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Scheduled Coming Events:

May 5, 1995 KRAUT AND BREI DINNER

5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

WSI Hall 1430 N. 10th

Tickets are available through order blank inside

May 9, 1995 LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society)

7:00 P.M.

Dick Administration Building (Lower Level) Union College Campus

May 15, 1995 AHSGR Board Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Conference Room -AHSGR Headquarters Bldg.

May 20, 1995 - PAF-LUG (Personal Ancestral File- Lincoln User's Group)

7:00 P.M.

Family Service Center 3100 Old Cheney Road

May 19-20, 1995 GARAGE SALE AND HOME MADE BAKED GOODS SALE

Editor's Notes:

April and May have been or will be busy months for the chapter. With Easter in the middle of April this year, we have already had one noodle making session. On April 23, we will have our seasonal chapter meeting at the Headquarter's chapel.

May 1, we have another noodle making scheduled. The annual Ethnic Dinner on May 5, and our annual, garage sale will be May 19-20.

The Garage Sale has always been a good money maker for our chapter. It helps clean out some your closet space, but also gives other people a chance to buy something they need at an inexpensive price. The bake sale has always been great. We never seem to have enough baked goods. If you wish to donate some of your wonderful baked items, here is a good opportunity.

There are two letters in this newsletter, of people who are interested in obtaining information about their family. If you have information for them, please answer these ladies.

If you haven't made reservations for the Kraut and Brei dinner, this will be the last time a registration blank will be provided for you prior to the dinner.

From the Executive Director, Kathy Schultz:

Dear Lincoln Chapter members:

Have you been in the Headquarter's building lately? Next time you have the opportunity to stop in please notice how clean the building is and that it doesn't have the musty old building smell. Thanks to the Foundation, the Headquarter's building has been cleaned, repaired, and is now a healthy environment for the staff, volunteers and visitors.

Spring is here and so are the visitors. If you have a spare morning or afternoon to volunteer at Headquarters, it would be appreciated. In addition to giving tours, we always have filing which needs to be completed, an inventory, cleaning of artifacts, or light clerical work. Please give us a call.

Have you registered for the Calgary Convention yet? Registrations are arriving every day. Our very own Anna Baker was the first person to register for the Calgary Convention. I believe she is already packed and ready to go. The Spring *Newsletter*, along with the Spring *Journal*, is ready to be mailed. The *Newsletter* contains information on the Convention speakers and last minute Convention details.

Many thanks to the dedicated mailing crew who spent five long hours assembling the Convention registration materials. "Fun" wasn't the key word that morning.

I recently returned from the Society and Foundation Spring Board Meeting, which was held March 23 to March 25 in Monterey, California. Both Boards are working hard to secure the financial future of AHSGR. Investment policies and procedures are taking shape and both Boards are trying to adopt balanced budgets. Since the van (purchased in 1986) was not being used for transportation to the Convention or for transporting the bulk mail to the post office (the van was too small) the Society Board of Directors unanimously voted to sell the van. This eliminated the cost of maintenance, gas and insurance.

Congratulations to Jake Sinner! The Foundation Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the Headquarters Building the JAKE SINNER HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. Jake was instrumental in the construction of the Headquarters Building and has been a long time volunteer in maintaining the property in and around the Headquarters Building. His dedication to AHSGR is unsurpassed. A dedication and open house will be scheduled in the future.

Presidents Notes, Larry Schenkel:

The first noodle making caper for awhile is past. Danke Schoen to all who helped set up on Sunday, made noodles on Monday, and then bagged on Tuesday.

The soup supper has come and gone, and I am once again faced with the pleasurable task of "Vielen Danke" to the greatest people in the world.

I'm not going to try and put everyone's name down because just as sure as I do, I will forget someone. Then I'll get it in the neck from the person I forgot. So, to each and everyone of the greatest volunteers anywhere, a sincere and heartfelt "thank you".

The Kraut and Brei dinner is fast approaching and I am going to be saying my "thank you's" all over again. Gee, don't I have it rough! I guess I probably am not going to worry about a heart attack from over work!

