



Lincoln Chapter The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia **NEWSLETTER**

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IN MEMORIAM

by Larry Schenkel

*Pete Jacobs
Henry Spomer
Al Brehm
Adam Filbert
John Miller, Jr.
Esther Blum
Helen Fell
Marie Maul
Ed Loos*

While not everyone on this list was a member of AHSGR, they were all Germans from Russia and they will be missed by all of us.

I don't think I have to tell those of you who are members, and have read the newsletter over the years, who Eddy Loos was and how much I cared for him. I called him the poet laureate of the Bulldog Ring and the North Bottoms. (I wouldn't be surprised if some of your poetry finds its way into the newsletters in the future, goom.) I think the best epitaph I can give my friend is to do it with his own words. These few words were the heart of the man and I believe this is the way every German from Russia should feel.

"I am proud of my German parents,
I am proud to be called their son.
I am proud of my friends and heritage,
I am proud to be counted as one."
Eddie Loos

So long, goom. I am going to miss you.

ATTENTION!! ACHTUNG!! CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

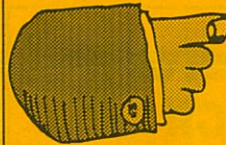
As I told you in the last newsletter, the Board of directors of the Lincoln Chapter voted to charge membership dues of \$12.00 per calendar year. Again, this is because of increased costs of operation, and to see how many of you want to be counted as members of the Lincoln Chapter.

At the end of the article I invited you to let us know how you felt about the proposal. (The Lincoln Chapter Board Members are listed elsewhere in this

newsletter.)

I also told you I would let you know what I had heard from you in this newsletter. So far, I have heard nothing. This is either the most boring newsletter in the world, and no one reads it, or you are okay with the \$12.00 membership dues.

Give me a call and let me know how you feel and what you think. My phone number is: 438-3814. Larry



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2 & 3 – Hoffman Family Reunion

August 16 – Grenemeier Family Reunion in Milwaukee
Call Lefty for more information, 486-1673

August 16 – Nancy Ketzler and Richard Matthew Duxbury
will be married in our All-Faiths Chapel

August 18 – 7:30pm
Board Meeting—Heritage Center—631 "D" St.
(Any member is welcome to attend.)

August 22 & 23 – Garage Sale – 631 "D" St.

September 15 – 7:30pm – Board Meeting – Heritage Center – 631 "D" St.
(Want to know what's going on? Attend your board's meeting.)

September 21 1:00pm General Membership Meeting
Friedens Lutheran Church—6th & "D" Sts.
Potluck dinner, fellowship, and games. Bring a guest. Bring a new member.
Bring a GR who is not a member!

September 18-20 – International Society Board of Directors and
International Foundation Board of Directors' meeting
at the Heritage Center.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following names are people in this general area who are new to AHSGR. Because they are in the Lincoln area, they have always been considered as members of the Lincoln Chapter, and received the newsletter or any other mailings we sent out. This will still be our practice, but we will also be contacting these members on the phone welcoming them to AHSGR and inviting them to attend our functions.

Eric Kaldahl	Terri L. Watts
Robert & Marilyn Wagner	William Keller
Bernice H. Booth	Fred Patz, Jr.
William Gettman	Steve Kahler
Marta L. Paxton	LaVern M. Thomas

2003 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter – AHSGR

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2003 OFFICERS

President...Larry Schenkel	Recording Secretary...Paul Loos
1st VP...Leroy Butherus	Corresponding Secretary...Ann Reitz
2nd VP...Delores Schwartz	Historian...Gladys Herstein
Treasurer...Nancy Borrell	

"PASSING DOWN THE MEMORIES"

The Lincoln Chapter collected and printed remembrances of our members in 2000. We sold all of the copies quickly and had a second printing done. Norma Somerheiser was the guiding force getting this done and she also began to gather stories about our German Churches and traditions of them. With a lot of pushing by Norma, and Jane Nicholas jumping in to help with getting it all organized on her computer, again enough material was gathered to publish our second booklet.

