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2020 Membership Drive

Underway

The new year of 2020 is upon us, and with it once again, it is time to renew our local Lincoln Chapter memberships. Find enclosed in this issue a copy of the 2020 Membership Form. Membership forms can be returned to AHSGR Lincoln Chapter Membership Chair, 1000 North 81st Street, Lincoln, NE 68505.

It is so important that you fill out and return the membership form along with your payment. With the form we can make sure we have your current address and the like, along with any information concerning birthdays or anniversaries you would like to share in the newsletter. We respect the privacy of our members and if information is not filled out on the registration form, we assume that member does not want that information shared, and it will not be. For example, if a member does not fill out the birth month or anniversary section of the form, the local chapter assumes that is private information and it will not be listed in the "Birthday / Anniversary" portion of the newsletter. Of course, no address, phone number or personal birth date information is ever released without the consent of the member. Membership privacy and security is a primary concern of the chapter.

At only \$15, membership in your local chapter goes to providing you so much. For example, our periodic general membership meetings with programs and, of course an annual six issues of this chapter newsletter. It's a good time to be a member. Renew today.

Christmas Open House /

German Church Service

The annual Christmas open house will be held in the International AHSGR Museum at 631 "D" Street on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. International Headquarters and the Lincoln Chapter work together to put on this fun event. Come see the museum decorated, take a tour, and enjoy treats such as cookies, peanut brittle, hot chocolate, and apple cider.

In conjunction with the museum open house, Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church at 540 "D" Street (across the street from the museum) will be having their annual German Christmas service that day from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Seasonal music and spoken word in both English and German will be the fare of the day.

Come enjoy our heritage and the joy of the season at both events. The AHSGR museum will be open both before and after the Friedens service.

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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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Christmas' to Remember

Submitted by Becky Schenaman

I was thinking about the Welfare House Christmas programs for members and their children the other day. They were fun and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. At that time there were a lot of children and they enjoyed getting up and saying the church piece they were going to perform at the Christmas Eve service. They also played Christmas carols on instruments or sang a Christmas carol, to the delight of their grandparents and the pride of their parents.

Times were different then and children liked going to Sunday school and getting a new Christmas outfit to wear. To be able to memorize your piece and recite it nervously in front of a large audience was both scary and proud at the same time.

But the best time was when Santa came up the back staircase, ringing his bells and shouting "Merry Christmas" to all the kinder and grownups. That simple bag of candy, fruit, and nuts was highly anticipated and enjoyed by all. It was not a bunch of leftover Halloween odd candy. It was a bag of hard candy in peppermint, filled jelly, and my favorite, the round red and white with flag design in the middle. They were licorice tasting.

That bag of candy took a few weeks to eat up. I always took a few pieces in my pocket when we went ice skating. The sack also had a big red delicious apple and a large navel orange. There also were salted in the shell peanuts and sometimes even a few mixed in the shell nuts.

At the same time I was a child Santa was Jake Wyant. He was a jolly old Santa who treated the children kindly. There were no pictures with Santa. He came and gave his greetings and just as quickly slipped away.

It was a magical time for children. Sometimes simple is a heart-felt gesture. The extra bags were taken to our German widows and shut-ins who enjoyed them as much as the children. We do not remember our elderly neighbors as much today. The simple bag may be their only Christmas gift.

Today things are so much different. It seems as though many times one gift is not enough. People expect many, many things and charge cards are over-used. A simple bag is not enough even in hard times.

Oh, to hear Merry Christmas in German again and see our grandparents in their scarves and suits and caps sitting in church to hear their kint say their piece, and see their smiles, and get a goose would be enough for me.

Mocks Gut

Herzlichen Glukwunsch
Zum Geburstagl
"Happy Birthday"



NOVEMBER

Sidonia Babcock
Sandra Broman
Sandra Gettman
Jay Jacox
Norma Schenkel
Becky Schenaman
Steven Schepers
Susan Stoehr
Bob Wagner

DECEMBER

Marlene King
Judy Lawson
Kirk Payne
Joyce Riddle
Henry Schmidt
Marilyn Wagner

Antiques Roadshow –GR Style

Members gathered at the International Headquarters on September 15th for our annual fall general meeting. Attendees were treated to brats, chips, cookies, and drinks. After a brief meeting the membership was entertained by a “show and tell” type of event. Members explained mementoes of their German-Russian heritage and the stories behind them. What an informative and fun afternoon.



Sharon and the blanket her uncle, John Messinger, was wrapped in when he immigrated to the United States in 1906.



Corinne and the clock that was given to her great grandparents on their wedding day in 1888.



