



# Lincoln Chapter

## The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

# NEWSLETTER

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## From Larry's Desk...

To those of you who came to the German-Russian Christmas Fest, thank you! We had a great turn out including a number of families with small children. A lot of free cookies got eaten and free punch and coffee was drunk.

The committee for the Christmas Fest, Ruth White, Lucille Hedges, Gladys Herstein, Delores Schwartz and Nancy Borrell, did a great job of decorating the summer kitchen, general store, chapel, and headquarters. I can't say enough, to let you know how hard they worked to get everything coordinated. I think the success of the project is the proof of the pudding. Well done.

To those of you who didn't come, we are going to do this each year, and we hope to see you and your family next year. To those of you who couldn't come because you had no way to get to the Heritage Center, next year, give us a call and we'll see if we can arrange a ride for you.

I have several special "thank you's." To Kathy Svoboda and her youth choir (who sing in German); to Sonya Dollins-Colton for giving up her Saturday off to come in to be the dreaded Beltznickel; to Nancy Richards for being the Christkindje; to Will and Ray Richards for scurrying around getting chairs moved from one place to another so people always had a place to sit. By the way, Nancy, Will, and Ray are Diane White's children and Diane also gave up her day off to come down and help. Kathy Svoboda's girls again sang like little angels and then stayed around for awhile, enjoying cookies, perhaps their heritage, and the band the committee had in to play for us. It truly was a joyous occasion!

Also, needless to say, Mrs. Claus (Molly Grenemeier) held sway in her summer kitchen again. Her husband, Lefty, was there helping sell and serve Volga Boatmen sandwiches or whatever else

needed doing. Lefty is in his 90s but Molly is not anywhere near that old. Lefty is a cradle robber.

Why do you always find Lefty and Molly there? For the same reason Bud and Virginia, Phil and Irene, Donnie, Ed and Gladys, Suzy, Barb, Nancy, Norma and me and my Norma were there. We love to tell the story honoring the hardships our ancestors faced and overcame to build a better life for their children and their children's children. And we want to share the Heritage Center, which was built to house the records of that story for posterity. You're probably getting tired of me carrying on about the Heritage Center. I seem to get on my soapbox in every newsletter.

We are including the list of board members and officers in this newsletter. Please save it. Also, please save the Calendar of Events and display it in a prominent place where you can refer to it often, not only for the social functions but for the meetings, as well. We would really like to see an increase in attendance at the general membership meetings.

The guest speaker at the meeting in the chapel on April 25th will be Gwen Meister. She will be showing the video that was taken last fall at the broda dinner. She will also tell us about what she is doing for the Arts Council, to help preserve the history of our people and how she is getting that history out to schools, etc. so our ancestors' story can be taught to new generations.

You are always welcome at the monthly coffee. No meeting, no agenda, just *gemutlichkeit*. Come once in awhile or come every time, no one takes attendance.

Well, enough for now. Please remember Lincoln chapter membership dues and thanks for listening. —Larry

## CHAPTER DUES

Please send your Lincoln Chapter dues to:

Judy Runion  
2848 Katelyn Circle  
Lincoln, NE 68516

Dues are for one calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. Dues are \$12 per year OR—if you can't afford that, whatever you can afford, down to no money at all. Here's the catch, if you can't send money, please, PLEASE CALL ME, Larry Schenkel, 438-3814, before February 28th. If I have not heard from you, and Judy hasn't received a check, we will have to take your name off of the mailing list, and I really do not want to do that.

Also, to avoid any confusion, these dues have absolutely NOTHING to do with the International dues you pay. They are strictly for the Lincoln Chapter. All of these dues will be used for Lincoln Chapter expenses.

### LINCOLN CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP—2004

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
GR Ancestral Village \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_  
GR Surnames \_\_\_\_\_

Make check for \$12.00 payable to: Lincoln Chapter AHSGR and mail to: Judy Runion, 2848 Katelyn Circle, Lincoln, NE 68516. We are always looking for volunteers to help out and run for office. If you want to help, you can find our phone numbers or emails in the newsletter.



