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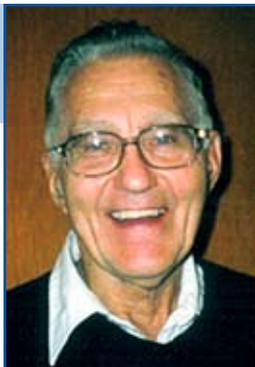
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Message from the President

Spring has sprung and people are coming out of hibernation. For January we had a great meeting with the Honorary German Consul, Robert Manicke in spite of rainy, winter weather.



In February, the temperature warmed up a little making Edelweiss and the Original Bavarian Restaurant/ Bakery more ease to provide and gave GROW an exhibition of sausages, cheese, deserts, etc. What a nice display owners Michael and Sigrid Neumann had. They did an awesome job of sharing their foodstuff that they created and GROW attendees had a chance of sampling their tasty morsels. Weather and great food has a way of getting us out of the house and enjoying the fellowship of others.

We are planning a great time together with Ron Schauer, friend Mara, Kurt Radtke and perhaps others born in Latvia and sharing some new things about this Russia village of Germany on Mar 20. You may not get this newsletter before the 20 March, so here's what is planned for you before our summer vacation.

On April 24, we will have the Annual Elections and the presentation on Speckkuchen. Below is the Wikipedia definition of Speckkuchen, but Adi Hartfeil, the presenter will have his own specialty. Also, others may want to get into the discussion of the different German Speckkuchen.

"Speckkuchen is a type of quiche, a specialty of northern Hesse, Germany. It is a bacon pie/flan with a rye flour crust on the base and made with eggs, and in some villages contains high proportion of leeks or onions. It is popular as a quick snack in Kassel, especially on market days, sold at food stalls and bakeries. As with many regional specialties, every village and every baker has his own Speckkuchen recipe."

In May 15, Larry Kuntz will be returning from Arizona pepped up and tanned to discuss some special presentations from 2015 GHRS Convention. Then for our final session on June 26, before our two month summer break, we have the fortune of hearing from delightful Sheila Winkler from Federal Way, Washington on the subject of "Speaking with the Elders". What a joy it is to hear from her!

For the future meetings, if you would (be so kind) think about ideas that you would like to see for future programs and or people that you may know that would like to present a program for a coming attraction. We are always interested in hearing from our members. Thanks for your response(s).

Now, a subject I don't like to reference is your \$5 membership donation, if you have not paid your annual \$5 GROW donation. There are at least 30 members that are receiving this newsletter that have forgotten to send in their annual \$5 dues to help us pay the cost of the printing, postage, building rent of \$60 per month, plus additional expenses. THANK YOU for taking care of this important matter right now and remit your payment of \$5 or more to Treasurer Adi Hartfeil, 4230 Terra Vista Ct, West Linn, OR 97068. Again viele dank!

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Thoughts Occasioned By German Sausage

by Ronald Schauer

I began writing this the last Sunday evening in February. From the February GROW meeting—the one about sausage—we drove to the Broadway New Seasons market. We didn't need much, I just get easily lonely for New Seasons, and we did need some travel-sized toothpaste for next week's train journey.



It's tempting to just continue on (and on and on) the topic of sausage. I wrote about wurst the previous issue of the GROW Newsletter. We talked--and ate--sausage at GROW, and met Michael Neumann of the Tigar Original Bavarian Sausage Delicatessen. We of the audience talked and shared stories, history, and even some how-tos of the art of sausage making. The sampling plates from the Original Bavarian and the Edelweiss were plentiful and wonderful. I kept returning to the table to see what I might have missed. The tastes were excellent and familiar--which led me as we drove back to Longview to consider memory and its role in our lives.

We know that in some forms of dementia, the slow loss of short term memory presents a sometimes frightening and certainly confusing experience for the victim. To a sufferer of certain dementias, the fog-bound present is no match for a vivid and clear fifty year old memory. We often see people fleeing more to the clarity and realness of old memories rather than a shrouded present.

Pat and I sometimes argue about a certain place we've been, a meal we shared--somewhere, or an event we each seem to remember clearly but differently. I then pull out an old diary and patiently page through it until I find the date or situation that sits at the center of our disagreement; and sometimes find neither of us remembers it correctly. Or much worse,

I might find, from the testimony of my own written words, that I am utterly and completely wrong.

