



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

NEWSLETTER

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FROM LARRY...



Well, the soup supper is over and, all in all, it went pretty well. We are working to solve the problem of the long line and people being able to get refills. In the meantime, thanks to all for their patience and understanding on the night of the supper.

Needless to say, it didn't get done by itself and I want to thank everyone concerned. If your name isn't here, it is my fault. Call me,

give me heck (or whatever) and I will mention you in the next newsletter.

The first work for the soup supper began January 28, 2005, when Barb Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Frieda Dobler, Norma Somerheiser, Judy Runion, Marion Mueller, Elsa Amen, Gladys Herstein, Delores Kaufman, and Delores Schwartz gathered at Nancy Borrell's house and made 998 butter balls. Barb Schmidt, Judy Runion, and Norma Somerheiser donated the fixin's, so there was no cost to the Chapter.

Speaking of donations, Henry Sader

donated the chili, Nancy Borrell donated the green bean soup, Gladys Herstein, Pam Wurst, and Susan Stoehr paid for and donated the noodles and chicken for the noodle soup, and Erwin Ulmer, Norma and I donated the vegetable beef soup.

Helping cook, wait tables, serve the soup, cut cakes, etc were Judy and Roger Runion, Pam and Rodger Wurst, Ed and Gladys Herstein, Bud and Virginia Dietrich, Jone and Diane White and two of Diane's children, Ray and Will, Delores Kaufman, Delores Schwartz, Ann Reitz, Dale Dinges, Phil Sorenson, Frieda Dobler, Barb Schmidt, Barb's niece Barb Hellerich, Susan Stoehr, Judy Lawson, Paul Loos, and, last but not least, Lefty Grenemeier's daughter, Nancy Bouwens and her daughter, whose name, I regret to report, I didn't get. The cooks were, Roger "Sugar Bear" Petersen, Bruce Trautwein, Don Burbach, Bud Dietrich and Nancy Borrell. Sonny Sader in absentia. Sonny couldn't be there because of a prior commitment so he made and froze his chili ahead of time.

Thank you, one and all, for all your hard work. As always, if I missed getting your name on the list, it is my fault and mine alone.

We hope to see all of you at the Kraut & Brei in May.

36 YEARS AGO JAN. 2, 1969

As the Annual Spring Board Meeting has just concluded in Greeley, Colorado, where AHSGR started, I thought you might like to go back and see the names of the first 16 members of our Board of Directors. Do you recognize the names?

Rachel Amen	Jerry Lehr
Arthur Flegel	Victor Leiker
Ray Friederich	David J. Miller
Adam Giesinger	W.C. Raugust
Marie Gilbert	Harold Stoll
Emma Haynes	Theodosia Urbach
Joseph Height	William Urbach
Chester Krieger	Gerda Walker

Submitted by Pam Wurst, Historian, Lincoln Chapter AHSGR

ANOTHER HISTORICAL NOTE

This email came from Norma Somerheiser:

"I found this in the March, 1971, issue of the Nebraska State Historical Society newsletter:

"The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia meets at 3:30pm Sunday, May 2, at 1430 N. 10th Street, in Lincoln. A speaker and German-Russian supper follow a fellowship hour. Admission is \$1.25, with no reservation necessary.

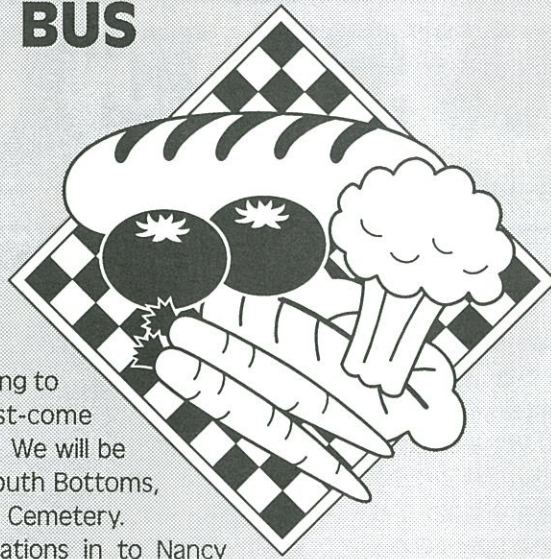
"I wonder how many showed up, and what they had to eat."