# Memorandum of Understanding

## Lincoln Chapter Use of Headquarters' Building during Non-Business Hours

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to outline the agreement between the International Headquarters of AHSGR and the Lincoln Chapter.

The Lincoln Chapter has been a major contributor to the success of AHSGR since its formation and has provided considerable amounts of volunteer help and monetary contributions during that time. In recognition of the contribution made by chapter member volunteers, the Board of Directors of AHSGR wishes to encourage greater use of the Headquarters building by chapter members. The official business hours of operation for the

Headquarters will be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except for holidays and convention closing. The staff will normally work a Monday through Friday schedule. The Lincoln Chapter will have access to the Headquarters building Saturdays and for their chapter meetings at no charge to recognize their volunteer activities. Included is the use of the Boardroom for meetings, the research Library, the break room and other areas agreed through discussions with the Office Manager. The staff offices and other personal work areas would normally be excluded.

The types of uses for the Headquarters building outside the normal hours would typically include chapter meetings, social gatherings, research activities and volunteer projects.

The President of the Lincoln Chapter will have a set of keys to the Headquarters building to open it when necessary outside of normal business hours. The Chapter President may delegate this duty to another trusted chapter member when the occasion warrants. Someone from the Chapter must remain in the facility whenever it is unlocked or outside visitors are in the building, for safety and security reasons. Members using the Headquarters building will be expected to clean up the areas after use and in general adhere to Headquarters operating policies that apply.

Members from other chapters travel great distances to use the Headquarters facilities. These other members may use the facilities, with prior arrangements, during the non-business time Lincoln Chapter Members are in the building. There is no obligation on the part of the Lincoln Chapter to keep the facility open when there are no Chapter Members available and willing to do so. Visiting members are encouraged to call ahead to see if a Lincoln Chapter Member is available to have the facility open for their use.

Either party may rescind this agreement at any time upon written notice.

You may contact:

Larry Schenkel

Phone: (402) 438-3814

2111 Kingswood Circle

Lincoln, NE 68521

Email: lschenkel@neb.rr.com

OR:

Diane White, AHSGR

Phone: (402) 474-3363

631 "D" Street

Lincoln, NE 68502-1199

### 2004 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter – AHSGR

489-2583	BORRELL, Nancy	2221 Devonshire Dr.	Lincoln, NE 68506
476-3600	BURBACH, Donald	3600 Hartley Cr.	Lincoln, NE 68521
483-1421	BUTHERUS, Leroy	1500 Buckingham Dr.	Lincoln, NE 68506
488-5154	DINGES, Dale	1609 So. Cotner Blvd.	Lincoln, NE 68506
486-1673	GRENAMEIER, Henry	1121 No. 79th St.	Lincoln, NE 68505
475-8221	HEDGES, Lucille	214 NW 126th St.	Lincoln, NE 68528
489-5976	HERSTEIN, Gladys	520 Teakwood Dr.	Lincoln, NE 68510
477-3978	LOOS, Paul	400 Fletcher	Lincoln, NE 68521
489-5462	REITZ, Ann	4121 So. 30th St.	Lincoln, NE 68502
423-3853	RUNION, Judy	2848 Katelyn Cr.	Lincoln, NE 68516
423-4212	SADER, Henry	Route 1	Roca, NE 68430
438-3814	SCHENKEL, Larry	2111 Kingswood Cr.	Lincoln, NE 68521
435-3636	SCHWARTZ, Delores	1000 Butler	Lincoln, NE 68521
423-8209	SCHWARTZKOPF, Ed	3910 So. 27th St. #8	Lincoln, NE 68502
423-0602	SINNER, Jake	1733 Marlene Dr.	Lincoln, NE 68512
423-4345	WHITE, Ruth	3300 Serenity Circle #7	Lincoln, NE 68542
		(Mail to: PO Box 23095	Lincoln, NE 68516)

Officers are elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. However, if you are interested in serving for a shorter period of time, you could ask about a one-year appointment, to determine if it would be something you would enjoy doing.