For several years in my professional life (such as it was) I worked with couples warring about old hurts and slights, painful insults and losses of trust. I learned in time to look for ways to run checks on their memories and discourage them from the absolute certainty of their remembrances of those events. We know that memory is effected by feeling, be it anger, or fear, or the passion of love. Think of a spot you parked at in high school and sat there with someone you loved, gazing out over a pond in a soft valley. Probably the most beautiful view you could ever have imagined. Two months later you caught on to the idea she or he was a self-absorbed, manipulative, arrogant, and crude slime ball. Then, just for curious, you went back to that heavenly pond nestled in the green field. The view had tragically changed. Its romantic ardor had departed without leaving even a note. And you said "WHAT??" Aah, the memory.

Despite its flaws and inaccuracies, its nasty jokes and ambushes, memory is that of which we are made. It defines us. And then in my thoughts I completed the circle and considered the smell of frying sausage, recently made, and how familiar and enjoyable and comforting that remembered smell remains.

I enjoy and treasure a variety of ethnic cultural festivals, hanging around for a few hours with Syrians, Norwegians, Basques, Russians, Greeks, Vietnamese. I like to slip in to such festivals, pretending I'm unnoticed and believing no one recognizes me for the alien I am. The food and dances, dresses and outfits, poetry and songs of our past live in a kind of collective cultural memory. The appearances of food, the smells, and particularly the faces of the old people tell me the story I came for. I've gotten used to elderly and worn faces wearing a look of both gladness and nostalgia, reflecting a long, often joyous history against the realization that they will not be here that much longer and with their going away another piece of their peoples' history, their cultural history, will become fainter and harder to know.



In Remembrance

Violet Roberta Lang

October 1, 1927 - December 21, 2015

Violet Roberta Stewart was born October 1, 1927 in Camaguey, Cuba, where her parents, Robert Edger Stewart and Lottie Lippincott Ervin were missionaries.

When Violet was five years old the family moved to Barranquilla, Colombia where her father was director of the Atlantic Colombia Mission. Violet did not have many memoirs of Cuba but she had lots of memories of Colombia. It was here that she started school. When Violet was eight, the family returned to the United States, first living in Texas. Her family then moved to Collegedale and finally to Madison, Tennessee, which was their home for many years.

Violet went back to Collegedale to graduate from academy. She then returned to Madison and completed nursing training in 1949. She also received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education degree from Washington Missionary College in 1951. She then returned to Madison and joined the faculty of the School of Nursing as Clinical Coordinator. Violet went to Walla Walla College for the spring term of 1954 to work on her master's degree. It was here that she met Harold Lang.

Violet Stewart and Harold Lang were married August 28, 1955 in the assembly hall at Madison College. Violet's father performed the ceremony. The couple made their first home in Van Nuys, California. Harold was a research engineer at Rocketdyne. Six months later Harold was drafted into the Army. Violet followed him to San Antonio, Texas where they lived for two years. Their first son Robert was born in Brooke Army Hospital. In 1958 they moved to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where Harold worked at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory. It was here that Sharon and Gerald were born.

In 1963 the family moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan where Harold joined the faculty of Andrews University. Except for two years in Ann Arbor, Michigan this was the Lang home until 2004 when Violet and Harold moved to Portland, Oregon to be near their daughter Sharon.

Once her children were born, Violet did not work outside of the home. She worked as a loving caring



mother. Her children's friends were always welcome in her home. She was a room mother at school and accompanied the children on their field trips. She volunteered for many other activities. Violet enjoyed camping, hiking and cross-country skiing with her family. When the children were in college Violet went back to work as a nurse in a doctors office.

Violet was very active in her church, children's Sabbath School, Adventurers, and Pathfinders. For many years she was an Associate Head Deaconess at the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University, in charge of a team of hostesses.

Violet died December 21, 2015 at the age of 88 and was buried in Willamette National Cemetery. Violet and Harold were married 60 years. She was preceded in death by her parents and three older siblings Evelyn, Alvin and Ervin. She is survived by a younger sister Velma Smith of Rogersville, Tennessee. She is also survived by her husband, Harold Lang of Portland, Oregon, daughter Sharon (Paul) Howard of Portland, Oregon, sons Robert (Debbie) Lang of Boise, Idaho and Gerald Lang of Winter Park, Florida, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Violet's memory to Your Story Hour, PO Box 15, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-9920.



One of the last records created about an individual's life is an obituary. It is most often written by close family members (spouse, children, siblings, nephews or nieces) and is reflective of what the living remember. Grief often clouds the exactness of memory so although much of the written obituary is correct, there might be details that are not quite right.



