn man at my North Bottoms house.

To make an even more perfect summer, my house was robbed. I have lived here over 50 years and this is the first time that has happened. They took items from my garage and cabin. I was just sick! So, this has been a miserable summer.

I am so looking forward to the cooler days of fall – days of being able to walk without a cane or walker. I am also looking forward to walking Shorty on his leash and to bend over to pick up his poops. One thing you learn quickly when you have these experiences is how blessed you are when you can just do the everyday things of life. Things

like walking, bending, sitting, and having the energy to go somewhere.

Another lesson is NO heavy lifting. So all of you Rooshins reading this, we need to take good care of ourselves and enjoy each day we can be out and about.

Mocks Goot.

Herzlichen Glukwunsch
Zum Geburstagl
"Happy Birthday"



SEPTEMBER

Nancy Borrell

Donna Day

Rich Dietrich

Raymond Hogrefe

Mike Kapeller

Peggy Kapeller

Calvin Kruger

Jerry McInnis

Rick Rekart

Judy Runion

OCTOBER

Sandra Bridegam

Scott Brigegam

Freida Dobler

Norman Jane Harrison

Barb Hellerich

Paul Loos

Delores Schwartz

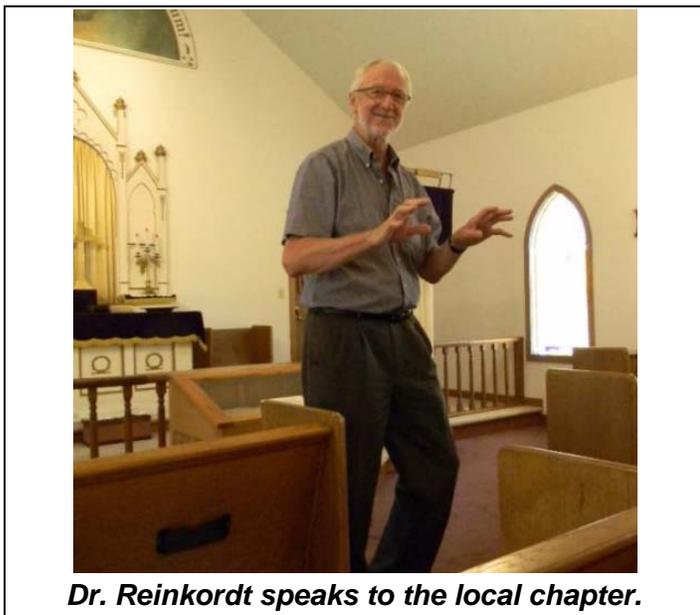
Norma Somerheiser

John Stuertz

Hearty Stock

We all probably knew it. We are descended from farmers, surveyors, blacksmiths, weavers, and the like. This is what we all learned at the June 26 general meeting from the third presenter in our ongoing Speaker Series.

The Summer General Meeting was held in the chapel at International Headquarters. After a very brief chapter meeting, Dr. Peter Reinkordt, retired professor of modern language at Doane University, lead an interactive presentation on the topic of "Origins and History of Ancestral Surnames and Village Names." Local membership provided a listing of names they had asked Dr. Reinkordt to research.



Dr. Reinkordt speaks to the local chapter.

Examples of occupational surnames included:

Bauer – translated to "farmer" in English
 Mesinger – "someone who measures" or "church custodian"
 Schmidt – "blacksmith"
 Weber – weaver

Names related to someone's appearance or demeanor included:

Durr – "gaunt, slender, or thin"
 Geier – someone who might be thought of as "greedy"

Maul – "mouth," someone who may be thought of as talking to much
 Michel – "good natured"
 Roh – a "raw" or "rough" person
 Severin – "stern" or "severe"
 Tegtmeier – "collector of taxes"

Examples of surnames related to one's origin:

Hepp – someone from Heppenheim
 Von Busch – someone from the land of bushes

A reception with refreshments was held downstairs at International Headquarters following Dr. Reinkordt's presentation and question/answer period. Thank you to Sherry Pawelko and the International Organization for allowing us to use the buildings.

A good crowd was in attendance to hear Dr. Reinkordt's presentation and this was the third installment in our chapter's Speaker Series. Former presenters include Corinne Jacox, Catalog/Reference Librarian at Creighton University whose topic was "Researching Your Family Tree Using *Find A Grave*," and Judy Schutts from Voices in Time whose topic was "Obtain and Record Your Family History." More speakers are planned for the future.



Refreshments followed the presentation.

**Join us for a ROAD TRIP to Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City
(2016 Ethnic Festival)**

Germans from Russia will be there along with:

**Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project
Scottish Bagpipes**

**Czech Cultural Club
Mid-Summer Scandinavian Committee**

Date: Sunday, October 2

**Time: Van leaves from International Headquarters (631 "D")
at 12:00 p.m.; returns at approximately 5:00 p.m.**

Fee: \$10 per seat (includes admission to Arbor Lodge)

- ** Ride in comfort and visit with friends**
- ** Step back in time to see historic trades, talents and other demonstrations**
- ** Visit the gorgeous 52-room mansion of J. Sterling Morton and the grounds**
- ** See "Trees in the Movies" 20 min. film where trees play a significant role in movies**
- ** Savor the flavors of fall – including apples pies and cider, pressed on the site**
- ** Shop in the gift store**

**Reservations on the van are secured on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.
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 ****



Ride in Comfort



Morton Mansion



Tree Adventure



Shopping

clip and mail

LET'S GO TO ARBOR LODGE! Sign me up!