My how times are changing! We now have thirty on the board and dinners cost a lot more than \$1.25.

CHAPTER DUES

Where do they go? Read about the bus tour.
Your chapter also just donated \$1000 to AHSGR
Headquarters to help get the SOAR Project on-line.
The money you pay for dues is being put to good use.

PICNIC AND BUS TOUR SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005



The Lincoln Chapter is offering to our members, on a first-come basis, a free motorcoach tour. We will be touring the North Bottoms, South Bottoms, and Havelock areas and Wyuka Cemetery.

You must call your reservations in to Nancy Borrell at 489-2583.

Following the tour, we will have a catered picnic at the Bethany Park shelter house for which there will be a charge. We will have more on that in the next newsletter.

Don't be late and miss out. Call in your bus reservation NOW.



Do you have the spring cleaning bug? Don't know what to do with all of the things you no longer need or want? Well, do I have a deal for you! Call me (Larry 438-3814), or any other of your board members, and we will make arrangements for you to drop your donation off. Or, if you can't drop it off, we can pick it up. Can't make it any easier than that, eh?

Please, if you have clothing to donate, it must be clean and wearable. If you can price your items before we get them, it would help us. If you can't, or don't want to, that's okay. We're not gonna turn it down because you didn't price it!

Don't worry about whether it will sell or not. That is the job of our razor-edged, highly trained and motivated staff of professional merchandisers. Now, about that bridge I have for sale.....

Think GARAGE SALE! Books, records, CD's, DVD's, cassette tapes, VHF tapes, clothes, jewelry, tools, furniture, your husband, home appliances, shoes unruly children—on second thought, forget the unruly children. They would be too hard to sell.

Seriously, you all know the motto of garage sales: "One person's 'Junque' is another's treasure."

CELEBRATIONS

Gluckstag Geburtstag!

Happy Birthday!

March

Dale Dinges
Rebecca Hansen
Kenneth Hardt
Cheryl Kahler
Peter J. Kolb
Dorothy Pearce
Dr. Myron L. Pudwill
Bertha Reifschneider
Louise Schleich
Carol Sommers
John Weber
Jone White

April

Jacob Dering
Amy Frohn
Henry "Lefty" Grenemeier
Sylvia Hanner
Bill Leonhardt
Jane Nicholaus
Sue Pudwill



And from my Sunday School days at Immanuel Reformed Church at 10th and Charleston:

"Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, / Your friends are all singing.
May the new year that is coming, / Bring gladness to you.
May it teach you to be helpful, / Kind hearted, and loving,
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, / Happy Birthday to you!

Der Jahrestabl!

Happy Anniversary!

March

Lenny and Jan Schneider

April

None have been given to me.

AHSGR'S 2005 Annual STORY TELLING CONTEST

A joint effort by the AHSGR Folklore & Linguistics Committee and the IFAHSGR Board

First Place Award — \$100.00

Second Place Award — \$75.00

Third Place Award - \$50.00

“Honorable Mention” Awards Also Possible

The winning entries will be announced and featured at AHSGR's 36th International Convention at Oklahoma City, OK. Winning entries also will be published in a future issue of the *Journal of AHSGR*.

Enter Now! For more information and the contest rules, see page 16.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2005 AHSGR STORY TELLING CONTEST

This completed form must accompany your story!

I hereby give my permission to allow the inclusion of the following story of mine in the Story Telling Contest of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (the Society)

Check one only: I certify that I currently control all the copyrights to the story.