Passing down the Memories of Our Churches has been printed and you can get a copy by calling our Chapter Treasurer, Nancy Borrell at 498-2583. We printed 100 copies and many of them were sold before they were out of the printers. If you call and we are sold out, Nancy will put your name on the list for the new printing we have ordered.

The original booklet, *Passing down the Memories*, is in the third printing, so if you didn't get one but would like one, call Nancy for that, too.

Hopefully, we will be starting work on yet a third booklet about school memories, nicknames, etc. Do you have a story to tell? Call us!!!

SPECIAL NEEDS

Is there anyone out there who really enjoys working with wood? We really need someone to restore the front door of the Heritage Center.

I do not know what all it would take, as woodworking is not my forte. (I've been wanting to use that word for a long time, too.) The volunteer would have to look at the door to determine what would need to be done. At the bare minimum, I would guess a lot of sanding and several coats of varnish. Oh, yes, we would also ask you to volunteer to pay for needed materials.

Please, won't someone take this challenge? If interested, call me (438-3814), or call Diane at the Heritage Center (474-3363).



We will probably clean the garage, put up our shelves and get the tables ready on Monday, August 18. We will begin taking drop-off donations from 9:00am 'til 1:00pm on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of August. If you can't bring your donations in at that time, call and we can make arrangements to be there at another time. If you can't bring them down, call and we will make arrangements to pick them up. If you want to give your donations to us before the 18th-21st, we have a place to store them, and, yes, we can probably make arrangements to pick them up before the 18th-21st. In other words, we want your donations and will do as much as possible to make it easy for you.

This is one of our more fun fund raisers of the year and you are all invited to come down. (Bring money.) Browse. (Bring money.) Who knows, you may buy something you donated!

Please, if you donate clothing, make sure they are clean and serviceable. (Oh, yeah, bring money.) Books sell well, as does jewelry, when nicely displayed, records, tapes, CD's, movies, whatever. Did I say to come down and bring money? No early sales, however. (Bring money.) Oh, yes, most importantly, spend the money you bring.

Larry, Gladys, & Nancy
Garage Sale Committee

YOUR INTERNATIONAL BOARDS IN ACTION

I wonder if those of you receiving this newsletter have any idea about what is involved with being on the Board of Trustees for the International Foundation or the International Society.

They have four meetings a year with one being in Lincoln every year, one being at the Convention, and the other two at different places around the country including Canada. All expenses for travel, food, and lodging are borne by the individuals. (This is probably part of the reason we have such a hard time getting people to serve on either board.)

On top of this, Ed Hoak, President of AHSGR Board of Directors, and his wife,

Charlotte, spent over four weeks at the Heritage Center before the Convention. Jerry Seibert, a member of the International Society Board of Directors and Chairman of Education & Publications Committee, was here for a week working on problems after Convention. Jerry comes to Lincoln at least four times during the year. Mayo Flegel, President of IFAHSGR Board of Trustees, has been here for the last five days.

Both Boards will be meeting at the Heritage Center on September 18, 19, and 20. This might be a good time for you to meet some of the people who

represent the members, especially Saturday afternoon after they adjourn.

They don't go around tooting their horns, saying, "Look at me! See what I am doing? Don't you think I am great?" They just quietly do what they think is best for the Society. And it is not just the three board members I have mentioned.

I plan on doing a profile of board members in future newsletters so you can get to know these men and women who serve you. Believe me, it is a story worth knowing. These board members are very dedicated to the Society.



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July 10, 2003

Dear Lincoln Chapter Members,

The members of the Board of Directors would like to extend our grateful thanks to all of you for your many, many hours of dedicated volunteer time spent in assisting at Headquarters. We fully realize that without the unselfish devotion of so many volunteers, the staff at Headquarters could not adequately meet the needs of our membership. The staff is also very appreciative of your efforts.

We also thank you for your hard work in maintaining the facilities and grounds. It is tremendously important to preserve the value of our buildings and to present a positive image to the members, the visitors, and to the neighborhood.

