



## Lincoln Chapter

### The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

# NEWSLETTER

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## A Note from Larry...

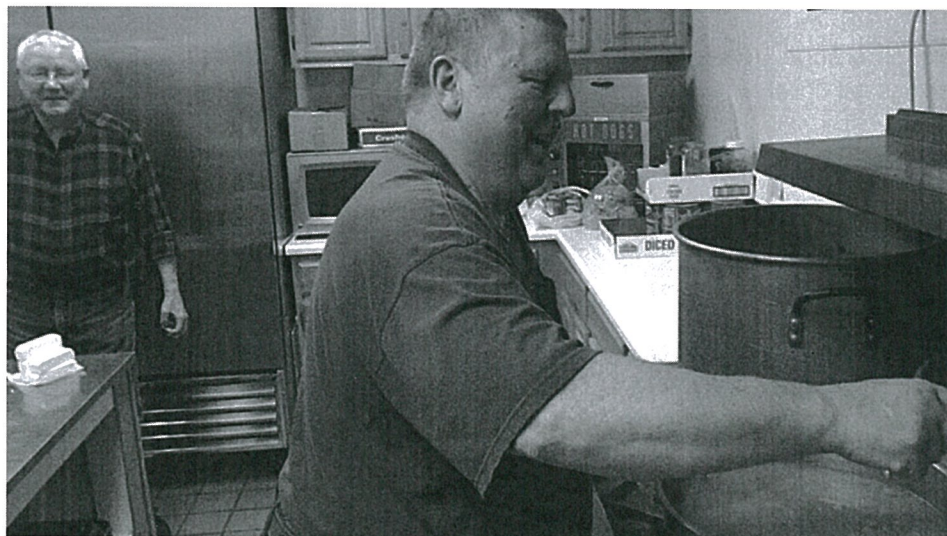
**W**ell, here we are again trying to put together a newsletter. We hope you will find it interesting and informative.

We have another "remember when" story from Becky Schenaman. Do any of you have a remembrance you would like to share? Norma and I are always looking for help.

We have included the AHSGR Membership Study and you can see why it is so important for us all to try to reach at least one person for membership. We've also included the Membership Campaign information which shows how you can earn money for yourself and the chapter.



Our wonderful staff at the Soup Supper



Chef Paul

## *Request for Help with a Family Name*

**W**e received a request through our Chapter website, asking for some help with research on the Hergenrader family. The request comes from Sharron Hergenrader Cockerill. She has supplied the following information:

Father:

John Hergenrader (1910-1967)

Grandfather:

Phillip Hergenrader (abt 1872-1947)

Grandmother:

Marie C. Hergenrader (abt 1878-1950)

Sharron's grandparents were born in Russia and immigrated to America. Her father was raised and is buried here in Lincoln. Sharron's cousin, Roger Hergenrader, was also raised in Lincoln.

Sharron would appreciate hearing from anyone who has done research on this family or can provide any additional information. She can be reached at 770-578-5689 or by email at [dalesharron@att.net](mailto:dalesharron@att.net).







# Germans from Russia Contribution to the Beet Industry

This is a brief history of the Germans from Russia contribution to the beet industry in the Valley that appeared in the NE Panhandle Chapter Newsletter.

Sugar production in Nebraska began in 1890, with the first factory being established in Grand Island. The State of Nebraska offered a bounty of one cent per pound on sugar produced in Nebraska to encourage the industry to expand. Other factories were then built in Norfolk and Ames in 1891 and 1899.

Production began moving west to Scotts Bluff Co., due primarily to the development of irrigation and the expansion of the railroads through western Nebraska. By 1900, enough sugar beets had been raised in the Panhandle to convince the farmers that their land was suitable for this

crop. In 1909, land was acquired, a factory site was secured, and Great Western Sugar Co. bought the Ames factory and moved it to Scottsbluff. For the 1910 season, 12,000 acres were contracted at \$5 a ton and the factory was completed in time for the fall crop, beginning the foundation for sugar beets becoming the great agricultural industry it is today.

In order to fulfill the high potential for this area, efforts were made to recruit help from more experienced growers. It was at this time that the Germans from Russia (referred to as "beeters") from Lincoln and Omaha were enticed to come to the North Platte Valley. These workers first came to the Panhandle seasonally in the spring at planting, and returning in the fall after harvest. Their experience with sugar beets dated back to their

time in Europe, and was also essential in the initial efforts to produce beets in Nebraska.

