



Lincoln Chapter The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia NEWSLETTER

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What's Been Happening?

Since the last newsletter we have had two mailings, a soup supper, and a garage sale. That means I have a lot of volunteers to name and to thank.

SOUP SUPPER

Those helping with the soup supper were:

Don Burbach	Ann Reitz
Norma Somerheiser	Phil Dinges
Bud & Virginia Dietrich	Dale Dinges
Bruce Trautwein	Paul Loos
Roger Trautwein	Leslie Bill
Sid Babcock	Frieda Dobler
Larry & Norma Schenkel	Nancy Borrell
Nancy Bouwens	Pam Wurst
Lucille Hedges	Susan Stoehr
Delores Schwartz	Judy Lawson
Barb Schmidt	Judy Runion
Phil Sorensen	
Helen Schwartz	

Will, Ray, Nancy Richards (Diane White's teenagers) & Brittany Dinges, Nancy's friend and, also, a teen. (When was the last time a teen from your family volunteered for AHSGR?)

The soup supper was very successful, but we have a problem! We had almost as many walk-in sales as we did pre-sale tickets. We can't keep doing that! One of these days we're going to run out of food early and have some very unhappy customers.

There is always an order form printed in the newsletter prior to our dinners so PLEASE remember send it in with your check so we can get a handle on this before we have a big problem. Another way you could help is by getting a number of tickets from our Treasurer, or any board member, and help with pre-sales.

Special thanks to Nancy Borrell, Henry Sader, Larry & Norma Schenkel, Susan Stoehr, and Anne Reitz for donating everything for the soups. Irwin Ulmer,

he made the chili, from scratch, at home, using his famous, double-secret, award-and prize-winning recipe? (As found on "*Better Homes and Gardens*" webpage.)

GARAGE SALE

First, thanks to Nancy Borrell for having the GRGS (Germans from Russia Garage Sale) at her home again! Can you imagine having a gaggle of Germans *schlepping* around in your house for six days? She had coffee and rolls and lunches every day, too. Yes, some of the wonderful volunteers helped pay for that part but imagine the *soy-er-rye* (mess)!

Anyway, the GRGS was, again, very successful in spite of cool and rainy weather. I want to thank our rootin', tootin', Rooshen volunteers. They were: Delores Schwartz, Judy Runion, Barb Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Ruth Mosby, Nancy Borrell, Norma Somerheiser, Leslie Bill, Judy Lawson, Larry & Norma Schenkel, Ruby & John Weber, Lucille Hedges, Steve Bauer, Roger & Karen Trautwein, Dave and Marti Barnhouse and Jim & Kay Ashley. And a big "thank you" goes to all of you who donated items for the sale. Without you, there would be no sale.

Once again, we want to thank our wonderful customer, Carol. She made

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Ode to a Volunteer

*Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairperson
No group leaders or carpools.
No eager team that needs a coach
No bazaar with a bake sale
There will be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail,
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why all those who reaped benefits
And not once volunteered on earth.*

(Author unknown)

once again, donated his home-canned tomatoes for the veggie soup.

Oh, yes, lest I forget! Henry (AKA: Sonny) Sader wanted me to remind you



WHERE THEY WORKED

This picture was taken circa 1920-1925. These young ladies were egg candlers at Nelson Brothers Poultry House. Do you know where Nelson Brothers was located? Was it in what is now the Haymarket District? Most importantly, do you recognize any of these young ladies? If you can help, please e-mail your information to walterk@alltel.net.

Also, do you have a story about some of the jobs or places that you or a member of your family worked years ago?

From stories you heard or experiences you had, do you feel Germans from Russia were exploited, or were given the worst or most difficult jobs, or asked to work longer hours than non-Germans from Russia? I have heard from several people that this was true of their job situations at times.

Two classes from UNL visited our AHSGR campus for their classes in February and were interested in some of the social issues Germans from Russia dealt with. I would appreciate any response you can give.

(Submitted by Norma Somerheiser)



2006 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter – AHSGR

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476-3600	BURBACH, Donald	3600 Hartley Cr.	Lincoln, NE 68521
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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.

2006 Officers

President	Paul Loos	Treasurer	Norma Somerheiser
1st Vice President	Sidonia Babcock	Corresponding Secretary	Lucille Hedges
2nd Vice President	Dale Dinges	Historian	Leslie Bill
Recording Secretary	Nancy Bouwens		



“Work Week” AHSGR Campus

Sponsored by the International Board of Directors

When: June 5 through 10, 2006

Where: AHSGR Campus, 631 D Street Lincoln, Nebraska

Why: Major and Minor Repair and Maintenance of all Buildings and Grounds of the AHSGR Campus needs your expertise in some areas while others are just a matter of some TLC (Tender Loving Care). You are invited to be a part of this important exercise. Stay as long as your time permits.

