



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

NEWSLETTER

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Garage Sale Report

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I thought I would start this with the list of volunteers. Generally, I list them at the end of an article, which may beg the question; How important are volunteers? You all know the answer. Without you dedicated members and volunteers, we wouldn't have an organization.

The number behind the names are the number of days each volunteer worked. If I have the number wrong or have missed your name, please let me know so I can correct that error in the next newsletter.

If you count up those days you will find it took 33 person-days to have a two-day garage sale. And, oh, what beautiful weather we had, just perfect for a garage sale.

Thank you to everyone who donated items that helped make the GRGS (German-Russian Garage Sale) a big success. We made just over \$1000. This money will help pay for events like the ice cream social, picnic, newsletter, donations to AHSGR and the beginning of the costs we will incur in 2010 when we will again host the International Convention.

Work Week

At the March meeting of the International Board of Directors, the Facilities Committee developed a list of repairs that needed to be done at the Heritage Center.

Diane White reported that this group of dedicated members got a lot done. That group included:

Nancy Borrell—representing the Lincoln Chapter and the Int'l Board of Directors

Nick Bretz—Int'l Board of Directors

Al Hart—Int'l Board of Directors

Ed & Charlotte Hoak—Int'l Board of Directors

Patti Sellenrick—Int'l Board of Directors

Jerry & Jan Siebert—Int'l Board of Directors

John Weber—Lincoln Chapter Board

Thank you to all for your dedication to AHSGR.



Thank you to Nancy Bouwens for letting us have the sale at her home this year.

Nancy had a sale of her own on Saturday and sold \$200 worth of the items that we had left over, which brought the total of our sale to the final figure.

Oh, yes! Thanks to all of our customers who bought the merchandise.

SOAR

SOAR (Saving Our Ancestral Records) provides free access to website resources for anyone interested in searching for ancestral record. You must be a member of AHSGR and you need to request an ID and password. The ID and password are good as long as you are a paid member.



"Norma, you just don't look right to me!" says Lincoln chapter President Paul Loos. (WSI kitchen, 2006 Broda)



Soup Supper Report



Making butter balls for the Soup Supper are Judy Runion, Susan Stoehr, Helen Schwarz, and Delores Kaufman. Barb Schmidt submitted the photograph.

Our soup supper was a great success. Over 200 people attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. As so often happens, people who haven't

seen each other for a while will sit and visit and promise to be better about staying in touch. Ya, ya. How soon we forget.

We had four soups for our guests to savor. The chili was donated by Henry Sader, the vegetable beef by my Norma and me, the green bean by the Chapter, the chicken noodle by Erwin Ulmer and Gladys Herstein. The butterballs were made and donated by Nancy Borrell, Judy Runion, Barb Schmidt, Susan Stoehr, Helen Schwarz and Delores Kaufman.

We ran out of chili before we were

through serving. This, however, was not our fault. When nearly 100 tickets are sold at the door, it's difficult to know how much to make. (Mind you, I'm not complaining, just trying to explain.)

Thank you to all who came to eat and a big "thank you" to all of our volunteers:

- Sid Babcock
- Larry & Norma Schenkel
- Steve Bauer Barb Schmidt
- Leslie Bill Delores Schwartz
- Nancy Borrell Helen Schwartz
- Phil & Irene Dinges
- Phil Sorenson Lucille Hedges
- Susan Stoehr Judy Lawson
- Roger & Karen Trautwein
- Paul Loos John & Ruby Weber
- Nancy Richards Mandi White
- Judy Runion

2008 Board Member Directory Lincoln Chapter - AHSGR

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GRENAMEIER, Henry	7200 Van Dorn, #128	Lincoln, NE 68516	486-1673
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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.

