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January 14, 1995 - LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society)

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

January 16, 1995 - Old and New AHSGR Board members

7:00 P.M. 631 "D" St. Pot Luck Supper

Bring your own table service

January 21, 1995 - PAF-LUG (Personal Ancestral File-Lincoln User's Group)

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

(Please note change of date)

February 7, 1995 - LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society)

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

February 18, 1995 - PAF-LUG (Personal Ancestral File- Lincoln User's Group)

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

February 20, 1995 AHSGR Board Meeting

7:00 P.M. AHSGR Headquarter's Building - Conference Room

Editor's Notes:

Please notice this is Issue Number 1 for the year 1995. This means that as of January, the newsletters will correspond with the months of the year. Since last year was not a full year for this newsletter, the issues were not numbered with the months.

There are times when mistakes have been made. In the month of December, Ray Becker had a birthday on December 7. Inadvertently his name was omitted. We take this opportunity to wish him a belated birthday. (This month, the editor has a birthday, and you can be sure bet he won't forget his own birthday!!).

The birthday and anniversary dates were listed, from the 15th of the month to the 15th of the following month. This has caused confusion. This year, we will do one month at a time. In this issue, all persons are listed with an event for January and February. Starting with February, all events for the month of March will be listed. This procedure will continue throughout the year.

At the top of the first page are the new officers for 1995. You selected these officers at our annual meeting on January 8th. In addition to these officers, the following members were elected for a three year term : Harold Bauer, Donald Burbach, Shirley Robertson, Larry Schenkel, Delores Schwartz, Edward Schwartzkopf, Jake Sinner and Lois Sorensen.

Other issues at the annual meeting on January 8, were discussed.

1. A suggestion that the corresponding secretary send congratulatory cards to members when a member of the family has been recognized for some accomplishment. If your family has received an honor, please contact the corresponding secretary, Gladys Herstein.

2. It was suggested that the financial report for the year be included with this newsletter.

**AHSGR - LINCOLN CHAPTER
1994 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance January 1, 1994				3210.35
		Income	Expense	
Lord's Prayer		33.30		
General meetings		83.25	159.87	
Kraut & Brei Dinner		1722.00	772.22	
Broda Dinner		1193.50	962.46	
Soup Luncheon		835.00	366.46	
Garage Sale		861.21		
Dolls & Lord's Prayer (sold at Convention)		2646.72	1321.00	
Annual Picnic		39.50	150.00	
Christmas SingFest			286.80	
Convention		510.25	2346.42	
AHSGR Endowment Fund			2500.00	
Certificates of Deposit Activity		1365.02	1000.00	
Broda Dinner Raffle		902.00	33.22	
Donations		33.00		
AHSGR Rent			480	
Newsletter, Cards, Bulk Mailing			1154.94	
Cards & Postage-Corres. Sec'y			103.32	
Liability Insurance			100	
Materials for Quilters			78.76	
State Sales Tax			20.33	
Int. Income-Now Account		78.31		
Totals		10083.26	11,839.85	
Balance December 31, 1994				
Certificates of Deposit		National Bank Of Commerce		
6 Mo.	595.16	Interest Rate 4.91 %	Matures 3/19/95	
6 Mo.	595.16	Interest Rate 4.01 %	Matures 3/19/95	
12 mo.	607.77	Interest Rate 4.25 %	Matures 3/19/95	
12 Mo.	1745.09	Interest Rate 5.15 %	Matures 6/30/95	
12 Mo.	1000.00	Interest Rate 6.11 %	Matures 11/22/95	
Total CD Value	4543.18			
Interest Earned	94.14			
Interest Earned at First Commerce Savings		51.22		
Total Net Worth			5996.94	

**UNSERE LEUTE
GEBURTSTAG (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)**

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January 3.	Mary Schwartz
8	Edward Klein
8	Dorothy George
9	Alma Kehling
10	Mary Jacobs
10	John (Jack)Sexton
13	Hugh Dobler
14	Tony Chonouski
17	Frieda Gies
19	Mary Ann Hahn
22	Robert Heidtbrink
24	Carl Strasheim
25	Frieda Johnson
27	James Amen

February 1	Edward Loos
3	Hilda Schmidt
3	Victor Grunemeier
4	Marie Bauer
9	Ronald Bauer
10	Esther Rohleder
16	Philomena Lebsock
17	Donald Burbach
18	John G. Bauer
19	Elinor Wolff
20	Richard Stauffer
24	Irene Gabelhaus
25	Alex Kruse
27	Esther Stuertz

DER JAHRSTAG (HAPPY ANNIVERSARY)

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We have one anniversary for January:

On January 1st, was 45 years for Lillian and Wayne Giebelhaus

For February there were several anniversaries:

A Special 60th Wedding Anniversary for :

Minnie and F. Wendell Groth, who were married on February 2, 1935.

