



Lincoln Chapter The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia NEWSLETTER

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Hello, Dear Readers

Since the last newsletter many things have taken place. We have had four mailings, the Octoberfest and Bake Sale, and the Broda Dinner and Quilt Raffle. As usual, I want to pay homage to our wonderful volunteers.

October 13th mailing:

Barb Schmidt, Phil & Irene Dinges, Don Burbach, Larry & Norma Schenkel, Pam Wurst, Diane White, Yulia Tsymbal, Gail Gingrich, Bill Amen, Virginia Amen, Bud &

Virginia Dietrich, and Norma Somerheiser.

October 20th mailing:

Norma Somerheiser, Bud & Virginia Dietrich, Barb Schmidt, Phil & Irene Dinges, Helen Schwartz, Frieda Dobler, Don Burbach, Bill & Elsa Amen, John Weber, Pam Wurst, Diane White, and Larry & Norma Schenkel.

October 27 mailing:

Bud & Virginia Dietrich, Bill & Elsa Amen, Virginia Amen, Helen Schwartz, Frieda

Dobler, Norma Somerheiser, Don Burbach, Norma & Larry Schenkel, Leslie Bill, and Pam Wurst.

November 1st mailing:

Bill & Elsa Amen, Bud & Virginia Dietrich, Virginia Amen, Larry & Norma Schenkel, Helen Schwartz, Leslie Bill, Bill Leonhardt, Susan Stoehr, Gail Gingrich, Pam Wurst, and Diane White.

OCTOBERFEST

For a month before and several weeks after, the weather had been gorgeous. We had warm, sunny days and mild nights. But, we live in Nebraska and Octoberfest morning dawned windy, raining and cold.

We did have a lot of runzas, homemade noodles, butterballs, and a large assortment of baked goods for the bake sale, the polka band was on the way and Ray & Will Richards were ready to teach Bannock. Paul Loos, his brother Kyle and Kyle's son, Caleb had the grill fired up to cook German Wurst for Volga boatmen sandwiches, and Kyle's daughter, Casey Rae, was overseeing it all, so we were ready no matter what the weather decided to do.

Everyone enjoyed the Skalak Family Polka Band and their children who came with them were standing in line eagerly awaiting a chance to dance with Grandma. What a good time!

We had a great turnout despite the weather. We sold all the baked goods that were donated for the bake sale and could have sold a lot more.

Thank you to all whom donated the baked goods, which helped during and after the Fest and to all who came as our guests and made everything so successful.

On October 5th and October 12th, the following volunteers made butterballs and noodles for the bake sale:

Butterball makers were:

Norma Somerheiser, Barb Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Nancy Borrell, Judy Runion, and Larry & Norma Schenkel.

Noodle makers were:

Helen Schwartz, Barb Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Nancy Borrell, Norma Somerheiser and Norma & Larry Schenkel.

A special thanks goes to Nancy Borrell for welcoming all of us into her kitchen. Making butterballs and noodles is a bit of work, but we had a good time.

Octoberfest volunteers were:

Lillian "Tootsie" Loos, Judy Lawson, Paul Loos, Kyle Loos, Caleb Loos, Casey Rae Loos, Diane White, her two teenage sons, Ray & Will Richards, (Nancy "Pickles" Richards couldn't help because of band competition), Bud & Virginia Dietrich, Phil & Irene Dinges, Susan Stoehr, Nancy Borrell, Norma & Larry Schenkel, Lucille Hedges, Gail Gingrich, Pam Wurst, Norma Somerheiser and Don Burbach.

Fall Meeting of Society Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Directors

The Society and Foundation Boards of Directors met at the Heritage Center November 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The meetings were held from 8:00am to 5:30pm both Thursday and Friday and 8:00am to 2:30pm on Saturday.

Many of the board members arrived earlier in the week to work on a variety of projects while their spouses worked as volunteers at the Heritage Center.

The Lincoln Chapter prepared and served food on both Thursday and Saturday. The boards paid for the meals and this money will be used for the Convention here in Lincoln in August 2006.