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

May

Victoria O'Neal
William Gettman
Wayne Giebelhaus
LaVerne Hietbrink
Steve Kahler
Theresa Zitterkopf
Ronald Meininger

June

J. Richard Spellman
Philip J. Schenkel
Kenneth a. Babcock
Marilyn Dering
Delores Kaufman
Elizabeth Hayes
Henry (Sonny) Sader

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May

(None I'm aware of)

June

Larry & Norma Schenkel
John & Ruby Weber
Scotty & Marti Kaufman
Henry & Judy Sader
Myron & Sue Pudwill
Doris & Donald Taylor
Bob & Marilyn Wagner

UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRUNG OUR PEOPLE IN MEMORY

Jacob Dietrich*
Jacob Sinner
Alexander Damm
Edward J. Klein
Eileen M. Spomer
Harry Niederhaus

Patricia Ann Reifschneider
John J. Traudt
James H. Hoffman
Donald D. Bauer
Marie Alt
Gladys Jacobs

Jake Dietrich was one of our few remaining members born in Russia. 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.

HELP.....

Do you have a suggestion for a program that you would like to see/hear at one of our general membership meetings? If you do, please contact any member of the Lincoln Chapter Board. The list of Board members is located in this newsletter.

Ice Cream Social and Open House



The Ice Cream Social and Open House was another successful activity! Many people who haven't been to the Heritage Center for quFite a while were amazed at how it has changed and grown. Many, who had never been to the Center at all, were in awe of what our members have built, collected and now maintain.

The museum on the second level, the research center in the lower level and all the buildings on the campus were staffed by volunteers who told the story of AHSGR to the many visitors that attended the event. Free beverages, cookies and ice cream were served to our guests.

Among the list of volunteers that day were Diane White, who is the office manager; her teenage children, Nancy, Will and Ray Richards and their cousin, Mandi.

Ray was home from school in Alaska. You can almost always see one or more of these wonderful teens volunteering and working for AHSGR

We always hear that we need to get more young people involved with our organization. It looks like Diane and her family seem to "Get'r done!" Oh, yes, Diane's mother, Jone, can be found volunteering quite often.

The others who volunteered for the Ice Cream Social and Open House were:

Bill & Elsa Amen	Sid Babcock
*Leslie Bill	Nancy Borrell
Nancy Bouwens	Phil & Irene Dinges
*Gail Gingrich	Lucille Hedges
Judy Lawson	Paul Loos
Judy Runion	Larry & Norma Schenkel
Barb Schmidt	Delores Schwartz
Helen Schwartz	Norma Somerheiser
Susan Stoehr	John & Ruby Weber
*Pam Wurst	

Leslie Bill, Gale Gingrich and Pam Wurst are employees and are also members of AHSGR and the Lincoln Chapter; yet you can always find them giving of their own time as volunteers.

Mailing of the AHSGR Journal & Newsletter

This is one of the best chores the Lincoln Chapter members get to help with! Why? Because it is one of those tasks that you can do without too much thought. That leaves us able to enjoy talking with each other, which is one of the things unsere leute excel at. It is a time for visiting with friends you haven't seen for awhile and to get caught up with what has been happening in our lives and with our families.

Unfortunately, there are some pretty obvious vacancies from times past. Still, there is a lot of "gemutlichkeit" among the group.

The noise gets a little more intense as the group slows down for rolls and coffee. (Something else unsere leute are famous for, eating.)

Soon the job was finished and a bit of sadness was in the air as the volunteers start to go their separate ways, again talking about staying in touch with each other more.

I guess that is one of the more important functions of the Lincoln Chapter, helping us to keep in touch with each other.

Thank you to the following volunteers for giving of their time:

Bill & Elsa Amen*
Steve Bauer
Leslie Bill
Virginia Dietrich*
Phil & Irene Dinges*
Frieda Dobler
Bill & Sandy Gettman
Lucile Hedges
Judy Lawson*
Bill Leonhardt

Jerry McInnis
Judy Runion
Larry Schenkel
Barb Schmidt
Helen Schwartz
Norma Somerheiser
Susan Stoehr
Don Weber*
Ruby & John Weber*

As always, if I have missed you, it was not intentional, and if you call me (438-3814) I will correct it in the next newsletter.

