



Lincoln Chapter
The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Larry...

Well, dear readers, here we go again. As I've said before, where does the time go?

I am happy to tell you we have another remembrance of the North Bottoms from Becky Schenaman. Have any of these stories stirred any of you to write some of your own memories? We'd love to hear from you!

The study of membership piqued the interest of Jerry McInnis and we have included his letter to the editor in its entirety.

Also, we got a phone call from

Henry "Sonny" Sader. "Hey!" he yelled into my ear when I answered, "Do you know whose tavern Phil (Dinges) and his buddies went into for that beer?" Before I could answer, he was talking (yelling) again. "That was my Dad's tavern!"

"Yes, Henry, I know that." We then talked for quite some time about the North Bottoms and what fun (and trouble) we had.

A reminder—the garage sale is coming up and one man's (or woman's) "junk" is another person's treasure. Do you have items sitting or lying around, packed up in totes or just generally in the way? We welcome any and all donations. Please have things clean and ready for sale and if you could have them priced, it would be appreciated.

The date and time are Thursday, May 23rd, and Friday, May 24th, from 9:00 to 4:00. Nancy Borrell has again graciously offered to host the sale at 2221 Devonshire.

Another Beautiful Quilt

Now on display at the AHSGR Heritage Center at 6th & "D" Streets, is a beautiful quilt that the Lincoln Quilters have been working on.

This lovely antique Double Wedding Ring Quilt was hand pieced but, unfortunately, the quilter is unknown. It appears to have been pieced in the 1930's because of the availability of feed and flour sacks. This cotton quilt measures 79 inches by 97 inches and is washable.

The final assembly and hand quilting was done by the Lincoln Quilters.

This beautiful quilt will be raffled at the Convention in Fort Collins, CO in July. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Convention. You do not need to be present to win.

Garage Sale

Thursday & Friday

(May 23 and 24

2221 Devonshire

(Nancy Borrell's home)

9:00 am-4:00 pm

All clean & ready-
to-sell donations
are welcome!

facebook

This email was received by Nancy Borrell (via Paul Loos) from Gwen Schock Cowherd. She asked that we share it. It's a fun website.

"There is a new community Facebook page available that focuses on Germans from Russia Foodways, both Volga and Black Sea.

The page was launched three weeks ago and already has over five

hundred friends.

Please check out the page. Hopefully you will click on "like" at the top of the page. Doing so will insure that you will always receive the latest posts in your Facebook feed."

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Germans-from-Russia-Foodways/559088334124505>

If you don't subscribe to Facebook, you can Google it.



Recipes!

The following recipes were in the March issue of the Calgary Chapter's newsletter. They are quite similar to the one Becky Schenaman's sent us. Hope you enjoy them. Thanks to the Calgary Chapter for permission to print these recipes.

Soup Dumplings

by Susan Kuzina

1 cup water
1 egg
1 tbsp oil
Flour to form a sticky dough

Beat water, oil and egg together well. Start adding flour and mixing with a fork, beating to work in a good stretch to the dough. Continue adding flour until the dough is very pully and stiff (don't you just love the description, but it's how my mother taught me.)

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil, dip a teaspoon into the boiling water and then cut off a small piece of dough and drop into the water. I do about 1/3 to 1/2 at a time depending on how large of dumpling I make. The smaller is really better. Let rise to top and cook for 4-5 minutes. Take out and put on a wire rack over a cookie sheet to drain.

You can use right away—if you have soup ready just drop them into the boiling soup, put a lid on and let sit for a couple of minutes to heat through—they puff up nicely. Freeze until solid on a cookie sheet, pack into bags and when you next do soup, just throw a few frozen dumpling into it.

Nepfla

Hermaine Bauer's Recipe by Adena Bauer

2 cups flour
1/2 tsp salt (suit yourself)
3/4 tsp baking powder
cold water

Cut potatoes and boil in lots of water with salt for 5-10 minutes. Make your nepfla dough stiff, and cut small pieces into the potatoes and boil 'til they float. Put oil/lard in frying pan and fry 'til crusty. Either cook the onions first and add the nepfla or add the onions to them while cooking. You don't have to use onions. Add small bacon pieces, serve with sauerkraut, or eat just as they are.

This recipe can be made ahead, the nepfla dried and then frozen loose on a cookie sheet, bagged, put in the freezer and taken out when the urge for homemade goodness hits.

