



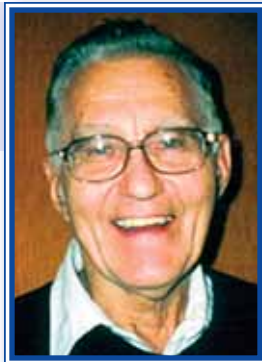
GROW Quarterly Newsletter

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Message from the President



Roger Haas, President

A great summer! There were 751 in attendance at the 2008 AHSGR/GRHS Convention in Casper, WY. Ten GROW Families represented us at the festivities: namely Katherine Bell, Kay Carey, Jene Goldhammer, the Tim Janzen family, Velma Jesser, Lois Klaus, Brent/Anna Mai, Michael Miller, Kurt/Jane Radtke and Robert/Dolores Schuh. Thanks to the Radtkes' for taking the Chapter Banner and Katherine Bell for representing us in the Memorial Service. Tim Janzen was a Workshop and RIG Presenter.

The Annual GROW Picnic organized by Kurt/Jane Radtke and Jan Haberman at the Deutsches Haus Gardens, was attended by 50 members, the largest in GROW's history. There was a lot of good German sausage, sauerkraut, among all kinds of good food, plus games and of course the good fellowship. The weather couldn't have been better. In this newsletter you will find a picnic report and pictures of some of the attendees.

We are looking forward for a great Chapter Meeting 28 September with the Convention reports as well as the members' reunion, traveling, and family research and family gatherings. Be sure to clear your calendar to learn the conventioners' interesting details and answers to your questions.

One sad note was the passing of our "Kuchen Queen", Lorraine Geiszler, on 19 July '08. A beautiful memorial service brought many out to the 24 July Oregon City Church exhibiting their love and affection. A family collection album was exhibited at the picnic. We remember Oscar and Lorraine's family to

carry on her fine tradition.

We are looking forward to our 19 October Chapter Meeting with Dr. Don Schafer where we will learn about our ancestral as well as the best eating habits for healthful living. In our 23 November meeting, we will enjoy Judy Lenhardt, director of the Zimmerman German House restoration built in the late 1800's and lived in by one family.

We are off to a good start with excitement, new friends, and members. Let us keep sharing our great heritage and inviting our family and friends.

The German American Society cordially invites you to the German American Heritage Ball, Saturday 1st of November 2008, with a No Host Cocktail Hour at 6:30PM and Dinner at 7:00PM. Dancing will follow the dinner until 1:00 AM with Music by the S-Bahn. The Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR is the place and reservations are taken until 22 October '08 by calling 503-775-1585 Tuesday - Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, Roger Haas

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Ed's Corner

In my previous corner stories I have talked about what life was like living in Isabel, South Dakota where there was a large group of Germans from Russia.

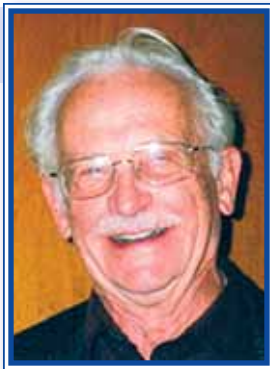
In 1936 we moved from the dust bowl Dakotas to a small farm near Sultan, Washington. There were a number of reasons for the move and the most important was that this was the height of the "Great Depression". 1936 was the year that veterans of World War I received a soldier's bonus and this helped my father to make a down payment on the farm. The farm was located next to a farm owned by Dad's brother-in-law and sister, Phillip and Christina Neiffer. My Aunt Christina was born in Kassel, Russia as was my father. My aunt did not come to the United States with my father, but came at a later date.

I do know that Uncle Phillip's family also came from one of the German colonies in Russia, but I don't know which one. He married my aunt in Wishek, North Dakota and then moved to Washington State. Our farm was adjacent to Uncle Phillip's farm on the south, by a large tract of timber land, owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, on the north and a German family on farms to the east and west. Our family also went to the Lutheran church where a majority of the members were German.

The GROW library has the book *German Pride, 101 Reasons to Be Proud You're German*. You can buy the book or check it out. If you have not read it I highly recommend that you do. The book helps to explain some of Ed's Corner comments. The colonization of Germans from Russia and Germany to western United States and Canada was promoted by the US Government (offering large tracts of land to new homesteaders) and by railroads who gave special rates to immigrants to come out and accept the homesteads. American Big Business also promoted giving jobs to German immigrants.