The following people brought food and helped to set up, serve, or clean up: Nancy Borrell, Barb Schmidt, Norma Somerheiser, Pam Wurst, Norma & Larry Schenkel, Delores Schwartz, Susan Stoehr, Ruth Mosby, Lucille Hedges, Ruth White, Jane Nicholas, Lillian Loos, Bud & Virginia Dietrich, Leslie Bill, and Paul Loos.



Lincoln High School Multi-Cultural Fall Festival

On Friday, September 30, LHS hosted a multi-cultural event. It was held outside in front of the building from 1:30pm to 3:00pm.

Ethnic groups could set up a display with pictures and artifacts, an activity, (such as dance, crafts, storytelling, etc.), food for students to taste and/or buy and handouts.

It probably was possible for a group to use all four methods, but our representatives,

Kathy Svoboda and Norma Somerheiser, used a display and handouts. They both brought genuine artifacts that caught the eye of many students who stopped to admire them and to ask questions. Kathy and Norma do such a good job of presenting our story and our history.

My Norma and I went to aid and assist and to see what the festivities were all about. It was great!

LHS has always been, and still is, the great melting pot of Lincoln and there were students from about any ethnic group you can name and they were all getting along and having fun.

It was a beautiful, educational, and entertaining, fall afternoon and I feel our time was well spent.

Broda Dinner

It all started in October when Don Burbach learned of a big meat sale at one of the local grocery stores. He volunteered to make the trip to the store, buy the meat and store it in his home freezer.

Then, on the 9th of November, we got the meat out of Don's freezer, loaded the supplies we needed from the storeroom at the Heritage Center and dropped everything off at the WSI Hall.

The next day, we shopped for the rest of the groceries and other supplies that were needed and met a group of other volunteers at WSI Hall to peel potatoes, carrots and onions.

That evening, I almost had a heart attack! I received a call from my friend, Bruce Trautwein, who called to say he couldn't get Friday off to help with the Broda! He had a special project at work that he had to supervise.

Okay, I thought, I've got my other friend, Roger Petersen to fall back on. I gave him a call, and yes, he would be there to cook on Friday. (Big sigh of relief.)

Early Friday morning Roger called to say that a shipment of materials, which were to have been delivered Thursday, hadn't come and he had just received a call telling him the shipment would be delivered soon. He had to take care of that and couldn't help. (More heart palpitations.)

Okay, what to do? Well, there was still Bud Dietrich and Donnie Burbach to do the prep and cooking. Yeah, I know. Bud had just popped a nitro pill and Donnie had just spent two-and-a-half days in the hospital!!

I didn't think Phil Dinges had back problems or a heart episode for a while, so I drafted him for "on-the-job training" in the kitchen. Thank goodness, my friend Roger Trautwein (Bruce is Roger's brother) came to help. He also got "on-the-job training" in the

kitchen and was able to lift all the heavy pots of food that the rest of the crew were unable to do. Roger was the "kid" of the crew at age 64.

Despite the trauma, the Broda, as usual, was a huge success. We served around 220 to 225 people and had many very positive comments on the dinner.

If we don't get some younger volunteers to help with the Broda and the other dinners, you may have seen the last of them. On the day of the dinner, we needed cooks, servers, waiters, dishwashers, cleaners, etc, etc. I would bet the median age was probably at least 65-70 years of age.

On Saturday, the day after the Broda, my Norma and Phil Dinges unloaded all of our equipment and put it in the storeroom at the Heritage Center. Norma Somerheiser came with the tea towel and aprons that she had taken home and laundered.

As you can see, it takes a lot of hard work to put on a dinner. It doesn't just happen.

The following is a list of Broda dinner volunteers:

November 10th—Norma Somerheiser, Bill Amen, John Weber, Don Burbach, Nancy Borrell, Larry & Norma Schenkel, Bud & Virginia Dietrich and Judy Runion.

November 11th—Pam & Rodger Wurst, Norma & Larry Schenkel, Bud & Virginia Dietrich, Phil & Irene Dinges, Phil Sorenson, Don Burbach, Roger Trautwein, Judy Runion, Judy Lawson, Nancy Borrell, Norma Somerheiser, Paul Loos, Dale Dinges, John Weber, Gladys Herstein, Will Richards, Ray Richards, Nancy Richards, Frieda Dobler, Susan Stoehr, and Lucille Hedges...and lest I forget, a super big thank you to Melvin Burbach for helping with the prep work.

