



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

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A Note from your Chapter President

I would like to thank everyone for your support this past year. I believe we have an exciting calendar of events for 2007. I would encourage everyone to participate in these events as much as possible.

Also, if you have not renewed your Lincoln Chapter membership, I would

encourage you to do so. The Lincoln Chapter can only be as strong as its active membership.

We have many activities for you and I hope you will participate in them. They include a soup supper, a Broda dinner, general membership meetings, the Chapter picnic and

others.

I hope to see you all as we go through this year. If there is anything I can do for you as your president, do not hesitate to let me know.

Paul Loos
Lincoln Chapter President

Looking for Something To Do?

If you're looking for something to do, why not join Barbara Schmidt, Nancy Borrell, Frieda Dobler, Norma Somerheiser, Susan Stoehr, and Ruby Weber on Friday mornings at the Heritage Center.

These six dedicated volunteers (although not all are there every Friday) spend the morning sorting, labeling, pasting, and filing obituaries. The finished obits are then sent to Bob and Marge Benson in California to be scanned into the SOAR (Save Our Ancestral Records) database.

Many of you may not know what SOAR is, so I will try to get an easy explanation ready for the next newsletter.

Barb Schmidt is the "designated driver" of the group. She keeps track of how much work has to be done, determines how many workers they need, and lines up the volunteers. After they are assembled the really important decision is discussed, cussed, and mulled over: "Where shall we go for lunch?"

Norma and I have been invited along and that particular day we went to Windchimes Chinese restaurant for a really delightful time of *gemutlichkeit* and tasty food.

So, if you have some time once in a while on Fridays, and want to help your organization as well as making some great friends, and eating your way through Lincoln, let Barb Schmidt know.

I know she will be excited to hear from you and all the other ladies will make you feel right at home.



The Lincoln Quilters

It has been a while since I've written about one of the oldest volunteer groups that work for the benefit of AHSGR.

Do the names Frieda Alt, Edna Becker, Mary Jacobs, Mary Rohn, or Opal Sitzman mean anything to you, other than friends or relatives?

How about the names of Linda Ashelford, Judy Runion, Barb Schmidt, Karen Schmidt, Helen Schwartz, Gerry Shuster, or Donna Thompson?

How about the name, Mary Froescheiser? According to my information, Mary's mother started the group, then Mary took over, and now, a third generation, Judy Runion (Mary's daughter) has joined the group. One thing our people have always been strong on, "tradition".

By now you probably have figured out that this group is The Lincoln Quilters. If you are interested in becoming a quilter, call Helen Schwartz. Helen assumed many of the duties Mary did when she was active.

These ladies seem to get along, and have gotten along since the early '70s, when the Heritage Center was built and they sat up their quilting frame in the lower level.

Since that time they have made many quilts for Convention raffles, Broda dinner raffles, or finish quilts for the members whose mothers, grandmothers, or whomever, had started but never completed. And, over the years, thousands of dollars have been raised and given to the AHSGR Foundation or the AHSGR

General Fund.

No, you do not have to be a member of AHSGR to be part of this dedicated group. Several of the current quilters are not members, but AHSGR still benefits because of the raffles, etc.

They meet on Monday mornings at around 9:00 AM and they stay until 12:00 noon or so. They usually take a break to give their fingers a rest and to enjoy a cup of coffee. The morning we stopped by, they also had a box of yummy looking rolls.

Thank you, ladies, past, present and future!

To those of you whose names I didn't have, forgive me. And, please call me (438-3814) so I can put your name in an upcoming newsletter.





2007 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter - AHSGR

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(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.

2007 OFFICERS

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

Garage Sale

How's the spring housecleaning going? Are you finding things that you once thought you couldn't live without and now don't know what to do with?

We have the perfect solution for you. Why not donate them to the Lincoln Chapter so we can sell it at the Garage Sale?

The sale will be held May 17th and 18th
9:00AM to 4:00PM, Thursday & Friday
2221 Devonshire Drive

One person's junk is another person's treasure! So dig to the back of those closets, under the stairs and out in the garage and see what you have that might be someone else's treasure!





FOUND ON THE INTERNET....

My Forgetter Be Forgotten

*My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke.*

*For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!*

*Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.*

*At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!*

*When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who was that?"*

*Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.*

(Can any of you relate?)

General Membership Meeting

General Membership Meeting
April 22, 2007
2:00 PM in the Chapel
631 D Street
Refreshments following the
meeting

Pam Wurst and Jane Nicholaus will present the program. The topic will be "Researching Your GR Roots". Pam and Jane will share their expertise with researching the information and archives stored at the Society's

Headquarters. They'll also review research hours and assistance available at Headquarters, outline steps to follow when starting the genealogy search, discuss the differences in fee structures for AHSGR members and for Lincoln Chapter of AHSGR members, and they'll answer questions from the audience about barriers and problems encountered with genealogy research.

If you have questions regarding the program, please contact Sid

Babcock at 792-2175.

ALL Chapter members are welcome to attend this interesting and informative meeting.

