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## “Community Service” is Our Middle Name

Community service is part of what your Lincoln chapter does – spreading the word of our German-Russian heritage and culture. Following our recent community service work helping to feed Lincoln’s hungry children through the Food Bank’s backpack program, we have been asked to make a few more community service appearances.

First on the calendar is the **Lincoln Children’s Museum “World Wonders” Celebration!** We have been invited to participate in this program on Saturday, March 18, at the Lincoln Children’s Museum. We will be at the museum from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. meeting and greeting many children and families and explaining to them what German-Russian culture is all about.



Second on the calendar, the Lincoln Chapter has been invited to celebrate the state’s birthday by participating in the **Nebraska 150 Celebration** INSIDE the state capitol on Saturday, April 8. We will be representing immigrants to the state of Nebraska. The event runs from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Other partners include Nebraska Capitol Commission, Cornhusker Council of Boy Scouts of America, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska State Museum, Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, Nebraska State Historical Society, Mayhew Cabin and Historic Village, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lincoln Literacy Council, and Office of Governor Pete Ricketts, so we are in good company.



At both events we will have our traditional “quilting station” where we have quilts on display and children can design their own patterns with sticky foam shapes that they can proudly take home. We also have adapted the popular GR outdoor game of *bunnock* to the indoors and will be teaching families the game and help them knock down the pins.

Also scheduled in May will be our appearance at the Norwood Park Block Party on the evening of Friday, May 13, where will be teaching bunnock. More information will be forthcoming about that appearance.

Our public appearances are a lot of fun and the board always welcomes other members looking for a good time interacting with the public to join in. Experienced event staff will be there to help so you don’t have to “figure it out on your own.” You don’t have to be at an event the entire time. If you are interested in helping out, please contact President Paul Loos or First Vice-President Jay Jacox.

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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 of Grampa and Gramma

Submitted by Becky Schenaman

I just came home from the grocery store and while I was shopping I was surprised to see they had packets of flower and garden seeds on the racks already. Today is the first of February. Do you remember how fun it was to go through the spring garden catalogs?

My grampa Bridegram always had a large selection of them. I could sit for hours and browse through them. His little house on 3<sup>rd</sup> and B streets had a small orchard in the yard. He grew plums, cherries, apples, and pears.

The fruit was for eating and making small batches of homemade wine in his red wing crock. He made the best wine. I liked his plum wine as it was very sweet. On holidays even us children got a thimble full of wine with our meal.

Grampa Bridegram was a short person like myself. He was heavy-set and always wore dress pants and starched dress shirts at home. He worked for the Burlington Railroad cleaning switches and helping lay track. He worked hard. He never drove or owned a car. He and gramma always walked or took a cab.

When you came to visit, grampa would greet you at the door with his same greeting, "Hi ya, hi ya." My name is Becky, but for my whole live he called me "Betty." I always got a kick out of that.

Grampa went to Zion Church and taught Sunday school there. That is where my father Henry Junior and my Aunt Minnie were confirmed.

As a child I would spend a week or two at their house in the south bottoms. By this time they had moved across the street from "F Street" park at 1011 South 6<sup>th</sup>. Their homes were always pretty. My gramma liked nice furniture and when she got new pieces we got her old furniture. I liked that also. One piece she gave us was a couch that was upholstered with an off-white satin covering of pink clusters of roses. It was a beautiful piece.

I think I am like my gramma as I like to decorate and am a fussy cleaner. When gramma washed on Saturdays it made the whole basement

smell like Clorox. She made wonderful rye bread and coffee cakes. So those packets of garden seeds brought these wonderful German memories back to me.

Mocks Goot.

Frohlich Juhrestag

"Happy Anniversary"



**MARCH**

Sandra and William Gettman

**APRIL**

Gloria Johnson-Phillips and Jerry Phillips

Carol and Jim Sommers

## Soup's On – Let's Eat!

The date of our popular annual spring soup supper has been set, so mark your calendars. It will be held on Friday, April 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the WSI Hall, 1430 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, here in Lincoln. The cost is only \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth, 12 and under.

