



# NEWSLETTER

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## General Membership Meeting

On January 13, 2008 the General Membership meeting and potluck dinner was held at the Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall.

After enjoying a wonderful dinner, Jack Frost, who works as a volunteer

with the State Attorney General's office, Fraud Division, spoke about S.A.F.E. (Senior Anti-Fraud Education). It was very interesting and informative and is something we all need to be keenly aware of.

Following Jack's presentation, the election of officers was held and all offices were filled. The names and offices are located elsewhere in this newsletter.



## *A little bit of this, a little bit of that...*

### *Come Saturday Morning...*

In years past there were several fellows who gathered every Saturday morning at the Heritage Center for coffee and rolls. For the most part, they were the same men who built the Heritage Center. They'd enjoy the coffee, rolls and conversation after which they would spend time repairing, fixing, and/or building whatever was needed.

As time has gone by, we've lost many of these men but we are still trying to carry on this tradition. Every Saturday at about 9:00AM, Phil Dinges brings rolls, my Norma makes the coffee and several of us gather to enjoy the fellowship. The group, for the most part, was made up of men, but occasionally a few women have joined us.

We'd like to encourage all of you to come down and enjoy the fellowship. The back door is open and you'll find a lot of gemutlichkeit waiting for you.

If you're interested in doing some genealogy research, give me a call (Larry Schenkel, 438-3814) and make an appointment. Norma and I

are there from 9:00AM 'til noon. Unfortunately, neither of us can help you with research but we'd be happy to run copies for you. (There is a minimal charge for copies, however.)

### *Breakfast with Friends*

One thing I haven't mentioned for a while is our breakfast get-together. On the second Tuesday of every month, a group of us gather about 9:00AM at Stauffer's Café at S. 48th and Highway 2, for chitchat, stories, and maybe even a little gossip. Mary, our very capable server, has the table ready for us in the north dining room. You can usually find John and Ruby, Phil and Irene, Judy Lawson, Norma Somerheiser, my Norma and me and Virginia Dietrich. Sometimes, Judy Runion and Nancy Borrell will join us.

It would be nice if some more of you dropped in once in a while. We have a good time and would like to share it with you.

### *A little bit more...*

I received a phone call a few weeks ago from Barb Schmidt. She wondered if I was trying to make her age faster than normal. It seems I have had her name on the birthday list three different times this last year. Sorry, Barb, but if I was going to make a mistake, I'm glad it was you, 'cause you were so nice about it. Maybe I should have fibbed and told you that I just wanted people to send extra birthday wishes and gifts but I didn't think fast enough.

Congratulations are in order for two of the Lincoln Chapter's members, Susan Stoehr and Heidi Dinges.

On January 12, 2008, Susan was one of five individuals who were inducted into the Lincoln Bowlers Hall of Fame at ceremonies held at Crooked Creek Golf Club.

Heidi, whose picture you may have seen in the newspaper, is celebrating 25 years of employment at the Lincoln Journal Star.

Well done, you two.



## Our Priceless Volunteers

The last big job our volunteers were asked to help with was the mailing of the winter Journal and Newsletter. When I say "big job," I mean just that. We not only had to stuff the envelopes with the Journal and Newsletter but there were several enclosures to be included. Once again the volunteers came through.

A big, big "thank you" goes to:

Virginia Dietrich  
Phil & Irene Dinges  
Bill & Sandy Gettman  
Delores Kaufman  
Judy Lawson  
Judy Runion  
Barb Schmidt  
Delores Schwartz  
Helen Schwartz

Annie Settell  
Norma & Larry  
Schenkel  
Norma Somerheiser  
Susan Stoehr  
John & Ruby Weber  
Jone White

And, of course, all the staff was helping, too.

I feel it is important for you, the members, to know how hard our staff works for us. They accomplish a lot with only two full-time and four part-time employees. I am sure if you were to call and ask how you might help, they would welcome you with open arms.

Thank you also goes to the



Quilters, the obituary filers, as well as John Weber and Phil Dinges. These folks spend at least part of a day each week volunteering.

As always, if I have missed anyone, give me a call and I will get your name in the next newsletter.