***** NOTICE *****
***** CHANGE OF LOCATION *****

The General Membership Meeting & Picnic scheduled for September 16, 2007 at 4:00 PM will be held at the Antelope Park shelter.

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL / HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

Jone White
Dale Dinges
Louise Schleich
Carol Sommers
Dorothy J. Pearce
Recca J. Hansen
Kenneth A. Hardt
Peter J. Kolb
John Weber
Cheryl Kahler
Myron Pudwill
Bertha Reifschneider
Ed O'Neill
Virginia Amen
Randy Tichota
Katherine Pabst—94th birthday

April

Jan Nicolaus
Jacob Dering
Amy Frohn
Sylvia Hanner
Lefty Grenemeier
Sue Pudwill
Bill Leonhardt
Clara Wertz
Judy Sader



*A quote from George Burns:
"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old."*

If you know of one of our people having a special birthday or anniversary, please call me, (438-3814) so I can get it into the newsletter.
If you know of someone who has passed, please get that information to Lucille Hedges.



Danke! Danke!

There was a mailing on the Tuesday the 6th and Thursday the 8th of March and the following volunteers deserve recognition and thanks (see box at right):

All of the staff was there helping too. It takes a lot of time and effort to get the mailings out, but the work being done by our volunteers saves hundreds of dollars for AHSGR.

Also, thanks to Don Weber. Don is John's brother and not only helped with the mailings, but has been helping John with needed repairs at the Heritage Center. Thanks, Don!

Virginia Amen – Tuesday
Nancy Borrell – Tuesday
Bud and Virginia Dietrich – Tuesday & Thursday
Phil & Irene Dinges – Tuesday
Lucille Hedges – Thursday
Jerry McGuire – Tuesday
Jerry McInnes – Tuesday
Ray Richards – Tuesday
Judy Runion – Tuesday
Barb Schmidt – Tuesday & Thursday
Helen Schwartz – Tuesday & Thursday
Norma Somerheiser – Tuesday & Thursday
Susan Stoehr – Tuesday & Thursday
Don Weber – Tuesday & Thursday
John & Ruby Weber – Tuesday & Thursday

DER JAHRESTABL/ Happy Anniversary

March

Lenny & Jan Schneider

Bill & Elsa Amen

55th Anniversary—Bill & Kathy Svoboda

60th Anniversary---Phil & Irene Dinges

Vic & Shirley Michel

April

None Listed

UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRYNG/ OUR PEOPLE IN MEMORY

Esther Dell

Robert Drieth

Margaret F. Gerlach

Willard P. (Bill) Harris

Goldie (Gerry) Hegel

Glen Hergenrader

Victor David Kahler

Beverly Kissler

Verna A. Lightner

Edward G. Lofink

Jack R. Rieke

Virginia Tomek

Margaret S. Trippel

Alexander (Red) Walter



Calendar of Events

April 10, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
April 16, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
April 22, 2007	General Membership Meeting	2:00PM–Chapel – (Refreshments following)		631 "D" St.
May 8, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
May 17-18, 2007	Garage Sale	9:00AM-4:00PM, Thurs & Fri		2221 Devonshire Dr.
May 21, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
June 10 thru 17, 2007	International Convention of AHSGR			Hays, Kansas
June 12, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
June 25, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
July 10, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
July 16, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM	631 "D" St.	
July 22, 2007	General Membership Meeting	2:00PM–Chapel (Refreshments following)		631 "D" St.
August 14, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
August 20, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
September 11, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
September 16, 2007	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00PM		Antelope Park Shelter
September 17, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
October 6, 2007	Octoberfest	11:00AM-3:00PM		631 "D" St.
October 9, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
October 15, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
November 2, 2007	Broda Dinner	5:00-7:00PM	WSI Hall	1430 N 10th St.
November 13, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
November 19, 2007	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 1, 2007	Christmas Festival	11:30AM-3:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 11, 2007	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
December __, 2007	Board Member's Christmas Dinner			(Date, time and location TBA)
January 13, 2008	Annual Membership Meeting	1:00PM		Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall
	(Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers)			(10th & Charleston Sts)

FILL IN THE BLANKS!

Ask a friend to come up with five plural nouns (person, place or thing), four nouns, three adjectives (words that describe things like “big” or “hairy,” and one verb (action word like “swim” or “run”). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some zany humor!

“Last summer, my family took a desert vacation. It was so hot, _____(plural noun) were melting, and small animals had to hide under _____(plural noun) for shade.

The motel we stayed at wasn't the greatest. All the pool water had evaporated, and it was filled with _____(plural noun). Instead of an air conditioner, each room was cooled by _____(plural noun) with fans. That didn't help much.

We decided to sleep under the _____(noun) instead of our stuffy motel room. We heard a _____(adjective) coyote howling at the _____(noun).

The most amazing thing we saw was a talking _____(noun). It wore a _____(adjective) _____(noun) and spoke in a _____(adjective) voice, reminding us to drink lots of water.

When it began to _____(verb) and sing about _____(plural noun), we all knew it must be the heat playing tricks on us!”

(Submitted by Norma Somerheiser. Author unknown.)