What To Bring: Bring the skills and tools of your trade or in general items such as saws, hammers, paint, brushes, etc.

How To Get Started: The Office Manager, Diane White will have a list of items in need of repair. A select team will be available to help you get started on a particular project that meets your expertise or desire.

Why Now: The 2006 Annual Convention is being held in Lincoln, Nebraska in August. Many of the convention attendees will come to tour the Headquarters site and the Museum, many for the first time. We want all to feel at home when visiting the AHSGR Campus and to feel impressed with what they will experience.

Please Note: The Lincoln Chapter of AHSGR, over a good number of years, has donated many hours of time, labor and money in the repair and maintenance of the ASGHR Campus. For this we are ever so grateful. Now it is our turn to show respect for the heritage which we claim as our own.

Communication: Please let Diane White, Office Manager know as soon as possible if you are able help out during the “Work Week” so the Organizing Team is able to plan the week for all that participate. The phone number is for AHSGR and Diane White is 402-474-3363, ext. 14.

Some of the projects that are on the ‘To-Do’ list are:
Chapel door, painting of Chapel, Blacksmith shop and cow shed
Blacksmith shed doors, roof leak on General Store, tile floor of Chapel,
Repaint parking lines and handicap signs, repair seams in gutters wash
windows and blinds.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

June 5th-10...“Work Week” at the AHSGR campus.
(See the enclosed flier)

June 13...Coffee Club... I don't really want to call this a “Coffee Club” cause that makes it sound like it's a more formal gathering. IT ISN'T! It's just a gathering of whoever wants to come, for a little conversation and fellowship, and a cup or two of coffee and/or breakfast. (And, of course, Mr. Pibb).

There are sometimes as many as twenty of us who come and we just visit about anything and everything. Some are married couples; some are single men or single women. If you're retired, unemployed, or have the second Tuesday of the month off from work, come join us at Stauffer's Café and Pie Shoppe on South 48th Street, between Old Cheney and Highway 2. We start assembling about 9:00AM and stay as long as we like or until Mary kicks us out. (Mary is the waitress who always takes good care of us. Isn't that right, Bud?)

June 19...7:30PM Board Meeting 601 “D” Street

I want to invite you, our members, to come to the Heritage

Center to see what goes on at the Board Meetings. This is an open invitation and, who knows, you may decide you'd like to give it a try in the future. This is your board and your organization so what better way is there to learn what's going on than to come see for yourself.

July 11...around 9 AM Coffee/breakfast/conversation or “CBC” at Stauffer's 48th & Hwy 2 (Cinnamon rolls & sticky buns to die for.)

July 17...7:30PM Board Meeting 601 “D” Street

July 23...General Membership Meeting at 1:00PM. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall. 10th & Charleston. Potluck dinner and program. The program will be music by the German Singers. They haven't been active for a while but will once again be honoring us with their music. Please come and enjoy the good food, music and fellowship.



THOSE COMPUTERS!

Ulanda Nichols of Great Bend, Kansas sent in the following tidbit. The date “June, 1963” was written above the article in pencil. Don't know if this is the year it was sent to Headquarters or the date the article was written.

NO GEFINGERPOKEN ALLOWED!

The Kansas City *Reporter* called attention to a sign allegedly installed above an electronic computer in the offices of a New York advertising firm:

ACHTUNG!!

Alles Lookenpeepers

Das computen machine is nicht fur gefingerpoken und mittengrabben.
Is easy schnappen der springenwork, blowenfusen und poppencorken mit
spitzensparken.

Ist nich fur gewerken by das dummkopfen.

Das rubbernecken sightseeren keepen hands in das pockets—relaxen und watch
das blinkenlightsen.



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BY-LAWS
of
The Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter
of the
AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
Revised, April 17, 2006

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to tell the story of:

1. The migration of our forefathers from Germany to Russia, and from Russia to North and South America.
2. The achievements of our people in the development of the United States, Canada, and countries of North and South America.
3. The religious faith of our fathers.

Further, the purpose shall be to do historical research and engage in the collection of items of historical interest.

ARTICLE III *
Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any Person who is a member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and wishes to affiliate with the Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter is eligible for membership by paying the established Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter dues. Any person wishing to seek membership in the Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter as friends of A.H.S.G.R. may do so by paying the established annual dues of the Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter with the understanding that this membership does not include any privileges or benefits afforded to members of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

*Revision

Section 2. Chapter dues may be established by a simple majority vote of Chapter members present at any of its meetings.