Jay and the US flag adorning the coffin of his great uncle during World War I along with a Russian abacus and coins brought from the “old country.”



Karen with the slip her mother, Marie Dittenber, wore and her mother's confirmation photo. Marie immigrated to the United States at age 3 in 1906.



Judy shows a photo of her 18-year-old grandmother, Margaret Roh, and her citizenship school.

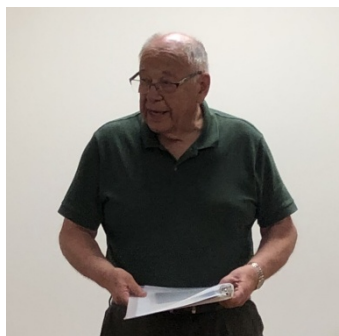


Becky displays a twin size quilt made by her mother-in-law, Mary Schenaman, a ring of Mary's from the 30s and a collection of old beer bottle caps.

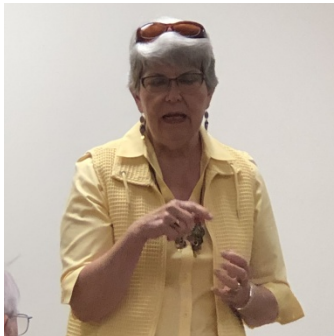
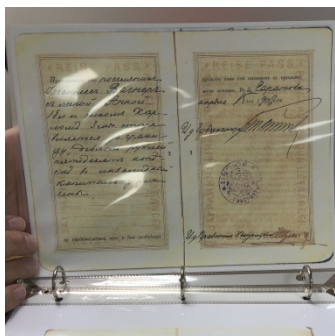


More photos from the fall general meeting on page 4

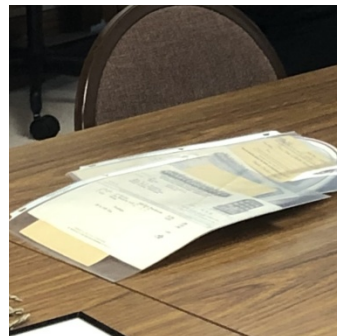
Antiques Roadshow –GR Style (photo gallery, continued)



Bob shares the passports of his father (Carl) and grandparents (Johannes & Anna Margaret) when they immigrated from Frank, Russia to Hastings, NE.



Marilyn told of her grandfather, H.O. "Doc" Woodward's Shady Bend Motel, restaurant, bar, and dance hall on highway 30. She brought a plate and paperwork.



Tracy shared the books her grandfather used to learn carpentry.



Membership enjoying pre-program lunch offerings.



Unsere Leute Zur Erinnerung "Our People in Memory"

Kary Giebelhaus
Nancy L. Kropp
Janet Pawelko
William "Bill" Rekart
John Weber

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.

Frohlich Juhrestag "Happy Anniversary"

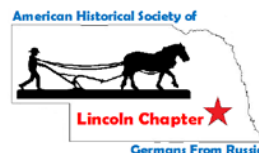


NOVEMBER

Rosalie and Dick Geier

DECEMBER

Rebecca Hansen and Kirk Payne

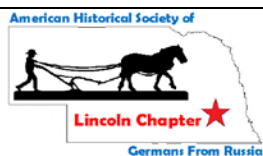


Membership Has Its Benefits

Renew for 2020 and Support Your Local Chapter Today



Photo courtesy Allison Hunter-Frederick



2020 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 81st St., Lincoln, NE 68505

2019-20 Calendar of Upcoming Events

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.

JANUARY, 2020



Sunday	12 th	General Membership Meeting	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
Monday	20 th	Board Meeting	631 "D" Street	7:00 p.m.

2019 Board Members – AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

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Garage Sale:	Corinne & Jay Jacox	Program:	Jay Jacox	Ticket Sales:	Judy Lawson
Genealogy/Folklore:	all	Publicity:	Judy Lawson	Webmaster:	Corinne Jacox
Historical:	Sharon Buckner	Quilt and Raffle:	Donna Day		

Don't Forget the January General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Lincoln Chapter will be held at 1:00 on Sunday, January 12, 2020. The place will be at Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall at 10th & Charleston Streets.

Following social time and a potluck dinner, a short meeting will take place, including election of 2020 board members and officers. Open discussion is encouraged on how the Lincoln Chapter can serve our members better. At press time additional activities were still in the works. Everyone is invited. See you there.

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Lincoln, NE 68505

AHSGR Lincoln Chapter activities of 2019:



Winter Meeting



Spring Meeting



Soup Supper



Summer Meeting

Our Golden Jubilee



50th Anniversary International Convention



Fall Meeting



Christmas Open House