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## A Message to the Membership

by Larry Schenkel, 489-3213

**D**on't Forget! On Friday, November 12, 6:00 p.m., the BRODA DINNER! It will be held at the WSI Hall, 1430 No. 10th Street. Adults are \$7.50, children under 12 are \$3.50.

If you don't have tickets, send the form below to Ann Reitz at 4121 So. 30th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502. If you don't think you have time to send for them, call Ann at 489-5462, or myself at 489-3213, and we will make arrangements to get the tickets to you or for you to pick them up at the door the night of the Broda. Tickets can also be purchased from the members of the Lincoln Chapter's Board of Directors.

The Broda is a sit-down dinner that is served family-style, so it is imperative that you fill in seats as you come in, rather than leaving empty seats.

The drawing for the quilt and other door prizes will be held after dinner.

### Sunday, December 18; 1-4 p.m.

Open house to decorate the Heritage Center for Christmas.

If you have lights and other Christmas decorations you would like to donate for this, please bring them to the Heritage Center and drop them off. If you can't bring them, call me (489-3213), and I will pick them up or have someone pick them up.

The Lincoln Chapter will have light refreshments and the ever-popular CHRISTMAS SACK (filled with peanuts, candy and fruit)!! We are asking the members to bring a dozen or so of their favorite Christmas cookies to share. Any leftovers will be taken to area nursing or retirement homes that have any of Unser leute (our people) in them. So load up the kids and come down for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and sharing!

### Convention 2000

Despite the setback caused by the fire at the Embassy Suites, everything is still on schedule for our convention to be held there. As always, if you have any suggestions or comments about the convention, something you would like to see, something you think should be excluded, etc., call me. You have my number.

Would you like to see the German wedding that used to be performed? Would you like to take part in it? Do you have an old Script? Call me with your concerns, suggestions, or just to shoot the breeze about the direction we are going and should we try going another way.

### Noodle Making

By the time you get this, we will have had our first noodle-making attempt since approximately 1994. I will let you know how it went in the next newsletter. Hopefully you will get this before Oktoberfest. I am including a short list of what is going to be going on. If you can't get down to the Heritage Center for the Oktoberfest, you are going to miss a fun time.

### Bob Vila

If you haven't heard, Bob Vila's production crew was in town to look at the bungalows and the Amen Museum house to be featured on his program. As soon as we have a viewing date, we will let you know.

### Your Organization

Your organization is working for you, at the local and international level. It is now up to you. You have raised your voice and said, "We want..." The Lincoln Chapter and Heritage Center have responded and tried to give you

what you have asked for. Use it, or lose it! The Heritage Center has new hours to go with the regular hours. They have been printed here before, but it doesn't hurt to remind you. The Center is now also open on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Our new director, Nancy Holland, is scheduling some lectures for the Tuesday evening time slot. She already has Sam Sinner set to give several. Nancy, and the rest of the staff, are doing all they can to meet your requests. It is up to you to come in and see all of the changes those requests have made. The archives are certainly more user-friendly and are now handicapped accessible. So, what are you waiting for? We have two special open houses coming up. Get it in gear and come down to YOUR Heritage Center.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### "November Nächte— November Nights"

Tuesday night literary  
evenings at the Ruth Amen  
house—AHSGR headquarters  
6th and D Streets

#### Tuesday, November 9

Lecture by Samuel Sinner:  
"German-Russian Literature  
from 1763 to 1999."  
7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 16

Lecture by Samuel Sinner:  
"Recent Research on the  
Poetry and Short Stories of  
Volga-German Author and  
Stalin Victim, Peter Sinner"  
7:30 p.m.

## BRODA Tickets Reservation Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # OF ADULT TICKETS @ \$7.50 EACH

\_\_\_\_\_ # OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 TICKETS @ \$3.75 EACH

\_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED





# Confirmation Day, April 9, 1922

by Delores Schwartz



This is an article about Katherine, my mother, and Pauline, my mother-in-law which took place at Emanuel Reformed Church at 10th and Charleston Streets on Palm Sunday and Confirmation Day. The date was April 9, 1922.

Two members of the confirmation class, Katherine Hoffman and Pauline

Brehm, were to remember what a happy day it was. The class met at the home of Pauline's family on Y Street and all walked to church together. It was doubly happy for Pauline because it was also her birthday.

After confirmation, the class was invited to Reverend John Arnold's home for dinner where later each of the

class members received a very small glass of wine.

Both Katherine and Pauline are 92 years old now and still reminisce about that special day.

Katherine is seated at the right of Reverend Arnold and Pauline is standing to the left of Reverend Arnold's left shoulder.

## THE DASH —

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates of her tomb-  
stone  
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of  
birth  
And he spoke of the last date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved her  
know  
What that line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own,  
The cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is  
left.  
(You could be at "dash mid-range.")

If we could just slow down enough to  
consider  
What's true and real,  
And always try to understand the way  
Other people feel.

And be less quick to anger  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives like  
We've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile:  
Remembering that this special dash,  
Might only last awhile.

So, when your eulogy has been read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they  
say  
About how you spent your dash?

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