Section 3. Membership dues, if established, shall be based on the fiscal year of the Society and Chapter, January 1st through December 31st.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Historian, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. The directors may from time to time designate and elect such additional officers as they shall find necessary or proper for the promotion of the Chapter.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected annually and serve for one year or until their successor is elected and may not serve for more than three consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 3. The President shall have executive supervision over the activities of the Chapter within the scope of these Bylaws.

The President shall:

1. preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors.
2. report annually on the activities of the Chapter
3. appoint committee members and delegates not otherwise provided for, subject to the Board of Directors' confirmation.
4. fill vacancies among the officers, contingent upon confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of the absence, incapability, or the resignation of the President. Also, the First Vice-President shall be responsible for the programs at Chapter meetings and shall perform such other duties which may be assigned to him/her by the President of the Board.

Section 5. The Second Vice-President shall assume the duties of the First Vice-President in the event of absence, incapability or resignation of the First Vice-President. Also, he/she shall be responsible for the recruitment and maintenance of membership.

Section 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence as directed by the President and the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of Chapter funds and for maintaining adequate financial records. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received for the Chapter in a checking account in a bank regularly selected by the Board of Directors. Monies shall be disbursed by the Treasurer as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make a report to the Chapter at the annual meeting and to the Board of Directors at all regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 9. The Historian shall keep a record of the historical development and progress of the Chapter.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1. A minimum of four regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held annually, time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Chapter. One of these meetings shall be held the second Sunday in January and shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The purposes of Chapter meetings shall be for social contact, the transaction of Chapter business, and to foster the goals of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President or by any three members of the Board of Directors or by the Secretary on receipt of a petition signed by at least one-fourth of the regular members.

Section 4. Twenty-five members of the Chapter in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Notice of meetings shall be mailed to all members at least ten days prior to scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE VI Board of Directors

Section 1. A Board of Directors consisting of no fewer than 12 and no more than 18 members shall be elected for the term of three years - one third of whom shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting of the membership.

Section 2. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors with voting status.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct the affairs of the Chapter. The Board shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the Chapter, and perform such other functions provided for in these committees as it may deem necessary or appropriate.

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the Chapter shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may be called by the President or at the request of any three Board members.

Section 5. At any scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, 8 members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 6. Any Board member who misses three consecutive meetings without an adequate excuse shall be automatically dropped from the Board. The President is to compose a letter to be approved by the board to send to such a Board member notifying him or her that he or she will be automatically dropped from the Board in 30 days from the date of the letter unless said Board Member contacts the President or the Recording Secretary in writing requesting a hearing by the Board.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. The following committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors: Membership, Publicity, Program, Genealogy, Finance, Nominating, and Social.

Section 2. The Membership Committee shall seek methods of locating persons eligible for membership in the Chapter and Society. It shall encourage active participation of all members in the activities of the Chapter. It shall perform required duties in cooperation with the Second Vice-President.

Section 3. The Publicity Committee shall give to the public, through all news media or other means, publicity regarding the Chapter and Society, its purposes and its activities.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall arrange suitable programs for meetings of the Chapter, when appropriate drawing upon sources of art, music, and other folklore of the Germans from Russia.

Section 5. The Genealogy Committee shall collect genealogies of Germans from Russia and grant assistance to members of the Chapter and Society searching for sources of information regarding ancestral background.

Section 6. The Finance Committee shall: Provide ways and means of fund raising and arrange for the annual audit of the Chapter accounts.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall present to the Chapter membership annually a slate of nominees from the membership for members of the Board of Directors and officers. This slate shall be brought before the annual meeting of the chapter for vote. Additional nominations may be named from the floor. Prior approval to serve actively must have been secured from the nominee.

Section 8. The Social Committee shall set up refreshments when appropriate and clean up. They shall make sure arrangements for any refreshments are made.

Section 9. Other committees, standing or special, may be appointed by the President as needed with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. All Bylaws of the Chapter shall be subject to alteration, amendment or repeal, and new Bylaws may be added by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting after having been presented to the Board members at their previous meeting.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be amended, substituted or superseded by action of the members of the Chapter at any annual meeting provided that such action shall have been presented to the Board of Directors in writing not later than sixty (60) days prior to the said annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, or other authority on Parliamentary Procedure designated by the Board of Directors of the Chapter shall govern the proceedings of the Chapter except in such cases as are governed by these Bylaws.

