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## From Your Editor...

by Larry Schenkel

Well, the days are dwindling down and it won't be long before there is snow on the ground. Remember last year at this time? Ach Got! However, the last six or seven weeks have helped make up for it. You couldn't ask for a more beautiful fall.

Christmas is fast approaching and New Year's is right behind. I can't believe the year is almost over and this is the last newsletter for 2010.

You can be looking for a new feature in next year's newsletters. Jack Frost has volunteered to interview some of our members, both old and new. Jack spent his adult life in radio, TV, and newspaper reporting. Jack worked for the *Lincoln Journal* in the 1970s before he returned to Louisiana and New Orleans to work in TV broadcasting. Wisely, however, Jack decided to return to Nebraska to retire.

Speaking of old members, I have been corresponding with Jim Philbert about Martha Grenemeier. Martha is Lefty Grenemeier's sister. Some of you won't recognize Lefty's name, and that's a shame because he helped build AHSGR.

Anyway, I asked Jim how Martha was and the report wasn't good. For those of you who used to go to the conventions years ago, there was always a

large contingent (often times a bus-load) of Lincoln Chapter members who went. Lefty and his wonderful wife, Mollie, always went and they would meet up with Martha and other members of the Wisconsin family. Then the good times rolled.

Lefty and Mollie have both passed on and Martha is in an assisted living facility. Helen Carver, a sister, now lives in the same facility and reports that Martha's demen-

tia is getting worse.

Helen said if anyone wanted to write to Martha maybe she, with Martha's sisters help, could get a message through to her. Since this goes through Helen Carver, I hesitate to put her address in the newsletter. If you want it, and I hope some of you do, call me at 438-3814 and I will give it to you.

Unfortunately, we forget our old friends way too often. This is a way to make contact. ■

*While I'm thinking of it...*

*Ich wunsche euch glick zum Neue Yahr.*

*We wish you luck in the New Year.*

*Ich wunsche euch gesundheit, fried, und einigkeit ein gutes leben.*

*We wish you health, peace, harmony and a good life.*

*Une di ewigesgeselichkeit. Amen.*

*And everlasting bliss. Amen*

From the Nation's Capital Area Chapter...

## AHSGR memorial honors Paul Hile

Our late chapter member Paul Hile was among those remembered during the Memorial service at the recent AHSGR convention.

Don Schenk, president of the International Foundation, reminded listeners that the Society and Foundation serve as "a dynamic, living, on going testament" to our ancestors.

But in honoring those more recently lost, Schenk remembered three and a strong association with the leadership of AHSGR.

Paul Hile "was a leader in both the Society and Foundation and helped us through some difficult years," Schenk said.

He also recalled Jess Enns, a Foundation trustee, and Cleo Flegel, the wife of our patriarch Art Flegel.

"Let us remember these three friends as well as other loved ones who have passed on," Schenk said. ■

*Wishing you all a  
Happy Thanksgiving,  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year from  
your newsletter editor  
and his staff.*



# Who Can Help Me with My Quest for Genealogy?

Dr. Velma Jessor, editor of the New Mexico Chapter Newsletter, had the following suggestions. On the internet: (All sites begin with <http://www>.)

Adobe Acrobat Reader: Use the FREE software to download newsletters and other valuable information from millions of other sites: [adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html](http://adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html)

Pre-WWI Photos from the Russian Empire in color...  
[loc.gov/exhibits/empire/work.html](http://loc.gov/exhibits/empire/work.html)

Maps of Villages—clickable links by Google...  
[scholtoi.de/Villages.html](http://scholtoi.de/Villages.html)

## Organizations

AHSGR [publications, membership, etc.] .....[ahsgr.org](http://ahsgr.org)  
GRHS [publications, membership, etc.] .....[grhs.org](http://grhs.org)  
GRHC [G-R Heritage Collection] .....[library.ndsu.edu/grhc](http://library.ndsu.edu/grhc)  
FEEFHS [Fed of East Eur Fam Hist Societies] .....[feefhs.org](http://feefhs.org)  
SGGEE [Soc for Ger Genealogy in E Europe] .....[sggee.org](http://sggee.org)  
EEGS [E Europe Genealogical Soc, Inc] .....[eegsociety.org](http://eegsociety.org)