Green Onion Soup

Submitted by Becky Schenaman
North Bottoms

Today I checked my garden and to my delight the wild green onion tops were up and ready to use. Growing up I loved having my grandmother Dello's green onion soup. This was her recipe she made for soup in the beet fields. In the beet fields there was no refrigeration so you used the basics in foods that could be found growing wild on the farmer's land, such as wild onions. Grandma would gather fresh onions and wash them and chop them into small pieces, she would only use the tops so that the wild onion could continue to put up new green tops which could keep the family in onions for some time. She also used the potatoes they had planted when they first arrived at the beet field. Most farmers had chickens on the farm so fresh eggs were available. Our grandparents brought flour, salt, sugar, sauerkraut, smoked meats, or meats preserved in crocks, with them. They also brought potatoes, grease, margarine, dried fruits, and staples they might need for the season. This soup is really good and it is very easy to make. My grandma just used water and a stick of margarine as her stock base, but I use chicken broth for my version.

Beet Field Green Onion Soup

(Katherine Dello's recipe from Laub Russia)

Makes 3 servings.

2 cans chicken broth
1 can water
2 large potatoes, cubed in small pieces
A large handful of fresh green onion tops (if you are using store bought onions, use 2 bunches) chop up to the onion bulb.)
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook until potatoes are done. This will be at a soft boil stage. Take two raw eggs; break into the soup broth, one egg at a time. Keep stirring with a fork to make eggs turn stringy. In a bowl, take one raw egg and some water and salt, stir until mixed, then add enough flour to egg mixture to form a dough ball. Take small pieces of dough and drop into boiling soup. Cook until dough forms into small gleese balls. Serve in soup bowls. This will make three regular-size servings.

If any of your relatives have ever made this soup, let me know. Everyone I have ever asked had never heard of it. This is a favorite meatless soup for the Dello's and Bridegam families. It is my favorite also. Enjoy!



HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL *"Happy Birthday"*

May

Victoria O'Neal

June

Ken Babcock
Henry Sader
Helen Schwartz
Ruby Weber

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG *"Happy Anniversary"*

May

Jerry & Jolene McInnis

June

Henry & Judy Sader
Larry & Norma Schenkel
Donald & Doris Taylor
Robert & Marilyn Wagner
John & Ruby Weber

Unsere Leute Erinnerung *"Our People in Memory"*

Bernice Booth
George Amen, Sr.
Marie Johnson
Reuben Keller
Irene Ochsner
David Will
Earl Kraft

Reminder: North Bottoms Annual Reunion

The reunion will be held at the WSI Hall, 1430 North 10th Street on August 30, 2013. There was a registration form in the last newsletter but if you didn't use it or can't find it, the cost is \$10 and can be mailed to Ken Glantz, P.O. Box 2, Murdock, NE 68407. Ken is one of the committee's volunteers.

I've had a few people ask if the reunion was only for North Bottom GRs. I told them that it was for any GR. The North Bottoms and the South Bottoms aren't what they used to be. When was the last time you drove around in the Bottoms? If it has been a while, you're in for a big surprise.

Attn Newsletter Editors

Since postal rates keep going up, I would like to let all newsletter editors know that you may send your newsletters to me online at lschenkel@neb.rr.com.

Following up...

You no doubt remember the story in the last newsletter about Phil Dinges renewing an acquaintance with someone from his past. Well, Phil tells us he and LaVonne met for lunch and found they were comfortable talking with each other and plan to meet again.

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Lincoln Chapter in the Community



Recently Jay Jacox spent an afternoon with children while representing the Lincoln Chapter. Jacox joined local fire-fighters, law enforcement, elected officials, business leaders and others to read to Lincoln Public Schools students in conjunction with the national "Read Across America Day." Read Across America Day is an initiative from the National Education Association promoting reading, among school age youth and is held in conjunction with Dr. Suess' birthday.

Lincoln Chapter Supports Healthy Children

Your AHSGR Lincoln Chapter has partnered with a national organization to help promote healthy and active children in our community. The Lincoln Chapter was a named supporter of the local HERSHEY'S Track and Field Games here in the capitol city. The title sponsor of this national initiative is the Hershey Foods Corporation. The Nebraska state meet is administered by the Nebraska Recreation and Park Association.