Contact (1st person) _____

Contact phone _____

2nd person _____

3rd person _____

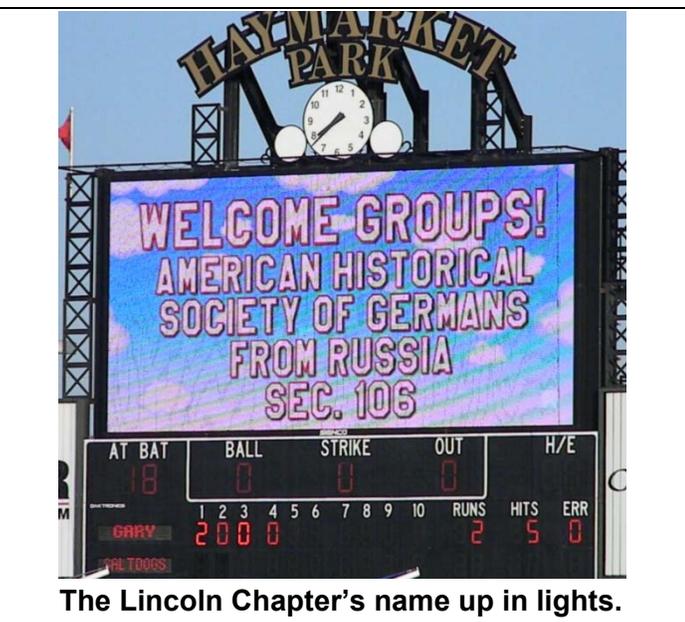
TOTAL RESERVATIONS _____ X \$10 per person = _____

**Mail the registration form and payment to:
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You Can't Win 'em All

To quote the old song, "For it's one, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game." It was bound to happen -- the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club finally lost a game the Lincoln Chapter was in attendance for.

It had been two years in a row that the 'Dogs had been on the winning end of the score at a game we witnessed. That streak came to an end, "the third strike," on June 18, 2016 as we traveled to Haymarket Park to see the Saltdogs take on the Gary SouthShore Railcats from Gary, Indiana.



The Lincoln Chapter's name up in lights.

Although the 'Dogs lost, 3-0, GR baseball fans in attendance had a great time. Our seats were in the shade and a nice breeze was blowing by. Our name was put up on the scoreboard and our presence was announced over the public address system. It was souvenir hat night and all of us received a free Saltdogs camouflage hat to commemorate our military veterans. During another promotion, our section won free entrées from a local restaurant for the Saltdogs striking out the batter. We were in the right place at the right time.

Bob Wagner won our drawing for a stuffed toy of Homer, the Saltdog's mascot. All in all, it was a fun night and another good outing for the Lincoln Chapter.



Part of our group that witnessed the game.

Frohlich Juhrestag
 "Happy Anniversary"



SEPTEMBER

Ampone and Kevin Hergenrader

OCTOBER

Leslie and Tom Bill
 Renae and Austen Jacox

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 "Our People in Memory"

Beverly J. Demaree
 Emanuel "Ace" Dinges
 Mollie Schneider

Your Help is Needed

If you are aware of the passing of someone who is a German from Russia, please give Judy Lawson, Lincoln Chapter Corresponding Secretary, a call at: 402-420-9580.

2016 Calendar of Upcoming Events

AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

SEPTEMBER



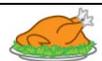
Tuesday	13 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	19 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER



Sunday	2 nd	ROAD TRIP	Arbor Lodge Ethnic Festival	12:30-5 p.m.
Sunday	9 th	General Membership Mtg. & Picnic	Antelope Park Shelter	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	17 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	31 st	Trunk or Treat Youth Activity	Norwood Park School	time tba

NOVEMBER



Friday	4 th	Broda Dinner	WSI Hall, 1431 North 10 th St.	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	21 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER



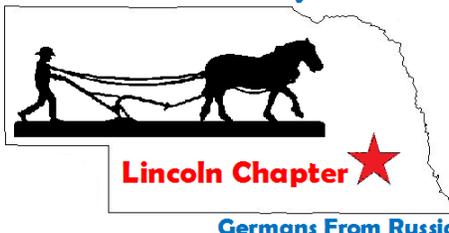
Sunday	4 th	Christmas Open House	631 "D" Street	1:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday	5 th	Board Member's Christmas Dinner	Fireworks Resturant	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	13 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2017



Sunday	8 th	General Membership Meeting, Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers (speaker to be announced)	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall 10 th & Charleston Street	1:00 p.m.
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Lincoln Stars Hockey Outing 2015



Trunk or Treat at Norwood Park School 2015



Ethnic Festival at Arbor Lodge 2015



November Broda Dinner 2015

**AHSGR Lincoln Chapter
1000 North 81st Street
Lincoln, NE 68505**

Lincoln Chapter activities of 2016 (through August 1):



Feeding Hungry Kids



Winter Meeting



Spring Speaker



Soup Supper



Youth Fun Night



Garage Sale



Saltdogs Baseball



Summer Speaker