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A Bit From Larry...

Well, the Kraut & Brei dinner is over and, as usual, the food was delicious. Many of the problems we had at the soup supper were overcome and things went smoothly.

We had 127 tickets pre-paid and 31 sold at the door. A nice crowd, but smaller than usual. This, again, raises the question of canceling the Kraut & Brei dinner? Expenses are going up, attendance is down, and our profit margin is smaller.

There were at least 22 volunteers working in the dining room. They were: Judy Lawson, Ruth Mosby, Dale Dinges, Nancy Borrell, Barb Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Delores Schwartz, Annie Settell, Leslie Bill, Norma Somerheiser, Ann Reitz, Ruth White, Nancy Bouwens, Jone White, Diane White, Marion Mueller, Ed and Gladys Herstein, Rodger and Pam Wurst, Judy and Roger

Runion, Paul Loos, and Nancy and Will Richards, two of Diane White's children.

In the kitchen Donnie Burbach, Bud Dietrich, Sonny Sader, and Roger (Sugar Bear) Petersen cooked up a storm.

For the first time since 2000, Norma and I missed helping. We were in Colorado for our grandson, Nick's, graduation from high school.

Following our trip to Colorado, we went "vacationing" down on the Gulf coast in Mississippi to attend the wedding of our granddaughter. We "caravanned" with daughter Kay and her husband, Jim, spent three days going down, were there three days, and spent four days coming back.

I got to go fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and I even caught a fish. What else would a person do on the Gulf Coast? I've also decided that one's clothes must shrink from the humidity.

JOURNAL MAILING

On June 16th, a hardy group of volunteers descended on the Heritage Center like a scourge of locusts!! (Okay, okay, we arrived in ones and twos, calmly and quietly.) Why, you ask? The call had gone out for help to get the summer Newsletter and Journal in the mail.

The group was somewhat smaller than usual, but a lot of *gemutlichkeit* and good-natured chiding went on as we stuffed envelopes.

I thought I was seeing double when I looked over in a corner and saw two girls that looked like twins. One was Diane White's daughter, Nancy Richards, and the other was Nancy's cousin, Nichole Newell. I can't believe how much they look alike. They brought out a lot of smiles as they made what they were doing fun.

The reason I keep mentioning Diane's children is because the importance of their heritage and honoring the importance of the sacrifices of their ancestors seems to have been instilled in them by Diane. Often, as at the Kraut & Brei, there are three generations working, Jone White, Diane, and one, two, and, often, three of her children.

Other volunteers who helped with the mailing were: Nancy Borrell, Don Burbach, Norma Somerheiser, Phil Dinges, John and Ruby Weber, my Norma and me, Pam Wurst, and the Big Straw Boss, Diane. Coffee and really yummy rolls helped make it even more fun.

To paraphrase the indomitable Mae West, "Why don't you come down and help us sometime?"

That had to be the cause! I'm sure it wasn't from the platter after platter of seafood and hush puppies we had, not to mention Po' Boys.

You would think a person would go to the many grand casinos running from Biloxi to Bay St. Louis, but not a G.R., we went to visit historical sights. The National Military Park and battle-grounds at Vicksburg are awesome!! We will return there and spend more time. And, of course, our wives made us stop to spend hours in the Bass Pro Shop in St. Louis, MO on the way down, and even more time at the huge Cabela's store in Kansas City, on the way back.

Unsere Leute Erinnerung— In Memory

*Paul Amen
Lawrence Weigel
Duane Olson*

Although Lawrence Weigel was not a member of the Lincoln Chapter, he was a pioneer for AHSGR as a charter member, and a life member of AHSGR.

Lawrence was from Hays, Kansas, and a frequent contributor at AHSGR conventions. Lawrence was recognized for his many contributions when he was awarded the AHSGR Distinguished Service Award.

His presence and contributions will be missed.

Paul Amen, along with his family, was also involved with AHSGR from the start. He, too, will be missed by his AHSGR family. The name Amen has been synonymous with AHSGR from the beginning.

DIE BUTZEN VESS

Norma Somerheiser is beginning to get very demanding. She complained about how her "butzen duties" had expanded to where she was not only *butzing* up at dinners, etc., but were expanding to the Heritage Center and the outbuildings, also.

