



Lincoln Chapter

The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

NEWSLETTER

VOLUME XXV, ISSUE III

May-June 2016

From The Other Side of the Table...

by Norma Schenkel

Well, folks, looks like you're stuck with me this edition. Larry has that nasty upper respiratory bug that is going around and consequently, his creative juices are not flowing. To be quite honest, I'm the one who gave it to him. I was sick for about two weeks and since I am a generous person, I passed it on. I guess this is "pay-back" time.

I do believe spring is here. Our spring bulbs are up and blooming and the crab tree in our front yard is full of blossoms. Neighborhood sprinklers are running so I need to get ours turned on as well.

It looks like our chapter membership is doing well. At last count there were 73 members. Of those 73, we are sending 53 newsletters via "snail-mail!" I know that is an expense to the Chapter but there are those of us who

simply like to have a printed copy in our hands.

Speaking of memberships, I'd like to say "thank you" to Donna Day and Nancy Borrell for their great work and for always keeping me in the loop. My mailing list wouldn't be up to date without them.

Take note of the Calendar of Events for May and June. There are many activities to take advantage of; such as, fun night at Norwood Park School, the garage sale, Saltdogs baseball, and a General Membership meeting. Volunteers are welcome to help with any or all of these activities.

The 2016 AHSGR Convention will be held in Concord, California, July 14-16. It's not too early to make plans to attend. If you have any questions or need a registration form, call Headquarters at 402-474-3363. □

And Then There Was None

by Larry Schenkel

In the January/February newsletter I wrote about the Building Crew and the fact that there was only one member of the Crew still with us. That has changed with the passing of Scotty Kaufman.

Scotty was a proud member of AHSGR and worked hard for the organization when it was getting started by offering time, advice, and even labor.

Scotty was one of the Saturday morning coffee bunch who had sweet rolls and dill pickles with their coffee. One Saturday Scotty's daughter, Lynn

Smith, who lives in California, was visiting in Lincoln. She couldn't believe what she was hearing about coffee, sweet rolls, and pickles so she decided to come with her father to see for herself who those strange people were.

She left there that day fully believing the therapeutic value of this combination.

It was my honor to work with and to know members of the Building Crew. I miss you all.

Goodbye, old friends. □

Sale of the Century

by Jay Jacox

Well...of the year, at least. Yep, it's that time of year when the Lincoln Chapter has their annual garage sale.

"Garage Sale Central" will once again be at 1000 North 81st Street. Our event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The garage sale is a great social event for our group and any help is appreciated, sitting in the shade and helping folks with their purchases. All proceeds go towards running other chapter events, such as securing quality speakers like Judy Shutts who spoke on recording life's stories at our recent spring meeting. If you have anything you would like to donate to the garage sale or have a couple of hours you can spare to help out, please contact Jay or Corinne Jacox at 402-327-8962. □



Summer on the Porch...

by Becky Schenaman

Yesterday I spent the afternoon getting my porch ready for summer.

While growing up, the front porch was like another part of your living room. It was the place where everyone sat on the swing, or the porch railings, or the porch steps. It was the visiting spot for friends, neighbors, and family.

As soon as the supper dishes were washed and put away, we would all go out on the porch and wait for our evening company.

Oh, what fun it was. As a child, we waited for our friends who would come over to play hide and seek or kick the can or baseball in the backyard. As dusk came, we would catch fireflies and put them in a glass jar with a little grass. We never put a lid on it so they could fly away.

If it was a rainy night we would sit on the porch and play Truth or Dare, or just sing, or talk and laugh.

That porch even became a bedroom for sleeping out in really hot weather. Can you believe how trusting and innocent those times were? We never feared or worried when we did that. The front screen door was always unlocked. Heck, our back door locked with a metal hook and the inside door was locked with a skeleton key!

When I married we had our own home and front porch. We sat out and my parents, my father-in-law, our neighbors Bill Bauer, and George Neiderhouse would stroll across the

street and visit. We sure learned interesting history about the neighborhood. I loved it when my neighbor Mr. Kheeling came too.

Mr. Kheeling and my Gram Pa Dellos served together in Russia in the Boxer Rebellion. Mr. Kheeling was an officer and rode a white horse. He could read and write in several languages and his penmanship was perfect. They came over on the same ship from Russia.

George Neiderhouse also knew neighborhood history. Once he told us our house, which was built in 1895, had originally been a horse barn and bachelor men rented space in it when they first came to America. I always liked that story. It helped me understand why we had no duct work for a furnace. I still have a gas heater.

