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January General Meeting Speaker Announced

Don't forget the next General Membership Meeting of the Lincoln Chapter at 1:00 on Sunday, January 8th. The place will be at Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall at 10th & Charleston Streets.

Guest speaker is scheduled to be **Edward F. Zimmer**, Lincoln historian and author. Mr. Zimmer will come armed with his interesting slide show of Lincoln's historic North and South Bottoms area. One may remember Mr. Zimmer from his many television appearances, city tours of historic places, and books such as *Lincoln in Black and White* and *Lincoln's Early Architecture*. We were also fortunate enough to have Mr. Zimmer lead us on our successful June, 2013 van tour of historic sites in the Bottoms. Thirty-two members joined us on that tour.

On January 8th, including social time and a potluck dinner, a short meeting will take place, including election of 2017 board members and officers. Open discussion is encouraged on how the Lincoln Chapter can serve our members better. Mr. Zimmer will then make his presentation.

This will be the fourth installment of the Lincoln Chapter's "Speaker Series," an ongoing informative and educational series of lectures on celebrating and preserving our history. Everyone is invited. See you there.

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Holiday Fundraiser Update

Once again our Lincoln Chapter gave back to our community and helped make a difference in the lives of Lincoln's youth.

We are regular presenters running activities at school fun nights, Reading Across America, Trunk or Treat on Halloween, Havelock Fall Festival, Arbor Lodge Ethnic Festival, and our 2015 German-Russian Youth Heritage Camp.

At most of these activities youth learn about German-Russian culture, heritage, and customs – all at no cost. We explain quilting, play bunnock, and even make grebble.

Our second annual Holiday Food BackPack Fundraiser was again a success and once again benefitted Lincoln's youth – at no cost to them. We raised enough to provide almost 1,300 meals for Lincoln's less fortunate and provide nourishing meals to those children who over the holidays may not otherwise have one.

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. The GR tradition of caring for others and helping those in need lives on.

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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.

Christmas Memories in the North Bottoms

Submitted by Becky Schenaman

I am down in the North Bottoms today, putting up some Christmas decorations. The weather is really sunny and nice.

I will tell you about the Christmas I will always remember. In November of 2008 my husband Richard (or Shenny) was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

From that time on we traveled back and forth to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. My sister Sandy drove us. I really had not given Christmas a thought. We did no shopping and did not put up a tree.

In the middle of December the doctors in Omaha decided they would try Whipple surgery. Richard was put on a clinical trial as he was only the second person to receive this procedure. There were no other options so he decided to try it.

The surgery itself took eleven hours but the doctors were unable to remove any of the tumor. Richard was in the hospital recovering for two weeks. It snowed everyday but Sandy and I drove everyday on some really slippery roads to be there. We had no idea of when he would be able to come home.

We drove to Omaha on the day of Christmas Eve. The doctor said Richard could get some bed rest at home. As soon as some of the tubes were taken out we went home until the second of January.

By the time we left for Lincoln it was 10:00 p.m. and snowing really hard. We made it back to Lincoln by midnight. As soon as I got Richard in his bed, I took a turkey out of the freezer and put it in a sink of cold water to thaw. I thought, "Oh no, I haven't grocery shopped for anything special." But the next morning the turkey had defrosted enough to clean out and make stuffing.

We had no tree and no presents, just us and our dog Jack Henry and had our good meal. The nurse from Saint Elizabeth Hospital came Christmas afternoon to remove more tubes and to check up on Richard.

We were so thankful just to be in our little home in the North Bottoms and to be able to enjoy this special day once more. I loved that Christmas for the time we shared at that moment. The next Christmas would be both Richard and Jack's last.

I no longer worry about finding the perfect gift. I have learned to live in the moment and to enjoy the simple things of life. I hope all of you had a very good Christmas and I wish you all a blessed new year.

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Holiday Open House

To close out a busy year the annual Holiday Open House was held on Sunday, December 4 in conjunction with the International Headquarters staff. The event was held in the AHSGR museum at 631 "D" Street. Over 40 folks visited the event which included treats and drinks, including hot cider. Corinne Jacox played the piano as folks sang holiday songs – both in English *and* German. It was a fun, heartwarming way to end 2016.