The goal of the HERSHEY'S Track and Field Games is helping kids get on the right track, learning lifelong lessons, and having fun every step, leap, jump and throw along the way. The HERSHEY'S Track and Field Games are the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America, with hundreds of thousands of children competing each year. Everyone has a chance to be among the 480 athletes who qualify to compete at the North American Final in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Lincoln's local one-day event will be Saturday, May 18 at Lincoln Northeast High School, 63rd and Adams streets. Activities begin at 11:00 a.m. and should finish around 2:00 p.m. The event is open to any child, 6-14 years old (age as of December 31, 2013). The Lincoln Chapter will be volunteering recording scores, transporting results, determining awards, and other necessary supporting functions while cheering on our local youngsters to do their best as we will send some the state meet in Grand Island in June. If anyone wants to help out please contact Jay Jacox at 402-327-8962. You do not have to be there the entire time of the meet to help.

Sign up your child, grandchild, nephew or niece to participate in this fun one-day event. The Hershey program is free and in over 35 years, never changed a dime for children to compete. Children run, jump, and throw to see how they can do in an atmosphere full of cheering, adoring fans. Children do not have to be a resident of Lincoln to participate as athletes from all around the area compete as well. Pre-registration is required and must be submitted by Wednesday, May 15. A registration form can be found in this publication. Questions may be directed to Jay Jacox at 402-327-8962. Come, join in the fun.





OFFICIAL 2013 LINCOLN ENTRY FORM **PLEASE PRINT**

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Participants may enter either two track and one field ☐ or two field and one track events **PLUS** the relay.

Please circle the events you wish to participate in.

Boys 6-8 (born 2005-2007)

1. 50 Meter Dash
2. 100 Meter Dash
3. Standing Long Jump
4. Softball Throw

Boys 9-10 (born 2003-2004)

1. 50 Meter Dash
2. 100 Meter Dash
3. 200 Meter Dash
4. 400 Meter Dash
5. Standing Long Jump
6. Softball Throw

Boys 11-12 (born 2001-2002)

1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 400 Meter Dash
4. 800 Meter Run
5. Standing Long Jump
6. Softball Throw

Boys 13-14 (born 1999-2000)

1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 800 Meter Run
4. 1600 Meter Run
5. Standing Long Jump
6. Softball Throw

Girls 6-8 (born 2005-2007)

1. 50 Meter Dash
2. 100 Meter Dash
3. Standing Long Jump
4. Softball Throw

Girls 9-10 (born 2003-2004)

1. 50 Meter Dash
2. 100 Meter Dash
3. 200 Meter Dash
4. 400 Meter Dash
5. Standing Long Jump
6. Softball Throw

Girls 11-12 (born 2001-2002)

1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 400 Meter Dash
4. 800 Meter Run
5. Standing Long Jump
6. Softball Throw

Girls 13-14 (born 1999-2000)

1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 800 Meter Run
4. 1600 Meter Run
5. Standing Long Jump
6. Softball Throw

BONUS EVENT **4 x 100 METER RELAY TEAM** (All team members **MUST** be in the same age and gender grouping to participate)

AGE GROUP: BOYS 9-10 BOYS 11-12 BOYS 13-14 GIRLS 9-10 GIRLS 11-12 GIRLS 13-14

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. _____
(First Name) (Last Name) | 2. _____
(First Name) (Last Name) |
| 3. _____
(First Name) (Last Name) | 4. _____
(First Name) (Last Name) |

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

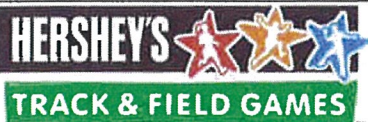
Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

The above named participant and the participant's parent/guardian have requested registration of the participant in the Hershey's Track & Field Games. In consideration of such registration, the right of the participant to compete in the Hershey's Track & Field Games and the use by the participant of the sponsoring agency's facility and equipment, both the participant and the parent/guardian each acknowledge that the participant will be competing in the Hershey's Track & Field Games and sponsoring agency's facilities at the participant's sole risk and the participant, on his or her own behalf and on the behalf of his or her heir, executors, administrators and assigns hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless The Hershey Company and its franchises and the National Recreation and Park Association, USA Track & Field and Athletics Canada. We understand that those participants who advance to the state/provincial level and are winners at this level do not automatically advance to the regional level for the North American Final Meet. This is covered under Rule 9, Article 1 in the rule book. We also agree to allow Hershey's Track & Field Games to use and reproduce the participant's name and/or likeness and/or information concerning the same for any and all purposes in any manner. We certify that the information on this participation form is correct.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian) _____ (Date) _____