Here is an example from the "German Pride" book, starting on page 25, about one German businessman.

"Frederick Weyerhaeuser, nicknamed the Timber King, was born in 1834 in Niedersaulheim, Rhein-Hesse, and came to America in 1852 as a penniless youth. He worked as a day laborer near Erie, Pennsylvania, and then moved to Rock Island, Illinois, where he advanced quickly. In Rock Island he was put in charge of a sawmill and then a timber yard. After the panic of 1857 he was able to buy both with money he had saved. Soon afterwards, he bought logs from the shores of the



Ed Weber

Mississippi and acquired additional sawmills. Weyerhaeuser then began to buy up pine tracts in Wisconsin, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. In 1891, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he became a friend and neighbor of James J. Hill, the operator of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Hill sold Weyerhaeuser more than three million acres of forests at a bargain rate. By the turn of the twentieth century, Weyerhaeuser owned more timberland than any other American."

When my family moved from Isabel to the farm in Washington State we were surrounded with same Germans from Russia with our relatives, neighbors and church as we were in South Dakota. We did move from arid climate where the principal occupations were ranching, raising cattle and sheep to lots of rain, small farming and logging. My uncle Phillip was a skilled logger, a tree faller. Most of his Neiffer relations were also loggers and I think he at one time did work for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. When I went to school about 90 percent of my classmates had families that were associated with logging or sawmill occupations. One of the chores I had to learn on the farm was learning how to be a lumberjack. I had to learn how to fall trees, not only the cottonwoods and brush of western South Dakota, but tall Firs, Western Cedar and Alder. The land on our farm was bordered on the north by a square mile of timber owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.

On the farm we had a pretty close contact with the Weyerhaeuser Company because of the large tract of timber on the farm's boarder that was closely watched by their employees. In Isabel we didn't have city water and had to get our drinking water from a neighbors well. On the farm there was a private water system that used gravity to bring the water from a small dam, via a two-inch pipe line to the barn and house. The former owner of the farm had gotten water rights to allow him to dam the creek and use the water. The drainage area involved about 20 acres of timber land owned by Weyerhaeuser and they often had an employee check the area to make sure the creek was not blocked by falling trees or debris.

It's interesting to note from the "German Pride" story that when railroads west of the Mississippi River were being developed is when Frederick Weyerhaeuser purchased large tracts of timberland in Wisconsin, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. In that time period he moved to St. Paul and was a friend and neighbor of James J. Hill, the operator of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Hill sold Weyerhaeuser more than three million acres of forests at a bargain rate.

Couple that information with the knowledge that the US Government awarded the railroads expanding west large tracts of land to finance the construction.

To finance their construction costs, the railroads

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GROW Picnic - 24 August 2008

by Jan Haberman

Sunday, the 24th of August was a beautiful day to have our 7th year annual picnic at the German American Society, which is a beautiful setting to have a picnic nestled under the trees.

We had the largest attendance ever, which was 50. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship & the delicious food that was prepared by all of you wonderful cooks.

Some of you tried out the game I bought: bocce is good for you. I'll bring it again next year & maybe others have games to bring that all can enjoy.

I want to thank the following people that came early to help set up: Kurt & Jane Radtke, Arlene Maston, Jeanette McDermid, Charlotte Bohlman, Sharon Bell & family, and Katherine Bell from Eugene.

Thank you, Jane, for cooking in the kitchen & getting things set up. Our new member, Sam Madsen, pitched right in & helped in the kitchen. She is Arlene Maston's friend.

Arlene also brought a delightful guest, Florence Manley. We hope that you come back to visit us again soon.

Also, a big thank you for those that stayed & helped clean up, which was the above as well as

Marcine Herinck & Kathleen Carey doing dishes.

It was nice to see the Geiszler Family come after losing Lorraine, our Kuchen Queen.

Further, we had 3 new guests, interested in becoming members: Stanley, Vera, & Robert Grenz. Welcome to our chapter. Thanks to Walter Amen for inviting them. Walter, you are a sweetheart!

Three had birthdays: Doris Magee, guest Florence Manley & John Hix who shared his birthday cake with all of us.

We hope everyone had a good time. I know I did even though I was pretty tired that day. We would like to see you all at the next meeting on the 28 September to hear about the convention.