The event usually draws a crowd, and why not? All-you-can-eat selections of chili, vegetable beef, and chicken noodle soups are always GR favorites. Master chef Paul Loos and his staff will once again be working their magic in the kitchen, tantalizing our taste buds. Of course there will be breads, drinks, and desserts.

Proceeds from ticket sales go towards providing quality programming for our membership such as the meal at the fall picnic and carnival, as well as quality educational speakers and guests. Tickets can be purchased in advance from board members or at the door, as long as supplies last. Scheduled to help clear tables again is the fun and energetic Leadership Club of students from Norwood Park Elementary School.

## 2017 Board Members – AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

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## Don't Forget Your Membership

Everyone forgets something. In 2016 the Lincoln Chapter had 122 members. We continue to grow.

However, while we already have new members for 2017 not every member from 2016 has renewed. If your name on the address label of this publication appears in **red**, the membership chair has not yet received your renewal as of this newsletter's publication date.

Don't miss out on exciting speakers, fun social events, community outreach programs, and of course, this award-winning newsletter. Don't delay! It's only \$15 per year. For your convenience find a 2017 membership form on the back side of this article.

If you ever have any questions concerning your membership please contact Corinne Jacox, AHSGR Lincoln Chapter Membership Chair at (402) 327-8962.

### Coffee and Pie Anyone?

Looking for an enjoyable, relaxing time to get away and enjoy companionship and conversation with others from the Lincoln Chapter? Well have we got the time and place for you.

Members from the Lincoln Chapter regularly meet the second Tuesday of every month at Stauffer's Café and Pie Shop, just south of 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway #2. Coffee begins at 9:00 a.m. and usually lasts until people need to leave. Everyone is welcome. We'll make room. See you there!

Scheduled Germans from Russia Coffee Club dates for the remainder of the year are:

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday, March 14     | Tuesday, April 11    |
| Tuesday, May 9        | Tuesday, June 13     |
| Tuesday, July 11      | Tuesday, August 8    |
| Tuesday, September 12 | Tuesday, October 10  |
| Tuesday, November 14  | Tuesday, December 12 |

### Unsere Leute Erinnyng "Our People in Memory"

- Kathleen (Harr) Bonebright
- Gladys M. Herstein
- Barbara Jean Huenink
- Nancy J. Jervey
- George J. Krieger
- Richard A. Livingston
- Ellen C. Loos
- Harry Loos
- Jacqueline Mae (Sittner) Meister
- Patricia A. Reifschneider
- Cecelia Will Sherman
- Jack Eugene Sommers

#### 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.

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## 2017 AHSGR Lincoln Chapter Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

German-Russian Heritage? YES NO Spouse German-Russian Heritage? YES NO

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle your choice:* Send me the newsletter through: Mail? e-mail?

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestral Villages (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestral Names (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks for \$15.00 payable to AHSGR Lincoln Chapter.**

Please mail to:

Corinne Jacox, Membership Chair, 1000 North 81<sup>st</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68505

# It's AHSGR night at the Stars again . . .



**Come join us as we cheer on our own Lincoln Stars at the Ice Box.**

**When: Saturday, March 25, 2017 7:05 start Don't be late!**

**Where: AHSGR will have our own area in the north section at the Ice Box Arena. Our section is fully ADA accessible.**

**Fee: *\*\*TWO PACKAGES\*\****

***Single Package -- \$10.00 per reserved seat (\$16.50 value)***

***"Family Deal" Package -- \$16 per reserved seat PLUS:  
Stars t-shirt and Wendy's meal ticket (\$36.50 value)***

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

**Registrations should be received by Thursday, March 16 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 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68505.**

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

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**I just can't pass up seeing the Stars in 2017 with AHSGR. Sign me up.**

**Contact (1<sup>st</sup>) person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**2<sup>nd</sup> person: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> person: \_\_\_\_\_**

**4<sup>th</sup> person: \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> person: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SINGLE PACKAGE RESERVATIONS (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_**

**"FAMILY DEAL" RESERVATIONS (\$16) \_\_\_\_\_ t-shirt: AS \_\_\_ AXL \_\_\_**

**I need wheelchair accommodation \_\_\_ I need mobility accommodation \_\_\_**

**Mail this registration form and payment to:**

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



# Reach For the Stars!

It's that time again when the Germans from Russia invade the Ice Box and support the Lincoln Stars hockey team. Our third annual visit will be the evening of Saturday, March 25, as the Stars take on the Madison Capitols from Wisconsin. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. at the Ice Box, just north of the Devaney Sports Center.