Summary of Hershey's Track & Field Games Rules

- ** A participant's age is as of December, 31, 2013. A participant **MUST** compete in his/her age group & gender division.
- ** Participants may **NOT** wear shoes designated for spikes. In field events, any shoes designed for turf sports are **NOT** allowed.
- ** Participants may **NOT** compete in their bare feet, slippers or socks.
- ** Participants may **NOT** wear jewelry and hair beads or decoration, or sunglasses.
- ** Starting blocks are **NOT** permitted.
- ** A Participant may compete in only **THREE** events (two running and one field event ☐ or two field and one running event) **PLUS** the relay.
- ** All local meet winners will have their age verified prior to the state competition.



2013 Hershey's Track & Field Meet

Presented by Nebraska Recreation and Park Association
In cooperation with the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

Ages: Boys and Girls 6-14 years (age as of December 31, 2013)

Fee: FREE

Date: Saturday, May 18 -- events begin at 11:00 a.m.

Site: Lincoln Northeast High School, 63rd & Adams

Registration:

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 15

Registration materials on reverse side

****Proof of age required at local meet to advance to state competition****



You don't need to be star athletes to participate in track and fieldyou just need to have fun.

Get ready for an awesome time! If you're between the ages of 6 and 14 years old and love to run, jump, and throw, sign up now for the Hershey's Track & Field Games.

The Lincoln meet offers events like the 50, 100 and 200 meter dashes, 400, 800 and 1600 meter runs and field events like the softball throw and long jump. There are plenty of choices, and it doesn't matter how fast you can run or how far you can jump or throw –

everyone's a winner. First and second-place finishers in 9-14 age groups advance to the state meet in Grand Island in June.

Some will even get the chance to go to the North American Final track & field meet held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The trip to Hershey is totally free and includes a visit to HERSHEY PARK entertainment complex and a tour of the world's largest chocolate factory. The Hershey Track & Field program has run over 35 years.



Mail registration forms to 1000 North 81st St. (68505)
by May 15.

For more information contact Jay at (402-327-8962)

www.tjsportslincoln.com



Clip here and save for your information

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Convention 2014

Lincoln Chapter will be hosting the AHSGR Convention in July, 2014. As host chapter, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done and many financial responsibilities will be incurred. The proceeds from our dinners, garage sale, sale of home-made noodles and the quilt raffle are used for the convention expenses. We also need many, many volunteers. Please be willing to help your Chapter with this event.

2013 44th International AHSGR Convention July 9-14, 2013 Fort Collins, CO Quilt Raffle

At the 2013 Convention, you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the hand-pieced and hand-quilted Double Wedding Ring Quilt. Unfortunately, the name of the quilter who pieced this antique top is unknown. This special quilt appears to be have been pieced in the 1930's because of the availability of feed and flour sacks. Final assembly and hand quilting is lovingly done by the AHSGR Lincoln Quilters. This cotton washable quilt measures 79 inches by 97 inches. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at the AHSGR Convention. You do not need to be present to win. For more information, contact Patty Frankenbery at 303-425-8732 or rocknpat@aol.com.

“Show and Tell” Topic of Lincoln Chapter’s General Membership Meeting April 28, 2013



A Lincoln Chapter general membership meeting was held on April 28th at the Heritage Center. The program was a “show and tell” of pictures and artifacts. Several people brought pictures including one John Weber had of a baseball team. I didn't know any of those pictured but some of the names were familiar.



2013 Calendar of Events

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)			

Letter to the Editor...

Larry,

I was intrigued by the AHSGR Membership Study in the recent Newsletter. (By the way, you and Norma are doing a good job with the Newsletter.)

As to membership, why the precipitous drop about 1995 and again about 2010?

My theory: World War I broke out in 1914, and German-Russian immigration was heavy until then. Jolene's mother came in 1914. But immigration stopped in 1915 due to the war. Eighty years later, in 1995, that last batch of immigrants were dying out in large numbers. I remember how the photograph of Russian-born, at the Conventions, got smaller and smaller. But their children sustained some interest in their heritage and AHSGR kept going.

However, 20 years later in 2010, that first generation of American-born was dying out in large numbers. So, another membership drop. Unfortunately analyzing the situation doesn't provide a solution. My children are polite and respectful, but not interested.

Is it only the retired and elderly who seem to care?

Keep looking for answers!

Jerry McInnis

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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:
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