



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

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From our President...

Wow, it's just about the end of a hot, hot summer. I certainly hope we get to enjoy a nice Fall.

The Lincoln Chapter is looking forward to our picnic again on Sept. 16. If you have never attended, it is good food and great camaraderie. Come join us this year.

Some of our chapter members are going to Omaha on Sept. 15 to the Oktoberfest at the German American Society. If you've never been to this, it is a good, good time, lot of good food, dancers, singers, bands, and of course lots of beer. We have rented a 15 passenger van, so if you are interested, give me a call.

Our Broda dinner is coming up also.

Don't miss it! The quilt to be raffled off is beautiful. If you need tickets, contact one of our Board members.

Speaking of Board members, if anyone is interested in serving on the Lincoln Chapter Board of Directors, please let us know. I think you will find it a worthwhile experience. Remember it takes all of us to keep AHSGR going. Let's all try to recruit new members. Remember our theme this year is "Each One, Reach One," so let's all try to "reach one" new member.

Enjoy Fall, Go Huskers and see you at the Broda. ■

Nancy

Young Women in the News...

Cara and Alison are the daughters of Jane and Lowell Nickolaus. Jane has been a member of the Foundation Board of AHSGR and the Lincoln Chapter.

Cara Nickolaus, the daughter of Lowell and Jane Nickolaus, was named to the spring semester Dean's List at Washington University in St. Louis, where she is a senior this fall, majoring in mathematics and economics. A 2009 graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School, she participated this summer in an REU program at the University of New York in Potsdam, where she researched Topical Graph Theory.

Alison Nickolaus received her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Doane College recently. She is a graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School and Northwest Missouri State University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Prescott School.

[These two articles appeared earlier this summer in the Neighborhood Extra.] ■

The Welfare Society

In October 1901, Pastor Andrew Suffa arrived in Lincoln, Nebraska to preach the word of God in the "North Bottoms" neighborhood, made up mostly of immigrants from the Russian colonies in Russia. The good pastor noted that the youth of the neighborhood had no place to meet for any social activities. Two lots were secured, and in 1907 the Neighbor House was completed and dedicated. The facility had a basement with a shower, a small auditorium, reading room and kitchen on the first floor and sleeping rooms on the second floor.

In 1910 the German Russian Relief Society was organized and assumed the task of managing the facility, followed by the Welfare Society, Inc. As time passed it was felt that a large part of the services provided by the house were already and better served

by the nearby Hayward School. Eventually the property was condemned by the school board and the building was moved across 10th Street to its present location. The facility is still in use for wedding receptions, birthday parties and the sort. [This story is from the autumn 2012 issue of the Norka Newsletter.]

The Welfare Society serves several dinners during the year, as well as a senior coffee club and Bingo every Wednesday morning. For several years the North Bottoms Reunions have been held there as well.

This is the location of the dinners that the Lincoln Chapter of AHSGR serves during the year. In fact, the Broda dinner will be held there on November 2, 2012 so mark your calendars. ■



Family Search

Having trouble getting started with your genealogy? This suggestion is from the Spring, 2012 edition, Volume 18, No.2 of the Heimweg (the way home) of the Victoria Germans from Russian Historical Society in Victoria BC Canada.

The FamilySearch Wiki (https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page) is one of a number of public wikis that focuses on a specific topic. It was created to provide help to genealogists and family historians. If you are unfamiliar with the

FamilySearch Wiki you can take a tour to help you become acclimated to what information is available and where to find it.

The easiest way to get started is by entering a key word into the search box on the main page. The site is organized with a geographic-based structure. You can start at the country-level and then drill down, via links, to counties and cities or towns. Within each geographic level, FamilySearch will provide you with guidance for doing research in that area. ■

Mailing Volunteers

It seems like every time we turn around there is another mailing to go out and, as usual, our wonderful base of volunteers are always there to answer the call.