By 1924, two-thirds of the beet workers in Scotts Bluff County were these German-Russians. As they became more Americanized, they began to find other jobs that would sustain them for the entire year, and their numbers decreased in the sugar beet fields. As the numbers of the German-Russian workers began to decline, much of the slack was taken up by Mexican and Japanese laborers. Many settled in the area, leasing farms, and buying land. Today, much of the farm land in Scotts Bluff County is owned by second and third generation descendants of the original German-Russian "beeters."

## Growing Up in the North Bottoms

As a child growing up on Claremont Street in the North Bottoms of Lincoln, one of our favorite places to play was at the Welfare House play area.

We lived at 1137 Claremont with our grandparents, John and Katherine Dellors.

Across Claremont Street it was still empty land. The newer homes had not yet been built. So we would go across and run through the tall grass to play on the slide, the merry-go-round and the swings. We spent many hours playing in our own private little park. The Welfare House was a fun place to be.

I loved the Welfare House Picnic every year with the cake walk, the grab bag booth. We always got little trinkets and small toys. We liked the running races and the shoe-kicking event. Also, all the pop you could drink and the watermelon feed. It was a day filled with enjoyment for young and old alike.

Then let's not forget the Christmas

Party, the big decorated Christmas tree upstairs along with the angel decorations hanging on the wall. And the arrival of Santa Claus! I always thought Santa was Jake Wyant? That is my guess?

Then we went downstairs to receive your Christmas sack of goodies; an apple, an orange, peanuts, and candy. All things we children loved.

Before the National Guard built all the buildings on 10th Street, there was a baseball diamond where the North Bottom guys played ball.

My neighbor-man, Bill Bauer, told me some stories about the games played there. One favorite of mine was The Harvard Baseball Team in Lincoln.

And somehow they played the North bottom guys on this field? And the North Bottom guys won? Does anyone else remember this event? I loved the story.

Bill's brother was a big athlete along with a Sauer from the North bottoms.

They were known at the University of Nebraska football as "Sauer and Bauer" both were top-notch athletes.

One other thing I remember about the land on 10th street was a billboard that said, "Sleep well tonight. Your National Guard is awake."

When we bought our house back on "Y" Street, one warm spring Saturday morning we were working in the yard when all of a sudden marching up 9th Street in full military dress was the National Guard Marching Band. They were practicing for some event. They stopped in front of our driveway and played for a few minutes, turned and marched back up 9th Street. It was awesome!

This is why I love my North Bottoms home; it sits in the best, most interesting part of Lincoln.

*Becky Schenaman  
North Bottoms Resident*



# HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

## March

Dale Dinges  
Rebecca Hansen  
John Weber  
Lenny Schneider

## April

Norman Helzer  
Corinne Jacox  
Judy Sader  
Amy Frohn

# FROHLICH JUHRESTAG *"Happy Anniversary"*

We have no record of anniversaries in either March or April.  
If we missed yours, please let us know.

# Unsere Leute Erinnyng *"Our People in Memory"*

Virginia Amen  
Eldon H. Schmindt  
Elizabeth V. Loos  
Patricia A. [Herzog] Olson  
Ruth A. [Spadt] Maughan

## Happy Birthday, Phil

It was 1943 when 20-year-old Phil Dinges, a Lincoln, NE sailor, was home for a couple days leave. He was going to be leaving the next day but his friends wanted him to stop at a tavern on the corner of 9th & "O" Streets in downtown Lincoln for a couple of beers.

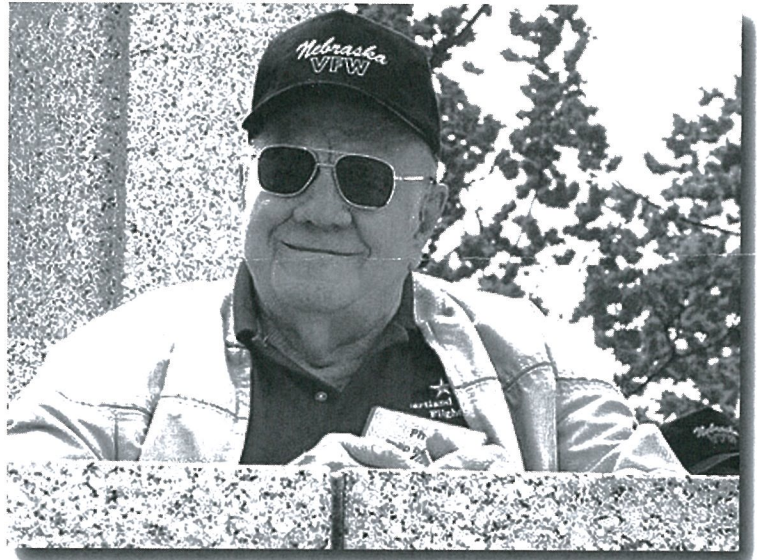
There happened to be a young lady by the name of LaVonne Web there that day as well. She and Phil struck up a conversation. They decided to sign their names on the opposite ends of a dollar bill, tear it in half and keep the half with the other one's name on it. They each carried their half for many years.