Herzlichen Glukwunsch Zum Geburstagl

"Happy Birthday"



JANUARY

Ed Barthule

John Bauer

Sharon Buckner

Mary Frost

Clarence Gunn

Ruth Younger White

Pam Wurst

FEBRUARY

Rosalie Geier

Kurt Hergenrader

Dorothy Neill

Bob Riddle

Don Schoening

Ruby Weber

Who We Are and Where

We Are From

The AHSGR Lincoln Chapter is currently in the middle of its 2017 membership drive. As membership renewal mailings were put together for this year some interesting facts popped out from membership rolls about who we are and where we're from.

By all accounts, 2016 was a banner year for the chapter. We saw membership balloon to 122 individuals and more inquiries have been made about joining for 2017. Interesting educational speakers were lined up and social events as well as road trips were held. This may account for some of the rise in membership.

What jumped out to some from our 2016 membership was the widening scope of interest in the Lincoln Chapter. The chapter has at least three generations of German-Russian blood flowing through it. Some grew up in "The Bottoms," and some still live there. Others may have moved on to other parts of town, the state, or the country, but their hearts still remain there. Yet others have never had "The Bottoms Experience," but are tied by the heritage, families and stories. This is a good sign as we look to the future.

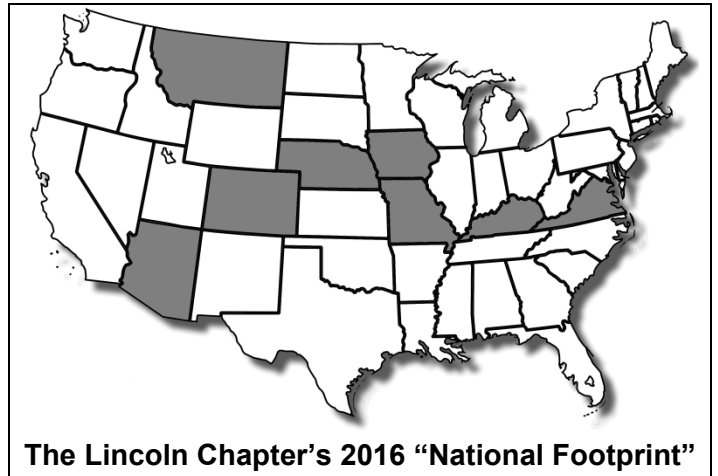
The second thing that jumps out is that while the organization's name implies just Nebraska's capital city our reach extends far beyond Lancaster County. Granted, most members live in Lincoln proper, but many live in other Nebraska towns. Those towns include Beatrice, Beaver City, Bennet, Kearney and Roca.

What is even more impressive are the folks from around the country who are still interested in little ole' Lincoln, Nebraska. Membership to the Lincoln Chapter also hails from other states like Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, and Virginia.

While a great many of the out-of-state folks may never make it back to Lincoln for one of our events, their interest still burns brightly as they receive newsletters and updates from Lincoln.

In the end, the Lincoln Chapter is really growing a "National Footprint" in the continental

United States. Let's all look forward to an even more prosperous 2017.



Reach For the Stars!

Circle the date on your calendars. Our annual trip to Lincoln Stars hockey has been set. Our visit will be the evening of Saturday, March 25, 2017 as our hometown Stars take on the Madison Capitols from Madison, Wisconsin. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. at the Ice Box, just north of the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Customarily, we attend the Stars in the fall, but the lack of workable Saturday dates during football season this year pushed our visit back to the spring. Lincoln once again has a good team and will be fighting for playoff positioning. It should be a good game.

The Stars always treat us quite well as anyone who has come out for the fun in the past can attest to. Our contacts at the Stars can get us about 30% off face value on tickets.

Look for more information and registration forms coming out as we get closer to the event. We expect another good GR presence.



November Broda Dinner

Our annual broda dinner was held on Friday, November 4 at the WSI Hall in the North Bottoms. We had roast beef, potatoes and carrots, and green beans, prepared as always by our master chef, Paul Loos. Also available were pies, bread and drinks. Food and friends were the fare of the evening.

About 140 people enjoyed the annual festivities on a spectacular fall evening, weather-wise. We were especially fortunate to have student ambassadors from the Norwood Park Elementary Leadership Club come to help clear tables and fill water. The Lincoln Chapter reciprocates by running booths at the school's fun night in the spring and Trunk or Treat event in October.