November 12th—Norma Somerheiser, Phil Dinges, and Norma Schenkel.

What's Happening at the Heritage Center?

I believe most of you know that the Amen house has been sold. The new owners are already moved in.

Diane White has been working with two fine young people who are working toward their Eagle Scout award. They needed to work on a community project so Diane asked if they'd be interested in painting a couple of our out buildings. Bryan Thompson and his crew painted the General Store and T.J. Mauer and his crew painted the Summer Kitchen.

There is a lot of work still to be done on the out buildings and Diane hopes there are some volunteers out there that would like to do some repair and remodeling.

The group home is nearing completion on the site where the cottages sat. It should be ready for occupancy soon.

Thankfully, the driveway, parking lot and sidewalk repair was finished just before we received a couple inches of snow.

Campbell's Nursery presented a plan to meet the requirements of the site plan presented to and approved by the City Planning Commission. Planting may begin yet this fall.

There is a lot of "sprucing up" to do to be ready for the Convention here in Lincoln in August 2006. I hope we can get some volunteers to help with that.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

The Christmas Festival will be held on December 3, 2005 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. There will be free Christmas cookies, hot cider, and coffee. There will also be Volga Boatman sandwiches for sale.

The Christmas Story will be read in the Chapel and Girls German Singers from Friedens Church will sing Christmas Carols.

The Smith Family Band will entertain us in the Heritage Center and sacks filled with Christmas goodies will be handed out.

The out buildings will be decorated and open for touring. The bookstore and gift shop will be open for gift purchases; however, the research area and library will not be open.



GLUCKSTAG GEBURSTAG / HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

Nancy Bouwens
Robert Wagner
Elsa Amen
Susan Stoehr
Jim Sommers
Harry Niederhaus
Lowell Nickolaus
Richard E. Pearce
Norma Schenkel
Sidonia Babcock
Sandra Gettman
Dorothy Sinner
Ann Reitz
Rodger Wurst
Will Richards
Diane White
Linda O'Neill

December

Marilyn Wagner
Wilbur "Bill" Amen
Marta Paxton
Barb Schmidt
Larrie Schmidt
Cecelia Sherman
Ed Deines
Irene Dinges
Kirk Payne
Charles Jones, Jr.
Leslie Bill
Erwin Ulmer

DER JAHRESTABL / HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December
Rodger & Pam Wurst

UNSERE LEUTE / OUR PEOPLE ERINNRYNG / IN MEMORY

Henry Blitz	Gerald Schleich
Duane Olson	Kathryn Schaaf
Thomas L. Maul	Marie Sommer
Susan Kay (Kitchen) Burbach	Blance D. Jacoby
Joan L. Hinkle	Marie Willis
Marie (Tripple) Rosenthal	Roger Runion

Get Well Card sent to:

Ann Reitz

2005 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter – AHSGR

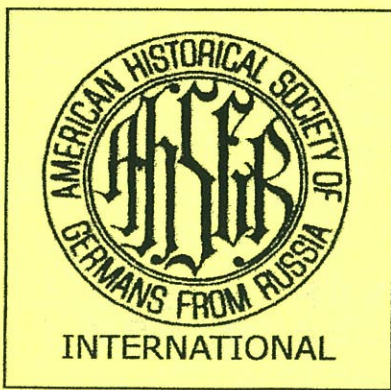
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476-3600	BURBACH, Donald	3600 Hartley Cr.	Lincoln, NE 68521
488-5154	DINGES, Dale	1609 So. Cotner Blvd.	Lincoln, NE 68506
486-1673	GRENEMEIER, Henry	7200 Van Dorn, #128	Lincoln, NE 68516
475-8221	HEDGES, Lucille	214 NW 126th St.	Lincoln, NE 68528
489-5976	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
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		(Mail to: PO Box 23095)	Lincoln, NE 68516)
489-2634	WURST, Pam	7508 Nemaha	Lincoln, NE 68506

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.