Phil recently celebrated his 90th

birthday. His picture and an invitation to his celebration were in the newspaper. LaVonne saw the picture and decided to call him.

When he answered the phone the voice on the other end said, "Do you know someone named LaVonne?"

"I sure do" he said. They chatted for a few minutes and decided to meet for



lunch.

And so after 70 years, Phil and LaVonne met at a local restaurant and began renewing their acquaintance.

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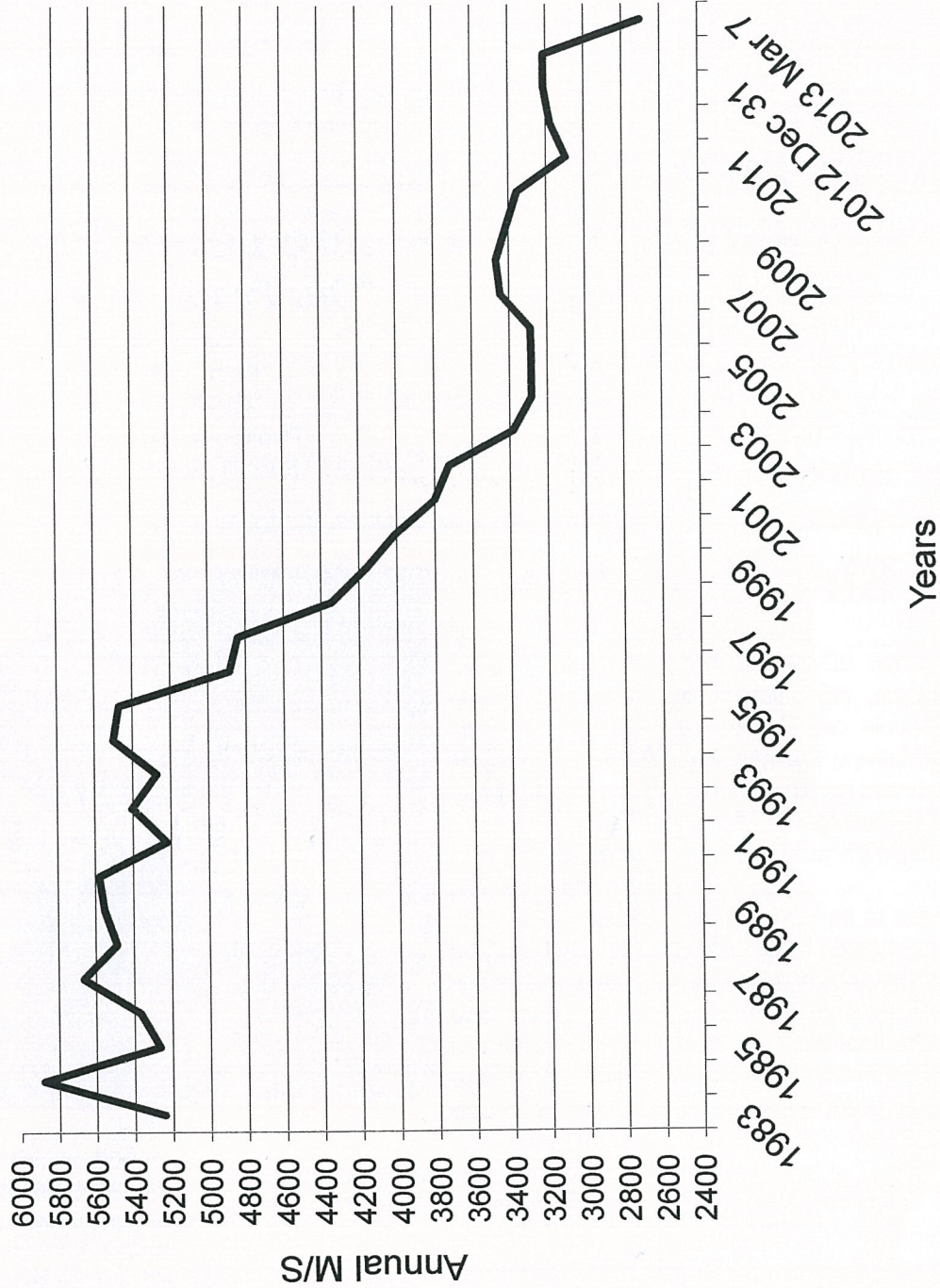
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# AHSGR MEMBERSHIP STUDY YEARS 1983 TO 2013

