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It's Finally Here - -

Volunteers Needed

It's finally here, Our Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary convention of AHSGR. The event will be held right here in Lincoln from July 23-27, primarily at Embassy Suites. The festivities start off on Tuesday evening with Welcome Night.

Tours this year include:

- International Quilt Study Museum & UNL Dairy Store
- Museum of American Speed
- North and South Bottoms Bus Tour
- Nebraska State Capitol

Presentations include (but are not limited to):

- Emergence of New German-Russian Literary Characters
- How Railroads and German-Russian Immigrants are Related
- Use of the AHSGR Library
- 1941 Mass Deportations to Siberia & Kazakhstan
- Meaning of German Names
- The Role of DNA in Alzheimer's
- A Rhetorical Analysis of a 1922 Letter
- Find A Grave
- American Records
- Finding Your Ancestors in German Parish Records
- The Immigrant Woman
- Volga Folksongs
- Black Sea Ancestor Research
- Using DNA to Find Family in Germany
- Influence of the Herrnhuter Brudergemeine
- The Game of Bunnock

Also included are food demonstrations, musical entertainment, and a movie night. All in all, a must attend event. And it's not too late to register. You can still register on-line at www.ahsgr.org/page/Conventions.

With such a large event to host the Lincoln Chapter is looking for volunteers to help "cover all the bases." We need help in the following areas:

- Registration Booth
- Bookstore
- Information Booth
- Hospitality Room
- Tour Host
- Session Host
- Research Room
- Quilt Raffle
- Village Area Discussion Groups
- Convention Setup (Monday, July 22nd)
- Photographer
- Membership Table
- Convention Teardown (Saturday, July 27th)

If you can help out, you get to pick the days and times you can lend a hand. Even if it's only for an hour or two, every little bit helps.

Contact Karen Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at (402) 904-4818. She'll be happy to work with you.

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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.

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Neighbors Like Us

Submitted by Becky Schenaman

Today when I got my mail in I noticed a letter from the gas company. When I opened it I saw it was about my repair plan I carry with them for my appliances. I only do this for any lighting of the heat or for repairs, if needed.

Being my home was originally built in 1895 as a horse barn it has no basement or real crawl space under it. Maybe it has 20 inches of space under the floor. So to gas heat the house we use what they call a gas floor heating furnace. We have bought three of those in the past 50-some years of owning the home. It looks like a metal fire place, but smaller, and has glass in front to show the real flames. It heats good, but is not a product that is easy to buy when you need one.

The letter informed me the gas company is changing its contract as of the end of July. They will no longer provide a replacement product as of July 31. To say I was sick is to say the least, so when I call to get the pilot light lit this fall I can only hope it has no problems. I thought, "Who has hexed me this past month?"

I have had three major problems – two health issues and now this heat. As my old neighbor believed I had been hexed, I thought about this and it made me think about my old real German-Russian neighbors and their old sayings to me. Their sayings were so cute and so true. They had a way of saying trueisms in the sweetest way.

My mother-in-law's favorites were, "The sun does not shine every day," and "Do not put your dirty coat on my back."

My neighbor believed in putting hexes on people, and she had an upside-down horse shoe on both her front door frame and the same on her back door. This was meant to keep the luck inside the home.

My neighbor man across the street from me always told me how sensible I was. I think that was because I never wanted to leave the North Bottoms. He came to the bottoms when he was nine years old and he inherited his family home. He heated and cooked with wood and coal until he died in his late eighties.

His home was spotless and he had a tradition he started in his home when a family member died. He circled the day on his calendar, then left it hanging on the wall forever. He also composted and only a few of us hand-picked neighbors were allowed to put our clippings in his piles. I was so honored when he came over and told me I could put mine there.

My other neighbor man would come over after he had finished shoveling his snow and stand behind me watching me shovel mine. He never lifted his shovel to help me. What a guy.

I had some really nice neighbors and they were all real German-Russians. They could tell me stories and make me laugh. I always learned from them.