2005 Officers

President...Larry Schenkel
1st VP...Delores Schwartz
2nd VP...Nancy Borrell
Treasurer...Judy Runion

Recording Secretary...Paul Loos
Corresponding Secretary...Ann Reitz
Historian...Pam Wurst



***2nd Annual AHSGR Membership
Campaign starts with a Cowboy
“Hoot and Holler” at the
Oklahoma City Convention!***

**New members are critical to the continued success of AHSGR!
You can make a difference - talk to family and friends!
Buy a gift membership!**

This campaign is designed to reward both new, and referring members who recommend new members or purchase gift memberships. It will begin August 15, 2005 and will end with the Grand Prize drawing at the 2006 Lincoln Convention. Pick up an application at convention or on-line at <http://www.ahsgr.org>

As an additional benefit, both new and referring members will receive discounts on a vast array of books from the AHSGR Bookstore. A Membership Campaign Booklist will be posted in the Convention Bookstore or will be attached to your Discount Certificate.

- **The first 25 people who join AHSGR will receive a 50% discount on any one book on the Membership Campaign Booklist. (The referring member for the first 25 people who join will receive the same discount.)**
- **Thereafter, new members will receive a 25% discount on one book on the Membership Campaign Booklist. (The referring member will receive the same discount.)**

For AHSGR members who take up the challenge to refer family and friends to AHSGR membership, the rewards can be even greater. For 10 new member referrals, you will receive one free book on the Membership Campaign Booklist.

“GEWALTIG PREIS” (Grand Prize)

All New and Referring Members will be entered in the drawing for the grand prize - a one-week vacation at one of the 22 available Fairfield Resorts. The 2 bedroom deluxe condo sleeps 6-8, includes full kitchen and many other luxury amenities. Your only cost would be food and transportation.

As the old adage says in ten, two letter words:
IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!

**FOR EACH OF YOU - THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE
THE FUTURE OF AHSGR!**

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN BOOKLIST

	Member Price	Non Member Price
AHSGR Family History List	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00
AHSGR Resource Kit	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00
Bessarabian Knight (Weiss, Immanuel, & Wieland, George)	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00
Bibliography on Germans from Russia (New York Public Library)	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00
Conquering the Wind (Toepfer, Amy & Dreiling, Agnes)	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
The Czar's Germans (Williams, Hattie Plum)	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Emigration from Germany to Russia 1763-1862 (Stumpp, Karl) 2 vol. set	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00
Expropriation of Land from the Germans in Volhynia 1915 (Mai, Brent)	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
Following Mariana (Schnell, Wayne)	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00
Frank—A German Village on the Volga (Pleve, Igor)	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
From Catherine to Khrushchev (Giesinger, Adam)	\$ 22.00	\$ 26.00
From Puppets of Stalin to Pawns of Hitler and Back Again (Hoffman, Stephanie)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
German Colonies on the Lower Volga, Index & Bookplate (Beratz, Gottlieb)	\$ 22.50	\$ 28.50
The German Colonies on the Volga: The Second Half of the 18th Century (Pleve, Igor)	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00
German Migration to the Russian Volga 1764-1767 (Mai/Reeves-Marquardt)	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
The German-Russians—Two Centuries of Pioneering (Stumpp, Karl)	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Germans in the Land of the Volga (Sinner, Peter)	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00
German Villages in the Ukraine—Key to Microfilm... (Giesinger, Adam)	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.50
Gone Without A Trace (Holland, Nancy)	\$ 27.00	\$ 32.00
Her Golden Door (Nuss, Calvin)	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.00
History of the Volga Relief Society (Haynes, Emma)	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00
In the Far Country (Schwartz, Warren)	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00
Index to Place Names—From Catherine to Khrushchev (Freeman, Margaret)	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00
Kolb—A German Colony on the Volga (Pleve, Igor)	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Küche Kochen (cookbook)	\$ 12.00	\$ 18.00
Letters from Hell (Samuel Sinner)	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
Memories of Kazakhstan (Bachman, Berta)	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00
My Home on the Crimean Steppes (Weigum, David)	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00
Norka—A German Village in Russia (Olson, Marie & Reibsick, Anna)	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00
Return to Berry Meadow (Scheuerman, Richard)	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Social Study of Russian Germans (Williams, Hattie Plum)	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00
The Story of Johann, the Boy Who Longed to Come to Amerika (Lindsay)	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00
Stumpp Map Index	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00
Thunder on the Steppe (Kloberdanz, Timothy)	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Volga Germans in Old Russia & in North America (Kloberdanz, Timothy)	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
The White Lamb (Lindsay)	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00

AHSGR, International
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

We can all agree, young people are an important resource for any organization.
They bring curiosity, vitality and inspiration wherever they go!

