

# Lincoln Chapter NEWSLETTER

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## 'ChapterWear' is Here

Ever go to your closet and just can't decide what to wear or want something new and fresh? Well the Lincoln Chapter has come up with a solution – ChapterWear!

First conceived at a board meeting so our members can be distinctive and original at outings and public events, the idea of securing quality polo shirts was born. The board first decided to test the idea themselves and make sure the quality and style were up to general membership standards.

The board member shirts were first unveiled at our recent trip to see the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball game – to smashing success. Passing inspection these shirts are now available to the general membership.

Affordably priced, these quality shirts are available in an appealing silver color with the Lincoln Chapter's logo on the left breast pocket area. They are perfect for wearing casually about town, out to eat, or to chapter events. The shirts are a 50% cotton, 50% polyester blend. They have a tagless label and have double-stitched hem reinforcement for added strength.

Best of all, the shirts have SpotShield™ stain-resistant treatment to guard against the occasional, yet inevitable, accident. Fans at the recent Saltdogs game experienced a brief rain shower, yet the rain on our shirts beaded up and rolled right off. Our torsos stayed dry.

Lincoln Chapter polo shirts are only \$20 each (\$23 for XXL and above) and come in adult small, medium, large, extra large, XX-large, and XXX-large. This is not a fund-raising program for the Lincoln Chapter. The fee to our members just

covers the cost of these high-quality shirts. Our object is to provide a service to our members.



**Members Show Off Their ChapterWear Polos**

Find an order form as an insert to this July/August newsletter. Requests with payment received by July 31 will be included in our next round of orders on August 1.

Show your pride in the Lincoln Chapter by owning and wearing a polo shirt today. Be the first on your block to get this edition of Lincoln ChapterWear. All the cool kids are wearing them.

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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.

## North Bottoms Memories

### --an American Story

Submitted by Becky Schenaman

Last night I had five inches of rain in my rain gauge. I was so surprised since it has been such a hot June. I love my flower beds – I just don't like dragging the rubber hose around the yard.

My sister and I went to two of Ed Zimmer's tours last week. One was to Wyuka Cemetery and on through the historical Hawley neighborhood. Both were very interesting. Ed has such a wealth of knowledge about everything. It was very hot on both days but his stories made you forget the heat.

My dear friend Sheryl Heidenreich died in May. She was such a special person and like me she had a deep love of our German heritage and was proud to be a little "German Rooshin." Our friendship deepened by the fact that I own the house that her father grew up in. When she and her mother came to Lincoln we would gather here and have a good visit. One year we had the cousins and aunts and uncles here for an afternoon of memory sharing. I miss her e-mails and phone calls.

My sister and I are both members of Immanuel Church on 10<sup>th</sup> and Charleston. Recently we had an old-time remembrance of a German Sunday service. The women sat on one side of the church and the men on the other. Songs were sung in German and stories were told. Those times of our kin folks were remembered and our old ways were once again shared and treasured.

Our ancestors were strong people and we should never forget the old country and the old ways. I am really proud to be a German-Russian on both sides of my family. I love my little German house on 8<sup>th</sup> and "Y" streets and all of its' history. I am proud that it is still well kept and if my ancestors walked in today they would feel at home.

Grampa Dellos would say we are lucky to be in America. He would be proud to be a citizen here. They remembered the old country, but loved the new country in America.

Mocks goot.

## 'So Earnest, Yet So Gay'

Submitted by David Johnson

My grandmother, Marie (Meisinger) Dittenber, arrived in Lincoln in 1921 at the age of 15. From the age of sixteen until she was 32 she worked at the Rudge and Guenzel's Cafeteria downtown on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. A German-Russian immigrant who arrived in this country in 1909, she remembered those occasions when she took the streetcar to work downtown from her mother's home on A Street in the South Bottoms area of Lincoln. She spoke with fond memories of Rudge and Guenzel, her job at the steam table and the many friends and acquaintances gathered through sixteen years working there. She seemed particularly to enjoy the bustle of the different peoples that frequented Rudge and Guenzel.

Apparently, one of the frequent patrons of Rudge and Guenzel's was Marie Macumber, best known today as Mari Sandoz. As Jim McKee related in a July 1996 article on Sandoz in the Lincoln paper, Sandoz, like my grandmother, was also a recent arrival to Lincoln. During the decade of the 1920's Mari Sandoz attended UNL, working in various capacities at the university.

