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This and That...from Larry

It seems that time keeps going faster and faster. It didn't help getting the last newsletter out later than we should have. We did that intentionally so we could include the list of officers.

Speaking of the board members, you will notice they are the same officers we had last year. That is dedication! As you already know, they are well qualified and will give 100 percent of the needed time and energy. Having had the privilege of serving on the board, I am well aware of the time and effort it takes. As I have said before, should you see one of them at a function, tell them thanks.

As always, the Chapter meeting was fun to attend. Also, as usual, there was really good food and a lot of it. But the *gemutlichkeit* was the fun part. Talking with people you haven't seen for a while and realizing how much you have missed them.

Also, unhappily, we have lost several people who have been a part of AHSGR.

One of them was **Dorothy Heidenreich**. Dorothy lived in Kearney with her daughter and they always came to the Broda dinners. They would call ahead of time to let us know how many of their friends and family were coming and we would reserve a table for them.

Dorothy was proud of her German from Russia heritage. I didn't know her that well but what I did know told me her feelings about AHSGR and it also told me she was a fun-loving, happy person whom we shall all miss.

Writing a goodbye to **Annie Settell** is proving to be very difficult. I met Annie when we were both on the

Lincoln Chapter board. Once you met Annie, you didn't forget her or her fun-loving personality. As we worked together and I got to know her better, my caring for Annie became deeper and deeper. She was a true friend and was very proud of her German from Russia heritage. The Society and I shall miss Annie very much and for a long time. She may be gone but will not be forgotten.

International Board Meeting

If you are at all interested in what makes AHSGR tick, the International Board will be meeting at the Heritage Center on April 9, 10, and 11. Visitors are always welcome to sit in on the meetings and I'm sure you will find them interesting and informative.

Garage Sale

The Lincoln Chapter will be having a garage June 12 and 13. Jay and Corinne Jacox will be opening their garage again for this big event. Winter is a good time to go through your closets, pantry, and/or storage room, (aka: junk room) and while you're doing so, put those unwanted things aside for the garage sale. Remember...one person's junk is another person's treasure.

International Convention

The International Convention will be held in Billings, Montana this year. The dates are July 12th-19th. I have met people from Montana at conventions in the past and if they are an example, the people who attend this convention are in for a good time.

My ancestors were in Montana at the time of my Mother's birth. She was

born in Helena. I'm not sure why they were in Montana but I suspect Grandpa Luft and the family was following the beet or wheat harvest.

Volunteering

Volunteering to help at any of the Chapter activities gives our organization more positive exposure to the community. Hopefully that will lead to an increase in membership. Speaking of membership, if there is someone who hasn't been asked to join, the chances are good they aren't going to join. Remember the theme of the membership drive is...Each One, Reach One.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

It's that time of year again to be thinking baseball. The Lincoln Chapter had such a good time at a Saltdogs game last year that another outing is planned for this year. The date will be June 6th and we'll have more information and details for you in the next newsletter.

Recipes Recipes Recipes

If you have any recipes you are proud of and would like to share them, you could either post them on the Chapter website or get in touch with Norma and me and we will put them in the newsletter. The same is true for any family stories you would like to share.

Trunk or Treat

The Lincoln Chapter will once again be participating in the "Trunk or Treat" festivities at Norwood Park School on Halloween, October 31st. I know this is

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GRs in the Community

Submitted by Jay Jacox

For the second straight year Germans from Russia were represented by a booth at the Lincoln Children's Museums' Passport to Play multicultural event.

The three-hour fair on January 31, 2015, was also attended by Czech,

Chinese, Japanese, Middle Eastern, Irish, and African culture groups.

Paul Loos, Judy Runion, and Corinne and Jay Jacox



Judy Runion, Lincoln quilter, explaining quilting design.

worked the booth, which attracted children and adults alike.

Expert quilter Judy explained

pattern designs and then each youth got the chance to design their own quilts with sticky-backed foam shapes. Children then could take their designs home.

