



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

NEWSLETTER

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Why Should You Belong to AHSGR?

I think the Mission Statements answer the question of why you should belong to AHSGR. If we, the descendants, don't preserve this remarkable history, who then? Even if you don't do any genealogical research, and I'm one who doesn't, it is worth belonging.

The membership dues you would pay are used to help defray expenses for the day to day operation of the Heritage Center campus. Plus, you would get four Journal publications during the year.

In the Journal you will find stories of the travails of families leaving Russia for a journey of thousands of miles to a new land they knew nothing about. Oh, if only they could see the great nation they helped build!

But not everything was misery and hardship. There were many humorous

stories as well as stories about our customs, how and why they were started.

informed of their plans.

You still don't want to join? You don't have to, to help. We are tax exempt, meaning your donations are tax deductible. So instead of sending a donation to some anonymous organization, make it to AHSGR. You know where your donation is going because you can walk in the door of the Heritage Center and write a check. That can't be done with a lot of other organizations.

If this strikes a chord with you, share it with your GR friends. Who knows, a gentle nudge might reap some financial benefits for AHSGR.

MISSION STATEMENTS

The Society

The American Historical Society of Germans FROM Russia is an International organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage, and genealogy of Germanic settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants.

The Foundation

The International Foundation of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is responsible for exercising financial stewardship to generate, manage, and allocate resources which advance the mission and assist in securing the future of AHSGR.

You will also receive four Newsletters telling what is going on at the Heritage Center; what the Foundation Board is doing and what it has planned for the future. It will have a report from the International Board of Directors that will keep you

2009 Calendar Lincoln Chapter American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

October 13, 2009	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
October 19, 2009	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
November 6, 2009	Broda Dinner	5:00-7:00PM	WSI Hall	1430 N 10th St.
November 10, 2009	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
November 16, 2009	Board Meeting	7:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 5, 2009	Christmas Festival	11:30AM-3:00PM		631 "D" St.
December 8, 2009	Coffee Club	9:00AM	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
December, 2009	Board Member's Christmas Dinner		(Date, time and location TBA)	
January 10, 2010	Annual Membership Meeting	1:00PM	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall	
	(Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers)		(10th & Charleston Sts)	

Bits and Pieces

Tuesday Breakfast at Stauffer's

As you know, we get together on the second Tuesday of the month for food and fellowship. On Tuesday, September 8th, the following good friends got together: Barb Schmidt, Virginia Dietrich, John and Ruby Weber, Roger Trautwein, Sharon Buckner, Norma and me, Judy Lawson and her brother Darrell Gillespie, who was visiting from Absarokee, Montana and last, but far from least, was Lillian Weber. It was good to see her and we hope she comes again.

On any second Tuesday, you might find others joining us that I haven't mentioned here and you will always find us enjoying good food and good conversation. Why don't you come join us?

Saturday Coffee and Rolls

Every Saturday, a group of GR's gather at the Heritage Center for coffee and rolls. During the summer when the gardens are starting to produce, we usually had crock dill pickles that Bud Dietrich had put up. He always shared them with us. I remember one Saturday, Lynne Smith (Scotty Kaufman's daughter), while visiting from California, came with Scotty. She couldn't believe we were eating sweet rolls and dill pickles.

This year, to keep up the tradition, Virginia Dietrich brought pickles that Bud's son, Rod, had put up.

Like the Stauffer's breakfast bunch,



some of whom are in the Saturday morning group, we discuss (and sometimes cuss) about all sorts of subjects. Nobody gets upset and we enjoy each other's company. On Saturday past, our group included Phil Dinges, John Weber, Norma Somerheiser, Virginia Dietrich, Roger Trautwein and Norma and me. As you can see, there is plenty of room for more, so come join us.

Norma Somerheiser is often called upon to give a tour to visiting families or just someone who has called and scheduled a tour. One Saturday, John and Sue Groh made an appointment for the Iowa Chapter to come to the Heritage Center. They toured the campus and held their chapter meeting here.

Whenever unexpected visitors drop by on Saturday but haven't scheduled a tour, John Weber will meet and greet them and encourage them to come back when the museum is open. We've never been known to turn folks away, and if there are rolls and coffee left, we ask them to join us.

This picture above is of Phil Dinges' cousins who were in town and came in one Saturday for a scheduled tour.

So, if you have nothing to do on a Saturday, remember we get together from 9:00AM to about 11:00AM or longer, depending on the quality of the discussion.

Punctuation is Powerful

An English professor wrote the words: "A woman without her man is nothing" on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote: "A woman, without her man, is nothing."

All the females in the class wrote: "A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Punctuation is powerful!



Work Paper No. 16

December, 1974

Who Am I?

