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Scheduled Coming Events

December 3, 1995 Christmas Sing Fest

2 P.M.
Zion United Church of Christ
9th and "D" St.

December 12, 1995 LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society)

7:00 P.M.
Dick Administration Building (Lower Level) Union College Campus

December 16, 1995 PAF-LUG (Personal Ancestral File-Lincoln User's Group)

7:00 P.M.
Family Service Center 3100 Old Cheney Road

December 18, 1995 AHSGR Board Meeting and Dinner

7:00 P.M.
Garden Cafe 70th and "A" St.

January 7, 1996 AHSGR Chapter Meeting and Elections

1:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
Bring your own utensils (Drinks furnished)
Frieden's Lutheran Church
6th & "D" St.

January 9, 1996 LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society)

7 p.m.
Dick Administration Building (Lower Level) Union College Campus

January 15, 1996 AHSGR Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.
Old and New Board Meeting
Pot Luck Dinner
Bring your own utensils (Drinks furnished)
AHSGR Headquarters Building
631 "D" St.

January 20, 1996 PAF-Lug (Personal Ancestral File Lincoln User's Group)

7:p.m.
Family Service Center 3100 Old Cheney Road

*This holiday season may you find some time for the joys of friendship,
the warmth of memories, and the wonders of love."*

Editor's Notes:

Working on obituaries at Headquarters, there are times when the editor finds from my home town newspaper which might be of interest to you.. The following is an editorial in the *Tripp Star Ledger* of Tripp, South Dakota:

Borrowed Humor This Week: from Elizabeth "Sam" Grosz, Editor

Newspaper people are a creative lot usually, despite their pledge to write unbiased news stories. We've been known to say, "No ma'am we don't make this stuff up".. But, when it comes to columns and editorials, that IS the stuff we make up and creativity is flexed. So allow me to share some things from our neighboring newspapers..

Zoa Libis Scotland Journal

There is no such thing as a bad hug.. only good ones and great ones. They're not fattening, and they don't cause cancer or cavities. They're all natural.. with no preservatives, artificial ingredients, or pesticide residue. They're cholesterol free, naturally sweet, 100 percent wholesome. And they're a completely renewable natural resource. They don't require batteries, tune-ups or x-rays. They're non taxable, fully returnable and energy efficient. They're safe in all kinds of weather; in fact, they're especially good on cold or rainy days. And they're exceptionally effective in treating problems like bad dreams or the Monday blahs. Moral? Never wait until tomorrow to hug someone you could hug today.

Ralph Nachtigal Platte Enterprise:

The top ten reasons why the Junction City, KS. Co-op should have known that Timothy McVeigh was not a farmer when he was doing business with them prior to the Oklahoma City disaster:

10. He didn't have a Pioneer or DeKalb logo on any of his clothes.
9. He didn't just stop by for free coffee.
8. He knew exactly which product he wanted.
7. He didn't complain that the competitors were cheaper.
6. He didn't ask about his patronage check or back dividends.
5. He got a loading ticket before he loaded the product.
4. He was not driving a new pickup.
3. He didn't demand free spreading of the fertilizer.
2. He didn't whine about the weather.
- 1 He paid cash.

President's Corner by Larry Schenkel:

I can't believe three years could have gone by so quickly, yet December ends my third year as president of our great organization. As happy as I have been to represent you, I am just as happy to step down and let someone else take over for awhile. I have had a lot of fun getting to know people all over again.

Our last get-together, the Broda dinner, was attended by over 150 people from our chapter and some folks we hope to see on our membership rolls in the near future. Thanks to all our great volunteers who cooked the meal under the guidance of Esther "Strawboss" Stuertz, the potato peelers, the workers who set up the dining room, washed a ton of pots, pans, and dishes and just generally made the day a pleasure.

Once again I can't thank my wife, Norma, enough for putting up with my moods as the day of the Broda got closer, and then taking the day off from work to help us get the Dinner ready.

I could go on writing about how great our people are, but space is too short so I will just say thanks again, for everything, from all of you. I hope I haven't left anyone off my list of volunteers, but if I did I apologize. I certainly didn't mean to. I appreciate each and every one of you too much to slight you. Volunteers in alphabetical order: Harold Bauer, Don Burbach, Bud Dietrich, Dale Dinges, Irene Dinges, Jeremy Dinges, Phil Dinges, Frieda Dobler, Hugh Dobler, Henry Grenemeier, Molly Grenemeier, Henry Heckman, Ed Herstein, Gladys Herstein, Helen Reifschneider, Hermann Reifschneider, Ann Reitz, Norma Schenkel, Phil Schenkel, Delores Schwartz, Helen Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Jake Sinner, Norma Somerheiser, Lois Sorensen, Ardith Stuertz, Esther Stuertz, John Stuertz, John Stuertz, Jr., Ed Wunder, and Mary Wunder.