#### 2004 Officers

President...Larry Schenkel

1st VP...Leroy Butherus

2nd VP...Delores Schwartz

Treasurer...Judy Runion

Recording Secretary...Paul Loos

Corresponding Secretary...Ann Reitz

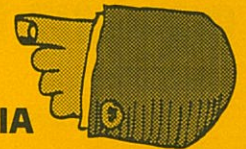
Historian...Gladys Herstein



# CALENDER OF EVENTS 2004

## LINCOLN CHAPTER

### AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA



January 13, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
January 11, 2004	Annual Membership Meeting (Potluck Dinner & Election of Board & Officers)	1:00 PM	Immanuel Fellowship Hall 10th & Charleston
January 19, 2004	Potluck Dinner/Board Meeting	6:00 PM	631 "D" St.
February 10, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
February 16, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
March 19, 2004	Soup Supper	5-7:00 PM	WSI Hall
March 15, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
April 13, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
April 19, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
April 25, 2004	General Membership Meeting (Coffee & Cookies following)	2:00 PM	Chapel, 631 "D" St.
May 11, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
May 14, 2004	Kraut & Brei Dinner	5-7:00 PM	WSI Hall
May 17, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
June 8, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
June 21, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
July 5-11, 2004	ASHGR Convention		Modesto, CA
July 13, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
July 19, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
August 10, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
August 16, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
Sept. 14, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
Sept. 20, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
Sept. 26, 2004	General Membership Meeting (Potluck Dinner, fellowship, and games)	1:00 PM	St. Paul UCC 13th & "F" Sts.
Oct. 12, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
Oct. 18, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" St.
Nov. 9, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
Nov. 12, 2004	Broda Dinner	TBA	WSI Hall
Nov. 15, 2004	Board Meeting	7:30 PM	631 "D" Sts.
Dec. 14, 2004	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Hy Vee, 40th & Old Cheney
Dec. 2004	Board Member's Christmas Dinne		(Date, time and location TBA)
Jan. 8, 2005	Annual Membership Meeting (Potluck Dinner & Election of Board & Officers) (Garage Sale---Date, time and place TBA)	1:00 PM	St. Paul UCC 13th & "F" Sts.



## COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2004

LINCOLN CHAPTER  
AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

### DINNERS

Don Burbach  
Bud Dietrich  
Paul Loos

### Budget

President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Corr. Sec'y

### Garage Sale

Nancy Burrell  
Judy Runion  
Ed Schwartzkopf  
Lucille Hedges  
Ann Reitz

### HISTORICAL

Gladys Herstein

### NEWSLETTER

Larry Schenkel

### Membership

2nd Vice President

### Program

1st Vice President

### Publicity/ PR

Dale Dinges  
Lucille Hedges

### NOMINATING (appointed)

As needed

### SOCIAL/FELLOWSHIP

Nancy Burrell  
Judy Runion

### DINNER TICKETS & SALES

Treasurer

### GENEALOGY/FOLKLORE

Norma Somerheiser  
Paul Loos  
Jane Nickolaus

### FINANCE/AUDIT

Lefty Grenemeier  
Barbara Schmidt  
Elsa Amen

### QUILT RAFFLE

Gladys Herstein

### SPECIAL PROJECT

Nancy Borrell

We need your help!! As you can see we have 15 committees and only 16 people on the Board. Do you see a committee you would like to work on? If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, contact one of the committee chairman, or me, Larry Schenkel.

## Items are Needed for the German-Russian Traveling Kit

To bring the German from Russia Cultural Kit alive, Gwen Meister and Sonya Dollins-Colton are requesting items for the trunks. We need clothing unique to the Germans from Russia, such as Halstuchs, aprons, caps, books, etc; kitchen items, such as, a butter paddle, a kraut stomper, kraut cutter, handmade spoons or bowls, etc.; verses in German and English; tongue twisters; amber beads. Basically, anything you believe represents the German-Russian Culture that you don't mind donating. These items will not be returned to you.

There will be two traveling trunks, one here at the Heritage Center and the other at the Nebraska Humanities Council. (NHC) The trunk that stays at AHSGR can use artifacts we already have. The NHC trunk will be the property of NHC and the donated items will also become their property. That is why we cannot use artifacts housed at AHSGR.