On a somewhat sad note, Gerry Harris has decided not to run for a second term on the International Board of Directors. Thank you, Gerry, for your hard work and for the dedication to our Society and for trying to make it better for all of us. Every side, though does have a bright side. The Lincoln Chapter has two members who are willing to run for the Board of Directors, John Schleicher and Henry Sader. We are the only chapter so far, that has more than one candidate. As a history teacher, I can tell you it concerns me when an organization can find only one candidate to run for election or when the nominating committee stops looking, when they have one candidate running for an office. That is not an election!

Upcoming Events:

We have another noodle making caper coming up May 1st. But that may not happen! Are we making noodles for fun, profit or fellowship? Maybe this will be answered at our meeting on the 23rd of April, and I will let you know in the next newsletter.

We also have our garage sale on May 19 and 20th. Several people have asked me pick up items for the sale already, and I would be glad to pick up items from anyone who needs to have assistance. Call me at 489-3213

We have tentatively scheduled Dr. Tim Kloberdanz and his lovely wife Rosalinda, as our guest speakers in September. They were in Saratov area 2 years ago, and wrote the book, "*Thunder on the Steppes*". They will be happy to autograph your copies if they are able to come in September. You'll be able to purchase them at the meeting, or if you go to Headquarters, they also have them on hand.

Any ideas about increasing membership? Call me, John Stuertz or Henry Sader.

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GEBURTSTAG (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)

May 7 Norma Jean Stauffer

May 9 Wayne Giebelhaus

May 14 Evelyn Dostal

May 22 Robert Baker

May 28 Henry Heckman

May 8 Laverne Heidtbrink

May 10 Hermann Reifschneider

May 21 Rev. Fred Wolff

May 23 Doris Becker

May 31 Melvin Rohlelder

DER JARSTAG (HAPPY ANNIVERSARY)

Congratulations to:

Doris and Ray Becker May 8, 1990

Pauline and Harold Heidenreich May 9, 1936

Mary K. and Henry H. Grasmick May 14, 1929

Rose and Tom Mandeville May 20, 1978

Jolene and Jerry McInnis May 24, 1954

Ruth and Ferd Nuss May 25, 1957

Helen and Don Burbach May 26, 1962

Esther and Henry Heckman May 28, 1949

Ann and Gib Meier May 28, 1966

Ruth and Alex Kruse May 30, 1943

Don't forget to send in your names for inclusion
of the birthdays and anniversary section each month

Send your requests to: Hugh Dobler, 3747 Woods Ave. Lincoln, NE. 68510

"Live your life as you would climb a mountain.

**An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the
goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from
each new vantage point.**

**Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing
moment, and the view from the summit will
serve as a fitting climax for the journey."**

-Harold V. Melchert

**"Aerodynamically the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly,
but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway"**

Mary Kay Ash

Continuing the thumbnail sketch of personnel at :
The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

SARAH BARR

Sarah was born April 5, the oldest of three children to Jim and Carol Barr of Lincoln. Before she was a year old, the family moved back to the family farm near York, Nebraska. She has a younger sister, who is a sophomore at Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, and a younger brother who is a sophomore at York High School. Her father is the Agricultural and Natural Resources contact person, as well as, the Office Manager for Congressman Bereuter in Lincoln. Her mother is the Program Manager for the York County Senior Information Center.

Sarah attended school in the York Public Schools system, graduating from York High in the spring of 1989. She moved to Lincoln that fall to attend the Nebraska Wesleyan University, graduating in 1993, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in German and English and a minor in Japanese. In June 1991 she moved to Simmern, Germany to work for a Nebraska Wesleyan alumnus and her family as a nanny. In October of that year, she moved to Trier, Germany to attend the University of Trier as an exchange student, returning to Nebraska in August, 1992.

Following her graduation from Wesleyan, she worked as a server for Perkins Family Restaurants. During the spring semester of 1994 she attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a part-time graduate student.

Sarah came to the Society, as the Genealogy Assistant and Tour Guide just before the 1994 Lincoln Convention, to replace Tracy Lauritsen, who had moved to Eger, Hungary to take a teaching position. (Tracy has returned to Nebraska since then).