In addition to the dinner, there was a very educational film about the beet workers in Nebraska. The Annual Broda Dinner was well attended, with many prizes, raffled after the dinner.

Prizes were donated and the winners were:

- A.. **Quilt** - hand sewn and quilted by the Lincoln Quilters Won by Henry D. Sader III
- B.. **Two Beer Steins** donated by D & D Distributing, Gary Lohse, manager. Won by:
1. Kenneth Hardt, 2. Katherine Wilcox 3. John Schneider
- C.. **Babuska Print** donated by the Lincoln Chapter Won by Leona Janke
- D. **Matrouska Dolls** donated by Lincoln Chapter Won by 1. Pat Harris 2. Delores Schwartz
- E... **Afghan** handmade and donated by Betty Walters Won by Helen Madden
- F.. **Hand Towels** handmade and donated by Mary Schwartz Won by Virginia Dietrich
- G. **Hand Towels** handmade and donated by Lillian Weber Won by June Kuper
- H. **Calendar** handmade and donated by Helen Reifschneider Won by Lloyd Alles
- I. **Fish Story Plate** ... (one of a series of plates) Donated by Betty Walters Won by Henry Grenemeier

I hope I see many of you at Zion Church in December when we have the German Singers lead our Christmas sing as we pay homage to the birth of our Lord.

Jake Sinner has his elves lined up to make up many sacks of peanuts, fruit, and candy for everyone, so come and help us sing and worship in December.

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UNSER LEUTE

DER JAHRSTAG (HAPPY ANNIVERSARY)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

JANUARY 1, 1949 LILLIAN AND WAYNE GIEBELHAUS

GEBURTSTAG (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)

January 3 Mary Schwartz
January 8 Dorothy George
January 9 Alma Kehling
January 10 Mary Jacobs
January 13 Hugh Dobler
January 17 Frieda Gies
January 19 Elinor Wolff
January 22 Leroy Butherus
January 25 Frieda Johnson

January 3 Ruth Stubbs
January 8 Edward Klein
January 9 Weston P. Pickett Jr.
January 10 John (Jack) Sexton
January 14 Tony Chonouskie
January 19 Mary Ann Hahn
January 20 Juan Rodriguez
January 22 Robert Heidtbrink
January 29 James Amen

January 31 Henry Gruenemeier

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

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IMPORTANT ANALOGIES.

- Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
- Why isn't phonetic spelled like it sounds?
- Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
- Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there?
- Why do you need a silencer if your going to shoot a mime?
- How does a guy who drives a snow plow get to work in the mornings?
- Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical solutions?
- If a 7-11 is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
- If nothing ever sticks to TEFLON, then how do they get TEFLON to stick to the pan?
- Why is it when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but if you transport it by ship its called cargo?
- If your a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?
- Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- Why do you drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- The indestructible black box on a plane, why can't they make the whole plane of that material?

KIMBERLY SCHEETT

Kimberly was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on March 28, 1969 to Graham and Betty (Salmon) Kairies
Her father now lives in St. Paul and her mother in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, which is about three hours away from
St. Paul.

Kimberly graduated from Pequot Lakes High School in 1987. While in high school she spent three months under
an exchange student program in a small community near Stuttgart, Germany. Her German counterpart family had a
daughter who came and lived with Kimberly and her mother, for three months under this same student exchange program,
and when she went home, Kimberly went over to Germany to live with that German family.

She spent the next four years at North Dakota State University, located in Fargo, ND,
graduating in 1992. While here she spent one year in Wuerzburg, Germany, where she studied at the Universitaet
Wuerzburg.

One of her professors at NDSU was Dr. Tim Kloberdanz, who taught a class on Germans from Russia. She says
she took the class primarily to find out more about her future husbands roots.

When the class was about to finish, all 40 members of the class were asked to bring a German-Russian dish.
Kimberly said, "Every person brought enough food to feed all 40 people. All the dishes were German-Russian, with my
Norwegian background, I brought Lefsa".

Another of her classes was "Great Plains" taught by Dr. Wm. Sherman He is one of the authors of "Plain Folks".
She did a report for him on some German dialects, that the German Russians had.

On July 10, 1992 she and Dale Scheett were married, in Grand Fork, ND.
Dale is from Grand Forks, N. D. His grandparents came to North Dakota from Odessa, Russia, and settled near Rugby,
ND. Dale's father went to school in the Rugby area too.