The Stars always treat us quite well and this year is no exception! In addition to the good deal the Stars always give us on tickets this year management has a special treat for us. There are two ticket packages to choose from. We will still sit together as a group.

**Package #1** is just for the regular good seats we always get – only \$10 per seat (a \$16.50 value).

**Package #2 (Family Deal)** is for our good seats PLUS a meal at Wendy's Restaurant **and** a Stars t-shirt (a total \$36.50 value) for only \$16.

GRs can mix and match tickets if they want. As an example, two people in a group of three only want the seats while the other one would like the additional goodies included in the Family Deal. No problem. The total amount for the group of three would be \$36 (\$10 each for just the regular seats and \$16 for the Family Deal seat). ADA seating for those with mobility issues is always available.

We need to let the Stars know by March 16 what our plans are. So don't delay! Join in the fun and let's all cheer the Stars on to another victory. **Go Stars!**

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## WSI Hall History

Submitted by John Stuertz, WSI Hall

Here is some history about our beloved Hall. Many of you who grew up in the North and South Bottoms have fond memories of the summer picnics, Christmas programs, broda dinners, and soup suppers.

The *Welfare Society, Inc. (WSI)* was started as a social club known as the *Northside Christian Association* in 1906. It was located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and New Hampshire Streets. The club later changed its' name to *The Neighborhood House*. In 1917, the name was once again changed to the *Welfare Society*.

## Herzlichen Glukwunsch



Zum Geburtstag  
"Happy Birthday"



### MARCH

- Frances Bauer
- Cristen Bridegam
- Ronald Bridegam
- Geraldine Debus
- Pamela Edwards
- Shannon Fennell
- Rebecca Hansen
- Myron Pudwill
- Carol Sommers
- John Weber
- Kay Wood

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- Amy Frohn
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- Susan Pudwill
- Jack Schreiber

The Board of Education needed the land at 9<sup>th</sup> and New Hampshire streets for a playground for Hayward school. As a result, the land at 1430 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street was purchased on June 16, 1926. The present structure was opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1927.

Over the years membership and activities have slowly declined. There are few GRs that have an interest in participating and joining the WSI Hall. It's up to you – if you want to keep traditions alive, join and support the WSI Hall.

Membership fees are dirt cheap: \$25.00 annual dues. Find a membership form on the reverse side of this article in this publication. Danke.

# Winter Meeting Recap

The annual Winter General Meeting was held January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall at 10<sup>th</sup> & Charleston Streets. A good turnout showed up as a potluck lunch was served and election of officers was conducted. Jane Harrison, Austen Jacox, and Kay Wood were added to the board. However, the highlight of the afternoon was our fourth presenter in the Lincoln Chapter's "Speaker Series," an ongoing informative and educational lecture series.

The man of the hour was Lincoln historian and author Edward F. Zimmer. Doctor Zimmer presented an interesting slideshow presentation about how he takes historical photos and places names and locations to them. Through a tiny bit of information left behind from the photo he can trace who might be in that photo and almost precisely pinpoint where and when the photo was taken. He then took questions from the group.