### 2008 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter - AHSGR

AMEN, Bill	4737 South 52nd Street	Lincoln NE 68516	488-3746
BABCOCK, Sidonia	403 Stagecoach Avenue	Hickman, NE 68372	792-2175
BILL, Leslie	3338 Glenhaven Place	Lincoln, NE 68506	486-0596
BORRELL, Nancy	2221 Devonshire Drive	Lincoln, NE 68506	489-2583
BOUWENS, Nancy	1121 N. 79th Street	Lincoln, NE 68521	435-3052
DINGES, Dale	1609 S. Cotner Blvd.	Lincoln, NE 68506	488-5154
GRENEMEIER, Henry	7200 Van Dorn, #128	Lincoln, NE 68516	486-1673
HEDGES, Lucille	214 NW 126th Street	Lincoln, NE 68528	475-8221
HERSTEIN, Gladys	520 Teakwood Drive	Lincoln, NE 68510	489-5976
LOOS, Paul	400 Fletcher	Lincoln, NE 68521	477-3978
REITZ, Ann	4121 S. 30th Street	Lincoln, NE 68502	489-5462
RUNION, Judy	2848 Katelyn Circle	Lincoln, NE 68516	423-3853
SADER, Henry	Route 1	Roca, NE 68430	423-4212
WEBER, John	4940 Sinclair Court	Lincoln, NE 68516	488-2313
WHITE, Ruth	3300 Serenity Circle #7	Lincoln, NE 68542	423-4345

(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.

#### 2008 OFFICERS

President .....	Paul Loos	Treasurer .....	Sidonia Babcock
1st Vice President .....	Ruth White	Corresponding Secretary ..	
2nd Vice President .....	Dale Dinges		Lucille Hedges
Recording Secretary .....	Leslie Bill	Historian .....	Judy Runion



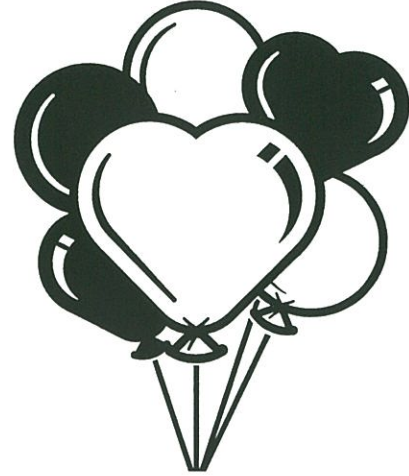
# HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL / HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## January

Mary Frost  
Robert Hietbrink  
Mary Hessler  
Ed Klein  
Duane Olson  
Ray Richards  
Robert Riddle  
Ruth Schafer  
Bill Svoboda  
Pam Wurst

## February

Ronald Bauer  
Diane Butherus  
Phil Dinges  
Jack Frost  
Irene Gabelhaus  
Dorothy Heidenreich  
Ronald Hill  
Ruth Mosby  
William Paxton  
Martha Schleicher  
Lenny Schneider  
Annie Settell  
Ruby Weber



# FROHLICH JUHRESTAG HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## January

Kathy and Randy Tichota

## February

Phil and Irene Dinges  
Ed and Gladys Herstein  
Victor & Shirley Michel

# UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRYNG OUR PEOPLE IN MEMORY

Edna Becker  
Josephine "Jo" Hergenrader  
Esther (Lekaj) Pfeiff  
Lydia (Worster) White

Diana K. Brehm  
Adam Loos  
Edna Marie (Schwindt) Smith

Sympathy cards were sent to the families from the Lincoln Chapter.

If anyone knows of any Germans from Russia who have died and were not included in the newsletter, please let Lucille Hedges or me know. Lucille's phone number is in the 2008 Board Member Directory.

Once again many of our people have passed away since the last newsletter. As usual, I didn't know some of them, some I knew slightly, and one, Edna Becker, I knew fairly well.

Edna used to spend many hours at the Heritage Center as a quilter and as a volunteer in many other areas, such as obituary filing, library, etc.

She was always smiling with a positive attitude towards life. She so impressed me that when, as Chapter President, I started sending Christmas cards to some of our members,

I added her to the list.

After she could no longer volunteer, I would call her to see how she was doing. She was always tickled that someone would call just to say, "Hello, how are you?" We would talk about every day things and she was always upbeat.

AHSGR has lost a good member and I have lost another friend.

Goodbye, Edna.



## Reminder—It's time to pay your dues

Once again it's time for all of us to pay our Lincoln Chapter dues.

The dues are only \$12.00 per year and are due on January 1st and delinquent after March 31st.

These dues do not cover your membership in the International AHSGR.