Dale has a degree from NDSU in Philosophy and Humanities. For the past year and a half, he has been working at
Tabitha Home, as a Resident Assistant. His goal is to go into Gerontology, and work in Social Services for the elderly.
At the present time he is also attending Southeast Community College to get an Associate Degree.

Coming to Lincoln, Kimberly attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, to get her Master's Degree. While she
attended UNL she was a Graduate Teaching Assistant, teaching German.

She will receive her Masters Degree in German Literature and Linguistics, with a French Minor in December,
1995.

She teaches German 101 at Union College.

Union College has a small department of Foreign languages in the Humanities Department.

Kimberly tells the story of how she came to go to work for AHSGR:

Dale's family came to Lincoln a couple of months ago. Both Dale and Kimberly had been living here in Lincoln for
three years; but had never come to the Museum. Here was a golden opportunity! During the tour Kimberly mentioned she
was to receive her Master's in German and had taken a class under Dr. Kloberdanz. Kay Koch, who was conducting the
tour, looked at the registration sheet, and said she was sorry that they were from North Dakota, as there was a job
opportunity with the Society. Dale had written down his parents name as being from North Dakota. Kimberly responded
that they did live in Lincoln. Within seconds Kay asked, 'Would you like a job? We are open tomorrow. (Saturday).
Bring us your resume' " Kay went to another office, called Sheila and they talked to Kimberly (both Mike Ronn and Sara
Barr had left AHSGR just a few days before). As she had just taken her Master's Exam, she replied, "Yes", and on Tuesday
she started to work at AHSGR.

Kimberly duties are:

Taking care of the non-member letters.

"Clues", which is issued yearly, putting in the new surnames, and deleting the ones that are no longer contributing.

Obituary Project and Genealogical Research.

"Winter a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments,
embark upon a sentimental journey and enjoy every idle hour."

MICHELLE CRUMLY

Michelle was born in Kearney, Nebraska to James and Andrea (Wettlaufer) Crumly on December 6, 1968. Her father was attending Kearney State College, at the time of her birth, and as soon as he graduated the family returned to the family farm. Michelle grew up on the farm near Page, graduated from O'Neill High School in 1987.

While attending College, she received scholarships. I was active in Choir, Theater, and the Fine Art Club. My Irish Dancers class, helped me get a Fine Art Scholarship", Michelle said.

She graduated from College with a bachelor's degree in English Literature, and a minor in Psychology in 1991.

She came to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln to get a Master's Degree in Education, attending from 1991 through January, 1994. At that time she decided, she really didn't want to be a teacher, took some time off, and began working at the Lincoln Public Library.

Michelle has one sister, Amy, 23, who graduated from Grinnell University at Grinnell, Iowa. At the present time she is attending Columbia University in New York City, to get her master's in Social Work.

Michelle says, " I was raised in a very Protestant Presbyterian culture, with both Irish and German enlightenment. My father's name is an old Anglo-Irish name, but my mother is a 3rd generation German American, so our home was endowed with both German and Anglo - Irish Ethnic Foods such as sauerkraut and head cheese along with Irish Potatoes, Corned beef and cabbage, and soda bread in our home".

Recently she started school again, in museum studies. Museum work is something I really want to become involved with. I want to become involved with three dimensional history, artifacts such antique jewelry, clothing and textiles. When I finish my current schooling (I already have some graduate hours), I will have a minor in Education and as a museum curator".

The position at AHSGR came at just about the same time as her going back to college. Michelle was acquainted with Sara Barr, who had been working at Headquarters, but had left to pursue another career. Sara talked to Michelle, telling her she felt Michelle would be a good asset for the Society, with her background. Michelle came to Headquarters, dropped off her resume` and was called in for an interview. She came to work the following week.

Her present duties at Headquarters are:

Tour Guide

Assistant Librarian

Helping people in the library who are doing research.

Learning the Vertical File System in the Library, as well as the Picture File.

Responsible for Inter-Library Loans.

The facts of life

Do you know who in 1923 was:

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. The Greatest Wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men should have been considered some of the world's most successful men. At least they found the secret of making money. Now more than 55 years later, do you know what became of these men?

1. The President of the largest steel mill, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The President of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, is insane.
3. The president of the N.Y.S.E., Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
4. The greatest Wheat Speculator, Arthur Cooper, died abroad, penniless.
5. The President of the Bank of International Settlement shot himself.
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Rivermore, died a suicide.

That same year, 1923, the winner of the most important golf championship, Gene Sarazan, won the U.S. Open and PGA tournaments. Today he is still playing golf and is solvent.

CONCLUSION: STOP WORRYING ABOUT BUSINESS AND START PLAYING GOLF.



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