I hereby grant and assign all copyright in the story to the Society for its exclusive use. I understand that in return, the Society grants to me the right to reprint the story in any book or publication of which I am the author or editor. This right is subject to my giving proper credit in the book or publication to the original publication; the credit will include the original copyright notice as it appeared.

My signature: _____ Date: _____

Title of my Story: _____

I am currently an AHSGR member: Yes No

I plan to be at the AHSGR Convention in Oklahoma City, OK in August, 2005. Yes No

FULL NAME: (please print clearly) _____

ADDRESS: (Street & Apt. Number) _____

CITY & STATE: _____

9 DIGIT ZIP CODE: _____ AREA CODE & PHONE NUMBER _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please send this completed entry form, along with 5 copies of your story, a copy on a computer disk, (if possible) any pictures that enhance the story, a short bio and picture of yourself, and a stamped postcard with your full name and address to:

AHSGR STORY TELLING CONTEST

Dr. Timothy J. Kloberdanz

310 North 28th Ave.

Fargo, ND 58102-1941

DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30, 2005

If you are interested in entering AHSGR's Story Telling Contest, here is what we're looking for A good, interesting, unpublished story that pertains to the history, culture, folklore, language, or life experiences of the Germans from Russia.

- Examples:
- ♦ Stories about the early settlement period in Russia (founding of the Colonies, adapting to the treeless steppe, raids by the Kirghiz)
 - ♦ Memories of village life in the Old Country (Festivals, food ways, visits by Gypsies)
 - ♦ Stories about immigration to the New World (the great voyage, Ellis Island)
 - ♦ "Believe it or not" stories, Ghost stories, humorous stories, inspiring stories.

AHSGR STORY TELLING CONTEST RULES:

- 1) Each entry must be typewritten, double-spaced, and in clear, dark print. Entries must be on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper. While a story can be only one or two pages long, no story can be longer than the five typewritten pages, in standard 12 point type. Contestants may submit as many stories as they wish, but each entry must be separate and accompanied by a completed entry form. The entry form may be photocopied. Be sure to send FIVE COPIES OF EACH STORY and A COMPUTER DISK COPY IN RTF FORMAT (IF POSSIBLE), ANY PICTURES THAT WILL ENHANCE THE STORY, A SHORT BIO AND PICTURE OF YOURSELF, AND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED POSTCARD, SO THAT WE CAN NOTIFY YOU OF RECEIPT.
- 2) The name of the author submitter, should NOT appear on the story itself. Complete the form on reverse page and attach to your entry with a paper clip. Upon receipt, each story will be assigned a reference number (to assure fair and impartial judging).
- 3) The title of the story (IN CAPS) should appear on the first page of each entry.
- 4) Each story must deal with some aspect of the Germans from Russia. To help put your story in context, you might want to begin with something like—*"This story is based on an actual incident that took place about 1890, in the Volga village of Straub. The story was often told by my grandfather, who was born in Straub in 1875 and who immigrated to the US in 1907"*
- 5) If submitting a story in German or Standard German, a full translation (in English) must be included. Both versions must still be within the 5 page limit.
- 6) **Each entry must represent the story of the entrant. Contestants must verify this and the copyright agreements on the front page with their signature.**
- 7) Submitted copies of the story will not be returned. Future rights to the story will be as defined by the selected and signed copyright agreement on the front page.
- 8) All stories will be evaluated by a sub-committee of AHSGR members. Entries will be evaluated using a score sheet and the final results will be announced at the upcoming AHSGR Convention. Three prize winners and one or more "Honorable Mention" winners are possible.
- 9) **All entries must be received by April 30, 2005. Entries received after that date will not be considered.**

AHSGR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!!!

505 NEW MEMBERS BY CONVENTION 2005

WHEN: The new membership campaign for AHSGR begins at the 2004 Convention in Modesto, California and will end June 30, 2005. All prizewinners will be determined and announced at the 2005 Convention in Oklahoma City.

