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Convention Notes

Well, the historic convention has come and gone. For the first time in their 40+ years of existence, AHSGR and GRHS had their convention together. I join the sentiments of many people who hope it doesn't take forty more years for it to happen again.

I am sure you will find those who thought it was a waste of time, but I think you will find many more that thought it was the best convention we have had in years. I'm one of the latter, although I didn't get to many presentations because of committee meetings

of the Board of Directors. I did, however, talk to many of those in attendance and it is their comments on which I base my opinion.

There were over 700 people who registered for either the whole week or for a one-day pass.

As usual, there was a shortage of volunteers but those who did help did it willingly and happily.

The two by-law changes were voted on and approved. Basically, they say a person can serve more than three consecutive two-year terms on the Board of Directors. The second takes

away the three-year limit on serving as president on the Board of Directors. Both changes were passed by the membership.

Hopefully, these changes will make it easier when the nominating committee has to find nominees. If you have someone willing to serve beyond the old deadline, isn't that better than having vacancies? Also, there are more responsibilities for board members as the data-base, library, membership, etc. waxes and wanes. It's hard for twenty board members to do the work of thirty. □

Young Members

I don't know how many times I have heard, "We need to get younger members involved." I know a lot of members whose parents were very involved with AHSGR but their children don't seem to be.

Diane White seems to be the exception. Her three children — Ray, Nancy and Will — can be seen helping at dinners and chapter

functions, as well as her mother, Jone. Perhaps not all of them are at every function, but you can bet that at least one of them will be.

Nancy even "schleps"

her cousin or a friend with her sometimes.

All three of these young people were at the convention this year and they helped people carry their food from the buffet line to their tables. All of the dinners and luncheons were buffet-style except the banquet on Saturday and they helped at all of them.

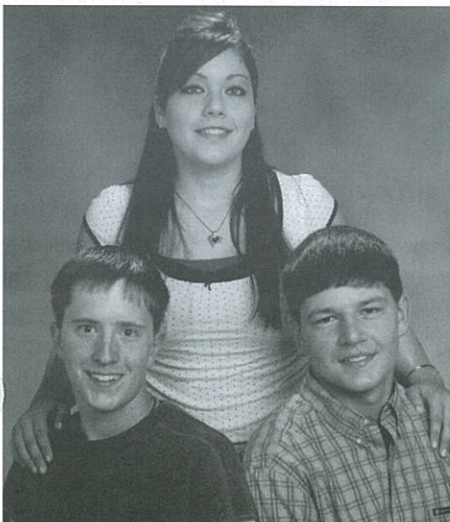


Paul, Marilee, Andrew, and Bethany Janzen

Dr. Timothy and Rachel Janzen of Happy Valley, Oregon, seem to be involving their children in AHSGR, too. All four of their young people attended the convention and they could be seen helping carry food, as well.

We were fortunate to be able to sit with them at one of the dinners and you couldn't

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Ray, Nancy & Will White

Odds & Ends

As you know, on the second Tuesday of the month, a group of us meet at Stauffer's Café on South 48th Street for breakfast. The group ebbs and flows, sometimes five or six of us are there, sometimes ten or twelve.

This past Tuesday, there was good news and bad news. The good news, we were joined by four new attendees, Louis and Roseline Wudel and Mary and Don Kuhn. We enjoyed getting to know these folks and hope to see them again.

The bad news, we are losing Mary, our wonderful server. She and her husband are moving to Fairbury. Mary is more than a server, she has become a friend who has a great sense of humor and we will miss her a lot.

Do you know what goes on at the Heritage Center on Saturday morning? Well, it's more than coffee, rolls and conversation. With advanced warning, you could possibly schedule a tour or come in for research.

On June 14th, we had folks from the Cook/Hegel Family Reunion come through on a tour. They enjoyed and appreciated getting a tour and a chance to see all of the research materials available to use, as well as the Gift Shop and Bookstore.

The family members in the picture are, from left to right: Robin (Beltz) Smith, Liz (Els) Lieberman, John Barthule, Shirley (Cook) Beltz, Carole (Els) Damron, Lillian (Cook) Barthule,



Natalie "Dollie" Cook. Do any of you know anyone in these families?

*Picture goes here

Time for a commercial!!

Christmas is coming and that would be a good time to use the enclosed form to buy a Junior Membership for a child so they might become interested in AHSGR. And, if you haven't been down to the Heritage Center for a while, there are many new items in our Gift Shop and Bookstore that would make excellent gifts.

An excellent time to do you shopping will be December 6th when we will be having our annual Christmas Festival at the Heritage Center. Mark your calendars!!

More Odds and Ends

Perhaps you remember reading about Cara Nickolaus in a couple of the past newsletters. Well, here she is again!

Cara was one of four Nebraska youths who got a perfect score on their ACT test! This feat is, in my opinion, comparable to win-

ning a gold medal at the Olympics. The only difference is this was a mental feat rather than physical.

Congratulations, Cara!

While talking to Jane, Cara's Mom, I learned that Cara is interested in math and economics, is president of her math club, reads 40 to 50 hours a week, and is attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She's a very busy young woman.

More news.....

Did you see the picture of courage in the Journal Star on August 16th? I'm referring to the picture of Bob White leading a group of his colleagues on a walk from Lincoln High School to Elliot Elementary School for a staff in-service day for teachers. Bob is making this walk on his prosthetic leg. A car hit Bob and his brother while they were trying to help a motorist who was having car trouble. Bob's left leg was crushed so badly, it had to be amputated. Bob also suffered a fractured skull as well as a broken pelvis and tailbone. It's good to see that he's back doing what he loves. ☐

IMPORTANT NOTICE PLEASE NOTE

The General Membership meeting scheduled for September 21st will be held at the Antelope Park Shelter at 4:00pm. This is a change from the original Calendar of Events. Please plan to attend.