Well, Norma is a valued volunteer, so we wanted to keep her happy, right? Right!! So we promoted her to "Butzer First Class", gave her more responsibility, and told her we would like to give her a raise, but funds were just too tight at the time.

Then Sonny Sader and the Lincoln Chapter went 50-50 on a riding mower and that summer a group of volunteers did all the mowing around the Heritage Center.

Norma thought it would be nice if she could ride the rider once in a while and this year, her wish has come true!

Now, as often happens, valued people begin to get ideas of grandeur. Norma has not been immune! She noticed an article in the paper on March 29th entitled; "Ready, Set, Mow!" and she called this to my attention. It is a story about having mower races. Norma told me there were four classes and she was thinking about entering the "Stock" class! I allowed as how this might involve a change from the

Butzer's Union to the Teamster's Union because it involved driving. Not only that, we would probably have to get her sanctioned with NASCAR. I, again, had to remind Norma that Teamsters would make her pay union dues and contribute to their retirement system. Then there would be the entry fees, etc, with NASCAR. All of this would have to come out of her wages. (You all know how much we pay volunteers.)

Norma was not to be deterred. She asked me to envision her flying around the track at 90 per, wearing bright yellow and green with "Lincoln Chapter-AHSGR" on her back and "Butzer First Class" on her helmet.

Again, I patiently explained costs and the lack of funds. I thought I had successfully quelled these urges with which Norma was possessed, but I was wrong! She has since suggested some modifications to the mower so she could race in the FX class. *Ai yi yi yi yi!*

She has also seen pictures of riding mowers with headlights. Yep, you got it! Now she wants headlights, even though she only mows in the daylight.

Updates will be forthcoming as the saga continues to unfold and the demands mount.

COFFEE BUNCH NEWS

In June some of us decided to make a change in our Coffee Bunch gathering place. We decided to try Stauffer's Café & Bake Shop on south 48th street and had a great time, which is what this is all about.

Fifteen of us gathered to enjoy the good food and great baked goods. Some people came who hadn't come for a while and we had the biggest group we have had for some time. There is no meeting, no agenda, no minutes, just

conversation about whatever comes up among friends.

We enjoyed Stauffer's so much, we decided to meet there again in July.

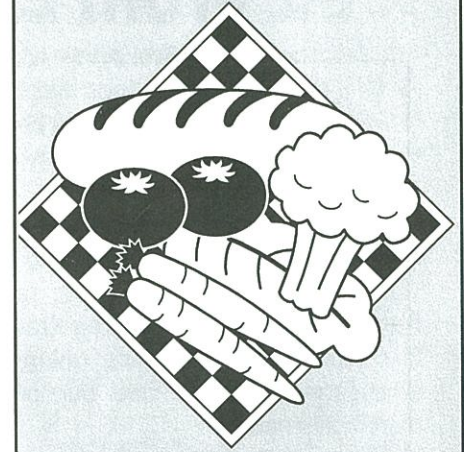
We get together about 9:00AM and stay as long as we like. Usually it's around 10:30 or 11:00 when the last of us leave.

Come over and join us on July 12th.

You'll see that we really do have a good time.



BUS TOUR AND PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 17



As you know, the Lincoln Chapter has hired a bus to give those of you who want to go a chance to see what's left of the South and North Bottoms.

The tour will leave from Bethany Park at 1:00 PM on Sunday July 17, 2005 and will be FREE OF CHARGE. We will be privileged to have Ed Zimmer as our tour narrator. The bus will return to the park after the tour, at which time we will be having a catered picnic. The picnic will also be FREE, thanks to the Lincoln Chapter.

We have rented the shelter house at Bethany Park from 4 to 8 PM. It is air conditioned, so no matter what the weather, we are covered.

We will also furnish coffee and iced tea. If you have any games you would like to bring, such as cards, board games, dominoes, etc. please do.

If you want to take the tour, you must make reservations with Nancy Borrell, 489-2583.

NEW FEATURES

What's in a Nickname & *Guttessen a Dud?*

Nuh? Doesn't anyone have a recipe you want to share? A nickname that we should know about? Boy, you guys are hard to get information from! But I'm not giving up. No sir.

Whatever happened to "Shep" and Yobbie" Burbach? Where did "Shotgun" Loos get his nickname? My godfather, John "Coots" Loos? Call me with some more. C'mon!

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From the Kitchen: Guttessen! Good Eating!