Bill Bauer and his brother were famous football players at Lincoln High and UNL. My Dad and his cousins the Schwarzkophs also were into sports at Lincoln High. The Schwarzkophs played on UNL's 1949 Rose Bowl team. Oh, if this porch could talk, the stories it could tell.

One story George told me was when he was a boy. The "Rooshin" boys swam in the Salt Creek. One of the boys got in a deep spot and was struggling. Instead of saying "help" he shouted, "Save me, Save me, I'm my MaMa's only boy"! Oh, how we all laughed. Those were the days!

Enjoy your porches!

Mocks Goot. ☐

AHSGR Staff & Support Staff

Dennis Reich, President
dreich@ahsgr.org

Sherry Pawelko, Executive Director
sherry@ahsgr.org

Sarah Skirry, Administrative Assistant
sskirry@ahsgr.org

Yvonne Dahl,
Office Asst. & Bookstore Coordinator
yvoned@ahsgr.org

Yulia Tsymal,
Archive Research Coordinator
yuliat@ahsgr.org

Cindy Thomas, Bookkeeper
ahsgrbookkeeper@ahsgr.org

Diane Wilson, AHSGR Librarian
dwilson@ahsgr.org

Tom Ineck,
Editorial and Publications Coordinator
tomi@ahsgr.org

Support Staff:

AHSGR Journal Editor
Dr. Robert Meininger,
rameininger@aol.com

AHSGR Newsletter Editor
Tom Ineck, *tomi@ahsgr.org*

Jugenzzeitung Newsletter Editor
Sharon White, *SImwhite@aol.com*

Village Coordinator Liaison
Mike Meisinger, *mrm1970@aol.com*

Webmaster
Kevin Rupp, *krupp@ruraltel.net*

Random thoughts as I age...

- The biggest lie I tell myself is...."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!
- Old age is coming at a really bad time!
- Lord, grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!
- The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than "please." I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."
- Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

The Boys are Back in Town

by Jay Jacox

The boys are back in town again – the boys of summer, that is.

Yes, the Lincoln Saltdogs begin their 16th baseball season this year and the Lincoln Chapter will be there. This will be the third year our chapter has taken in a game at Haymarket Park, and the 'Dogs have never lost when we have been in attendance.

In 2014, the Saltdogs beat the Saint Paul Saints, 1-0, with a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth. Last year, Lincoln controlled the Wichita Wingnuts, 9-5. Both contests were a blast for everyone who attended and a great way to socialize with our group.

This year's Chapter outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, at Haymarket Park, beginning at 6:35 p.m. Once again we will be occupying section 106, with a beautiful view of the field behind the first base dugout as the Saltdogs take on the Gary SouthShore Railcats from Gary, Indiana.

Reserved tickets are only \$12. Enclosed in this edition of the newsletter is a registration form. Please return your registration



by May 27 so we can make arrangements with the Saltdogs. Come on out to the ballpark and let's make it three in a row for the Lincoln Chapter and the Saltdogs. □

The Recipe Corner

While looking for a nice spring salad recipe I found these two in the North Star Chapter's cook book entitled "Sei Unser Gast". They are just in time for the new radishes and onions, fresh from the garden.



Salat iz Radiska (Radish Salad)

The Russians often thicken sour cream dressings with mashed egg yolk, as in this radish salad, which would often be made with black- or white-skinned radishes.

Trim and wash 1 lb. radishes; drain. Slice, sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt, and let set for 30 minutes. Chop up the white of a hard-boiled egg and reserve. Mash the yolk and mix with ½ c. sour cream into a smooth dressing. Drain the radishes very well and dry; mix with the sour cream mixture and the chopped egg white. Season to taste with additional salt and pepper. Garnish with chopped chives, onion tops, or dillweed.

Creamed Onion Tops

Today we often throw away food our forefathers made good use of. Green onion tops are a case in point. Here's how the Ukrainians sometimes fix them: Cut green onion tops into one-inch pieces. Cover with sour cream, season with salt, and simmer until tender. Serve with new potatoes.

The thrifty German Russians also utilized green onion tops. Both the Black Sea and Volga Germans used the chopped tops to garnish German Russian Lettuce Salad. Some Wolgadeutsch families went a step further and made a salad from the tops alone by chopping them up, sprinkling them with salt, then mixing them with a generous amount of Sauermilch (clabber milk).

AHSGR Lincoln Chapter is again going to the 'Dogs . . . literally.



Come join us as we celebrate the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball club as they take on the Gary SouthShore Railcats at Haymarket Park.

When: Saturday, June 18, 2016 6:35 start Don't be late!

