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IN MEMORIAL

by Larry Schenkel

We are saddened by the passing of three long-time AHSGR members of the Germans from Russia family: "Jim" Amen, Frieda Miller Alt, and Harold H. "Cal" Bauer.

If it was broken, **Jim Amen** could fix it. He loved cars, and anything mechanical, and had the skills to fix most anything. He worked many hours at Headquarters and served on the Lincoln Chapter board. Jim was devoted to his family, a kind and gentle man.

Frieda Miller Alt was an avid quilter who even designed some of the quilts she made. She was a member of the AHSGR ladies quilting group for some time and gave much of her time to family members and her church. She sang in the German Singers choir for many years and, we know, a fine alto voice has now been added to that Heavenly Choir.

Harold "Cal" Bauer became a member of AHSGR in 1970 and was active since then. Most of us know Harold was a veteran of WWII, enjoyed shooting sports, loved bowling, and belonged to a camera club. How many of you remember Harold, the skater, both roller and ice? Watching Harold skate was like watching poetry in motion. Harold was always at our dinners as a volunteer. He would bring his wooden-handled potato peeler, which he always reminded us, he had had from his Army days.

We will miss these family members very much. □

Where Have all the Quilters Gone? A Long Time Stitching?

submitted by Helen Schwartz, Molly Grenemeier, Mary Froscheiser, Judy Runion

The Lincoln Quilters were organized in 1976. They may have even been started as early as 1973. In the beginning they met in the basements of the homes of Kathryn Green, Kay Miller, or Mary Froscheiser and they might have from six to eight women around the quilt, busily sewing. They also used the H. J. Amen house (now the H. J. Amen Museum) but it was quite crowded.

When the headquarters building was completed in 1983, the quilters were able to pursue their passion in the lower level of the building.

During the early years, they would meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Now the quilters meet two days of the week and some weeks only one day. The usual days are Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They have always brought their lunches with them so they could eat together, too.

During these years, several husbands or other men, made contributions to make the quilting easier. Lefty Miller used to mark the quilts. Ace Strasheim made the initial cork blocks to hold threaded needles. Bertha Miller's husband made new style quilt stands from the old sawhorse-type stand. Then along came John Schneider and he became the needle threader extraordinaire, as well as coming up with a spool holder to use when cutting thread.

When the quilters first started, they made "pieced" quilts. They have, also done embroidered quilt tops but now, more of the "cheater" quilt tops are being made.

The following are ladies who have been part of the quilters: Frieda Alt, Eleanor Alt, Linda Ashleford, Edna Becker, Katherine Becker, Katherine Brehm, Mary Froscheiser, Katherine

Green, Molly Grenemeier, Mary Jacobs, Bertha Miller, Kay Miller, Katherine Oakley, Margaret Roh, Mary Scheidt, Mary Rohn, Leah Rebensdorf, Judy Runion, Helen Schwartz, Gerry Schuster, Lois Sorenson, Katherine Strasheim, Donna Thompson, Katherine Wilcox, and Betty Younker.

If we have forgotten anyone, please forgive us. As bodies and memories fail us, we make errors and are not trying to snub anyone. Please call Larry at 438-3814 and he will make sure your name is in the next newsletter.

We would also like to say a special thanks to Elizabeth Walters (Vic Weber's sister) of Omaha. Over the years, she has donated many quilt tops for the quilters to quilt. These were then raffled to make money for AHSGR. Over the years, the partnership of the quilters making the quilts and the Chapter selling the raffle tickets, has made many thousands of dollars for AHSGR.

An interesting side-note about Elizabeth Walters — she used to sew the silk shirts for the jockeys at AK-SAR-BEN racetrack. The scraps were then used by her to make her brightly colored quilt tops.

So, who are the quilters today? They are Linda Ashleford*, Edna Becker, Mary Froscheiser, Helen Schwartz, Gerry Shuster*, and Donna Thompson*. The names with asterisks are not members of AHSGR. The message here is, quilters are needed, quilters are wanted. Spread the word, the quilters will welcome anyone who is interested in quilting.

Where have all the Quilters gone? Moved, illness, death, poor eyesight, and arthritis. □

Editor's Note: Any errors are mine.

ATTENTION!! ACHTUNG!! ATENCIÓN!! DATE CHANGE!!!

The Kraut & Brei dinner has been changed from May 23 to May 9. Many members of the Board of Directors felt that May 23 might run into conflict with the long Memorial Day weekend.