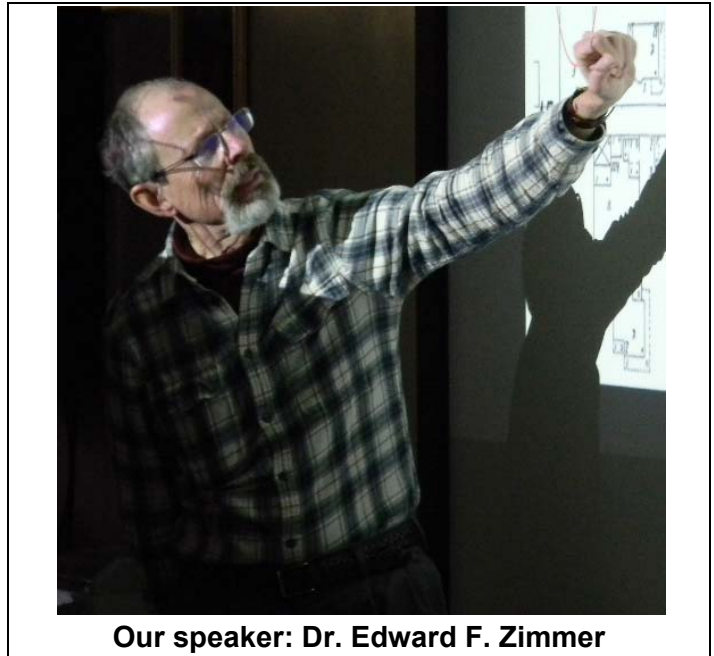
One of his prime examples was a photo taken of one of our Germans from Russia taken from over 100 years ago in Lincoln. It had been used in an article from the September 2014 Lincoln Chapter Newsletter about Cooper (or "F" Street) Park.

Through Dr. Zimmer's research it turns out what was originally thought to be a photo at the park was taken somewhere else – not far away

though. It was actually taken a block away, on the playground of Park School, before it burned down and was replaced by most of the current building.

Dr. Zimmer showed how he came to that conclusion and gave us tips on how we can investigate photos as well. He has been granted permission to use the photo and it is now part of his slideshow program he presents to other groups as well – another North and South Bottoms highlight.

Thank you to Dr. Zimmer. Look for additional interesting speakers to be presented in the future from your Lincoln Chapter.



**Our speaker: Dr. Edward F. Zimmer**

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
**WELFARE SOCIETY, Inc.**

1430 North 10th Street

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln, Nebraska \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Day / Year

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**I will read or have read the Constitution and Bylaws and agree to abide by all articles contained therein.**

X

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Accepted

**E-mail address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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



= **community engagement event**

## MARCH



Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	World Wonders Super Saturday	Lincoln Children's Museum	10:00 a.m.-noon
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Stars Hockey	Ice Box Arena	7:05 p.m.

## APRIL



Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nebraska 150 Celebration	Nebraska State Capitol	1:30-4:00 p.m.
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.
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	General Membership Meeting	site TBD	2:00 p.m.
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Soup Supper	WSI Hall, 1430 North 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-7:00 p.m.

## MAY



Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Norwood Park Block Party	Norwood Park Elementary	TBD
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.

## JUNE



Fri/Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	GR Garage Sale	1000 North 81 <sup>st</sup> Street	TBD
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball	Haymarket Park	6:45 p.m.
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting	site TBD	2:00 p.m.

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER



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.
Date	TBD	General Membership Meeting	Antelope Park Shelter	4:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER



Date	TBD	Arbor Lodge Ethnic Festival	ROAD TRIP to Nebraska City	TBD
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.

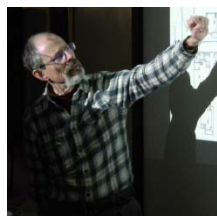


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**AHSGR Lincoln Chapter activities of 2017:**



Feeding the Hungry Winter Speaker



**Scheduled:**  
Children's Museum



**Scheduled:**  
Stars Hockey



**Scheduled:**  
NE 150 Celebration



**Scheduled:**  
Spring Meeting



**Scheduled:**  
Soup Supper



**Scheduled:**  
Garage Sale



**Scheduled:**  
Saltdogs Baseball



**Scheduled:**  
Summer Meeting



**Scheduled:**  
Fall Carnival



**Scheduled:**  
Arbor Lodge