Please consider renewing your Lincoln Chapter membership, and come and enjoy the fellowship with your friends

at AHSGR. If you are not a member, please complete the membership form below and return it along with your check.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your birth month \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's birth month \_\_\_\_\_

GR Ancestral Village \_\_\_\_\_

GR Surnames \_\_\_\_\_

Make check for \$12.00 payable to: Lincoln Chapter AHSGR and mail to:  
Dale Dinges, 1609 S. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506

## Burma-Shave

Do you remember the rhymes of the Burma-Shave signs from long ago? They appeared along our highways from the 1930's to the 1960's. Here are a few favorites:

*Within this vale  
Of toil  
And sin  
Your head grows bald  
But not your chin  
Burma-Shave*

*If you  
Don't know  
Whose signs  
These are  
You can't have  
Driven very far  
Burma-shave*

*The one who  
Drives when  
He's been drinking  
Depends on you  
To do his thinking.  
Burma-shave*

The above set of signs stands at the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan. The Smithsonian Museum also owns a set.

*Dinah doesn't  
Treat him right  
But if  
He'd shave  
Dinah-mite!  
Burma-Shave*

*Past  
Schoolhouses  
Take it slow  
Let the little  
Shavers grow  
Burma-Shave*

These signs sure made the miles go faster and the trip seem shorter as we cruised down the two-lane highways. There was the good ol' days.

# THE 2008 ANNUAL AHSGR STORYTELLING CONTEST

## 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 2008 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 Casper, Wyoming in July 2008:  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 biography and a picture of yourself, and a stamped postcard with your full name and address to:

**Ken Koehler  
7831 Lewis Court  
Arvada, CO 80005**

**DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15, 2008**

**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 ½ x 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 BIOGRAPHY 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." All 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, as well as 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 3-4 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 April 15, 2008. Entries received after that date cannot be considered.**



## Calendar of Events

February 12, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
February 18, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
March 7, 2008	Soup Supper	5:00-7:00PM	WSI Hall	1430 N. 10th St
March 11, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
March 17, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
April 8, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
April 21, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
April 27, 2008	Gen'l Membership Meeting	2:00PM (Refreshments following)		631 "D" St.
May 6, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
May 19, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
June 10, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
June 16, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
July 8, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
July 20, 2008	Gen'l Membership Meeting	2:00PM (Refreshments following)		631 "D" St.
July 21, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
July 28-August 3, 2008	International Convention			Casper, Wyoming
August 12, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
August 18, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
September 9, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
September 15, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
September 21, 2008	Gen'l Membership Meeting	2:00PM (Refreshments following)		631 "D" St.
October 14, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
October 20, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
November 7, 2008	Broda Dinner	5:00-7:00PM	WSI Hall	1430 N 10th St.
November 11, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
November 17, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 6, 2008	Christmas Festival	11:30AM-3:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 9, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
December, 2008	Board Member's Christmas Dinner		(Date, time and location TBA)	
January 11, 2009	Annual Membership Meeting (Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers)	1:00PM	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall (10th & Charleston Sts)	

A quote from Garfield the cat:

"We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!"

"That's my story and I'm sticking to it!"

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

## **SOUP SUPPER**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008; 5:00-7:00 P.M.**  
**WSI HALL, 1430 N. 10TH STREET**  
**TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

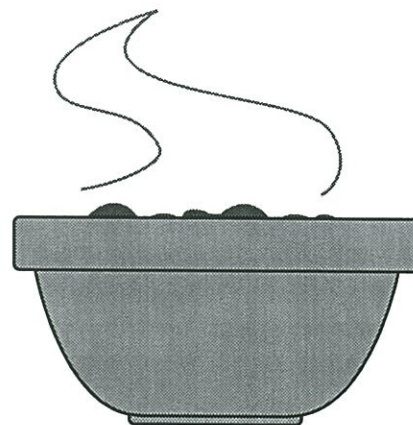
**Adults: \$6**

**Children under 12: \$3**

**4 Kinds of Soup Available:**

**Chicken Noodle w/butter balls ■**

**Green Bean ■ Vegetable Beef ■ Chili**



With the winter well underway and the cold air creeping in, it's time once again to enjoy some of the best soup in all of Lincoln. There will be a variety of soups, coffee and dessert. Tickets will be available from any of the Board Members whose names are listed in the Directory located in this newsletter. Come and enjoy!!

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(Tear off this reservation slip and mail with payment)

**SOUP SUPPER - FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008 - WSI HALL - 1430 N. 10TH STREET**  
**\$6 ADULTS IN ADVANCE; \$3 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER**

NUMBER OF TICKETS: ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 29

SEND RESERVATIONS WITH CHECK TO: SID BABCOCK, 403 STAGECOACH AVE., HICKMAN, NE 68372