Thanks to Abbie Klein for being flexible, we were able to get the 9th of May for our date.

Remember you can get tickets from any of the members of the Board of Directors or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, along with the order blank in this newsletter and a check to:

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General Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 27, 2003

AHSGR Chapel "Handing Down the Memories, Part II"

We will have an update on the printing, etc. of Part II and on the number of reprints of Part I. If you didn't get Part I, and want to get it, call me at 438-3814.

We don't have a final figure on the cost at this time, but we should have when we have our general membership meeting on April 27.

If you see Norma Somerheiser or Jane Nicholson, give them a pat on the back and a heartfelt thank you. I don't know how many hours they put in getting Part II done and ready for printing, but I suspect it would be several hundred. □



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 27

General Membership Meeting
AHSGR Chapel

Friday, May 9

Kraut & Brei Dinner
WSI Hall, 1430 N. 10th Street
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Chapter Membership Dues

At the last Board of Directors' meeting of the Lincoln Chapter, the subject of chapter membership dues came up again.

The Lincoln Chapter has never done this in the past, but as costs on almost everything continue to go up, we need to look at changing our policy.

The Board voted to charge a membership of \$12 per calendar year. This new policy would be put into effect beginning in January 2004. That gives everyone over eight months to mull this around, talk it over, and chew the fat about it. It also gives you plenty of time to call Lincoln Chapter Board members (phone numbers and names on page 2), and let us know how you feel, and why.

We are already in the process of going over the list of members we are sending the newsletter to and will probably expunge (I've been looking for a long time to be able to use that word) some of them from the list.

Some names, unhappily, will be taken from the list because of death (see IN MEMORIAL). Alas, the passing of time and loved ones cannot be stemmed.

Please let us know how you feel about this proposal. I will let you know what we hear from you in the next newsletter. ☐

HELP!!! HELFEN!!! AYUDA!!!

Has anyone seen our Farberware coffee-pot? The last time anyone remembers seeing it is in December when we used it for the Christmas Pageant. It was cleaned and put away, but now it appears to have wandered off.

It has always been the Lincoln Chapter's policy to let members use our appliances without charge, so if someone has borrowed, it, please let me know, and please return it. ☐

VOLUNTEER FREIWILLIGE VOLUNTARIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are trying to get a "pool" of volunteers established.

These volunteers would help at the Heritage Center on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times one has to help.

Ruth White, who is on the International Board of Directors, has been named as Volunteer Coordinator and will be contacting Lincoln area members. She will have an article for the next newsletter outlining what the needs are and how we can all help.

This is a position we have needed for a long time and I know Ruth will do a good job. Please give her all the help and cooperation you can.

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS...

...The following volunteers helped with the Soup Supper with many of them donating Cakes for dessert:

Nancy Borrell, Roger and Judy Runion, Larry and Norma Schenkel, Bud and Virginia Dietch, Tom Lutzi, Ed and Gladys Herstein, Lefty and Molly Grenemeier, Helen Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Jack Frost, Delores Schwartz, John Novak, Bruce Trautwein, Roger Trautwein, Norma Somerheiser, Phil Sorenson, Paul Loos, Donny Burbach, LeRoy and Diane Butherus, Dale Dinges, Lucille Hedges, Barb Schmidt, Lenny Schneider, and Erwin Ulmer.



The GREATEST volunteers in the world!!

Eine herzliches dankeschön!

(Heart felt or hearty thank you!)

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KRAUT & BREI

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2003 - 5:00-7:00 P.M.
WSI HALL, 1430 NORTH 10TH STREET

ADULTS \$8.00 EACH
CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$5.00 EACH

ROAST PORK, SAUERKRAUT, MASHED POTATOES, GERMAN SAUSAGE, RYE BREAD, DESSERT

TO ORDER BY MAIL, DETACH THE ORDER FORM AND SEND IT, WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE TO NANCY BORRELL, 2221 DEVONSHIRE DR., LINCOLN, NE 68506, 489-2583.

ORDERS NEED TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM LINCOLN CHAPTER BOARD DIRECTORS. SEE LIST INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER.

(Tear off this reservation slip and mail with payment)

KRAUT & BREI, FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2003, AT WSI
\$8.00 ADULTS; \$5.00 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

NUMBER OF TICKETS: ADULT _____ CHILDREN _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____