The museum reported over 400 guests who made the trek during a snowstorm also enjoyed Dutch Hop polka music and the ever-popular Matryoshka nesting-dolls the GR booth offered.

Thanks goes out the International AHSGR for loaning the "trunk" of display items (like the dolls) that helped make our table great. It was a fun day for adults and children alike. ☐



Corinne Jacox, Paul Loos, Judy Runion at the Chapter's booth at the Children's Museum. [Not pictured: Jay Jacox]

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From Larry...

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a ways down the road but if you want to help out, please contact Jay Jacox. From what I've heard, it's a lot of fun.

Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers

The Heritage Center is always looking for volunteers and the Lincoln Chapter members have always stepped up to the plate. Now that the Center is open on Sunday afternoon they are in need of volunteers to help out. The hours are from 1pm to 4pm. If you can help, give AHSGR a call at 402-474-3363 and they will be glad to talk to you about what is needed. ☐

Life in the North Bottoms

submitted by Becky Schenaman, North Bottoms

Well spring is fast approaching and with it comes a major repair item for my house in the North Bottoms.

My house was built in 1895. My neighbor, George Neiderhouse, told me that when he was a boy my house was originally a horse barn that was converted into rooms that single male immigrants stayed in when they first came to America. I always found this story very interesting. Over the years it became a home to many.

The Heidenreich family purchased it and somewhere in the 1940s two rooms were added on to the back of the house. One was the bathroom and the other was a laundry room.

Whoever did the plumbing did not dig a hole underneath the rooms so you could access the plumbing pipes. So when I purchased it in the 1970s, my biggest fear was a major plumbing problem.

This winter my fears were answered. I had gurgling in my pipes which led me to call a drain cleaner. They pulled the toilet and ran a camera down the sewer drain. They found two broken clay sewer pipes.

My home sits a few feet off of the alley, so they are going to have to dig against my house and out along the alleyway. I can only imagine the mess that will be.

So along with the spring thaw I am going to see the history of my original sewer service from the turn of the century. And if I am very lucky my problem will contain itself only along the alleyway and not into the street.

I now know what it must have been like for our German ancestors when they came to the Bottoms, bought these original homes, had plumbing installed and made do with the problems that arose.

Old homes come with great prove-

nance and historical memories, so it is with trepidations that I am going to experience this step back in time and I will keep you all updated as this story continues. This will be my first experience with a major repair problem.

My roots run deep in the North Bottoms and this experience makes my little house even dearer to me.

Enjoy the coming of spring and the budding of the trees and bushes as well as the arrival of the first tulips.

Mocks Goot ☐

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL "Happy Birthday"

March

Ronald Bridegam
John Weber

April

Amy Frohn
Norman Helzer
Corinne Jacox
Mary Joyce Schoening



FROHLICH JUHRESTAG "Happy Anniversary"

March

none we are aware of

April

Jim and Carol Sommers

Unsere Leute Erinnryng "Our People in Memory"

Dorothy Heidenreich

Oleta L. Ernst

Corinne Mohr

Joanne K. Jacob

M. Elaine (Spomer) Hall

Mary Ann "Annie" (Lutz) Settell

Your Help is Needed

If you are aware of the death of someone who is a German from Russia, please give Judy Lawson, the Chapter Corresponding Secretary, a call. She would like to honor them by putting their name in the Newsletter. Judy's phone number is: 402-420-9580.

A Starry Night with the Lincoln Stars

Submitted by Jay Jacox

Your local Lincoln Chapter took a road trip once again, this time to "Dance with the Stars" – the Lincoln Stars, that is – at the Ice Box.

Thirty-one of the group had a grand time on February 7, 2015, as we cheered on our local hockey team. The evening was complete with drawings for door prizes and the Stars thanking the Lincoln Chapter for coming over

the public address system.

Our group got to dance in celebration with the Stars only a couple of times as our local heroes scored but two goals.