Every spring one had me pick up onion sets and seed potatoes for him. He gave me a quarter and told me to buy a beer when I went to town. Another one gave me a white paper sack from the candy counter on Valentine's Day full of the larger hard colored hearts with sayings on them. He knew I liked them.

I sure do miss my little "Rooshin" buddies. They do not make good neighbors like that anymore. The North Bottoms were the best place to live in Lincoln. We looked out for each other and we swept each others' walks and street gutters. Those were special days.

Mocks Goot. From the North Bottoms.

Frohlich Juhrestag

"Happy Anniversary"



JULY

Shannon and Tommy Fennell

Sandra and Henry Schmidt

AUGUST

Mary and Luther "Jack" Frost

Joyce and Robert Riddle

Summer General Meeting

Our summer general membership meeting was held on Sunday, June 9, at International Headquarters at 631 "D" Streets.

After a brief welcome by president Paul Loos, the floor was turned over to Sherry Pawelko, AHSGR International Executive Director. Our activity for the day was beyond the normal presentation of a film or a lecture by a guest speaker. Sherry led and moderated an interactive "round table" discussion by those in attendance concerning growing up German-Russian, memories they had and interesting stories they could tell. The title of the program was "Memories of Growing Up German Russian." Dean Pawelko video recorded the proceedings for posterity and to help keep the history alive.

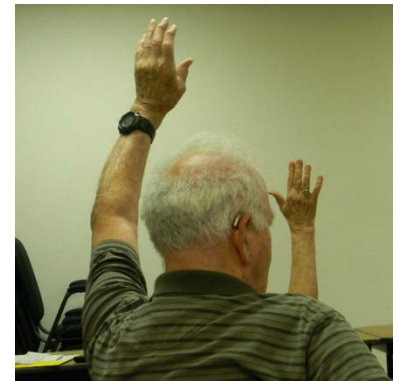
Topics that were discussed were German Russian surnames that folks grew up with in their neighborhoods and families; what life was like growing up in the North Bottoms and South Bottoms; what traditional foods that families would generally make at home (and for special occasions); and specific holiday traditions around the family home.

Some of the more interesting discussions revolved around the different ways to make popular GR foods, and lively stories from the neighborhoods. Everyone enjoyed the event so much that after the allotted time, participants broke for the snacks that were provided and then asked if the proceedings could continue.

It was a fun afternoon of stories and memories.



Taking It All In



I Have Something to Add



"Remember When?"

June General Meeting Gallery



Sherry leads Discussion



Sharing Stories

(more general meeting photos on page 5)

Herzlichen Glukwunsch
Zum Geburstagl
"Happy Birthday"



JULY

Jolene McInnis
Marcia (Goeschel) Piening
Mary Ann Shaw

AUGUST

Cheryl Ferree
Dick Geier
Rosalie Geier
Ampone Hergenrader
Karen Johnson
Dorothy Klein
Sandra (Hill) Schmidt
Milan Wall

Unsere Leute Zur Erinnerung
"Our People in Memory"

Jerry Grenemeier
Helen Hergenrader
Robert "Speck" Klein
Theodore "Ted" Maser

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.

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2019 Calendar of Upcoming Events

JULY

Monday	8 th	Convention Planning Meeting	631 "D" Street	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	16 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.
Tues-Sat	23 rd -27 th	AHSGR International Convention	Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska	

AUGUST

Monday	19 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	20 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	15 th	General Membership Meeting	site TBD	TBD
Monday	16 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	17 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

Monday	21 st	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	22 nd	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

Monday	18 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	19 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.

DECEMBER

Sunday	8 th	Christmas Open House	631 "D" Street	1:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	17 th	Coffee Club	Stauffer's, 48 th & Hwy 2	9:00 a.m.

June General Meeting Gallery (continued)



Folks Enjoying the Snacks



John Having a Good Time

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AHSGR Lincoln Chapter activities of 2019:



Winter Meeting



Spring Meeting



Soup Supper



Summer Meeting

Our Golden Jubilee



50th Anniversary International Convention



Fall Carnival



Christmas Open House