Obituaries can be short and to the point while others are treasure troves of detail. Some families have one or more persons that collect the obits from the newspaper and then are willing to make them available to family. My great aunt Mary collected obituaries and put them in a book ... they are wonderful, but there is no reference to what newspaper they were clipped from. Family Bibles have historically been a repository for them. Some people have a keepsake box that they are stored in. But what do we do if we are unaware of where this

cache of newspaper clippings might exist?

We now have access to thousands of obituaries on the internet. You have heard me talk about FamilySearch.org before...but in August of 2015 FamilySearch added to their collections the "United States, Obituaries, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1899-2012" database. As of today it has 455,810 images of obits that are totally searchable by name.

While you are in FamilySearch.org take the time to look at other collections that may have documents and reference to your family. Make sure you have created an account (it is free) because some of the images are not available unless you are signed in on your account.

Another website that is incredible is www.findagrave.com where you can search more than 142 million grave records. Many do not have obituaries attached to them but many do and it is well worth the search.

May you have some great finds as you search for your ancestors who made choices and lived lives that affect who you are today.

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Personal Travel Report on New Hope (Neue Hoffnung/ Nueva Esperanza): A Traditional Mennonite Colony in La Plata Province, Argentina

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On October 11, 2013, as part of a historic documentary project produced by North Dakota State University Libraries and Prairie Public Broadcasting in Fargo, I enjoyed the rare privilege to pay a cursory visit to the isolated Mennonite colony of New Hope (Neue Hoffnung in German, Nueva Esperanza in Spanish) in La Plata Province, Argentina. The producers' original plan was to film and interview members of this traditional Mennonite community. To our disappointment, upon our arrival the community declined or backed off from allowing us too much access. We were allowed to do some brief filming of the countryside and farm facilities, later with only a small group of young Mennonites, including two strapping blond and blue-eyed brothers, providing us with brief interviews in their fascinatingly archaic *Plattdeitsch* (Low German) dialects.

This short personal travelogue is based on the notes taken while we were on location. It proved most helpful that the travel team had ready access to a local gentleman who had long worked with and was quite familiar with this remote community. I gleaned much detailed information from him through our Spanish interpreters.

At first glance, the countryside surrounding New Hope gives one the overwhelming impression of visiting the North American Great Plains. Traveling by van through Santa Rosa and Guatache, my mind kept drifting back to my Dakota days, an expansive landscape, though here it was distinguished with short trees, rolling hills, pastures, and grazing cattle. Not quite spring in the southern hemisphere, the day of our visit was cool and overcast.

Though Argentine law prohibits foreigners from purchasing certain amounts of land, La Plata Province contains today the highest percentage of foreigners owning land in the country. In 1986, Mennonites from Mexico founded New Hope in Argentina. Known as a *Colonia Menonita* (Mennonite Colony),

New Hope encompasses about 8,000 hectares of land (about 20,000 acres or 2.47 acres/hectare), though the community seeks to acquire another 8,000 hectares.

The colony is not a town as such, but rather clusters of small Mennonite farms connected by a network of gravel roads. The clusters of farms surround the handful of Mennonite-run businesses and stores. There is some talk in the colony of trying to encourage tourism to the Mennonite settlements for more income. Though keeping fairly isolated from the larger society, the colony also still relies on the civil government to help maintain the road network.

Mennonites worldwide represent a quite diverse lot these days. Unlike some of its more modern or progressive counterparts found in parts of North and South America, New Hope has preserved a more traditional way of life. Here outside visitors get the sense of entering the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. Our group recalled that it seemed more like an Amish community, perhaps even reminiscent of the 1985 movie *Witness* starring Harrison Ford and set in a Mennonite community in rural Pennsylvania.

New Hope eschews electricity in homes, and families also use outhouses. No computer or Internet access is to be found here, though the young people are quite aware of such technology existing in the larger outside world. Some of the children and young people in New Hope we encountered, though somewhat reserved, expressed to us keen interest in email and the Internet. As a result, we gave them our university business cards with email addresses and university websites, perhaps more as token gifts. Earlier, one little boy in overalls during our lunch break tried to touch the Mini-iPad that I was using on the trip, but out of respect to his elders I politely told the inquisitive youngster that it would probably not interest him!

