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## A Capitol Idea

It was a wonderful day for a birthday party. On Saturday, April 8, the Lincoln Chapter was invited to participate in the "Nebraska 150: Diverse Origins Celebration" inside the state capitol.

There were exhibits about ancient biology (fossils) found in the state, pioneers, Native Americans, Civil War re-enactors, the underground railroad through Nebraska, and, of course, us. Germans from Russia, as well as the Lincoln Literacy Council represented immigrants in Nebraska's history.

Our "Immigrant Station" was packed almost all day as families came to learn and try the historic German-Russian game of *bunnock* or "bones." We had specially adapted the game to the great indoors by providing rubber padding to protect the floor and a backstop to prevent any pieces from jumping out of the play area. People politely waited their turn to hear the rules of the game and try their hand at it. Some became experts quite rapidly.

At our customary "quilting station" participants were exposed to different quilt patterns and designs. Visitors could then make their own creations to take home using sticky foam shapes. German "Dutch Hop" music played and our German flag was out as well. Children also enjoyed taking apart and putting back together our Matryoshka dolls, which are always a hit.

We shared our hallway in the Capitol with the Lincoln Literacy Council whose booth was set up to help people learn letters and characters of other non-English alphabets. Many folks said between our two booths, our hallway in the capitol housed the most fun stations of the entire event.



Organizers estimated about 500 participants attended the event. The event, as well as the Lincoln Chapter, was made mention of in the *Lincoln Journal-Star* newspaper and on KLKN-TV and NET Radio reports. All in all, it was a "capitol" day, 150 years in the making.

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## North Bottoms Memories – Spring is in the Air

Submitted by Becky Shenaman

Looks like much needed rain today. It's also cold and windy. It looks like March wants to go out like a lion.

As a young girl I can remember many days of deep snow at the end of March. My brother, Ron Bridegam has his birthday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. I remember one particular birthday when we tried to make a snow igloo in the side yard on his special day. We did not stay outside too long because of the very bitter cold that day.



This winter has been an unusually mild one. I do think our climate is changing – and this view is from my own life experiences. What do you think?



One of my favorite memories of Lincoln's spring is the way our flowers and shrubs bloomed in our yard. The first sign of spring for us was the long row of lilacs budding out and bursting



into their fragrant purple blooms. Then, the white spirea bushes blossomed along with the bleeding heart plants. Next came the pink wild rose bushes.



But the queen of the front porch was the deep red seven sisters climbing rose bush. This was on a large trellis that covered the whole side of the porch. One day a photographer from the Earl May seed catalog was driving by and

asked to take a photo to put in their catalog. Of course, mom said "yes." We never saw the catalog

but were proud to know he liked it enough to take a picture.

We always planted a garden in the empty lot behind our backyard. We had asparagus that came up on its' own along the border of the garden. It is still one of my favorite vegetables. Mom planted many vegetables and canned them – along with peaches and pears.

We always had a lot of fruit to munch on. When you came home from school in the fall there was always a bushel of red delicious apples on our screened-in back porch. You could grab one and eat it as a before-supper snack.

Suppers at our house were always delicious. Mom was a great cook and she could always feed extra guests because she knew how to feed an army. No one left Hilda's table with an empty stomach.

Her only downfall was her double-decker cakes! It never failed that the top layer would crack and, try as she might, it could not be hidden with frosting. Dad always said we were having "Grand Canyon" cake for supper. But not a crumb was ever left.

My ex-brother-in-law- came to visit me from out of state. He said he had traveled to many places but never found any fried chicken anywhere that was better than mom's. And that is the truth. Kentucky Fried Chicken or Lee's chicken could not touch mom's fried chicken.

We took mom's chicken on picnics to Linoma Beach in the summer in a big blue enamel roaster covered with a green wool army blanket to keep it warm. Mom always fried at least three chickens along with making potato salad and having olives and pickles. We also brought along a cooler of bottled pop and a few beers. That made for great summer days!

Sometimes on a hot summer day we would carry the old wooden kitchen table out into the back yard and eat supper right there. We had no air conditioning at the time. Life at the Bridegams was fun at times.