Exactly what sparked a friendship between the erstwhile writer and my grandmother is difficult to say. Though a full decade older than my grandmother, the two Maries shared several commonalities; German spoken at home, educations terminated with 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and harsh – yes, even abusive – fathers. Whatever the source of their friendship, Sandoz proudly presented a first edition of *Old Jules* upon its publication in 1935. Sandoz captured the essence of my grandmother and the spirit of these young immigrant women from that era, in a simple, yet moving inscription.

"To Marie Meisinger, because she is so earnest, and yet so gay too, like no one else on earth – Mari Sandoz"

Reprinted from "The Good Old Days 2001."

## A 'Stirring' Soup Supper

Hungry soup supper participants may have needed to stir their hot and delicious soup offerings to cool them down a bit but it was well worth it at the chapter's annual soup supper this past April 28. Once again, the event was held on a Friday night at the WSI Hall, 1430 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in Lincoln.

A healthy crowd of well over 200 packed the hall. Once again, master chef Paul Loos and his staff put together a feast for participants. A tasty meal of chili, chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups started the evening off. Rounding out the offerings were coffee, butterballs, bread, and wonderful desserts of cakes and pastries. Egg noodles were also for sale. Folks could eat in or get "take out."

and generally wait on tables. Our soup supper is a community service project for them. In return we help with games and activities at the school's annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween.



**Soup Supper Master Chef Paul Loos**



**A Good-Sized Crowd**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to, once again, make our annual event wonderful. Those people include: Ed Barthule, Nancy Borrell, Sharon Buckner, Donna Day, Jane Harrison, Austen Jacox, Corinne Jacox, Jay Jacox, Renae Jacox, Karen Johnson, Judy Lawson, David Loos, Paul Loos, Sherry Pawelko, Rick Rekert, Judy Runion, Barbara Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Bob Wagner, Marilyn Wagner, Don Weber, John Weber, Ruby Weber, Kay Wood, Pam Wurst, and the Leadership Club (Student Council) from Norwood Park Elementary School.

The Norwood Park children once again made the trip across town to help clear tables, refill water,

## Unsere Leute Erinnyng "Our People in Memory"

- Jacqueline J. (Maser) Dell
- Edwin Gettman
- Duane Rexford Harr
- Martha A. (Heckman) Hegener
- Sheryl Heidenreich
- Shirley Ann Kruse
- Jacob (Yek) Loos
- Henry L. Reifschneider Jr.
- William G. Rockel
- Mary Joyce (Deer) Schoening
- Joseph Will

### **Your Help is Needed**

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

## Garage Sale – 2017 Style

The Lincoln Chapter's 2017 garage sale was held on June 9-10. Once again it was coordinated in conjunction with the Meadowlane Area Resident's Association community sale.



**Getting the Bedding Items Ready for Sale**

On sale were clothes, books, artwork, household items, furniture, electronics, and several other items. It was a good weekend as the Lincoln Chapter made enough to help keep membership costs down, obtain quality speakers for events, and help cover the costs of some building rentals for general membership meetings and the like.



**Garage Sale Staff: (L-R) Jane, Sharon, Barbara, Nancy, Don, Susan, Corinne, Karen.**

**Not pictured:**

**Judy L., Judy R., Kay, Geri, Austen, Renae, Jay.**

Thanks go out to everyone who contributed items for the sale and especially to those who worked long, hard hours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to make this event a success.

## Frohlich Juhrestag "Happy Anniversary"



**JULY**

Sandra Hill & Henry Schmidt (53 years)

**AUGUST**

Joyce and Bob Riddle (59 years)

## Herzlichen Glukwunsch Zum Geburstagl "Happy Birthday"



**JULY**

Dick Holdren  
Karen Johnson  
Dorothy Klein  
Jolene McInnis  
Clark Schoening  
Allen Scribner  
Karen Scribner  
Donald Weber

**AUGUST**

Robert Dobberstein  
Richard Geier  
Rosalie Geier  
Ampone Hergenrader  
Esther Hogrefe  
Larry Schenkel

# **Official Lincoln Chapter Wear Polo Shirt Order Form**



## **Shirt Features:**

- \*\* Silver color with Lincoln Chapter logo**
- \*\* 50% cotton, 50% polyester**
- \*\* SpotShield™ stain-resistant treatment**
- \*\* Tagless label**
- \*\* Double-stitched hem reinforcement**