Where: AHSGR will be in section 106 in shade of the lower deck at Haymarket Park. Our section is ADA accessible.

Fee: \$12 per reserved seat

Hear the Lincoln Chapter's name announced and see it up in lights on the scoreboard. Witness us throw out the first pitch. Come for the fun, camaraderie, excitement, and special surprises that only AHSGR Lincoln Chapter and the 'Dogs can dish up.

An AHSGR member will meet you at the gate with your tickets.

Registrations must be received by Friday, May 27 to be assured a seat with the group.

Questions? Call Jay Jacox at (402) 327-8962 for more info.

Mail the registration form below and payment to Jay Jacox, 1000 North 81st Street, Lincoln, NE 68505.

****Make checks payable to AHSGR Lincoln Chapter.****

clip and mail

I just can't pass up seeing the '16 Saltdogs with AHSGR. Sign me up.

Contact (1st) person: _____ Phone: _____

2nd person: _____ 3rd person: _____

4th person: _____ 5th person: _____

TOTAL RESERVATIONS _____ X \$12 per person = _____

Mail this registration form and payment to:

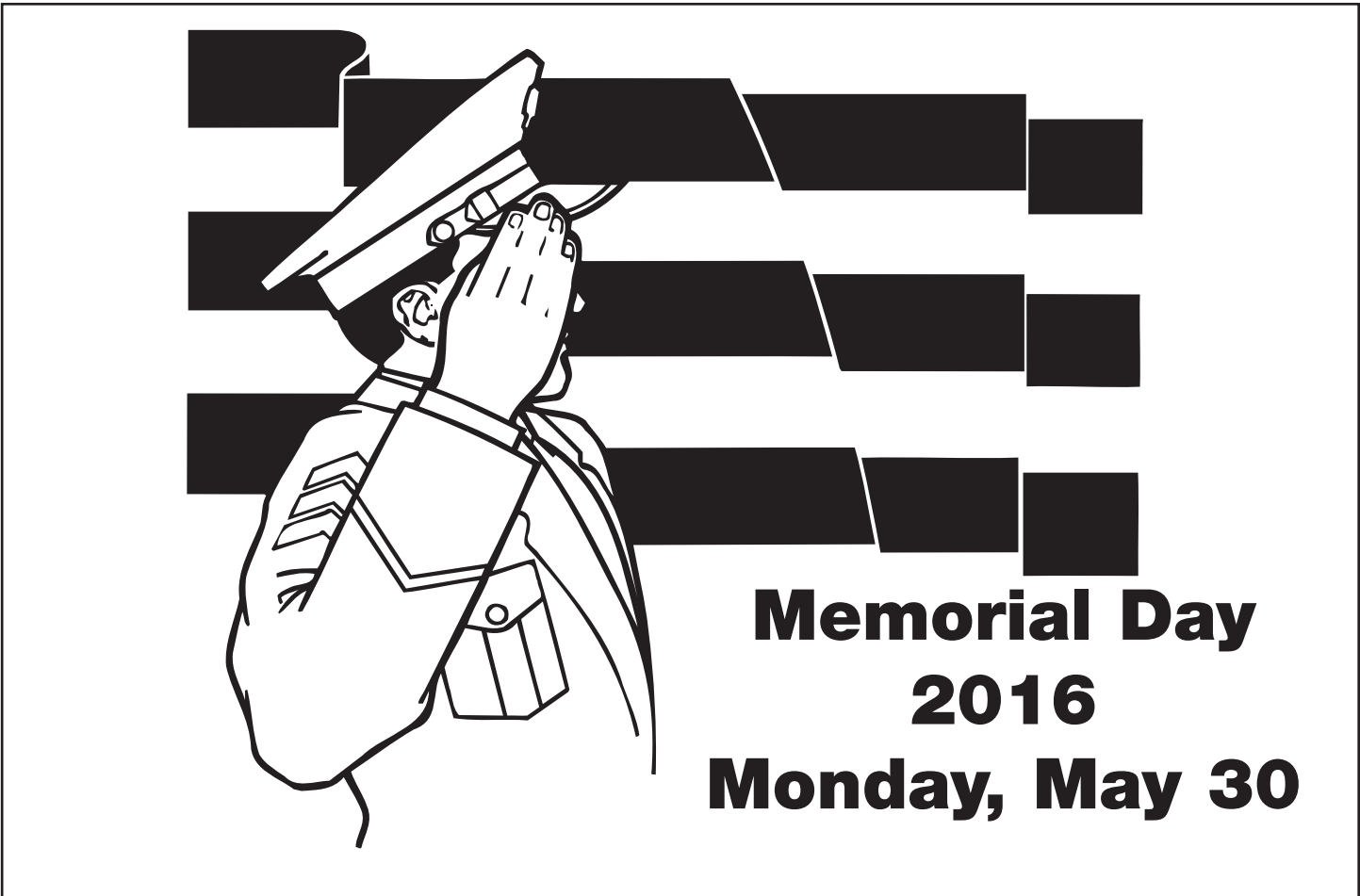
Jay Jacox, 1000 North 81st Street, Lincoln, NE 68505.



Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 8



Sunday, June 19, 2016



Memorial Day
2016
Monday, May 30

American Historical Society
of Germans From Russia

Keep Our Heritage Alive!

WE NEED YOU...
to reach our goal of 3,000 members
by the 2016 convention

RECRUIT new members - \$ awards to individuals and
chapters recruiting the greatest numbers*

INVITE potential members to Chapter activities

SHARE your heritage story with others

GIFT a membership to children and grandchildren so
they get a taste of AHSGR

SEND us names and addresses of potential members

*1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for individuals recruiting three or more members and
chapters recruiting six or more members.



Summer Speaker Set

Our next guest in the ongoing Lincoln Chapter Speakers Tour has been selected and will present at our summer general meeting at 2:00 on Sunday, June 26.

After a brief operational meeting, Peter Reinkordt, Professor of Modern Language at Doane College will present the topic of "Origins and History of Ancestral German-Russian Surnames and Village Names" to the group. This 30-45 minute interactive discussion is tailored by Dr. Reinkordt towards us and is fueled by our interests.

Dr. Reinkordt's research for the discussion is dependent on us giving him the surnames and village names we would like investigated. If you have any names or villages in your family tree you would like to know the meaning of or origin of, please send them to: AHSGR Lincoln Chapter, 1000 North 81st Street, Lincoln, NE 68505. Submittal deadline is June 1 so Dr. Reinkordt can complete his research in time. Of course, refreshments are provided at the meeting. Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2016

LINCOLN CHAPTER

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

May 6, 2016	Fun Night		Norwood Park School— 4710 72nd St
May 10, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
May 16, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St
June 3-4, 2016	Garage Sale	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	1000 No 81st St
June 14, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
June 18, 2016	Saltdogs Baseball	6:45p.m.	Haymarket Park
June 20, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St
June 26, 2016	General Membership Meeting (Refreshments Following)	2:00 p.m.	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall 10th & Charleston St.
July 14-16, 2016	International Convention		Concord, California
July 12, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
July 18, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St
August 9, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
August 15, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St
September 13, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
September 18, 2016	General Membership Meeting & Picnic	4:00 p.m.	Antelope Park Shelter
September 19, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St
October 11, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
October 17, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St
October 31, 2016	Trunk or Treat		Norwood Park School— 4710 72nd St
November 4, 2016	Broda Dinner	5:00-7:00 p.m.	WSI Hall, 1430 N. 10th St
November 8, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
November 21, 2016	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	631 D St.
December 4, 2016	Christmas Open House	1:00-4:00 p.m.	631 D St.
December 12, 2016	Board Member's Christmas Dinner		Fireworks Restaurant
December 13, 2016	Coffee Club	9:00 a.m.	Stauffer's, 48th & Hwy 2
January 8, 2017	Annual Membership & Business Meeting (Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers)	1:00 p.m.	Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall 10th & Charleston St.

Lincoln Chapter AHSGR
Larry and Norma Schenkel, Editors
9439 Benziger Drive
Lincoln, NE 68526
402-438-3814

FROHLICH JUHRESTAG

"Happy Anniversary"

May

Scott and Cristen Bridegam
Norman and Linda Helzer
Jerry and Jolene McInnis
Dan and Barbara Schepers

June

Doug and Barb Hellerich
Raymond and Esther Hogrefe
Jay and Corinne Jacox
Dean and Sheryl Pawelko
Richard and Elizabeth Scott
Bob and Marilyn Wagner

Unsere Leute Erinnyng

"Our People in Memory"

Steven L. Niederhaus Sr
Milford E. Oltman
Richard W. Schneider

John Richard Spellman
Gottlieb "Scotty" Kaufman
Leona "Onie" (Ostermiller) LeRiche

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: 402-420-9580.

HERZLICHEN GLUCKWUNSCH ZUM GEBURSTAGL

"Happy Birthday"

May

Sandra Gettman
Sue Kruger
Dean Pawelko
Sheryl Pawelko
Barbara Schepers

June

Barb Hellerich
Tommy Fennell
Kevin Hergenrader
Ruby Weber