Year	Annual M/S
1983	5243
1984	5877
1985	5266
1986	5370
1987	5666
1988	5489
1989	5553
1990	5580
1991	5222
1992	5406
1993	5274
1994	5502
1995	5471
1996	4886
1997	4842
1998	4346
1999	4164
2000	4009
2001	3800
2002	3724
2003	3383
2004	3283
2005	3283
2006	3287
2007	3446
2008	3468
2009	3412
2010	3355
2011	3096
2012 Oct 2	3177
2012 Dec 31	3211
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2013 Mar 7	2705

AHSGR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP STUDY







## ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> largest number of new members***
- ***\$50 to the AH\$GR member AND \$100 to the AH\$GR Chapter who recruits the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**





# NORTH BOTTOMS ANNUAL REUNION

## WSI Hall. . . 1430 North 10th Street

### August 30, 2013

**PLEASE READ AND PRINT CAREFULLY...THANK-YOU!**

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Current street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Past North Bottoms address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE CASE SENSITIVE SO PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST OTHERS (LIKE FAMILY AND FRIENDS) WHO MIGHT LIKE TO RECEIVE FUTURE REUNION Info.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THE REUNION FOR NEXT YEAR?** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YES, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?**

\_\_\_\_\_ planning \_\_\_\_\_ food donation \_\_\_\_\_ food preparation \_\_\_\_\_ reunion set-up  
 \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like to help with a much appreciated financial donation, please contact a committee member.

**We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the previous committee for their work providing us with ten years of food, fun, fellowship and great opportunities to reunite with friends to share our memories. Danke!**

THE FOLLOWING HAVE OFFERED TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION...AND WELCOME OTHER VOLUNTEERS!

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Becky Schenaman

Donna Day

Sandy Stier Weideman (1530 Urbana Lane; Lincoln, NE.)

Tim Hardt

THANK-YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO COMPLETE THIS FORM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT REUNION!

**Please send to: Ken Glantz. . P.O. Box 2, Murdock, NE. 68407**





## 2013 Calendar of Events

April 9	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
April 15	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
April 18-20	International Board of Directors' Meeting			631 D Street
April 28	General Membership Meeting	2:00 p.m. (refreshments following)		631 D Street
May 14	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
May 20	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
May 23 & 24	Garage Sale (2221 Devonshire Drive, Nancy Borrell's home)			
June 11	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
June 17	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
June 30	General Membership Meeting	2:00 p.m. (refreshments following)		631 D Street
July 7-13	International Convention			Ft. Collins, CO
July 9	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
July 15	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
August 13	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
August 19	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
September 10	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
September 16	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
September 22	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00 p.m.		Antelope Park Shelter
October 8	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
October 21	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
November 1	Broda Dinner	5:00-7:00 p.m.	WSI Hall	1430 N. 10th Street
November 12	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
November 18	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.		631 D Street
December 10	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's	48th & Hwy. 2
December 16	Board Members' Christmas Dinner			Dino's Eastside Grill
January 12, 2014	Annual Membership & Business Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Immanuel Church	10th & Charleston
	[Fellowship Hall, Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers]			

## AHSGR Heritage Playing Cards

The AHSGR online store now has for sale Heritage Playing Cards. The full deck of 52 has a different photograph on each card, depicting many and varied scenes of German-Russian people, homes, churches, schools, fields, farms, weddings, groups gathered, and store fronts in their Old Country villages in south Russia and the Volga region.

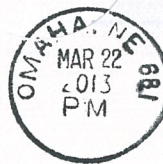
Photos also include life in the New World, so distant from their Isle of Home and yet in keeping with their culture. This deck of cards is a delightful, pictorial walk through history of unser Leute (our people).

The price of the cards is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Orders can be placed online at [www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org).



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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 for a year, which helps pay for the printing and postage for this newsletter.

### Lincoln Chapter Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ German Russian Heritage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Month \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ German Russian Heritage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestral Village \_\_\_\_\_ Ancestral Names \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check for \$12 payable to Lincoln Chapter AHSGR and mail to:  
Nancy Borrell, Membership Chair, 2221 Devonshire, Lincoln, NE 68506