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ask for a nicer, brighter, or friendlier family. The young folks are Paul, age 20, Marilee, 18, Andrew, 16, and Bethany, 14 and, just like in the picture, they always had a smile on their faces.

Dr. Tim's roots are the Henderson-Sutton areas of Nebraska and we enjoyed talking with him about the Cornhusker State.

If our children aren't exposed to, and have positive experiences in AHSGR when they are younger, then they won't be there later in life either.

I congratulate Diane and Tim and Rachel for helping keep the dream alive with our youth! ☐



Junior Membership Form

We all agree young people are an important source for any organization. They bring curiosity, vitality and inspiration wherever they go. Our young people are a major reason we, the Germans from Russia, continue to preserve our precious culture.

The Youth Membership is made up of two divisions: Youth (ages 14 and under) and Student (ages 15-24).

The purpose of the Youth & Student memberships is "to get our children interested in their heritage and keep them interested." As part of the membership, a **Youth member** will receive 4 *Kinderzeitung*, a Youth Membership Packet, a Youth Membership Card, and discounts on specially advertised books.

All materials will be targeted to the specific age group and will include activities, stories and educational materials. The **Student member** will receive 4 Society *Newsletters*, a membership packet and a membership card,

There is a nominal, annual fee for each division: Youth \$8.00 and Student \$15.00. This is a great opportunity to share your German-Russian heritage with your children and grandchildren and let them know how much it means to you. A Youth Membership in AHSGR is the perfect lasting gift for any child. Please consider passing the torch to the next generation, by investing in a Youth Membership for your children and grandchildren.

The application is on the reverse side.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____

Local Chapter _____

Membership Category: \$8.00 _____ (Youth 14 & Under)
\$15.00 _____ (Student 15-24)

Membership Purchased by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Junior Member: _____

All G/R related Surnames: _____

All G/R ancestral villages: _____

Payment type:

_____ Check made out to AHSGR _____ Credit Card _____ Money Order

Name of Credit Cardholder (please print)

Visa/MC/Discover _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Signature required to process all credit card payments.

Please send payments to AHSGR; 631 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-1199

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CONVENTION 2010

I know it seems early to be thinking about the year 2010, but it will be here before we know it, and that year the Lincoln Chapter will again be hosting the International Convention of AHSGR. It takes a lot of volunteers to help the Chapter board members put on a convention and everyone is encouraged to help.

The conventions that have been held in Lincoln in past years have been well attended and enjoyed, so in order to accomplish this again, we will need YOUR help. You've no doubt heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, it takes the entire chapter plus others to hold a convention.



Please call any of the Lincoln Chapter board members or me, Larry Schenkel (402-438-3814). With your help, we'll have another great convention!

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
GRENAMEIER, 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

July

Jeanne Niederhaus
Oleta Ernst
Ruth Kolb
Jolene McInnes
Virginia Dietrich
Gladys Herstein
Esther Heckman
Marti Kaufman
Kathy Tichota
Mary Ann Gooding
Derald Drbl
Sheryl Heidenreich
Kathy Hill

August

Kathleen Schreiber-Svoboda
Larry Schenkel
Mary Froscheiser
Ed Herstein
Bernice Booth
Heidi Dinges
Lillian Bauer
Robert Settell

September

Sharon Spellman
Nancy Borrell
Lucille Hedges
Jerry McInnes
Judy Runion
Nancy Richards
Barbara Schmidt
Tom Bill
Doris Taylor

October

Greg Bouwens
Patricia Olson
Frieda Dobler
Lillian Giebelhaus
Jewel Hardt
Norma Somerheiser
Jane R. Alt
Delores Schwartz
Lois Leonhardt
Helen Burbach
Paul Loos
Scotty Kaufman
Nancy Meinzer

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

Steven and Cheryl Kahler

August

Dale and Heidi Dinges
Kathy and Ronald Hill
J. "Scott" and Teri Nelson
Bob & Joyce Riddle
(This is their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 30, 1958.)

September

Annie and Robert Settell

October

Leslie and Tom Bill

Okay, here's the deal----

Two people have told me I am spelling my headings incorrectly. That tells me you are reading the newsletter! And that's good.

Both corrections were not the same. And that's bad.

So, my ever-faithful (and long-suffering) editor/researcher got on the "net" and looked them up. More bad news—there were differences from the other two!! What, oh what, is a poor "Rooshen" boy to do? If he's smart, he'll go along with his editor/researcher!! I'm smart!

UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRYNG OUR PEOPLE IN MEMORY

May 23- June 16, 2008

Rena Knaub
Arlene Frances Gerlach
William "Bill" Kaiser

June 16-July 21, 2008

Rodney John Schwartz (brother of Lucille Hedges) wife, Shirley
Jeanne M. Bowers, widow of John F.
Adeline Bauer, member of Friedens Lutheran Church
Reinholdt George (nickname "Boop")
Alfred Hesson, long time member of Zion Congregational Church
Hilda R. Hergert, widow of Sam "Jim", member of Zion Church

July 21-August, 2008

Larry Jacoby
Charles Kruse

A get well card was sent to Doug McClain.

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Calendar of Events

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	4:00PM	Antelope Park Shelter* approx 31st & A Streets	
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)	

*Note change of time and place