This time those answering were:

Sharon Buckner	Ed Barthule
Nancy Borrell	Virginia Dietrich
Barb Schmidt	Susan Stoehr
John, Ruby and Don Weber	
Karen Johnson	

The staff members who helped were:
Diane White Gail Gingrich

Thanks to Ruby Weber for doing the calling to round up our volunteers. But then, who could say "no" to Ruby?

As always, I am not the greatest investigative reporter, so if I missed you, I apologize. If you contact me, I will be glad to get you in the next newsletter. (I like to blame any shortcomings on advanced age.) ■

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG

"Happy Anniversary"

September

Annie and Bob Settell
James and Laurie Andreas

October

Leslie and Tom Bill

Unsere Leute Erinnyng

"Our People in Memory"

Edna M. Hergenrader
Shirley J. [Cook] Beltz
Bernard [Bud] G. Weideman

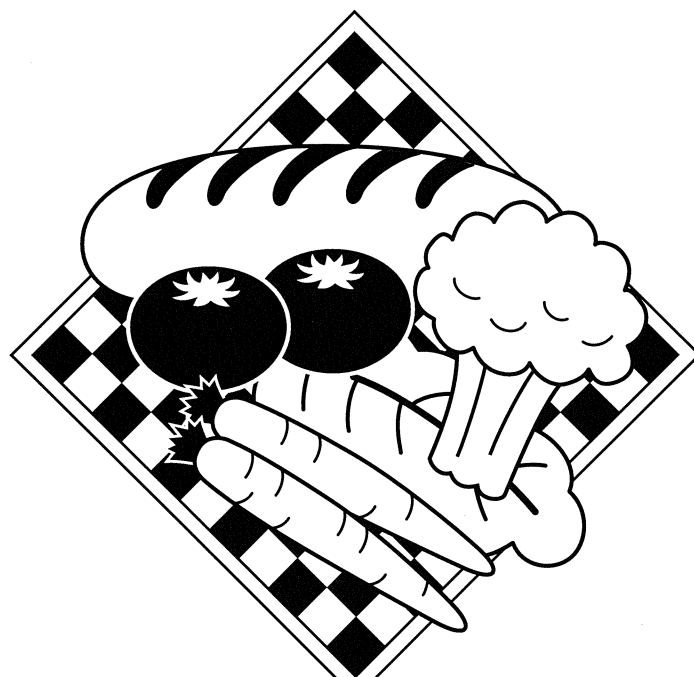
Gayle Y. [DeHart] Carter
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IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please plan to attend the very important General Membership meeting on **Sunday, September 16**, at **4pm** at the **air-conditioned shelter house at Antelope Park**.

The by-laws, with new changes, will be presented for vote. The by-laws have not been changed for quite a few years and there are parts that need to be updated.

We will have a **catered meal** prior to the meeting.



The Latest Quilt



Once again the quilters of AHSGR Lincoln Chapter have hand quilted a quilt to be raffled at the Broda Dinner on November 2nd. Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

This stunning king-size, blue and green "Bear Claw" cheater cloth quilt was hand-quilted by the following ladies: Linda Ashelford, Nancy Borrell, Judy Runion, Barb Schmidt, Karen

Schmidt, Helen Schwartz, and Gerry Shuster. Please note that three of these ladies are not even of German Russian heritage, they just enjoy the art of quilting and the camaraderie of the group.

The quilters hope the Chapter members support their effort for the Society by buying and selling lots and lots of tickets!!! Please note that over 300 hours were put into the hand

quilting of this quilt. Let's make their time worthwhile.