From left: Marcine Herinck, Gene Magee, Doris Magee, Walt Aman, Vera Grenz



From left: Cierra Ruland, Donna Ruland, Gage Wilson, Scott Wilson



From left: Logan Geiszler, Kay Carey, Jane Radtke, Sam Madsen, Richard Bell, Kaston Geiszler



From left: Katherine Bell, Bryan Glenn, Bill Glenn, Sharon Bell

Ed's Corner, cont.

sold large tracts of land and large tracts this land was forested land. The Northern Pacific Railroad gave bargain rates to immigrants to go west and to allow them to homestead land.

I'm sure that a large number of the Germans from Russia took advantage of the offers to get land west of the Mississippi River and can thank Frederick Weyerhaeuser, a German, for being a neighbor of James J. Hill and assisted in his expansion effort.,

That's it from Ed's Corner.

GROW Picnic, cont.



From left: Tom Reynolds, Lorinda Geiszler, Brenda Wilson, Sandy Bell, Alexis Geiszler



From left: Dr. Tim Janzen, Oscar Geiszler



From left: Jenice Gibson, Florence Manley, Arlene Maston, Alice Summers, Jeanette McDermid, Charlotte Bohlman



Gene and Doris Magee



From left: Logan Geiszler, Tom Reynolds, Richard Bell, Alexis Geiszler



From left: Marcine Herinck, Andrew Cook, Sarah Cook



From left: Karla Cook, Andrew Cook, Sarah Cook (back facing camera)



From left: Gage Wilson, Michael Lidleny, Donna Ruland, Tyler Reynolds



From left: Richard Bell, Oscar Geiszler, Kay Carey, Kurt and Jane Radtke



From left: Roger Haas, Bob Grenz, Marcine Herinck.



Tony Ruland

2008 AHSGR/GRHS Convention Reports

As usual for these conventions there were many opportunities to increase one's knowledge of our German-Russian heritage with library research, computer search of SOAR, workshops, featured speakers and to sing and eat most abundantly.

The hall way was filled with pictures, displays of interest areas and banners of our societies. (Our banner was NOT hidden behind a screen this time.)

There were materials to get us interested in attending GRHS annual meeting in Sept. of 2009 in Rapid City, SD and invitation to youths to write for the 2009 scholarships.

Professor Inna Stryukova of Nikolaev, Ukraine, as a featured speaker and workshop presenter, gave us a more up to date lesson of "A Ukrainian Perspective



Katherine Bell

*AHSGR and GRHS
Germans from Russia
International Convention*



GROW banner



Katherine Bell and Quiggly the dog traveled by car with teardrop trailer to convention through scenic wonders of the west, passing the Grand Tetons.

of the USA." Our US movies give Ukrainians the wrong impression of Americans. But when individuals get to know one another personally they become friends.

Valerie Ingram's tale of the search for her German-Russian half siblings left behind during WWII era moved many of us to near tears.

Ron Vossler's presentation about his research trip to Ukraine was a wakeup call to acknowledge the role of German-Russian villagers in the Ukraine during the Nazi occupation—good and bad. This may become a book in the future—one that he may struggle to write.

Our own Dr. Tim Janzen and family were surrounded in the hallway with those interested in the DNA project.

Sigrid Weidenweber autographed her book "Catherine."

The Crimson Dames: Red Hat Society Kitchen Band sang, danced, joked and kissed the men to the delight of most. I won't quote the jokes!

Sunday morning was the memorial service and the last chance to sing together before heading home.

For those interested, I have put some sound bites, pictures and videos on DVDs and will place in our library. Included is my trip past the Tetons, Oregon Trail Ruts, Register Cliff and Fort Laramie plus relatives visited on the way to and from Casper.

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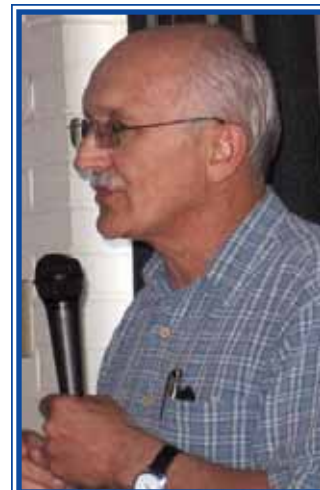
Valerie Ingram



Anna Mai is posing as Catherine The Great. She was with Sigrid Weidenweber to help promote Sigrid's book "Catherine"



Professor Inna Stryukova



Ron Vossler



Sigrid Weidenweber signing her book "Catherine; The Volga Flows Forever-Book One" for Katherine Bell



Kay Carey at computer-doing SOAR Research

Dolores and I flew to Salt Lake, bought a printer there for use at the convention, then drove to Casper in two days. The return was to Salt Lake, staying overnight and visiting the family history library before our plane left.