If you are interested in donating items to the kit contact Sonya-Dollins-Colton at headquarters 474-3363 extension 13 or by email, sonyadc@ahsgr.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!!!!

The International Society Board of Directors is in need of a member from our district. Ruth White has been filling this office, but her three-year term has expired and we need to replace her with someone from our area. If you are interested, contact Larry Schenkel, (402) 438-3814 or Diane White, (402) 474-3363.



# Guidelines for Awarding Admiralties in the Great Volga Marina

Awarding and Admiralty in the Great Volga Marina is a way for members of the Lincoln Chapter, AHSGR, to recognize and honor persons who have made, or are making significant contributions to the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

Persons so honored must consistently exhibit good character, integrity, and dedication to the mission of the Society, while using their knowledge, skills, and talents, to directly benefit AHSGR.

Honorees may have voluntarily worked directly for the Society, or have worked for the Lincoln Chapter on projects that ultimately benefit the Society. Examples:

- Building the Heritage Center buildings and doing maintenance work on the buildings and grounds.
- Serving on the International and Chapter Boards and on committees of these boards.
- Raising funds by quilting, working on dinners, sales and other chapter fund raisers, or by contributing a significant grants or grants of funds over a period of time.
- Genealogy projects, research, SOAR, translating, folklore and outreach projects, clerical work, etc. And, most importantly,

• Having shown their dedication by their willingness to help when and wherever needed, through the years

Since AHSGR was founded, members of the Lincoln Chapter, and others, have honored their ancestors by giving countless hours of their time and talents to make our Heritage Center, the largest repository of information on the Germans from Russia, anywhere. Therefore, it is only proper that we recognize their dedication.

This admiralship certificate, though humorous, is given with heartfelt pride and gratitude to each honoree.

Do you know someone who is deserving of this honor? If so, complete the following form and send it to: Larry Schenkel

## Nomination for Appointment as Admiral in the Great Volga Marina

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Village(s), if German from Russia, \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## AHSGR Classifieds

### HELP WANTED Memberships

(An open letter from Don Burbach)

Your Lincoln Chapter is suffering from a lack of new, younger-aged members. So many of our faithful, longtime members have reached their time in life where volunteering is difficult, if not impossible. We need lots of younger members to help in all areas. We need new ideas and support in areas where we know you have the ability to help and learn. There are a host of activities at the Headquarters building where volunteers are always in need. Sign up as a member volunteer and pick your spot to help. I would ask each member of this Society to bring in at least one member, just look at how great our Chapter would be. Please remember what the Society has done for our heritage thus far.

### HELP WANTED — Dinners

This lineup of volunteers becomes shorter each year. We know how well our members and friends like to eat good German-style dinners. We would like to keep having dinner fund-raisers, but we need younger help. Approximately half of the cooks we now have are not Germans from Russia descendants. They are friends of members who volunteer to help. If we cannot get our own help soon, we may have to cut back on the number of dinners or stop all together.

Please feel free to contact any of the board members of the Lincoln Chapter with any comment, good or bad, so that we can hope to keep up with what has been in the past and, maybe, even try to improve on it.

Please keep in mind that if, and when, anyone wishes to join and volunteer for any position, they will be trained and supported until they feel comfortable in that position.

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## SOUP SUPPER

Come for fellowship and good food  
Friday, March 19, 2004

W S J Hall  
1430 N. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE

Serving from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Previously we have always had three kinds of soup: chicken noodle, chili, and vegetable beef. We will not only have those three, but we are adding green bean soup this year! We will also have butterballs for the noodle soup, if you want them, and we may have butterballs for sale. (Keep your fingers crossed!)

We, again, will be selling soup by the quart if you'd like to take some home. All of these soups freeze well.

If you want tickets, please fill in the form below and send it, along with your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Judy Runion  
2848 Katelyn Circle  
Lincoln, NE 68516

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each

# of childrens tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.50

(under 12 years of age)

Total amount of check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_