What's Been Happening...

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the perilous crossing of "Devonshire Speedway" to donate items for the sale and then make purchases. She almost bought back something she'd donated! (Just kidding, Carol.)

NEWSLETTERS AND CONVENTION INVITATION MAILINGS

The following is a list of the members and staff who helped with two different mailings:

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| Leslie Bill | Judy Runion |
| Judy Lawson | Pam Wurst |
| Norma Somerheiser | Lucille Hedges |
| Virginia Amen | Susan Stoehr |
| Elizabeth Oden | Barb Schmidt |
| from Sacramento | Gail Gingrich |
| (Virginia's friend) | Diane White |
| Larry Schenkel | Nancy Borrell |
| Bud & Virginia Dietrich | Frieda Dobler |
| Phil & Irene Dinges | Yulia Tsymbal |
| Jerry & Jolene McInnis | |
| Bill & Elsa Amen | |

Lillian Loos who made numerous phone calls to assemble the masses. I know I've probably missed someone, and if I have, please forgive me. If you were missed, please call me at 438-3814 and let me know. I will correct it in the next newsletter.

From the Past...



VOLUNTEER CREATES GARDEN

For many years one of Lincoln's volunteers, John (Lefty) Kaufman, planted and tended a vegetable garden each summer, demonstrating the German from Russia expertise in producing much in a small area. After Lefty's death in 1989, others planted a garden in the summer of 1990. Then the garden area remained uncared for and became unsightly until another volunteer, Henry Grasmick, began to transform it into a flower garden. Henry brought plants from his home garden, added a small bird bath, watered, weeded, and worked almost every day. We all looked forward to the next year when the flowers would be blooming through the spring and summer. We appreciated Henry Grasmick's dedication to creating an area of beauty that everyone enjoyed. (Submitted by Norma Somerheiser.)

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Henry is gone now, as is that firecracker, Lydia, to whom he was married. Lordy, it was a lot of fun working with her and Helen Reifschneider at the garage sales when we held them at 601 "D" Street. And Henry was so caring a person. He sort of took me under his wing when I was first elected President of the Lincoln Chapter, which now seems like a long time ago. The advice I got from Henry that I remember the most was, "Listen. Don't be in a hurry." And he was always there when I had a question about someone or something. Guess what? He always listened. Like so many others who are gone, I miss you folks—Larry Schenkel

**HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH
ZUM GEBURSTAGL
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| May | June |
| Victoria O'Neal | J. Richard Spellman |
| William Gettman | Philip J. Schenkel |
| Wayne Giebelhaus | Kenneth A. Babcock |
| LaVerne Heitbrink | Marilyn Dering |
| Steve Kahler | Delores Kaufman |
| Theresa Zitterkopf | Elizabeth Hayes |
| Henry Heckman | Henry Sader |

**DER JAHRESTABL/
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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| May | June |
| Don & Helen Burbach | Larry & Norma Schenkel |
| Henry & Esther Heckman | John & Ruby Weber |
| | Scotty & Marti Kaufman |
| | Henry & Judy Sader |

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CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2006 LINCOLN CHAPTER - AHSGR

June 6-10, 2006	Work Week	see enclosed flyer	AHSGR Campus	631 "D" St.
June 13, 2006	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
June 19, 2006	Board Meeting	7:30PM		631 "D" St.
July 11, 2006	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
July 17, 2006	Board Meeting	7:30PM		631 "D" St.
July 23, 2006	General Membership Meeting			(Time and location TBA)
August 8, 2006	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
August 14-20, 2006	AHSGR Convention		Embassy Suites	Lincoln, NE
August 21, 2006	Board Meeting	7:30PM		631 "D" St.
September 17, 2006	General Membership Meeting			(Time and location TBA)
September 18, 2006	Board Meeting			631 "D" St.
October 7, 2006	Octoberfest	11:00AM-3:00PM		631 "D" St.
October 10, 2006	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Stauffer's	48th & HWY 2
October 16, 2006	Board Meeting	7:30PM		631 "D" St.
November 3, 2006	Broda Dinner	5:00-7:00PM	WSI Hall	1430 N. 10th St.
November 14, 2006	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
November 20, 2006	Board Meeting	7:30 PM		631 "D" St.
December 2, 2006	Christmas Festival	11:30-3:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 12, 2006	Coffee Club	9:00 AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
December 2006	Board Member's Christmas Dinner			(Date, time and location TBA)
January 7, 2007	Annual Membership Meeting	1:00 PM		(Location TBA)
	(Potluck Dinner & Election of Board & Officers)			