The convention had only a few talks of interest to us Black Sea Germans, most of them on the Volga areas. I spent most of my time in the library, helping people who dropped by.

Surprisingly, the AHSGR library



Dolores and Bob Schuh

was fairly extensive, much more than I had seen in the past. The talk on newspapers was interesting, although I only caught the tail end. I was able to get many Staats Anzeiger obits from SOARS, as they had a special offer of \$.25 each rather than the normal \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

Six of the seven meals were buffet style, as the jammed the tables in so tight, the servers could not navigate the aisles.

2008 AHSGR/GRHS Convention Reports, cont.

The International Convention of Germans from Russia this year was co-hosted by the American Historical Society for Germans from Russia (AHSGR) and Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) on 28 July thru 3 August 2008 at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Casper, Wyoming. This was an experiment, not to be repeated next year, but possible in the following years. Dwindling membership is, (and continues to be) a major concern, and to ensure attendance, cooperation is critical.



Kurt and Jane Radtke

To arrive in time for the opening of the convention, Jane and I left early in the morning of the 18 July, intending to take a few shortcuts and visit friends and relatives on the way to our destination. After a short stay near Yakima with our son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter we continue on our way after saying good-bye to our great-granddaughter, little Mary Elisabeth.

Casper, Wyoming can be reached from Portland in less than 24 hours. We wanted to spend a few days in Yellowstone Park, but also wanted to avoid the weekend crowds in the park. After arriving in Lolo, Montana late in the evening (later than expected because we suddenly lost an hour), we decided to look up a fellow soldier from my Army days from 45 year ago. I only had a name, no phone number or address. After many hours at the Salmon, Idaho Chamber of Commerce, Museum, Newspaper office, City Hall, Telephone Company and some retail establishments, I came up empty. I realized then how it must be extremely difficult and frustrating to connect with the past when confronted by borders, languages and political entities in another country.

We reached Alta, Wyoming where I played golf under the Grand Tetons, near Driggs, Idaho. Next stop was Jackson, WY, a hide-out for millionaires, and a tourist destination. When going into town, it is advisable to leave your credit cards at the motel – too many enticements to buy things you don't need and will never use. Still too early to miss the weekend crowd in Yellowstone Park, we spent some time in the larger towns of WY such as Jackson (pop. 8600) Riverton (9300) Thermopolis (3200) Powell (5400) and Cody (8800). Wyoming is the size of Oregon yet

has only a population of 500,000. There is room for many more, except the only thing that will grow in rocks is sagebrush. If we can get at the oil that is supposedly in and under the rocks in WY, this state will be the next Garden of Eden.

While in Powell we did some research regarding a settlement of German (possible Germans from Russia) farmers near Grey Bull in Big Horn County. This valley and the surrounding area was once called "Germania", but anti-German sentiment in the U.S. during World War I caused it to be renamed Emblem. What was once a thriving community with a post office, store, fire-department, water works, restaurant, etc. is today a town of 10 people. The buildings are all empty, except for the post office. The farms around Emblem are well-tended. I wondered if there had been a German School, and what happened to the German farmers? Will have to return and do more research. Have done some telephoning regarding the history of the area with a Mr. Hopkins of Emblem and Mr. Tom Davis of nearby Burlington.

Did get to spend sometime in Thermopolis at the Hot Springs, and also visited the Wyoming Dinosaur Center. We have come along way since we left the water, grew legs, and learned walk upright. Meeteetse was a stop on the way to Cody, the home of Buffalo Bill, the man responsible for clearing the prairies of buffalo so the white man (mainly the Germans from Russia) could turn the prairies into profitable farmland.

But some buffalo escaped to Yellowstone Park (no farming allowed here). We got close to some, but feared that my red car would anger the bull that Jane got too close to in order to get a decent picture. Fearing for her life (and the safety of my car) we left the park (after watching Old Faithful erupt and taking snap-shots of it)

Never saw any wolves or bears, but plenty of elk and deer. If the whole state of Wyoming could be turned into a park like Yellowstone, the whole country would benefit.

On to Casper and the convention, where we caught up with fellow GROW members Kay Carey, Katherine Bell and the Dr. Janzen family. Did meet several AHSGR members from Portland, and also others who are active in Germans from Russia research of the greater Portland area. We attended as many workshops, presentations and meetings as time allowed. in addition to all buffets and dinners. The workshops were informative, well-attended, with minor distractions. Some presentations could have been left out, and introductions shortened. The main speakers generally kept the audiences attention.