## Archives

National Archives [U.S.] .....[archives.gov/aas/](http://archives.gov/aas/)  
Odessa Archives [Pixel] .....[odessa3.org](http://odessa3.org)  
LDS Family History Library .....[familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)  
Ellis Island .....[ellisland.org](http://ellisland.org)  
Canadian National Archives .....[archives.ca](http://archives.ca)  
Canadian Archives, including passenger lists...  
[collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/index-e.html](http://collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/index-e.html)

Dr. Jessor also had a poem in her newsletter that I had seen in another newsletter. Dr. Jessor said she had seen the poem in the NE Panhandle Chapter newsletter. (The Panhandle Chapter is out in the Scottsbluff area.)

So one more copy of the poem is going out and if this doesn't make us stop whining about how tough we have it, nothing will. ■

## *When Great Grandmother Was Young*

Great Grandmother, on a winter's day  
Milked the cows and fed them hay.  
Slopped the hops, saddled the mule.  
And got the children off to school,  
Did the washing, mopped the floors,  
Washed the windows and did the chores  
Swept the parlor, made the beds,  
Baked a dozen loaves of bread,  
Split some firewood and lugged it in,  
Enough to fill the kitchen bin,  
Cooked a supper that was delicious  
And afterwards, washed up the dishes,  
Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes.  
Mended a basketful of hose.  
Then opened the organ and began to play  
"When you come to the end of a perfect day."

If you have an interest in the village of Donhoff, there is quite a lengthy article in Volume 7, Issue 4 of the New Mexico Chapter Newsletter.

I have found the New Mexico Newsletter to be an excellent resource. I suspect for a membership fee and a stipend to help defray costs, you could get on Dr. Jessor's mailing list.

Also in their newsletter there was a notice of tours to Ukraine and Germany by Michael Miller, NDSU. For more information you can contact Mr. Miller by phone at (701) 231-8416 or on the Internet at [michael.miller@ndsu.edu](mailto:michael.miller@ndsu.edu)

## Two Events to Remember

### Christmas Festival

**December 11, 2010 - 11:30am to 2:00pm**  
**Heritage Center, 6th and "D" Streets**

### Annual Membership and Business Meeting

**January 9, 2011 - 1:00pm**

**Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, 10th & Charleston Streets**

This will be a potluck lunch, followed by a short business meeting and election of officers for the New Year. We would like to ask our new members to come join us and see what our Chapter is all about.

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# Calendar of Events

SNov. 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, 2011 .... Annual Membership  
 & Business Meeting ..... 1:00 p.m. .... Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall  
 (potluck dinner and election of officers)

## Another Mailing

Once again we had a good turn out for the mailing of the Journal and Newsletter. Those who were there to help the Staff were:

Phil Dinges	Ed Bartule
Barb Schmidt	Susan Stoehr
Judy Runion	Virginia Dietrich
Elsa Amen	Bill Amen
Ruby Weber	Freda Dobler
Nancy Borrell	Sharon Bruckner
Cece Sherman	Amy Hock
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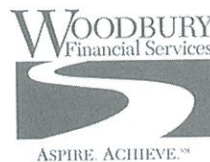
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# Fall Membership Picnic

On September 19th thirty or so members of the Lincoln Chapter attended the annual picnic. As usual, Paul Loos did a great job grilling the German sausages. The Chapter furnished the sausage, kraut, buns, potato chips, soda and bottled water and those

who attended brought salads, hot and cold side dishes and desserts.

As always, the fellowship of our get-togethers more than makes it worthwhile to attend.