Mocks goot.

## GRs Are Kids of All Ages

Once again this year the Lincoln Chapter was invited to the Lincoln Children’s Museum to share German-Russian heritage with families. On Saturday, March 18, children and adults of all ages came to our booth and learned about quilting, bunnock, and GR culture.

For two hours we played with, participated in crafts with, and interacted with almost 100 people who visited our display. Many adults had stories to share about their GR grandparents or asked questions about the museum and headquarters. Some wanted to know more about our organization and we gave away several brochures.

Thank you to the Lincoln Children’s Museum for inviting us again. We felt like kids ourselves.



**Around the BIG Chair**

## Star Struck!

On Saturday, March 25, we once again participated in another hockey outing. We invaded the Ice Box to watch Lincoln’s own Stars hockey club take on the Madison Capitols from Wisconsin.

Once again our contacts at the Stars scored us fantastic seats at a reduced cost. We sat close to one of the goals. So close, in fact, that a couple of times we thought we might have to catch a player in our laps. One can’t help but flinch a bit in reaction when a player is checked hard into the clear Plexiglas right in front of you.

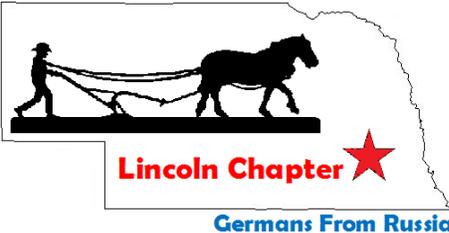
All GRs survived their ordeal to tell the tale. Our seats were right next to the opening laser and smoke show introducing the Stars. A veteran returning from Iraq and Afghanistan was honored on the ice before the game. It was “Mascot Night” and we witnessed a fun game of hockey between many local mascots at a break in the action. We even got our photo taken with the Stars’ mascot.



**Part of Our Group with the Stars’ Mascot**

We’d like to think we did our part and helped the Stars to a 1-0 win as they drove for a playoff spot. The Stars did finish the season just shy of the playoffs, however. Our local heroes have now won three of four games the Lincoln Chapter has attended.

American Historical Society of



## Spring Meeting Recap

The annual Spring General Meeting was held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall at 10<sup>th</sup> & Charleston Streets. Popcorn and drinks were served as snacks while people chatted and “caught up” with each other.

After Paul opened the meeting and presented highlights of upcoming events, everyone anxiously awaited the “main attraction.” That attraction was the newly completed film from International Headquarters entitled: *Norka Russia – A Passage In Time*. The film was recently re-mastered from raw footage that some of the group had seen previously.

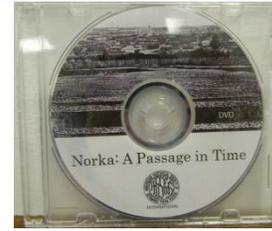
The finished result is narrated by Dr. Peter Reinkordt, one of the Lincoln Chapter’s past guest speakers. It chronicles German migration to Russia and settlement there with emphasis on the village of Norka. Actual film footage was taken by Heinrich Wacker (Henry Walker) who traveled back to Norka in 1928 with his movie camera. He put himself at great risk to capture the footage of local townspeople, homes, and activities. Filming by outside groups was expressly forbidden by the then Soviet Union government. The film footage was probably smuggled back to America through the German Embassy.



**Spectators Enjoy the Film**

No movie experience is complete without popcorn and sodas, which were provided for viewers. It was a very worth-while film on the way

of life in Norka 89 years ago. Copies may be obtained by contacting International Headquarters.



**Norka: A Passage in Time**

Our Summer General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined. Program details will be announced at a later date.