*Person with most correct answers wins free membership to Lincoln Chapter AHSGR for 2010!!
See worksheet for outlines and numbers.*

OLD BABUSHKA

by Charmaine Wood

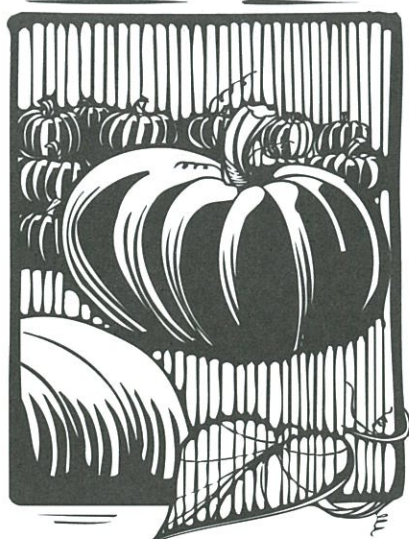


*She stares with solemn eyes
The old babushka from some distant shore
Now enshrined on the museum wall
In a picture of an old general store.*

*Humble and plain she seems
Clad somberly in her simple peasant dress
She left everything she'd known to come
To a new world, seeking happiness*

*Raised children, built a home
And worked the land through endless toilsome days
Finally prospered, and with her man
Grew old, still keeping her simple ways.*

*We moderns, at a glance
Dismiss her as a relic of bygone time
But she with her hands helped
build this land—
Maybe your grandmother or mine.*



Memories

Several years ago "Cousin" Kathie Svoboda went through the original files of Friedens Church and listed the villages that members came from. In her note, Kathie said she has the names to go with the villages. If I can get a copy, I will include those names in a future newsletter.

Here are those forty-one villages:

Alexander-Hoh	Kolb
Alt Denhof	Kratzka
Akuseba	Kutter
Beideck	Kukkus
Bauer	Laub
Bangor	Merkel
Baku	Nieder-Monjou
Brunnenthal	Norka
Bibein, Switzerland	Ohlshinsky
Pastor Moessner*	
Diflis	Odessa
Dittel	Reinwaldt
Dobrinka	Rosenfeldt
Eigenfeldt	Saratov
Frank	Schilling
Frankerdhutor	Stahl
Gnadendorf	Shcherbakovka
Gnadenstau	Schaefer
Grimm	Strauf
Hussenfeldt	Walter
Huck	Warrenberg
Jagodnaja	*Member of Friedens but not as their pastor.

2009 BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY LINCOLN CHAPTER - AHSGR

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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.

2009 OFFICERS

Presidentnone	TreasurerSidonia Babcock
1st Vice PresidentRuth White	Corresponding SecretaryGladys Herstein
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Recording SecretaryLeslie Bill	Membership ChairmanDale Dinges

Who Am I?

Person with most correct answers and submits to Larry
by October 30, wins free membership to
Lincoln Chapter AHSGR for 2010!!

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Work Paper No.16

December, 1974

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please mail to:
Larry Schenkel
9439 Benziger Drive
Lincoln, NE 68526

Must be submitted by October 30, 2009!

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

Sharon Spellman
Nancy Borrell
Lucille Hedges
Jerry McInnes
Nancy Richards
Tom Bill
Doris Taylor

October

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

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September

Annie and Robert Settell

October

Leslie and Tom Bill
Ronald and Laurine Meininger

UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRYNG OUR PEOPLE IN MEMORY

Marabel E. Vogel
Frieda Portsche
Conrad Frederick Fuss
Harold Wassenmiller, Sr.



AHSGR Tours

Nancy Borrell gave me this account of some visitors she'd met and tours she'd conducted:

I was volunteering at AHSGR on a recent Friday when a young woman came in asking for Diane. She said her name was Mollie and she had been corresponding with her. Mollie had brought some things of her deceased mother to donate to AHSGR.

They were visiting when I heard Mollie say she had been driving around the Heritage Center area and other familiar places in town. I asked her if she was from Lincoln and this area, and she said yes. I asked her mother's name and, lo and behold, this young lady had been the flower girl in my wedding, 48 years ago! It was wonderful to reconnect with her.

A couple of weeks later, while volunteering on another Friday, I took a group of visitors on a tour of the Heritage Center and the campus. We had just begun the tour when two more visitors joined us, and then two more. Part of the touring group was a threesome from Kearney. They are planning to do research and said they would be sending Diane a membership form.

One of the twosomes saw information about AHSGR at the Lincoln Visitors Center and decided to come see what we had available. They spent quite a bit of time looking around. After the tour we visited and they were quite excited when I said I'd like their help with the 2010 convention here in Lincoln.

The other couple that was visiting were from Florida. The gentleman was originally from Lincoln. Our own Annie Settell is his aunt. It was a great group to give a tour to. They enjoyed visiting one another and stayed at the Heritage Center for quite some time.

The next day my cousin from Glenwood, Iowa called and wanted to be taken on a tour. We met at the Heritage Center and spent several hours there. We also visited with the Saturday morning coffee group.

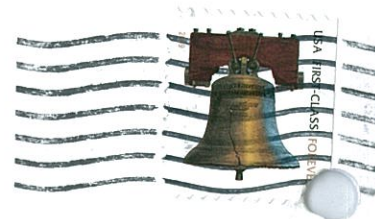
It is always exciting to show people our campus and all of the research information and material we have. As always, they are amazed at all we have available.

(Nancy Borrell is a member of the Society Board of Directors, a Lincoln Chapter Board member, and a valued AHSGR volunteer. We thank her for her dedicated service to AHSGR.)

If you would like to learn how to give a tour, I'm sure you would be welcomed with open arms. You would be given instructions and a que card so you would have all the information at your fingertips. As you can tell by what Nancy said, it's a very rewarding experience and you never know whom you might meet.

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Mark Your Calendars

Annual Broda Dinner
November 6, 2009
WSI Hall
1430 N. 10th Street
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

See any Board or Chapter member for your tickets.

There will be a drawing for the beautiful quilt that is pictured here. It was quilted by the Lincoln Chapter Quilters. Tickets for the drawing are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00 and are available from the Chapter Board and Chapter members.