This is why AHSGR has established and is promoting its **Junior Membership Program**. Our young people, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, are one of the most important reasons the members of AHSGR have continued their efforts to preserve the precious culture of the Germans from Russia. The goal of the **Junior Membership Program** is to create an interest on the part of young people in their heritage while they are still young. It is our hope and expectation that with continued membership over their growing up and maturing years, there will be created within them the same enthusiasm for their heritage we have felt as adult members of AHSGR.

The Junior Membership Program is made up of two divisions.: **Youth Members** for ages 14 and under, and **Student Members** from ages 15 to 24. As part of their membership, **Youth Members** will receive an initial membership packet, four quarterly issues of *Kinderzeitung* Newsletter and an official membership card. Youth Membership materials are all targeted to the specific age group. **Student Members** will receive an initial membership packet, the regular four quarterly issues of the AHSGR *Newsletter*, and the four quarterly issues of the AHSGR *Journal*, and an official membership card. Both receive an initial \$5.00 coupon good toward purchases from the Society's Bookstore.

A Junior Membership offers a great opportunity for you to share the joys of AHSGR membership with your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, and to let them know how much your membership means to you. **A Junior Membership is a great gift for any occasion and a lasting investment in the future!.** The annual dues are nominal: Youth Membership \$8.00; Student Membership \$15.00. Don't miss this opportunity to pass the torch of German-Russian Heritage on to the next generation.

Please send this portion with your payment to _____

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

Name of Youth Student: _____ Birthdate: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State/ZipCode: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Parents names: _____

Grandparents names: _____

GR surnames of interest: _____

GR ancestral village of interest: _____

What AHSGR Chapter do your parents/Granparents belong to? _____

Membership dues enclosed: _____ **Youth \$8.00;** _____ **Student \$15.00**

VISA/MC/DISCOVER (circle one): # _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Make checks and money orders payable to AHSGR.

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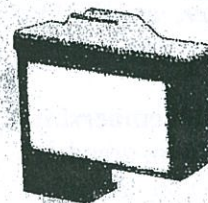
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INTERNATIONAL

Adult Division

First Place Award - \$100.00
Second Place Award - \$75.00
Third Place Award - \$50.00
(Ties are possible for each of the
Above awards)
"Honorable Mentions" also possible

Youth Division (14 years old or younger)

First Place Award - \$50.00
Second Place Award - \$30.00
Third Place Award - \$20.00
(An AHSGR Youth Membership will be
included with each of the above awards)
"Honorable Mentions" also possible

ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2006 AHSGR STORYTELLING 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 Storytelling Contest of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia:

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 AHSGR (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 Lincoln, Nebraska, in August 2006: Yes No

FULL NAME: (please print clearly) _____

ADDRESS: (Street & Apt. Number) _____

CITY & STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ AREA CODE & PHONE NUMBER _____

AGE (if 14 years old or younger) _____ BIRTHDATE (if 14 years old or younger) _____

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, a picture of yourself, and a stamped postcard with your full name and address to:

**Dr. Timothy J. Kloberdanz
310 North 28th Avenue
Fargo, North Dakota 58102-1941**

DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2006

The mission of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is to discover, collect, preserve, and disseminate information related to the history, cultural heritage, and genealogy of Germanic settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants.

**If you are interested in entering AHSGR's Storytelling 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: • Memories of village life in the Old Country (festivals, foodways, visits by Gypsies)

- Stories about immigration to the New World (the great voyage, Ellis Island, early hardships)
- "Believe it or not" stories, ghost stories, humorous stories, inspiring stories, etc.