**Number of polo shirts requested (all adult sizes):**  
**Polo Shirts are \$20 each (\$23 for XXL and XXXL sizes)**

**\_\_\_ Small    \_\_\_ Medium    \_\_\_ Large    \_\_\_ Extra-Large**  
**\_\_\_ XX Large (\$23)            \_\_\_ XXX Large (\$23)**

**All orders with payment need to be received by Monday, July 31, 2017  
to be included in the Tuesday, August 1, 2017 round of prints.**

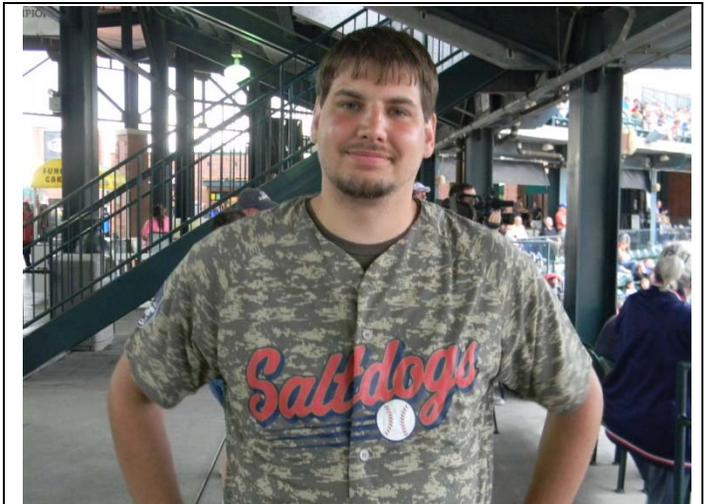
**\*\* Make checks payable to AHSGR Lincoln Chapter \*\***

**Mail order form & payment to: Jay Jacox, 1000 No. 81<sup>st</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68505.**

## Two for the Price of One

Gone are the glory days of baseball when teams would intentionally schedule a weekend afternoon/evening doubleheader on a lazy June day. Well, the Lincoln Chapter was treated to a blast from the past on their Saturday, June 17 annual trip to see the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club.

A vicious rainstorm had cut short Friday night's contest with the Gary SouthShore RailCats midway through the game. So, the teams decided to finish on Saturday prior to their regularly scheduled game which we attended. As customary, Germans from Russia are not just on time for their appointments, but early, and we were allowed to see both ends of the doubleheader at a single-game price.



**Austen Shows Off Free Jerseys We All Received**

Once again section 106 was the German-Russian section and we were announced to the crowd over the public address system. Our name was again up on the giant outfield scoreboard. A very brief shower passed by during the second game and a few drops fell. However, the most spectacular show of the rain showers was the aftermath. A very rare double-rainbow framed the outfield at Haymarket Park. Both ends of one rainbow also reached down to the ground – also a rare occurrence. Almost the entire crowd had out their cell phones, snapping photos. It was almost as good as the Friday night fireworks show at the 'dogs.



**Joyce and Bob Settle in for the Game(s)**

The Saltdogs split the doubleheader, winning the opener 4-3, but losing the nightcap, 5-4. The Saltdogs still maintained their division leading, league best won-lost record. Last year the game we attended was "cap night" and we all walked away with Saltdogs caps. This year was "jersey night" and all in attendance scored cool Saltdogs jerseys. Not bad, a doubleheader AND a jersey.



**Rainbow Frames Haymarket Park**

## 2017 Board Members – AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

### OFFICERS:

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### DIRECTORS:

|                 |   |          |                         |
|-----------------|---|----------|-------------------------|
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| Don Weber       | 6201 Normal Blvd. #322 (68506)              | 489-4898 |                         |
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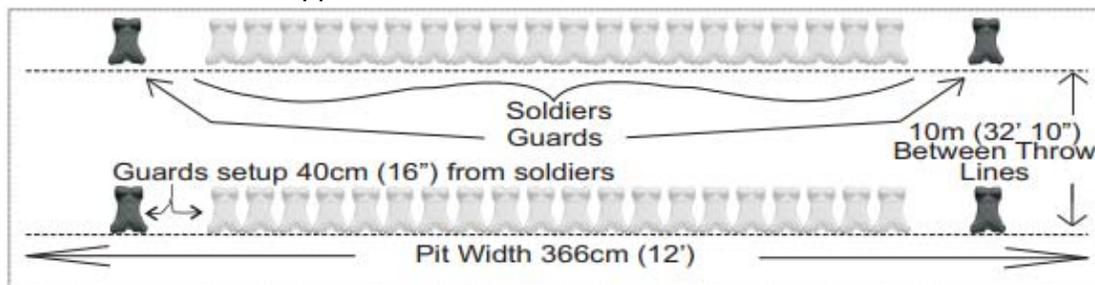
### Committee Chairs:

