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Nebraska Jubilee

by Judy Runion

Friedens Lutheran Church was the setting on May 15, 2010 for the second annual meeting of Nebraskans with German-Russian heritage.

Attendees from Omaha, Bennington, Sutton, Nebraska City, Lincoln, and Iowa enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends and to increase knowledge of their heritage. Coffee and Kuchen was provided after registration. Both Volga and Black Sea varieties, which were made by Sid Babcock, Diane White, Barb Schmidt and Nancy Borrell, respectfully, were served.

Pam Wurst, AHSGR Research Historian, presented a list of "27 Questions." These questions covered a history of Black Sea and Volga Germans plus a history of our own organization. We all learned and

appreciated the travels our forefathers made to give us the opportunity to live in a land of freedom!

David March once again provided us with music and stories. He is very fluent in German, receiving his Bachelor's Degree in German from Wesleyan University. He also spent several years in Switzerland where he worked as a music therapist.

Our guest speaker, Gloria Leonard Hall, gave a presentation titled "Grandma is a Bag Lady." The feed/flour sacks are definitely a part of America's history. She had samples of any and all kinds. One sack was dated 1865 and was completely sewn together by hand. Amazing workmanship!

The bags continued up to modern

day with a variety of prints from flowers, Walt Disney, and cowboys, to dancers. Companies even put out patterns with directions. For example, it took three feed sacks for a skirt, five sacks for a dress.

Feed/flour sacks were a vital part of American way of life for many of us when it came to clothing and household uses like dish towels, curtains, pillow cases and quilts.

Jim Jacobs, a new member of AHSGR, was the lucky winner of the quilted wall hanging.

A special thanks goes to the dedicated, hard-working Lincoln Chapter members who organized the Jubilee event. They are Sid Babcock, Leslie Bill, Nancy Borrell, Corrine and Jay Jacox, Paul Loos and Judy Runion. □

I Apologize

I knew I had forgotten something in the last newsletter but I couldn't figure out what it was...I forgot to thank people for contributing items for the soup supper!! (A mind is a terrible thing to lose.)

Irwin Ulmer donated the potatoes for the vegetable soup. Gladys Herstein paid the freight for the shipment of the noodles. Sid Babcock donated the rye bread for the dinner. Nancy Borrell donated the butter, some of the chicken for the noodle soup, and the butterballs.

Barb Schmidt and Judy Runion donated the bread and the eggs that were used for making the butterballs.

Hopefully, I have now covered everyone. I'm sorry I left you out before. Please don't beat me. □

Just A Reminder

As you no doubt know by now, the AHSGR Convention is being held here in Lincoln, NE from August 1 to August 8 at the Embassy Suites. It should be a very interesting and informative convention.

We still need volunteers to help in a variety of ways, so please consider lending a hand.

It's a great way to get involved and you get an opportunity to meet new people and get re-aquainted with those you already know. □

Please Note

You will notice that business cards are included again in the Newsletter. These are the businesses that have donated monies to help with the Convention expenses. We thank them and asked that you please patronize them. Without the help of our local businesses, as well as individuals, our conventions would suffer. □



Making Fun

We had another mailing on June 19th and we had a great volunteer turnout. Sorry that my Norma and I were not able to be there.

Thank you to the following:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sharon Buckner | Virginia Dietrich |
| Phil Dinges | Frieda Dobler |
| Amy Frohn | Ed Koehler |
| Bob & Joyce Riddle | Judy Runion |
| Barbara (aka: Babs) Schmidt | |
| Norma (aka: De Butzen) Somerheiser | |
| Susan (aka: Little Suzy) Stoehr | |
| Don Weber | John & Ruby Weber |

As for all mailings, etc, everyone had a good time visiting while working. And, as usual, there were more than enough yummy rolls. ☐

Curious Minds Want to Know

Item 1:

Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Dering Imig, are you a North Bottoms Roos?

I used to have a good friend named Jake Dering before my family moved out of the North Bottoms when I was in the fourth grade at beloved Hayward School. (Or as some of the old timers used to refer to it, Hayward College.) Jake lives in Crete now and I haven't seen or talked to him for I don't know how long. I keep hoping he will come to one of our Lincoln Chapter get-togethers so we can have a chance to talk.