We will be very grateful for your continued efforts and support in the days and months ahead. It certainly will enhance the value of our Society to both current and prospective members. We must all work together to meet our goals and preserve our priceless heritage. Thank you for your valuable cooperation and participation. It is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gladys L. Wyatt
Secretary



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented to

Lincoln Chapter

In recognition of commitment
to furthering the goals of AHSGR and the
support shown by your contribution
during the third year of the 2000 in 2000
fundraising campaign.

June 19, 2003

International Foundation
American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

Max F. Pletz
President

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
INTERNATIONAL

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION The Society Expresses Gratitude To

Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter

Whereas the members of the Lincoln Nebraska Chapter of AHSGR have stepped in during a period of need and have contributed so many productive hours assisting Headquarters staff and helping serve AHSGR members; and

Whereas this unselfish assistance has had a positive impact on the financial condition and the efficiency and effectiveness at Headquarters; and

Whereas they have provided many years of support in the past and have committed to continue to help through this special time; now therefore

Be it resolved that this convention acknowledges this special support and dedicated effort of the Lincoln Nebraska Chapter of AHSGR and that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Society.



Ed Hook
Society President

Gladys Nyatt
Society Secretary

THIS AND THAT

The Kraut & Brei dinner is over and, while we didn't have as many people to feed as last year, we had a good turn-out. There was plenty of food and the cooks did a great job of preparing it.

As always, I like to list all of the names of the volunteers rather than just say thanks to them as a group. I want you to know who is doing the work so you can thank them when you see them around.

Lefty and Molly Grenemeier
Diane and Leroy Butherus
Bud and Virginia Dietrich
Norma Schenkel
Tom Lutzi
Nancy Borrell
Delores Schwartz
Dale Dinges
Lenny Schneider
Bruce Trautwein
Roger Petersen

Ed and Gladys Herstein
Phil and Irene Dinges
Norma Somerheiser
Don Burbach
Judy Runion
Helen Schwartz
Paul Loos
Lucille Hedges
Barb Schmidt
Roger Trautwein

Eine herzliches dankeschon!

Also, as always, I run the risk of not getting all the names down. I apologize if this happens and ask you to please call me so I can make the correction in the next newsletter.

OVER AND ABOVE

To help ease the financial crunch at AHSGR, the Lincoln Chapter is now doing the mowing at the Heritage Center so it does not need to be contracted out.

Henry Sader volunteered to split the cost of a new riding mower, to get started. The Lincoln Chapter gladly accepted. Thanks, Henry.

Jake and Dorothy Sinner donated two used self-propelled mowers and a weed wacker. Lefty and Molly Grenemeier donated a self-propelled, electric start, mower. Lefty said it had been just sitting in their garage. Barb Schmidt gave us her old self-propelled mower when she bought a new one.

The following people have volunteered to help with the mowing on a regular basis and come down early Saturday morning to mow and trim the entire campus:

Bud Dietrich, Norma Somerheiser, Norma Schenkel, Nancy Borrell, Barb Schmidt, Phil Dinges and Tom Lutzi. (Who brought his own riding mower last week.) The second group, who still work, and may not have

Saturday available, come down when they can and, perhaps finish trimming that might not have been done, mowing, if necessary, work on sprinklers, rake, plant flowers, water flowers, spray weeds on sidewalk, pull weeds, etc, etc, etc. They are: Susan Stoehr (light work only, because of surgery), Dale Dinges, Paul Loos, Leroy Butherus, Phil Sorenson, Lucille Hedges, Roger and Karen Trautwein. An interesting aside: A young man named Jeff Hellerick was helping us one day and was overheard asking the following, "Aunt Barb (Schmidt), what's wrong with this picture? You don't even mow your own grass, you pay me to do it! Now, here you are mowing!"

Why do these people volunteer? Because of their love of the organization and what it stands for. Respect for their ancestors and the sacrifices made and hardships endured to come to, and help build, the greatest nation ever to exist on the face of the Earth!