Pigs in a Blanket—GR style

3 lbs. Hamburger	Salt to taste
1 lb. Onion, coarsely chopped	Pepper to taste
1/2 lb. Rice, uncooked	
1 or 2 #2-1/2 cans chopped tomatoes	

Drain the tomatoes and reserve the liquid.
 Peel 12 full leaves from the cabbage heads.
 (May need more than one head.) Set aside.

Mix the hamburger, half of the chopped onion, uncooked rice, half of the drained tomatoes, salt and pepper together. Form scoops of the mixture into balls, wrap each ball with a cabbage leaf. Arrange the rolls in a large roaster pan. Put remaining onions and tomatoes over the rolls. Pour reserved tomato liquid over cabbage rolls. Sprinkle salt and pepper over all. Put into 350 degree oven for one hour, or until rice is completely cooked. Should make about 12 "pigs."

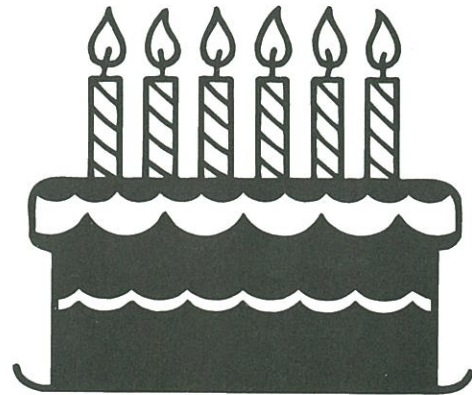
GLUCKSTAG GEBURSTAG/HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

Virginia Tomek
 Jeanne Niederhaus
 Oleta Ernst
 Ruth Kolb
 Jolene McInnes
 Virginia Dietrich
 Gladys Herstein
 Esther Heckman
 Marti Kaufman
 Kathy Tichota

August

Kathleen Schreiber-Svoboda
 Larry Schenkel
 Mary Froscheiser
 Ed Herstein
 Bernice Booth
 Heidi Dinges



DER JAHRESTABL — HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

Jake and Dorothy Sinner
 Steven and Cheryl Kahler

August

Roger and Judy Runion
 Dale and Heidi Dinges

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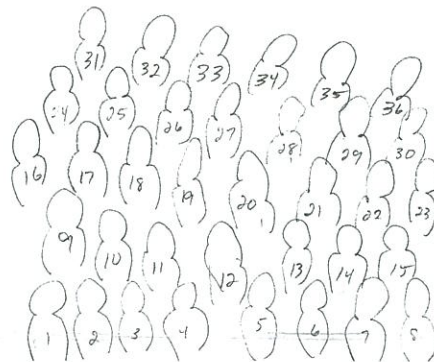
WHAT'S COMING UP

July 12—Coffee Bunch—Stauffer's Café, 5602 S. 48th Street
 July 17—Bus tour—Gather at Bethany Park—1:00PM
 Catered picnic & games, 4:00PM to ?
 July 18—Board Meeting—7:30PM—631 "D" Street
 Open to all members.
 August 9—Coffee Bunch
 August 15-21—AHSGR Convention—Oklahoma City, OK

CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY?

Below is a picture of the confirmation class of 1927 at Immanuel Reformed Church and right are numbered figures portraying the picture. Those that have been identified are listed. Can you fill in any of the others?

A list of readable names from the church records is provided. Some of the names are not complete, as the copies were not legible. Come on, family, put your thinking caps on and give us the names!



William Bauer Emil
 Schwindt
 Jacob Loos
 Louie Frierstein
 John Reich
 Daniel Brehm

Harry Zitterkopf (#20)
 Harry Kahler
 Daniel Gibelhaus
 Robert Baker
 Jacob Glantz
 Joseph Reich
 John Kildow
 George Neiderhaus
 Jacob Lichei
 Marie Schneider
 Marie Traudt
 Marie
 Marie Hein
 Opal Neiderhaus
 Betty Neiderhaus
 Pauline _____
 _____ Huck
 Charlotte _____
 Betty Schultz
 Martha Keldow
 Emilie Zitterkopf (#28)
 Margaret Schwindt
 Edna Schnell
 Esther Dienes
 Elizabeth Hoffmann (#32)
 Betty Huck
 Conrad Sauer, Pastor (#12)