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2008 AHSGR/GRHS Convention Reports, cont.

There was much emphasis on International relations especially with countries as diverse as Canada, the Ukraine and Argentina (also Germany). The large contingent of doctors and professors attending the convention as guests, members and presenters was amazing to think that several generations ago the forefathers were tilling the soil in the Fatherland Russia.

Others will be reporting on the convention, so I will only comment that GROW did a heck of a job hosting the GRHS Convention in 2006 in Portland. We can all be proud of our accomplishment and involvement. We did the return trip from Casper to Portland in two days.

Book Review

“The Central Dakota Germans: Their History, Language and Culture”

by Shirley Fischer Arends, PhD (1989).

by Kay Carey

This book details the background, language and culture of the Central Dakota Germans. The author limited her study to the specifically Lutheran Black Sea Germans from Russia who settled in the Central Dakota area. She started this research for her graduate degrees in the early 1960s, while the first and second immigrant generations from Russia were still available as first hand resources. Dr Michael Miller of NDSU continues this oral history research today, with the 3rd generation informants (people who grew up in the Depression and WWII).

What I liked best about this book was the detailed section on folk medicines. It gave me many insights into how people coped without modern health advances.

Another feature was the detailed holiday customs, including recipes for many of the festive foods served. I can personally testify that on the basis of the annual picnic in late August that this is ONE tradition that our local GROW chapter staunchly continues!

Kurt Radtke is a good German translator, although not professional, he will do it free for a donation that he will gift to GROW as a fundraiser. His address is: Kurt Radtke, 20023 Quinalt Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045, 503-518-8181

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Lorraine Geiszler

April 27, 1932 - July 19, 2008

Published in *The Oregonian*, Tuesday, July 22, 2008

A funeral will be at 10:30 am Thursday, July 24, 2008 in Oregon City Evangelical Church for Lorraine Geiszler, who died July 29 at age 76.

Lorraine Janke was born April 27, 1932, in Venturia, ND. She moved to Oregon City in 1963. She was a homemaker. In 1950, she married Oscar W. Geiszler.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Mercedes Comstock, Lila Hampton, Brenda L. Wilson, Gloria Guffey, Lorinda Geiszler and Sandy Bell; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. Arrangements by Hillside Chapel.

Sister Frances Jacobs S.N.J.M.

December 12, 1912 - June 23, 2008

Published in *The Oregonian*, Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Here is the funeral notice of my Aunt Sister Frances Jacobs. She was the daughter of Barnhard Jacob [1879-1943] from the Selz colony, who came to America in 1892, and Rosette Wyss [1883-1947] who came from Switzerland in 1898.

submitted by Victor Jacobs

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2008, in Provincial House Chapel in Marylhurst for Sister Frances Jacobs S.N.J.M., who died June 19 at age 95. She was also known as Sister Rose Martine.

Frances Jacobs was born Dec. 12, 1912, in Tillamook. She graduated from Marylhurst Normal School and entered the novitiate in 1933.

She taught at All Saints, Assumption and St. Thomas More Catholic schools in Portland and was a principal in Pomeroy, WA and Spokane. After earning a bachelor's degree from Holy Names College in Spokane and a master's degree from Seattle University, she was a high school English teacher for 14 years in Central Catholic High School in Portland.

After retiring, she was a member of St. Mary Magdalene (the Madeleine) Catholic Church, where she was a lector, coordinated its religious education program and was a substitute teacher for its school.

Survivors include her sister, Bernice Johns; and the members of her religious community.

Remembrances to the Holy Names Sisters Foundation. Arrangements by Riverview Abbey.

By Lola M Weber

“Some people have to learn the hard way”, my mother would comment. (advice given for my benefit) and she was right.

When I originally began my search for my family history, on mom's side of the family it was all first hand information that I got from her. She and her sisters talked about their family (with 10 kids — married — children, the numbers were big enough for me — an ONLY child!) And I thought that I had it MADE. Doing my family was going to be a snap. Well, it's been some thirty years now — and I'm still learning the hard way to ask those questions and check out “family stories”.

When I started to press mom for dates, she would pull out her little black book and show me the entries that she had made for her families birth, death and marriages. Three beautifully ornamented pages from a family Bible also had entries. BUT, I didn't ask where the rest of the Bible was, who it belonged to originally or anything that might give this Bible meaning for future generations. So, today, I'm unearthing some vague memories of the Bible and its history.