The quilt will be on display at the September 16th general meeting and at the Heritage Center until the Broda dinner on November. Check the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter for times and locations of these two events. ■

(Submitted by Judy Runion)



9th AH\$GR Membership Campaign

June 15, 2012 - May 15, 2013

EACH ONE - REACH ONE

The Membership Campaign rewards AH\$GR members and chapters who recruit new members for AH\$GR or purchase gift memberships for new members. Cash prizes will be awarded at the 2013 Convention. Membership Data Forms are available through Chapters or on-line at <http://www.ahsgr.org/membership.htm>

- *\$100 to the AH\$GR member AND \$200 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the largest number of new members*
- *\$75 to the AH\$GR member AND \$150 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the 2nd largest number of new members*
- *\$50 to the AH\$GR member AND \$100 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the 3rd largest number of new members*
- *A \$25 cash prize to 3 new members selected at random.*

New Members are Critical to the Growth and Success of AHSGR

Every Member Counts - Talk to your Family & Friends - Tell your community about AHSGR - Buy a Gift Membership for someone

79% of New Members Join Because Someone Asked Them!

If EACH ONE of us strives to REACH ONE new AHSGR member, we help to assure the future of AHSGR

See the reverse side for a Membership Data Form – Copy and Recruit

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

September

Sharon Spellman
Nancy Borrell
Lucille Hedges
Jerry McInnes
Judy Runion
Tom Bill
Doris Taylor
Carolyn Horst

October

Patricia Olson
Frieda Dobler
Norma Somerheiser
Delores Schwartz
Helen Burbach
Paul Loos
Scotty Kaufman
Diana Kruse
John Stuert
Ray Zeisset
Al Imig
Roseline Wudel



From Your Editors

Thanks to all who have sent articles to us to be used in the newsletters. We couldn't have done as well as we have without your contributions. However, articles are getting to be fewer and farther apart. It's a scramble trying to find enough to write about and it just keeps getting harder. I often use information taken from other chapter's newsletters but they are having the same problems.

Won't you all, please, try to find something to send to us (Larry and Norma) to include in the newsletter? Maybe you have a remembrance of something having to do with someone in your family when they moved to America, something that happened in the "old country," how they got to Nebraska, what kept them here?

How many of you have a genealogy tree of your family that you would be willing to share?

An example of such stories is one I have: Molly Loos was my grandmother's sister-in-law and when she was asked what ship she came over from the "old country"

on, Molly always answered, "The Lucy Tanea." No one could find the registry for "the Lucy." One day, at some gathering, Molly exclaimed, "There, see, the Lucy Tanea." And sure enough, there it was in a picture, The Lusitania.

Another story from my family, told to me by Anna Marie Baker:

"I was helping your grandfather study for his citizenship test and, finally, the big day came. The judge asked Grampa, 'Mr. Schenkel, what do you see on top of every court house in the United States of America?' Anna Marie told me she watched Grampa's face and knew he was having trouble coming up with an answer. Suddenly, his face brightened and he proudly answered, 'Peejones!' Grampa had to come back the next day, took the test again, passed and became a United States citizen! A proud day!

To make a long story a bit shorter, if we don't get more from our members, your newsletter is going to get smaller and smaller. ■

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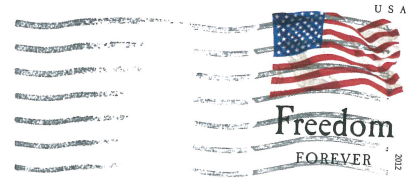
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Lincoln Chapter AHSGR Broda Dinner

Friday, November 2, 2012 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

WSI Hall • 1430 No. 10th Street

Adults: \$10.00 each • Children (12 and Under): \$5.00 each

2012 Calendar *Lincoln Chapter AHSGR*

September 11	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
September 16	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00pm	Antelope Park Shelter
September 17	Board Meeting	7:00pm	6th & D Streets
October 9	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
October 15	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	6th and D Streets
November 2	Broda Dinner	5pm-7pm—WSI Hall	1430 No. 10 Street
November 13	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
November 19	Board Meeting	7:00pm	6th & D Streets
December 11	Coffee Club	9:00am—Stauffer's	48th & Hwy 2
December 17	Board Member's Christmas Dinner	TBA	
January 6, 2013	Annual membership & Business meeting Fellowship Hall (potluck dinner & election of officers.)	1:00pm—Immanuel Church	