Norwood Park Volunteers with Sponsors

Once again a wonderful quilt was made by the quilting club. Chances to win the quilt could be purchased but it was only one person who walked away with the prize. A young Leadership Club volunteer was asked to draw the lucky ticket. And the lucky winner turned out to be Cami Krull from Grand Island, granddaughter of Delores Schwartz.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this year's broda successful: Ed Barthule, Sharon Buckner, Donna Day, Geraldine Debus, Rich Dietrich, Shirley Fugate, Bill Gettman, Sandy Gettman, Tim Hardt, Jane Harrison, Austen Jacox, Corinne Jacox, Jay Jacox, Karen Johnson, Dorothy Klein, Judy Lawson, David Loos, Nancy Loos, Paul Loos, Steve Loos, Rick Rekert, Judy Runion, Becky

Schenaman, Barbara Schmidt, Larry Schuster, Susan Stoehr, Bob Wagner, Marilyn Wagner, Don Weber, John Weber, Ruby Weber, Kay Wood and the Youth Leadership Club kids from Norwood Park Elementary School.



2016 Broda Quilt for Raffle

Frohlich Juhrestag "Happy Anniversary"



JANUARY

Sidonia and Ken Babcock

FEBRUARY

none

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"Our People in Memory"

Norma J. Boles

Melvin E. Burback

Daniel L. Dormer

Wesley Dale George

Douglas Kaltenberger

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.

The Year 2016 in Photos



Winter General Meeting January 10



Spring General Meeting April 24



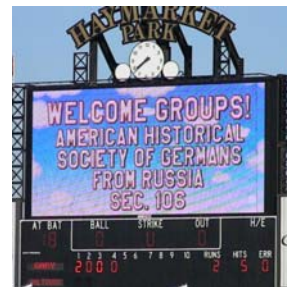
Soup Supper April 29



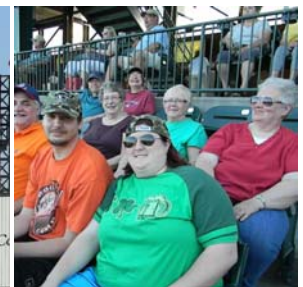
Norwood Park Fun Night May 9



Garage Sale June 3-4



Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball June 18



Summer General Meeting June 26



Arbor Lodge Ethnic Festival October 2



The Year 2016 in Photos



Fall General Meeting & Picnic October 9



Trunk or Treat October 31



Broda Dinner November 4



Holiday Open House December 4

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Dinners:	Paul Loos	Program:	Jay Jacox
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Genealogy/Folklore:	all	Social:	all
Historical:	Sharon Buckner	Special Projects:	Jay Jacox
Membership:	Corinne Jacox	Ticket Sales:	Judy Lawson
Newsletter:	Corinne & Jay Jacox	Webmaster:	Corinne Jacox
Nominating:	all		

2017 Calendar of Upcoming Events **AHSGR Lincoln Chapter**

additional events added as dates are finalized

JANUARY 				
Sunday	8 th	General Membership Meeting	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	13 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	16 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 				
Tuesday	14 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	20 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
MARCH 				
Tuesday	14 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	20 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	25 th	Lincoln Stars Hockey	Ice Box Arena	7:05 p.m.
APRIL 				
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.
Date	TBD	General Membership Meeting		TBD
MAY 				
Tuesday	9 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	15 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
JUNE 				
Tuesday	6 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	12 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Fri/Sat	TBD	GR Garage Sale	1000 North 81 st Street	TBD
Date	TBD	General Membership Meeting		TBD
Date	TBD	Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball	Haymarket Park	TBD
JULY 				
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.
AUGUST 				
Tuesday	8 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	21 st	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 				
Tuesday	12 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	18 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Date	TBD	General Membership Meeting		TBD
OCTOBER 				
Date	TBD	Arbor Lodge Ethnic Festival	ROAD TRIP to Nebraska City	TBD
Tuesday	10 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	16 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Date	TBD	Trunk or Treat	Norwood Park Elementary	TBD
NOVEMBER 				
Tuesday	14 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	20 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 				
Tuesday	12 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday	18 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.

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AHSGR Lincoln Chapter activities of 2016:



Winter Meeting



Spring Speaker



Soup Supper



Youth Fun Night



Garage Sale



Saltdogs Baseball



Summer Speaker



Arbor Lodge



Fall Picnic



Trunk or Treat



Broda Dinner



Holiday Open House