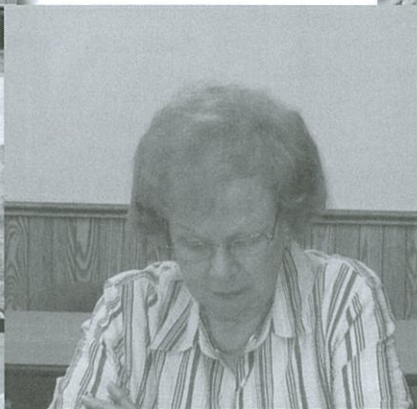
The Drbals had visitors from out of town so they brought them along. Our

group made them feel right at home.

Before the afternoon was over we all enjoyed "white elephant bingo." The Weber boys did an outstanding job calling the numbers and a lot of "white elephants" were "won." As you can see in the pictures, we had a good time. ■



**Clockwise from upper left: Master Chef, Paul; Ruby's serious; Bob's got a bingo; Gail won a chain saw; John & Don; Enjoying their lunch; Sid's a winner.**







## HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

### November

Elsa Amen  
Sidonia Babcock  
Nancy Bouwens  
Sandra Gettman  
David Huls  
Lowell Nicholas  
Linda O'Neil  
Richard E. Pearce  
Ann Reitz  
Will Richards  
Norma Schenkel  
Dorothy Sinner  
Jim Sommers  
Susan Stoehr  
Robert Wagner  
Diane White  
Rodger Wurst

### December

Wilber "Bill" Amen  
Leslie Bill  
Ed Dinges  
Charles E. Jones, Jr.  
J. Scott" Nelson  
Teri Nelson  
Marta Paxton  
Kirk B. Payne  
Joyce Riddel  
Gerald L. Schleich  
Barbara Schmidt  
Henry W. Schmidt  
Larrie Schmidt  
Cecelia Sherman  
Janice Siebert  
Jerry Siebert  
Erwin Ulmer  
Marilyn Wagner

## FROHLICH JUHRESTAG *"Happy Anniversary"*

### November

Doris and Donald Taylor

### December

Mary and Derald Drbal  
Bruce and Connie Trautwein  
Rodger and Pam Wurst

## UNSERE LEUTE ERINNRYNG *"Our People in Memory"*

Fred R.Cline  
Mary (Betty) E. Wright  
Mary L. Ament (Giebelhaus)  
Lillian K. Bottlinger (Rebensdorf)  
Lydia E. Westcott  
LeRoy (Lee) Walter  
John Flack  
Richard L. (Dick) Kehler  
Robert A. Sitzman  
Melvin L. Worster  
Dietrich J. (Deke) Mohr  
Edward R. Blum  
Doris M. Goeschel  
Emma L. Clouse  
M. Jean Meyers  
James E. (Jim) Schleiger  
Herman Dell

## WILLKOMMEN

The following people have become members of AHSGR. It is our job to see that they become active members. Do you recognize anyone's name? Call them and asked them to join the Lincoln Chapter. I guarantee it will be a rewarding experience.

Please note the last name on the list. The last shall not be the least. Helen joined AHSGR and the Lincoln Chapter this summer on the first or second day of the convention. She went on to volunteer and worked every day for the rest of the convention.

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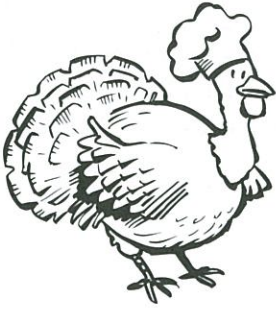
## Hey! Hey! Hey! It's Dues Renewal Time Again

Please send your \$12.00 dues in soon so you can keep receiving the newsletter. Your dues help pay for printing the newsletter and the postage to mail it to you as well as donations to the International organization so they can carry on their good work.

I know, at this time of year, everyone is asking you to help them out. But remember, this is your organization and you can see what your money is being used for. And if you have some free time, they can use your help as a volunteer.

You'll find your renewal form on the back cover of this issue. Thank you! ■

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## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

Yes, once again it's time to pay your Lincoln Chapter Membership dues. The cost is only \$12.00 for a year, which helps pay for the printing and postage for this newsletter.

### Lincoln Chapter Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Anniv. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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