Thank you, Beth, for donating the wool latch hooked rug for the Silent Auction at the convention.

Speaking of the Silent Auction, if any of our Lincoln Chapter members would like to help our chapter, donating an item for the auction would be a good way to do it. You can contact me or any Convention committee or Chapter board member.

Item 2:

Sandra Weideman, did you know or were you related to the late Cliff Weideman?

I knew Cliff because we were both from the North Bottoms and I would see him occasionally when we were both at Robert Burbach's shop. ☐

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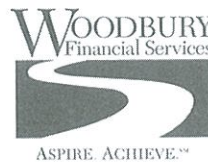
July 13Coffee Club9:00 a.m.Stauffer's48th & Hwy. 2
July 19Convention Meeting5:30 p.m.6th & D Sts.
July 19	.....Board Meeting	.....7:00 p.m.	.....	.....6th & D Sts.
August 1-8	.....Convention			
August 10	.....Coffee Club	.....9:00 a.m.	.....Stauffer's	.....48th & Hwy. 2
August 16	.....Board Meeting	.....7:00 p.m.	.....	.....6th & D Sts.
Sept. 14	.....Coffee Club	.....9:00 a.m.	.....Stauffer's	.....48th & Hwy. 2
Sept. 19	.....General Membership Meeting & Picnic	.....4:00 p.m.	.....Antelope Park Shelter	
Sept. 20	.....Board Meeting	.....7:00 p.m.	.....	.....6th & D Sts.
Oct. 12	.....Coffee Club	.....9:00 a.m.	.....Stauffer's	.....48th & Hwy. 2
Oct. 18	.....Board Meeting	.....7:00 p.m.	.....	.....6th & D Sts.
Nov. 5	.....Broda Dinner	.....5-7 p.m.	.....WSI Hall	.....1430 N. 10th Street
Nov. 9	.....Coffee Club	.....9:00 a.m.	.....Stauffer's	.....48th & Hwy. 2
Nov. 15	.....Board Meeting	.....7:00 p.m.	.....	.....6th & D Sts.
Dec. 11	.....Christmas Festival	.....11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	.....	.....6th & D Sts.
Dec. 14	.....Coffee Club	.....9:00 a.m.	.....Stauffer's	.....48th & Hwy. 2
Dec. 2010	.....Board Member's Christmas Dinner		.....	.....TBA
Jan. 9, 2011Annual Membership & Business Meeting1:00 p.m.Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall	

(potluck dinner and election of officers)



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Welcome New Members

We frequently get names of new members to AHSGR in Lincoln and the surrounding area. These names are listed in the International Newsletter. So I'm trying something different, I'm listing them in our Chapter newsletter:

I am including not only their names and addresses but also their surnames, their villages, etc.

If you know them, or even if you don't, invite them to our general Membership meetings. If you see a familiar name or village and you have information, contact that person and see if your info would help them. And who knows, maybe they have info that you are looking for.

Remember, we are *Unsere Leute, Zusammen*. (Our people, together.) These are our new members:

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Ancestral Surnames: Bridegam, Stenger,
Dellos, Flack
Ancestral Villages: Donhof, Kolb, Laub

Henry & Sandra Schmidt
6501 Cardinal Cove Court
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Ancestral Surnames: Hill,
Niederhaus, Schleiger, Fagler
Schmidt, Bretzer

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Ancestral Surnames: Jantz
Jansen, Peters, Froese,
Herbert, Kliewer

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Ancestral Surnames: Stier, Michel
Ancestral Villages: Yost, Dietel

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Ancestral Names: Buller, Epp

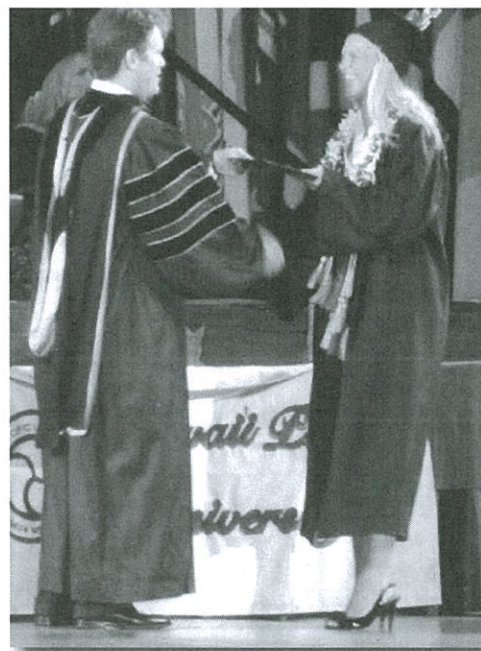
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Ancestral Names: Kahn, Schafer
Ancestral Villages: Balzer, Frank

May I Brag a Bit?