Mother was the matriarch of the family (being third from the oldest). Attending funerals — of neighbors, friends and family held great importance. And when she couldn't actually 'go' to the location, — others would clip and mail items from the newspaper or send one of the funeral booklets to her. Since this wasn't anything that particularly interested me at the time, I didn't pay attention when she carefully glued the items into a large scrapbook. It was to be many years later that the scrapbook was taken out of the trunk and even then, I only “browsed” for critical information on “my family”.

So, here we are today. Mom is gone (I can't ask her who some of these people were and how they were connected to our family). I now have the trunk and recognize the old scrapbook (smelly of moth balls by this time). NOW, more of the names and events have taken on a whole new meaning for me. NOW, I dissect each article to see if an answer may have been there all along — the year of the tornado in Mitchell, my baptism, an historical article for a small town that no longer exists and the Corn Palace are among



Lola Weber

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GROW 2008 Quarterly Calendar

O C T O B E R 2 0 0 8						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Chapter Meeting	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	



Chapter Meetings are held at:
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7901 SE Division, Portland, OR
Doors open at 1:00 pm

Meeting starts at 2:00 pm until about 5:00 pm
Coming from I-205 South take Exit 19 Ramp and
turn West on Division St.,
then turn left and go to 7901.

Coming from I-205 North take Exit 19 Ramp onto
Division St. Go West on Division to 7901.

N O V E M B E R 2 0 0 8						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Board Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23 Chapter Meeting	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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Chapter Meetings

28 September 2008 - Convention & Reunion Reports

19 October 2008 - Dr. Don Schafer

23 November 2008 - Judy Lenhardt

D E C E M B E R 2 0 0 8						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Newsletter Deadline	2	3	4	5	6
7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

Fundraising Opportunities— At No Cost To You!!

- Electronic Newsletters. Receive your newsletters via email, and save GROW in postage costs. Thank You!
- Albertson's Scan Cards - Contact **Roger Haas** for your card if you don't already have one. Thank You!

Other Opportunities to Help...

- **Oscar Geiszler** is recycling inkjet and laser cartridges. Bring your empty cartridges to Chapter Meetings or contact Oscar directly. He can also help you receive approximately 50% discount on refilled cartridges.
- Visit **Cathy Lobb** before/after the Chapter Meetings to view the fascinating collection of books, audio CDs, videos, etc. that are available for sale. Also take a look at the tote bags, key chains and magnets, all with the GROW logo.

Learning the Hard Way, cont.

the treasures. Anniversaries, special birthday celebrations, marriages, births and obituaries are included for a number of people in Davison, Jerauld and Sanborn counties in SD.

The scrapbook is going with me to the Cousins Reunion in SD last summer and this is what I've decided to do to make it more easily used:

- number the pages so that a name can be looked up
- add a key for an index to the names/events
- list the name, event & location; sorting alphabetically in a table
- list the events by the years known (this provides a great time line) in a table
- scan and print the articles for my family books

There are other possibilities to consider:

- scan the entire scrapbook and put it on CD/DVD
- post the obits, marriages etc. on the web at the state/county
- determine what should be done with the scrapbook after my demise

Yes, mom, I did have to learn the hard way and I'm still asking those questions and checking out "family stories" today.

How about you? Do you have any family "treasures" to share with others?



GROW Membership Application

Germans from Russia Oregon and Washington



Years of Membership _____ New Renewal

Birth Month (optional) _____ Anniversary Month (optional) _____

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (include area code) _____ Email address _____

Name of ancestral village(s) _____

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Book Review

“Russian-German Settlements in the United States”

by Richard Sallet,

translated by La Vern J Rippley and Armand Bauer (1974).

This book is considered a classic in Germans from Russia studies, along with Dr Karl Stumpp’s book. It details the history of the German-Russian settlements in the USA and Canada in various ways.

He lists them by geographical origins – Volhynia, Volga area, Black Sea, Caucasus Mtns. The various religious denominations are detailed as well. Dr Sallet notes that his sole exception is the Mennonites because they were previously studied by others. Thirdly, he lists the new settlements by state, county and even by townships.

The appendices by both Dr Sallet and the translators, are well worth returning to many times over years of research.

Having the statistics (founding date, religion, population about the early 1900s) on villages of origin in Russia, Poland and Romania is helpful for us to connect via the Internet with other specialized researchers on mailing lists and websites.

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