Sarah's responsibilities include:

1. Giving tours of the Heritage Center.
2. Doing genealogy research, and correspondence for both members and non members of the Society.
3. Compiling the Surname Exchange, which appears in the AHSGR annual publication "*Clues*".
4. Doing German-English and English-German translations

One Sunday a little boy approaches the pastor of his church.

Little Boy: "Excuse me Pastor, is it true that we are created from dust?"

Pastor: "Yes, it is true that we are created from dust".

Little Boy: "And is it true that we return to dust when we pass on?"

Pastor: "Yes, it is true that we return to dust when we pass on."

Little Boy: "Well, if you don't mind, I'll need you to stop by my house and look under my bed, 'cause someone's' either coming or going.

GREETINGS FROM SACRAMENTO, CA*****

VOLGA VILLAGE; JOST

I would appreciate it if you could mention in your Newsletter that I am the Village Coordinator for Jost. Anyone interested in Jost, please have them drop me a line or give me a call.

If there any way you could give me the names and addresses of the member that are interested in Jost. I would like to contact them. Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Wilma

Wilma Stier Michael
5311 Winding Way
Carmichael, CA 95608-1248
916-486-4384

RE; VOLGA VILLAGES - KATHARINENSTADT AND ORLOVSKOYE

Would you please mention in your Newsletter that I am interested in hearing from anyone who is interested in the above mentioned Villages. I will answer anyone who is interested in these villages. I have a PAF database of 35 family groupings for the village of Orlovskaja/Orlovskoye.

If there is anyway you could give me a list of names and address of your members who are interested in these two villages, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Carol

Mrs. Carol Nesewich
843 Stoneman Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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ANNUAL KRAUT AND BREI DINNER

**MAY 5, 1995
5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
WSI HALL -1430 N. 10TH**

KRAUT AND PORK

MASHED POTATOES

RYE BREAD

DESSERT AND DRINK

RESERVATION FORM

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH A
SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO:**

LOIS SORENSEN

1605 S. 58TH

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68506

PLEASE RESERVE ----- DINNER TICKETS AT \$7.50 EACH

(CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$3.50)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AHSGR

Henry Sader is hereby recognized

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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MOTORCOACH TRIP TO CALGARY
JULY 22 - AUGUST 1

**Includes: Round Trip Motorcoach, Four Nights Hotel Accommodations
 Baggage Handling, Taxes and Tips**

\$380 PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
\$490 PER PERSON/SINGLE OCCUPANCY

July 22, 1995 **7:00 am** **Depart Lincoln**
Overnight **Casper, Wyoming**
 La Quinta Inn
Your stay at the LaQuinta includes a Continental Breakfast

July 23, 1995 **7:00 am** **Depart Casper**
Overnight **Great Falls, Montana**
 Best Western Heritage Inn
The Heritage Inn features a restaurant, 2 pools, sauna, hot tub, and a Casino
You will be greeted on arrival with a wine & cheese reception

July 24, 1995 **6:00 pm** **Arrive Calgary**

July 30, 1995 **10:00 am** **Depart Calgary**
Overnight **Great Falls, Montana**
 Best Western Heritage Inn

July 31, 1995 **7:00 am** **Depart Great Falls**
Overnight **Casper, Wyoming**
 La Quinta Inn

August 1, 1995 **7:00 am** **Depart Casper**
Evening **Arrive Back in Lincoln**

RESERVATIONS: To secure reservations (first-come/first-served) please make your check payable to Adventure Travel in the amount of \$50.00 per person by May 1, 1995. Balance of tour price is due June 15, 1995. All monies paid will be refunded if you need to cancel your reservation, or the tour is canceled. Mail reservations to: Henry Grenemeier, 1121 North 79th St., Lincoln, NE 68505

Please make _____ reservation(s) for:

Name _____ Home Phone _____
 Address _____ Work Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Garage Sale

601 D St.

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it picked-up for the sale, please call Larry Schenkel, 489-3213**

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