|                     |                     |                   |                          |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Dinners:            | Paul Loos           | Program:          | Jay Jacox                |
| Finance / Audit:    | Barbara Schmidt     | Publicity:        | Judy Lawson              |
| Garage Sale:        | Jay Jacox           | Quilt and Raffle: | Judy Lawson              |
| Genealogy/Folklore: | all                 | Social:           | all                      |
| Historical:         | Sharon Buckner      | Special Projects: | Austen Jacox & Jay Jacox |
| Membership:         | Corinne Jacox       | Ticket Sales:     | Judy Lawson              |
| Newsletter:         | Corinne & Jay Jacox | Webmaster:        | Corinne Jacox            |

## Bunnock™: The German-Russian Game for All Ages

The game of Bunnock was originally brought to Canada and the United States by German-Russian immigrants in the early 1900's. It is a game played with the horse ankle bones and was set up with a few bones that could be gathered from the dead horses the farming families had around. Some say the game was originally played in a circle with the competitors standing in the middle throwing outward at the circle of bones.

Bunnock is a fun game that can be played by two to eight players or more. Two rows of 22 bones are set up about 10 meters (32 feet 10 inches) apart with one guard at either end, 40cm (16") apart. The object of the game is to be the first to knock down the guards (black bones) then the inside soldiers (white bones), before the other team. Each player throws two bones each with the first team to throw to be decided by a coin toss. The first team to knock down their opponents Bunnock with the least amount of throws will win the game.



Your Lincoln Chapter continues to promote our heritage by demonstrating and playing Bunnock at community events we are involved in, such as the Lincoln Children's Museum, Havelock Fall Festival, and Nebraska 150 Celebration. Look for us to run more Bunnock events in the future.

Game and historical information for this article was provided courtesy The Official Bunnock Website ([www.bunnock.com](http://www.bunnock.com)) and International Bunnock Associates, Inc.

# 2017 Calendar of Upcoming Events

## AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

**\*additional events added as dates are finalized\***



= **community engagement event**

### JULY

|         |                  |               |                                      |           |
|---------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club   | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting | 631 "D" Street                       | 7:00 p.m. |

### AUGUST

|         |                                    |                          |                                      |           |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday | 8 <sup>th</sup>                    | Coffee Club              | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday  | 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | Board Meeting            | 631 "D" Street                       | 7:00 p.m. |
|         | 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> | International Convention | Milwaukee, Wisconsin                 |           |

### SEPTEMBER

|         |                  |   |                                      |           |
|---------|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club   | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | General Membership Mtg. & Picnic  | Antelope Park Shelter                | 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting   | 631 "D" Street                       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Arbor Lodge Pioneer Days  | ROAD TRIP to Nebraska City           | TBD       |

### OCTOBER

|         |                  |  |                                      |           |
|---------|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club  | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting  | 631 "D" Street                       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | Trunk or Treat  | Norwood Park Elementary              | TBD       |

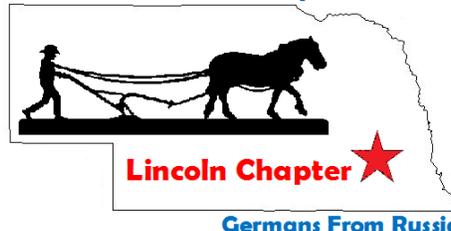
### NOVEMBER

|         |                  |               |                                      |           |
|---------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club   | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting | 631 "D" Street                       | 7:00 p.m. |

### DECEMBER

|         |                  |                      |                                      |                |
|---------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Christmas Open House | 631 "D" Street                       | 1:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club          | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2 | 9:00 a.m.      |
| Monday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting        | 631 "D" Street                       | 7:00 p.m.      |

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**1000 North 81<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**Lincoln, NE 68505**

**AHSGR Lincoln Chapter activities of 2017:**



Feeding the Hungry Winter Speaker



Children's Museum



Stars Hockey



NE 150 Celebration



Spring Meeting



Soup Supper



Garage Sale



Saltdogs Baseball



Summer Meeting



**Scheduled:**  
Fall Carnival



**Scheduled:**  
Arbor Lodge