I'd like to brag a little bit about my granddaughter, Margeaux DeMoulin. She recently graduated summa cum laude from Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu with a degree of Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology Human and Health Sciences pathway.

She has been accepted at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and will be attending classes there this fall.

As you can tell, we're very proud of her and all she has accomplished. □



**AHSGR
Convention
Lincoln, NE
August 1- 8, 2010
Embassy Suites**

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

Jolene McInnes
Virginia Dietrich
Gladys Herstein
Esther Heckman
Marti Kaufman
Kathy Tichota
Mary Ann Gooding
Derald Drbal
Sheryl Heidenreich
Kathy Hill
Joanne Hein
James S. Kruse
James F. Worster

August

Kathleen Schreiber Svoboda
Larry Schenkel
Ed Herstein
Bernice Booth
Heidi Dinges
Lillian Bauer
Robert Settell
Bruce Trautwein
Nancy Huls
Sandra Hill-Schmidt

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May

July
Steven and Cheryl Kahler
Sandra (Hill) and Henry W. Schmidt

June

August
Dale and Heidi Dinges
Kathy and Ronald Hill
J. "Scott" and Teri Nelson
Roger and Karen Trautwein
Bob and Joyce Riddle
James and Janet Worster

UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRYNG OUR PEOPLE IN MEMORY

Adam John Zetterman
Molly B. Fischer
Donald B. Barth
Reinhold "Gus" Grasmick
Ronald E. Meininger
Catherine "Kathy" A. George
Richard D. Hedges
Lyle C. Caywood

In Memory

I would like to tell you a little about a Chapter member we just lost. His name was Ron Meininger.

Ron used to volunteer at the Heritage Center some time before his wife, Laurine, came to work there. Laurine worked as an accounting clerk for AHSGR. She worked about 20 hours a week and Ron volunteered the same hours. He filled book orders, helped maintain the library, and a host of other chores as they came up. Ron continued to volunteer even after Laurine had left AHSGR until he developed some health problems. Even then he didn't stop volunteering altogether; he typed header cards for obituaries at home!

Header cards are for quick scanning to see if there is an obituary entry for a relative. Much of his work is probably on SOAR now. Ron was a creative person and used his talents in many ways and, even though it has been quite some time since Ron was able to volunteer his services, he will be missed.

The following poem was written by Laurine and was included in the funeral program. I loved it so I asked her if I could include it in this newsletter.

WANTING

by Laurine Meininger

Keep me laughing—keep me happy,
Keep this smile upon my face,
Keep your thoughtless words and sadness,
Keep my world from commonplace.

I want sunshine—I want roses,
I want circuses and clowns,
I want pain dissolved in clover,
I want emerald green—not brown.

Give me rainbows—give me blue skies,
Give me warmth instead of cold,
Give me summer when it's winter,
Give me youth when I grow old.

Leave me softly—leave me dreaming,
Leave me joy within my heart,
Leave me swimming in warm waters,
Leave me love when we're apart.

Congratulations!!

I'd like to say Happy Birthday and congratulations to Helen Schwartz who recently turned 90!

Congratulations also go to Jacob and Marilyn Dering who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. □

Lincoln Chapter AHSGR



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Please Help Identify

Who are these folks? Do you recognize yourself? Is there someone you know?

My uncle, Manny Luft, says that the third from the left in the first row is my aunt (his sister) Marie Luft-Foltz. The 4th girl in the second row is my mother, Rose Luft-Schenkel.

Can you help identify any others? 1931 was a long time ago.

If you recognize someone and want to call me with the information, I would appreciate it. My phone numbers are 438-3814 or 464-1523.

If I receive any names, I will put the picture in the newsletter again with

the new names.

Thank you for any help you can give.