AHSGR STORYTELLING 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 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) Entrants who are 14 years old or younger must indicate their current age and their full birthdate (month/day/year). These individuals will be entered in the "Youth Division." Entrants 15 years old or older will be judged in the "Adult Division."

4) The title of the story (IN CAPS) should appear on the first page of each entry.

5) 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 United States in 1907."*

6) If submitting a story in dialect German or Standard German, a full translation (in English) must be included. Both versions must still be within the 5 page limit.

7) Each entry must represent the story of the entrant. Contestants must verify this and the copyright agreements on the front page with their signature.

8) 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.

9) 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 in both the Adult and the Youth Divisions.

10) **All entries must be received by May 1, 2006. Entries received after that date cannot be considered.**

Let's Hear it For...

Phil Sorensen

Lincoln East Rotary Club has elected Phil to be it's president for the coming year. Congratulations, Phil.

Jane Nickolaus and Deb Van Horn Weber

This year Notable Women at First Plymouth Church included Jane and Deb. Both are deserving of this honor and have joined a very select group! Congratulations Jane and Deb.

The Lincoln Quilters

They made a beautiful quilt which was raffled off at the Broda dinner. The lucky winner was Lydia Spomer. (I sold her the ticket.) She was really pleased to learn that she had won.

(I also sold the winning ticket last year to Roger Trautwein's lovely wife, Karen.)

Speaking of quilts, wait until you see the one the Quilters are making for the 2006 Lincoln convention!! It was donated by Beulah Hill of Omaha.

The quilt pattern is called "Grandmother's Flower Garden" and the top was hand pieced in the early 1940's by Beulah's great-aunt, Kate Bohl.

Kate was a German from Russia. She was the wife of Beulah's great-uncle, George Bohl, who financed the journey from Huck, Russia, of Beulah's grandparents, Phillip and Charlotte, and their family, which included her mother, Marie. They arrived in America in 1905.

Thank you, Beulah, for this wonderful gift.

The Quilters are finishing up the hand stitching, putting in batting, and sewing on

the back.

Thank you, Quilters, for all the hours you put in, all the quilts you have made for raffles, and your dedication to AHSGR.

The current quilters are:

Helen Schwartz	Donna Thompson
Barb Schmidt	Gerry Shuster
Nancy Borrell	Judy Runion
Linda Ashelford	Karen Schmidt

Former quilters are:

Mary Froscheiser	Edna Becker
Opal Sitzman	Katherine Strasheim
Frieda Alt	Mary Jacobs

and many more.

Upcoming Events....

December 3 - 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Festival

December 13 - Coffee Club - 9:00am - Stauffer's Café
5602 S. 48th St.

January 8, 2006 - Annual Membership Meeting - 1:00 pm
St. John's Reformed - 1101 S 26th St.
(Potluck Dinner & Election of Board & Officers)

DO YOU KNOW...

...anyone, who is still living, that used to sew dresses, etc. for Terry Lee dolls. Judy Runion would like to hear from you if you did sew them or if you know someone who did. Okay, GR family, let's help Judy.

...anyone with information about the Bridegan-Schenkel connection?

HELP - HELP - HELP

The Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper is once again featuring Millionaire Mania and Erwin Ulmer has volunteered to collect the Millionaire Bucks for the Lincoln Chapter. His hope is that we can win something that we can use to help with the 2006 Convention. If you will, please, save the Bucks from your newspapers and take them to the Heritage Center, Erwin will take it from there. (He said he'd even be willing to cut them out if you'd prefer.) Then he will fill out all the forms and get the entries in to the paper. If you would prefer, you could mail the Bucks to either Erwin or me, or any of the Lincoln board members. So what say ye, my hearties?

Arr, let's bury Erwin with the Mania Bucks! (And help the Chapter.)

Thank ye, Mateys!

Larry

(Thanks to you too, Erwin)

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SNAPSHOTS...



Clockwise from top: (1&2) The beautiful display and students at Lincoln High Multi-Cultural event.

3) Grandma and kids dancing at the Octoberfest.

4) Paul Loos, his brother, Kyle, and Kyle's son, Caleb. They cooked the German sausages for the Volga boatman sandwiches.