Katherine and Alex Strasheim, who were married on February 14, 1935.

In addition we send our congratulations to:

Jewel and Kenneth Haupt, 46 years together on February 26th.

Leata and Adam Schwindt, 47 years together on February 14th.

Gladys and Edward Herstein, 49 years together on February 2nd.

Don't forget to send in your names for inclusion of the birthday and anniversaries each month

Name_____ Birth Date_____

Spouse_____ Birth Date_____

Address_____ City, State, & Zip Code_____

Your Wedding anniversary Date (include year, please)_____

A Special Occasion such 75th birthday or 40 years of marriage or honoring some other person.

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

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

Jo Ann Kuhr

Jo Ann was born July 4, ("Do I have to give the year ?") in Yuma, Colorado to Dr. Clayton J. and Etta (Peat) Bennett. ("I love to have this birth date, because everyone can celebrate my birth day all over the United States").

Jo Ann went to school in Yuma, and when she graduated, she had intentions of becoming a doctor, However she says, "My grades were not good enough to achieve that goal !".

At the University of Colorado, she had a triple major, chemistry, biology and German. After graduation, she went to Erlangen, Germany (which is north of Nuernberg), attended the University there for one year, then worked in the translation department at Siemens Schuckertwerke.

"This is when I really began to learn German! I started out as a typist, then became a translator. When I came back to the United States, I decided to get my Master's Degree in German literature at the University of Colorado", Jo Ann replied.

Her first teaching job was at Lakeland College which is situated between Sheboygan and Plymouth, Wisconsin. She was there for four years. After her first year she realized she needed to go back for additional education.

Jo Ann came to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln in the fall of 1965, and started a program towards a doctorate degree. She finished all the course work and the comprehensive exams by 1968.

It was while she was here she met Art Kuhr, at the Lincoln Community Playhouse where she was a volunteer doing light design..

After finishing her comps she went back to teaching again, at the University of Wisconsin, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

As they say "absence makes the heart grow fonder" so when she came back for a visit, Art and she were engaged, then she came back to marry Art in 1970.

Jo Ann remarked, " I had hopes of finishing my dissertation, but instead I had two babies. The first slept no more than 6 hours out of 24, if I was lucky! So you can call me a Ph.D. dropout because I never did finish my dissertation!"

She also taught German at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and at Doane College at Crete, Nebraska.

Jo Ann came to AHSGR in 1979, and says she has really enjoyed her work here. She says she actually has used more German here than when she was teaching. "My German has become more fluent than what it was before".

When she first came to AHSGR they had one file cabinet in which there were 6 drawers of obituaries and 6 drawers of family file cards. That has grown, so that at the present time the Society now has 180 drawers.

Her work here means that she answers a lot of research questions for members who write in. She also helps researchers who visit Headquarters office and guides the other genealogical staff.

She is heavily involved with the Aussiedler Project, trying to help families both in Russia and Germany relocate their relatives in the USA. "I am always very excited when we do find a long missing relative and frustrated when we don't", she says. "Also with this part of the project we maintain correspondence with those who write to us, and then I will ask them to write something about their history to the best of their ability. Through this, the Society is getting bits and pieces about their lives and their villages, which are our ancestral villages".

Jo Ann has done a lot of translating of German to English, and vice versa..

Art and Jo Ann have two daughters. Anna is 22, Gretchen is 20. Anna has a BS in Animal Science from NorthEastern Missouri State University, located at Kirksville, Missouri. At the present time she is at Curtis, Nebraska College of Agriculture Technology preparatory to becoming a Veterinarian Technician. Gretchen has been at the University -Lincoln studying Interior Design. At the present time, however, she is taking a year off from her studies, as a nanny in Fairfield, Connecticut. Interestingly this is the town from where Jo Ann's immigrant ancestors settled in 1644

Art is Assistant Art Director and head of Scenic Design at Nebraska Public Television Station, which is located here in Lincoln.

The family belongs Shepherd of the Hills, an Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hickman. At the present time she is on the church council and is one of the organists.

Jo Ann has always loved music, and has always been involved with music, since she learned to play the piano in the third grade. She has played organ for church since she has been in the 8th grade.

Recently she was invited to Russia by the Landsmannschaft der Volga Deutschen in Saratov. You can read about her trip in another column which was published in the November 1994 newsletter.

This past August Jo Ann was interviewed for a program on public access television. This program is devoted to AHSGR and the history of the Germans From Russia (with a little bit of personal history). A VHS copy of the program is available to be checked out at the AHSGR library.

"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best".

The force that rules the world is conduct!

Think about it!

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