Door prize drawings were held between periods. Kim Costanzo and Renae Jacox each won Stars notepads. Derek Healy and Bob Wagner were the lucky winners of

Stars pucks, while Dick Holdren and Larry Schenkel each took home grand prizes of Stars drink mugs.

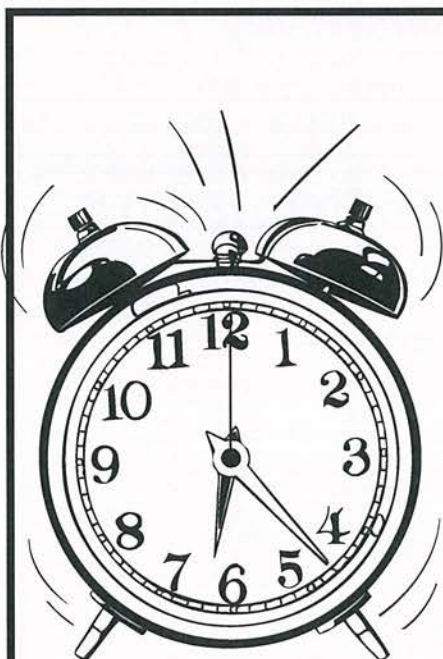
Thank you goes out to Micki Buhrmann of the Lincoln Stars for helping make the evening memorable for us all. The Stars lost, 5-2, to Bloomington, but it wasn't for lack of support from Germans from Russia! □



Jay Jacox and another group of Chapter members at the hockey game.



Some of the Chapter members who enjoyed the Lincoln Stars hockey game.



Daylight Savings Time

At 2:00 am March 8, 2015 Daylight Savings Time starts again. So when you are ready for bed and can't recall which way to set your clocks, think of this little ditty:

"Remember when you go to bed,
Set your clocks one hour
ahead."



HAPPY EASTER!



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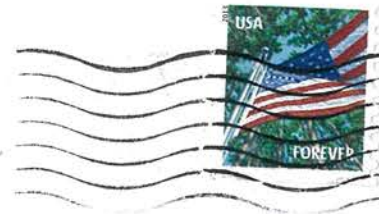
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2015 Calendar of Events

March 10, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
March 16, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
April 9-10-11, 2015	Int'l Board of Directors' Meeting		631 "D" St.
April 10, 2015	Soup Supper	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	WSI Hall, 1430 N. 10th St.
April 14, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
April 20, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
April 26, 2015	General Membership Meeting	2:00 pm	631 "D" St., (Refreshments following)
May 12, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
May 18, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
June 6, 2015	Lincoln Saltdogs Ball Game	7:05 pm	Haymarket Park
June 9, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
June 12-13	Garage Sale	all day	Jacox Residence
June 15, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
June 28, 2015	General Membership Meeting (Refreshments following)	2:00 pm	631 "D" St.
July 12-19, 2015	International Convention	Billings, Montana	
July 14, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
July 20, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
August 11, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
August 17, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
September 8, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
September 20, 2015	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00 pm	Antelope Park Shelter
September 21, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
October 13, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
October 19, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
October 31, 2015	Trunk or Treat	6:00 pm	Norwood Park School, 4710 N. 72 St.
TBA	Broda Dinner	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	WSI Hall, 430 N. 10th St.
November 10, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
November 16, 2015	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	631 "D" St.
December 8, 2015	Coffee Club	9:00 am	Stauffer's Cafe, 48th & Hwy 2
TBA	Board Members' Christmas Dinner		
January 10, 2016	Annual Membership & Business Meeting (Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers)	1:00 pm	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall 10th & Charleston Sts.

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Soup Supper

Friday, April 10, 2015
WSI Hall • 1430 N. 10th
Street • 5pm to 7pm



Chicken noodle (with homemade noodles and butterballs)

Chili

Vegetable Beef

Green Bean

Rye bread, crackers & butter • Coffee • Dessert

\$ 8.00 for adults • \$4.00 children 12 and under

There will also be packaged noodles and butterballs for sale.