

# Lincoln Chapter NEWSLETTER

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#### Lincoln Chapter's New Look

In the not-too-distant future your Lincoln Chapter will be sporting a new look – at least online. The technology committee is currently in the process of working with ComputAssist, our website developer and provider, to explore options in upgrading the chapter's internet footprint.

The Lincoln Chapter's internet website of www.ahsgrlincolnchapter.org is where members and the public can find interesting and helpful information about our organization. At the site, people can find information about events, photos, local stories, recipes, past newsletters, membership forms, and how to contact us for more information.

The chapter has made many contacts and had requests for appearances through the website. It is through these requests that we have been able to spread the word of our heritage and culture. Requests lately have come from Lincoln Children's Museum, Nebraska 150 Statehood, Lincoln Public Schools, and Arbor Lodge, to name a few.

The current website is fine with desktop computers, but not very mobile device-friendly, which includes tablets, cell phones, and the like. In today's technology-driven society it was felt we needed to keep up or we'd be left behind.

This upgrade is made possible through a generous donation from the Mary Joyce (Deer) Schoening memorial fund, earmarked especially for this project. Mary Joyce was a chapter member until her passing this past summer. She was born German-Russian and her childhood home is located around the 9<sup>th</sup> and "F" street area in the South Bottoms. Thank you to the family for thinking of the chapter so we can pursue this project.

#### **Broda Dinner Around Corner**

Looking for a wonderful evening of food and conversation? Don't forget about the chapter's annual Broda dinner on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the WSI Hall, 1430 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln.



Appearing is chef Paul Loos as your cook. Roast beef, potatoes and carrots, creamy green beans, breads, and desserts are on

the menu. Of course, it's "all you can eat." Once again, a quilt will be raffled off at the event.

Quilt tickets may be purchased at the door. Dinner tickets remain again this year at \$12 for adults and \$6 for those under 12 years of age.

The Norwood Park Elementary Leadership Club will once again make an appearance as a community service project. They will be there to help clear tables and interact with guests.

See you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November!

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If there is anything you would like to see in future issues please contact Jay or Corinne at 402-327-8962. We welcome comments and suggestions.

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#### **North Bottoms Memories**

#### - - Fall In The Air

#### Submitted by Becky Schenaman

Monday I had the gas company here to light the heater for winter. My North Bottoms house was built in 1895 from what was originally a horse barn. Because of that it sits on three cinder blocks for its foundation. It has just a few feet of space under it so there is no room for a standard furnace.

I imagine many of the small homes in the North Bottoms had these free-standing floor furnaces. They kept the house cozy, but I wish I had a real furnace. Then I could have central air conditioning instead of my window unit.

My house is historically correct, as if it still fit into the original landscape of our German people. They would feel right at home. I love period pieces, and I love flowers and having pretty things around me that feel "homey."

This summer my garden produced some cucumbers and I made a couple of two-gallon crocks of dill pickles. These always remind me of my childhood. My aunt Marie Reich always had a big crock full in her basement. We kids would get one sometimes. We were always looking for the big fat ones. We were not smart enough to take the good medium pickles that tasted sour and dilly – but I remember how yummy they were.

I also loved pickled yellow delicious apples. My cousin Jean Schwartzkopf Hughes made them in the crock. Her brothers were Sam and Ed. My mother Hilda Bridegam canned peaches and pears for the winter.

Fall always reminds me that Thanksgiving, with all of its delicious food, is on the way. My favorite meal has always been turkey and dressing with cranberry sauce. Sometimes we get lucky and go to Cracker Barrel the night they serve it. Runzas and turkey are my favorite eat-out foods.

Well, I'd better stop writing and get something done around the house.

Herzlichen Glukwunsch Zum Geburstagl "Happy Birthday"



NOVEMBER

Sidonia Babcock Sandra Broman Susan Dobberstein Sandra Gettman Jay Jacox Rebecca Lee Schenaman Norma Schenkel **Dan Schepers Jim Sommers** Susan Stoehr **Bob Wagner Rodger Wurst** Leona "Lee" Zurawski DECEMBER Julie Erickson Kirk B. Payne **Chuck Jones** Judith Lawson Joyce Riddle **Barbara Schmidt** Henry W. Schmidt Marilyn Wagner

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#### **Fall Carnival Recap**

On Sunday, September 17, the Lincoln Chapter held their annual fall meeting at the Antelope Park shelter. A quick meeting was followed by presentation of awards to Judy Runion, Merrill Crandall, and Pam Wurst from Sherry Pawelko of International Headquarters for their volunteer service to the international office.



Judy Runion

Merrill Crandall

A delicious meal of chicken and side dishes was prepared and catered by Country Pines. All ate heartily.

After the meeting, our annual carnival was held where participants tried their skills at various games of chance to win prizes. Games included spin the wheel, toss the coin, foam basketball toss, duck pond, disc drop, ring toss, and bean bag toss.

Gamesters could win up to three tickets per event, depending on their performance. After winning their tickets they would write their names on them and put the tickets into various jars corresponding with the prizes they were interested in winning. If they really wanted an item they could put all of the tickets they won into that jar or they could spread out their tickets to different jars, in a chance to win another prize. Tickets were drawn randomly out of jars to decide the lucky winners. As always, a great time was had by all at this event.