ODDS AND ENDS

Want to help your organization get money but not have it come out of your pocket?

The Foundation has found a relatively easy way to earn, not huge sums, but some money. This would be realized through the inkjet and laser cartridge recycling program.

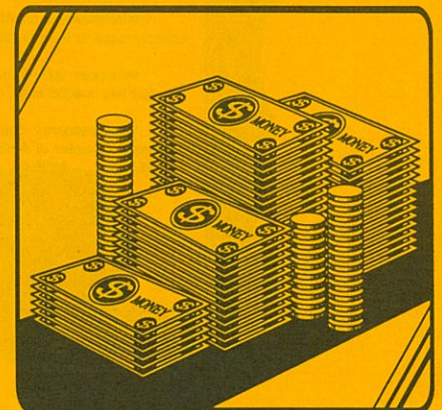
The basic idea is that the company supplies the pre-paid postage envelopes to be used individually or shipping cartons for bulk collection. Once they receive the cartridges, they pay the Society for them. Prices vary according to the cartridge. It costs nothing to participate and is good for the environment.

So, you can send them in yourself or drop them off at the Heritage Center. Envelopes, for mailing, are available at the Heritage Center, also.

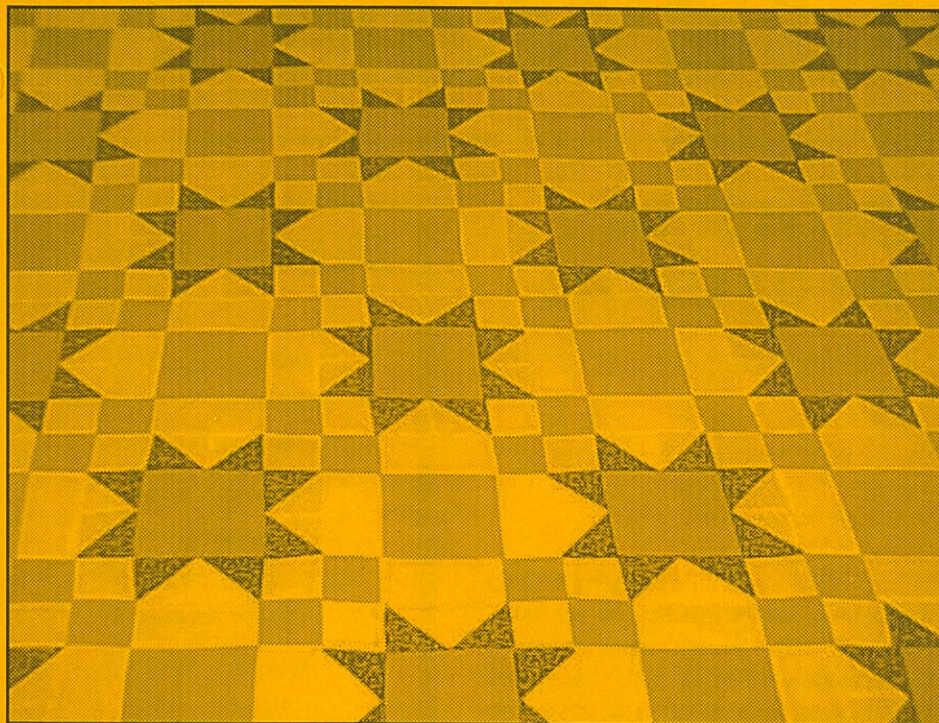
Please ask all of your friends who have computers and printers, to donate their empty cartridges also. Maybe even your place of employment would be willing to help out. The more cartridges, the more money.

Speaking of money, another painless way for you to help the Society is by getting an AHSGR credit card. Enough people have them and are using them that the Society is really beginning to benefit. Again, there is no money out of your pocket.

If you have credit cards that give you nothing back and no real advantage to having them except the convenience of charging, why not change, have all the same advantages and convenience and add helping AHSGR at no cost to you!



QUILT RAFFLE



The Lincoln Quilters are working on a patchwork quilt to be raffled off. It is a very beautiful pieced quilt. I hope the picture does it justice.