GOAL: The goal of the campaign is to encourage current members of AHSGR to recruit new members for the Society.

HOW TO: The AHSGR member responsible for signing up the new member must be written on the line "Referred By" on the AHSGR membership brochure.

NEW MEMBERS: All new members must be a member for the 2005 calendar year; prorated membership (a six-month membership) does not count. Life Memberships count but only for the people who are not now current AHSGR members. Thus, the Life member must be a *new* member of AHSGR. A one-year lapse of membership and then becoming a member during 2005 qualifies for the contest. New members will receive the new member packet filled with a number of useful items.

SPONSORING AHSGR MEMBER: AHSGR members responsible for signing up a new member will receive a 25% discount on a book of their choice from the AHSGR Book List (on reverse side of this flyer). Referring members will receive one certificate for each new member; only one certificate can be used towards the purchase of a book. Books cannot be ordered online using certificate. All certificates must be redeemed by December 31, 2005.

PRIZES:

GRAND PRIZE: The AHSGR member responsible for signing up the MOST new members will receive two (2) paid registrations to the 2006 Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska.

2ND PRIZE WINNER will receive one (1) paid registration to the 2006 Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES: Each time an AHSGR member recruits a new member, their name will be placed in a drawing for additional prizes; thus, if you recruit seven (7) new members, your name will be placed in the "hat" seven (7) times. Drawing for these prizes will be held at the 2005 Convention in Oklahoma City:

- One (1) \$20 Gift Certificate that can be redeemed for items from the AHSGR Bookstore.
- Nine (9) \$10 Gift Certificates that can be redeemed for items from the AHSGR Bookstore.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ASSURE AHSGR GROWS.
RECRUIT FAMILY AND FELLOW GR'S NOW TO BE A PART
OF YOUR SOCIETY!!!**

Enclosed is payment, US funds only, for membership in AHSGR.
Memberships are prorated through a calendar year, due each January 1.

Check one:

- \$50 Individual
- \$50 Family (husband and wife)
- \$50 Institutional
- \$75 Contributing
- \$100 Sustaining
- \$750 Life (May be paid in five annual installments)

Please fill in the correct credit card information if you are charging your payment. Signature is required to process payment.

VISA/MC/DISCOVER _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Membership Enrollment Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NAME _____
circle one—Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr., Prof.

MAIDEN NAME _____
FIRST AND LAST

ADDRESS _____

_____ CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP (PLUS 4) _____ COUNTRY

TELEPHONE—Home _____ Business _____

Email: _____ Referred By: _____

Mail to: **AHSGR International**
631 D Street
Lincoln, NE 68502-1199



MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

The spring meetings of the Boards of Directors of the Foundation and the Society are over. We were hosted by the Northern Colorado Chapter and we could not have had more gracious hosts! I know many people expressed their gratitude to the workers and I want to let their chapter know one more time, how much their effort was appreciated.

I am on the Membership Committee of the Society. Paul Hile is our chair, and Paul stressed the importance of recruitment over and over. He also stressed retention of our members, once we have them, many times.

As you know, AHSGR lives through and for its members. Are we meeting the needs, expectations, and desires of our members?

Several years ago, AHSGR conducted a survey of what the membership wanted and they have been trying to bolster the members most important

areas since then.

The membership committee is going to undertake a phone survey, calling members who have not renewed, to determine what the main reasons are for not renewing their membership. We will also call many members who do renew, to see what their reasons are. Perhaps we can come up with some answers to give us a more definite direction.

Yes, we have a membership drive and slogan for this year—"505 in 2005." We will initiate a new one at the convention in Oklahoma City. I am including this year's with this newsletter. I have already done this with the junior membership and I am including it again. Did anyone of you think of giving your children or grandchildren (or nieces or nephews) a youth or a student membership?

Have you tried to get someone to come with you to one of our quarterly

Chapter meetings? Did you bring your children, grandchildren, etc. to the Easter Egg Hunt? Are you going to bring them to the Christmas Festival?