Previous “Speaker Series” guests:

April 2015: Corinne Jacox, “Find A Grave”

April 2016: Judy Schutts, “Voices In Time”

June 2016: Dr. Peter Reinkordt, “Ancestral Names”

January 2017: Dr. Edward Zimmer, “Identifying Photos”

Herzlichen Glukwunsch

Zum Geburstagl

“Happy Birthday”



**MAY**

Bill Gettman

Barbara Schepers

Linda Schreiber

**JUNE**

Kenneth Babcock

Barb Hellerich

Kevin Hergenrader

Austen Jacox

Barbara Michel

Henry Sader

Beth Schoening

Jeff Schoening

Tracy Wagner

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



**Join us as we celebrate the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club when they take on the Gary SouthShore Railcats at Haymarket Park.**

**When: Saturday, June 17, 2017 6:35 start Don't be late!**

**Where: AHSGR will be in section 106 in shade of the lower deck at Haymarket Park. Our section is ADA accessible.**

**Fee: \$12 per reserved seat**

**Hear the Lincoln Chapter's name announced and see it up in lights on the scoreboard. 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 should be received by Saturday, June 3 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.\*\***

**clip and mail**

**I just can't pass up seeing the '17 Saltdogs 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: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 per person = \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

## Garage Sale is Coming Soon

Who doesn't love a garage sale? The 2017 Lincoln Chapter garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., once again at 1000 North 81<sup>st</sup> Street.



We will again be coordinating with the Meadowlane Area Residents Association's event the same weekend. That usually guarantees a good crowd. Help is always appreciated

sitting in the shade, talking, and helping folks with their purchases.

All proceeds go towards running other chapter events, such as securing quality speakers like Dr. Peter Reinkordt and Dr. Edward Zimmer. If you have anything you would like to donate to the garage sale or even have just a couple of hours you can spare to help out, please contact Corinne or Jay Jacox at 402-327-8962.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Remember that song when Chicago Cubs' announcer Harry Carey used to sing it during seventh-inning stretches at Wrigley Field? Well, it's that time of year again when the boys of summer throw the ol' ball around and swing the lumber. Come join us on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> when the Lincoln Chapter spends a relaxing evening celebrating the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club as they take on the Gary SouthShore Railcats from Indiana at Haymarket Park.

Our group has scored excellent seats at the top of section 106 in the lower deck, right off the mezzanine. Our seats are ADA accessible.

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

Once again our seats are only \$12 per person – a 15% discount off regular price. The game's opening pitch is at 6:35 p.m. June 17<sup>th</sup> is listed as "Saltdogs Camo Jersey Giveaway" night. This year marks our fourth trip to see the Saltdogs.

Find a Saltdogs ticket registration form as an insert to this newsletter. Reservations should be received by Saturday, June 3 to assure a spot with our group. See you at the "Ol' Ball Game!"

### Frohlich Juhrestag "Happy Anniversary"



**MAY**

Linda Mae and Norman Helzer (12 years)  
Jolene and Jerry McInnis (63 years)

**JUNE**

Barb and Doug Hellerich (44 years)  
Corinne and Jay Jacox (36 years)  
Judith and Henry Sader (56 years)  
Norma and Larry Schenkel (35 years)  
Linda and Jack Schreiber (38 years)  
Karen and Allen Scribner (47 years)  
Marilyn and Bob Wagner (52 years)  
Ruby and John Weber (67 years)

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

Florence "Flo" Chapin  
George David  
Donald K. Hense  
Stanley Litt  
William Mulder  
Dorothy J. Schwartzkopf  
Geneici M. Ulmer  
Frieda Walter

#### **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.

## 2017 Board Members – AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

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Newsletter:	Corinne & Jay Jacox	Webmaster:	Corinne Jacox

## 2017 Photo Gallery



Winter meeting with speaker Dr. Edward Zimmer



Lincoln Children's Museum Engagement Event



Lincoln Stars hockey outing at Ice Box Arena



NE 150 Celebration at Nebraska State Capitol



# 2017 Calendar of Upcoming Events

## AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

\*additional events added as dates are finalized\*



= community engagement event

### MAY



Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
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	8:00 a.m.-5:00 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	6:35 p.m.
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting	site and program 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



Children's Museum



Stars Hockey



NE 150 Celebration



Spring Meeting



Soup Supper



**Scheduled:**  
Garage Sale



**Scheduled:**  
Saltdogs Baseball



**Scheduled:**  
Summer Meeting



**Scheduled:**  
Fall Carnival



**Scheduled:**  
Arbor Lodge