If you would like to purchase tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Nancy Borrell
2221 Devonshire Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68506

or:
Gladys Herstein
520 Teakwood
Lincoln, NE 68510

You can also call any of the board members for raffle tickets.

We could also use some help selling tickets. If you would be willing to help, give me a call and I will deliver tickets to you. (438-3814)

The Lincoln Quilters will determine where the money goes. They have usually given the money to the Foundation or the National but have also let the Lincoln Chapter use it for expenses when we host the convention.

**So, BUY! BUY! BUY!
And SELL! SELL! SELL!**
(See order blank on last page of this newsletter.)

HERE AND THERE

Schmeckfest 2003 is history. More of us went this year than last and a great time was had by all.

My wife and I already have our motel reservations for next year. When I hear what the dates are for next year, I will put it in the newsletter. Maybe more of you will join us.

We were joined this year by my brother, Jim, Nancy Meinzer, Nancy Borrell, Barb Schmidt, Delores Schwartz, Susan Stoehr, Bud and Virginia Dietrich, Henry and Esther Heckman, Lefty and Mollie Grenemeier, and Gladys and Ed Herstein. Unfortunately, our intrepid leader, Jake Sinner and his wife, Dorothy, their daughter, Joyce Eisenman, and Dorothy's sister, Irene Gabelhouse had to drop out at the last minute. Bill and Sally Heib, of Freeman, SD, joined us for dinner and our traditional breakfast on Saturday morning.

I am enclosing the dinner menu so you can see how much we had to eat.

— Menu —

Nudel Suppe Noodle Soup	* * *	Grüne Schauble Suppe Green Bean Soup
Dämpfleisch Stewed Beef		Bratwurst Pork Sausage
Gebratene Kartoffeln Fried Potatoes		Käse mit Knöpfe Cheese Buttons
Salat Lettuce Salad		Geschmücke Relishes
Sauerkraut Zwieback Twin Buns		Schwarzbrötchen Whole Wheat Buns
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Pluma Moos Dried Fruit Sauce Obstkrapfen Fruit Pockets		Kuchen Mak Kuchen Poppy Seed Rolls Kaffee Coffee

GEMÜTLICHKEIT !

The Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club seems to be a success! We have been getting together on the second Tuesday of the month for most of the year now and our numbers seem to be slowly growing.

Why do we meet? To enjoy friendship and fellowship with anyone who wants to come. Last week we were surprised and pleased to have Jerry McInnis in our midst. We were also happy to know Jerry has gotten strong enough to get out and about. Way to



go, Jerry!

We have tried several different places but seem to keep going back to

the HyVee store at 40th and Old Cheney in Williamsburg. There is plenty of room and tables, pretty good food at a pretty good price, good coffee and plenty of time to visit.

You don't need an invitation as anyone is welcome, but if you do, here it is:

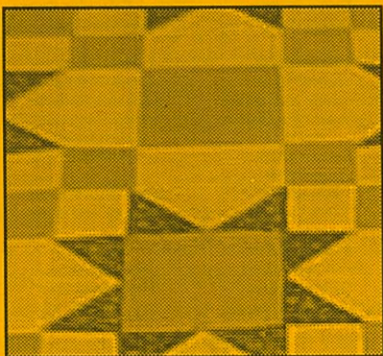
You, and anyone you want to bring, are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday, August 12th, at Williamsburg HyVee from 9:00am until ?, for fellowship and food. Hope to see more of you there.

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QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ORDER FORM

PRICE: 6 TICKETS/\$5; 12 TICKETS/\$10, ETC.

NUMBER OF TICKETS WANTED _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

WOULD YOU HELP SELL TICKETS? YES NO

NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU THINK YOU CAN SELL _____

PLEASE INCLUDE CHECK FOR YOUR TICKETS ONLY, NOT THOSE YOU ORDER TO SELL, AND A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE TO GLADYS HERSTEIN OR NANCY BORRELL (ADDRESSES ON PAGE 7 INSIDE).