Lunch Was Catered by Country Pines

Your prize winners were:

2018 Lincoln Chapter Membership Karen Johnson

"Kuche Kochen" Cookbook

**Ruby Weber** 

Dutch Hop Music CD (donated by International AHSGR) Judy Lawson **Don Weber** 

"Christmas Keeping Germans" Book Kay Wood

"The Czar's Germans" Book Susan Stoehr

Gift Card to Fireworks Restaurant **Bob Wagner** Sharon Buckner **Sherry Pawelko** Geri Bebus

Lincoln ChapterWear Polo Shirts Nancy Borrell Sandy Broman Marilyn Wagner

Bottle of Wine (donated by Country Pines) John Weber **Don Weber** Pam Wurst **Barb Schmidt Rodger Wurst Renae Jacox** 

"A History of the Volga Relief Society" Book Jane Harrison

Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball Souvenir Jersey **Tracy Wagner Ed Barthule** 



Tracy

Nancy

Jane



Jay

#### **Board Members Sought**

"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." -- John F. Kennedy, January 20, 1961. Those immortal words were spoken by a man who knew the meaning and value of service.

Your local board is looking for people who also have the desire to serve, beginning in 2018. Your board provides guidance to the rest of the membership by planning and organizing events, overseeing expenditures, reviewing policies and procedures, coordinating with headquarters, and keeping communication open with the general public. In short, board members serve the general membership. Board meetings are only once a month and usually last for an hour or so.

The Lincoln Chapter's by-laws provide for up to 15 board members. The board currently has 13 members with a couple of potential "retirements" in the works. So, there are openings available and the board is always looking for new voices and new perspectives. We are one of the more active chapters for members in North America, with the variety of activities, and it's due to people who are willing to serve.

Elections for 2018 are held during the January 7<sup>th</sup> winter meeting. If you feel the call to serve, please contact President Paul Loos or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jay Jacox before then. We'll help answer any questions you may have.

#### **Annual Winter Meeting**

The Lincoln Chapter's annual winter general membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2018. Once again it will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall at 10<sup>th</sup> and Charleston Streets in.

A pot luck lunch will take place, being shared by good friends, with good conversation. After a short meeting and the election of board members and 2018 officers, a program will be presented.

At press time the program had not been finalized, but in the past there have been excellent speakers or historically educational films. Check your mail in December for the postcard detailing the event. Hope to see you there.

#### **Christmas Open House**

The annual Christmas open house will be held in the International AHSGR Museum at 631 "D" Street on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. International Headquarters and the Lincoln chapter



work together to put on this fun event. Come see the museum decorated, take a tour, sing traditional holiday songs (in both English and German), and enjoy treats such as cookies, peanut brittle, hot chocolate, and apple cider.

### Frohlich Juhrestag "Happy Anniversary"



NOVEMBER

Rosalie and Richard Geier Peg and Mike Kapeller (37 years) **DECEMBER** 

Robert and Susan Dobberstein (50 years) Rebecca J. Hansen and Kirk B. Payne (19 years) Rodger and Pam Wurst

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#### "Our People in Memory"

Jerry W. Bickford Richard "Rick" Burbach Wilma Jean (Alles) Jillson Evelyn Luft Judith Ann Stasenka Virgil E. Thaller

#### Your Help is Needed

If you are aware of the passing of someone who is a German from Russia, please give Judy Lawson, Corresponding Secretary, a call at: 402-420-9580.

# 2017 Calendar of Upcoming Events

## **AHSGR Lincoln Chapter**

| *additional events added as dates are finalized* Second event event |                  |                            |   |                |  |  |  |  |
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| Tuesday   | 31 <sup>st</sup> | Trunk or Treat 🍑           | Norwood Park Elementary                   | 6:00-7:30 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
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| Friday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Annual Broda Dinner        | WSI Hall, 1430 North 10 <sup>th</sup> St. | 5:00-7:00 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club                | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2      | 9:00 a.m.      |  |  |  |  |
| Monday  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting              | 631 "D" Street                            | 7:00 p.m.      |  |  |  |  |
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| Sunday  | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Open House       | 631 "D" Street                            | 1:00-4:00 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Club                | Stauffer's, 48 <sup>th</sup> & Hwy 2      | 9:00 a.m.      |  |  |  |  |
| Monday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting              | 631 "D" Street                            | 7:00 p.m.      |  |  |  |  |
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| Sunday  | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | General Membership Meeting | Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall           | 1:00 p.m.      |  |  |  |  |

# 2017 Board Members - AHSGR Lincoln Chapter

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| Committee Chairs:   |                       |   |            |            |                                 |  |  |
| Dinners: P  | aul Loos              | F   | Progran    | n:         | Jay Jacox                       |  |  |
| Finance / Audit: B  | arbara Schmidt        | dt Publici                                    |            | <b>/</b> : | Judy Lawson                     |  |  |
| Garage Sale: Ja   | ay Jacox              | Quilt ar                                      |            | d Raffle:  | Judy Lawson                     |  |  |
| Genealogy/Folklore: a   | 1                     | S   | Social:    |            | all                             |  |  |
| Historical: Sharon Buckne   |                       | S   | Special    | Projects:  | Austen Jacox & Jay Jacox        |  |  |
| Membership: Corinne Jacox   |                       | Т   | Ticket S   | Sales:     | Judy Lawson                     |  |  |
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#### AHSGR Lincoln Chapter activities of 2017:



Feeding the Hungry Winter Speaker





Children's Museum



Stars Hockey



NE 150 Celebration



Spring Meeting



Soup Supper

Meadow Lane Picnic





Saltdogs Baseball



Scheduled: Trunk or Treat



Summer Meeting



Scheduled: Broda Dinner



Fall Carnival



Scheduled: Christmas Open House



Arbor Lodge



ChapterWear Polo Shirt





GR Heritage Day