If not, why NOT??

We Germans from Russia have a rich and honorable history. Shouldn't your children know it?

Even though I am preaching to the choir, there is always one more thing even you can do to help our membership grow.

Won't you please join in and bring someone to our next meeting? Our next general membership meeting is at 2:00 PM, Sunday, April 24th, in the Chapel. Our guest speaker will be Annie Settell, reading letters from the Old Country. Don't miss this one. BRING A GUEST!! Coffee and *Dina Kuchen* will be served following the program.

In Memorium

Rueben Keller
George Reinhardt
Peter Worster
LeRoy Butherus
Emona Zimmerman

Louise Schleich
Henry Frickel
Connie Gail Faust
Katherine Wilcox
Martha Haas

Jacob George Geier
Edward Reinhardt
Schuyler Marynell Peterson
Duane R. Amend

Emma Becker Hergenrader
Mary Snyder
Roger L. Hergenrader
LeRoy Greenwald

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow, call John 14.

The family of Germans from Russia has lost many members in the past two months. Although I did not know many of them, I feel empathy with those who have lost loved ones. Some who have gone had their biblical three score and ten but it was still too short a time for those who mourn.

Some were in the blooming flower of life, and we ask, "Why?", and there is no apparent answer coming and God seems far away. Perhaps the emergency phone number that might help is Psalm 139.

LeRoy Butherus

The Lincoln Chapter has lost another Board of Directors member, a fine family has lost a husband, father, and grandfather, I have lost another friend. Good-bye, LeRoy. You will be missed by all whose lives you've touched.

Lincoln Chapter AHSGR
631 D Street
Lincoln, NE 68502-1199

WHAT'S COMING UP

April 18 – Board Meeting – 7:30pm – 631 "D" St.

April 24 – General Membership Meeting – 2:00pm –
631 "D" St. in the Chapel – Program by Annie Settell
Coffee and *Dina Kuchen* to follow.

April 28-30 – Garage Sale – 2221 Devonshire Drive
9:00am to 4:00pm – Thurs. & Friday
9:00am to 12 noon – Saturday

May 10 – Coffee Club – 9:00am – Hy Vee, 70th & Pioneers

May 16 – Board Meeting – 7:30pm – 631 "D" St.

May 20 – Kraut & Brei Dinner – 5:00-7:00pm –
WSI Hall – 1430 N. 10th St.

KRAUT & BREI

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2005

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

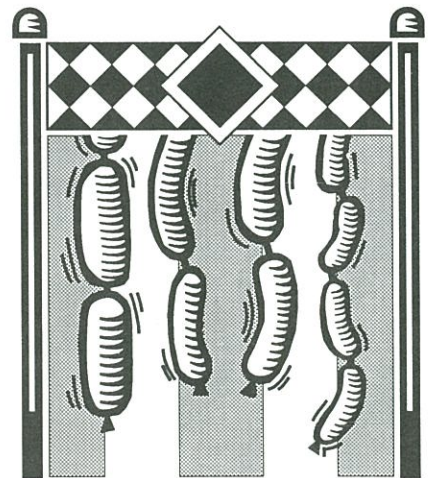
WSI HALL, 1430 N. 10TH STREET

Adults: \$8.00; Children under 12: \$4.00

Menu includes:

**Roast Pork, German Sausage, Sauerkraut,
Mashed Potatoes, Rye Bread, Coffee**

Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order and your check to Judy Runion, 2848 Katelyn Cr., Lincoln, NE 68516. You may order tickets from me by using this order form or get one from any of the board members.



(Tear off this reservation slip and mail with payment)

KRAUT & BREI – FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2005 – WSI HALL – 1430 N. 10TH STREET

\$8 ADULTS; \$4.00 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

NUMBER OF TICKETS: ADULT _____ CHILDREN _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 16

SEND RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT, TO: JUDY RUNION, 2848 KATELYN CR., LINCOLN, NE 68516