Another mailing that the volunteers gathered for was to stuff envelopes with convention registrations. And once again our faithful volunteers came down to the Heritage Center. There wasn't as much to do as there was for the Journal mailing so we were finished sooner. Oh, yes, we had coffee and rolls. Ai, yi, yi, were they big!!! You could almost feel your arteries hardening as you ate one, but that didn't seem to slow us down! Ya, ya, das leben ist gutt. Once again, we enjoyed the camaraderie of good friends.

Rather than list the volunteers again, I have put a star next to the names of those who helped at both mailings. Those names without a star were at one or the other of the two mailings.



International Convention of Germans from Russia



Parkway Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

Casper, Wyoming

July 28-August 3, 2008

Make plans now to join us for this joint international convention of the GRHS and the AHSGR

Genealogy	Research Center	Storytelling	Heritage Hall
Folklore	Superb Speakers	Bookstores	Sing-a-longs
Village Visits	Essay Contest Awards	Welcome Night	Travel Programs

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Celebrating our Common Heritage

Visit our convention web site at
www.germansfromrussia.net

FYI.....

I have a spelling checker,
It came with my PC.
It plainly marks four my revue
Mistakes I cannot sea.
I've run this poem threw it,
I'm sure your pleased two no,
Its letter perfect in it's weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.



Calendar of Events

June 10, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
June 16, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
June 29, 2008	Gen'l Membership Meeting	2:00PM (Refreshments following)		631 "D" St.
July 8, 2008	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
July 21, 2008	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
July 28-Aug. 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)

What's coming up...

Remember there is a change in your Calendar of Events. The July 20th meeting has been changed to JUNE 29th. The meeting will still be at the Heritage Center* at 631 "D" Street at 2:00pm. Refreshments will follow the meeting. The program will be a video entitled, "The Immigrant Woman - A Tribute to the Volga-Germans," by Norma Pipkin. The author portrays her great-great-grandmother, Anna Eva Spotter Rupp, who immigrated to America and settled in Kansas. The year is 1890. [*Did you know the official title of our building is "The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Jake Sinner Headquarters Building"?)

June 10 and July 8 at 9:00am is the monthly breakfast at Stauffer's Café. Good fellowship, great food! Try it, you'll like it.

July 28-August 3rd is the International Convention at Casper, Wyoming.

Just to update you on what is happening—this year's convention is about our Heritage—Celebrating our Heritage. Sharing our Heritage!! Learning about our Heritage!! Experiencing our Heritage!! Pre-convention activities begin on July 28 with tours and research opportunities. The convention activities will begin on Wednesday evening, July 30, with an official welcome to the Cowboy State.

Top Ten Hits

Some of the artists of the '60's and '70's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate the Baby Boomer generation. Here are the top ten:

Herman's Hermits—"Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker".

The Bee Gees—"How Can You Mend a Broken Hip".

Bobby Darin—"Splish, Splash, I was Havin' a Flash".

Ringo Starr—"I Get By With a Little Help From Depends".

Johnny Nash—"I Can't See Clearly Now".

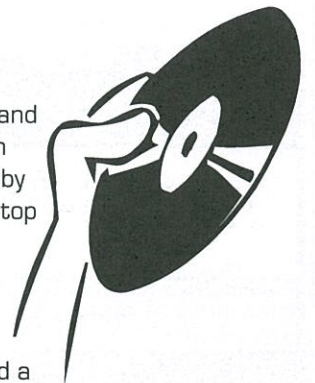
The Commodores—"Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom."

Leo Sayer—"You Make Me Feel Like Napping".

Abba—"Denture Queen".

Helen Reddy—"I am Woman, Hear Me Snore".

Willie Nelson—"On the Commode Again".



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Happy Father's Day!

*Any man can be a Father,
But it takes a special person
to be called Dad.*

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

(From the Internet)