Meanwhile, New Hope's residents must utilize horse-drawn wagons or buggies for transport between the clusters of Mennonite farms in the colony. New Hope, however, has permitted the practical application of modern electrical and agricultural equipment for farming and work-related activities, as well as the use of trucks or modern vehicles for occasional travel outside of the colony. No cell phones or photographs are permitted on the premises either, though admit-

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tedly I took several discreet photographs of the settlement and of some of the younger local inhabitants who were curious about us exotic outsiders. The idea of covetousness lies at the heart of this plain rejection of aspects of modern life. If one person owned a cell phone, for example, then everyone would want one!

Colony members go to the hospital for medical treatment, but they have no insurance and simply must pay up. If a medical emergency arises, they may telephone for outside assistance. We learned of a traditional practice whereby a person or household hangs a red bandana on a wooden post to signal that they need medicine.

In New Hope, each family produces an average of nine children. The boys wear jean overalls and modern baseball-like caps, much like the adult males. By contrast, the girls and adult women wear dresses and head coverings. Specifically, the young and unmarried girls wear only white head coverings, while the older married women wear only black head coverings, clearly signaling their marital status or lack thereof.

Nine farms form a single cluster, and each cluster has a one-room school house established for that group. This arrangement creates a general communal atmosphere. It appears that the school house also serves as a house of worship on Sundays. A normal education there runs about seven years. The girls receive a primary education until age twelve, including reading, writing, and Bible study (all of which are related to religious and Bible literacy). The boys receive additional agricultural training and other trade skills. One of the young men we interviewed told us that they speak Low German at home but also Spanish outside of the colony.

Though we ended up not doing much documentary film work in New Hope, the tour was fruitful and memorable. We received a warm welcome and a delicious hot lunch at one of the homes that went without electricity. The one family who hosted us appeared more open and friendly to our visit. We soon learned that they were preparing for a wedding to take place the following day. Their home was clean and tidy. Our midday meal consisted of pasta filled with cream cheese, cream of onion soup, unsalted beans, unsalted tomato sauce, bread and strawberry sauce, and, to provide us with an international touch, Sprite and Coke for beverages. I noticed inside the house during lunch that no individual or family photographs or portraits existed, but they used modern calendars to serve as wall decorations. When it came to the dinner table, the females sat on the right side, while the males sat opposite to them. This traditional practice of separating the sexes also applies to their houses



of worship, though it was not peculiar to traditional German-Russian Catholics at one time either. In the Mennonite worship services, out of respect, the elders sit first, or at the front. Sunday religious services run from eight to ten a.m., including, when necessary, baptisms.

This family's wedding scheduled for the following day would be a simple gathering of the two families. They would all be having soup, tea, and cakes, etc., but no music, that afternoon. In addition, they described to us the basic protocols of how young people court each other. Within the community, a couple has a choice of spouse. A young couple will spend time together for a week in separate rooms at the homes of family and friends to decide whether they wish to consummate the marriage. The couple will make a final decision on Saturday, with the actual wedding and church celebration taking place on Sunday, if they agree to marry. Courtship here constitutes a seven-day process.

Beyond their regular Sunday church gatherings, these Mennonites continue to observe traditional Christian holidays such as Easter and Christmas. Outside of worship, their workdays run all year, though they take the traditional afternoon *siesta* (a rest break from about noon until three p.m.) in the intense summer heat but not in the milder winter when they typically work from dawn until dusk.

Our handful of conversations made it apparent to us that the community possesses only a vague historical memory of their migrations across half the world over the past couple of centuries. But a diaspora

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memory persists. New Hope's community is aware that it originated in Russia (modern Ukraine) along the Black Sea, later migrating around the late nineteenth century to Canada. From there, they ventured into northern Mexico in the early twentieth century. In 1986, after several decades in Mexico, some of them moved on to the Argentine grasslands.

New Hope's approximately 1,300 inhabitants remain aware of other Mennonite communities beyond their local confines. They know of Mennonites living

in Florida and Pennsylvania in the United States, as well as in Bolivia, Mexico, Paraguay, and across Argentina. In order to avoid too much inbreeding, at the time of our visit New Hope was in the process of inviting more Mennonites from the nearby Colony of Santiago and possibly even from Bolivia and Mexico.

I will never forget this journey. When writing on my visit to New Hope, I mused that many Mennonites reside here in northwestern Oklahoma and in neighboring Kansas. Things have come full circle.

Kathie Minden Honored

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Written by Jodi Weinberger

<http://portlandtribune.com/go/42-news/292561-169641-rockwood-advocate-moves-on>

Kathie Minden makes a point of saying she's not a "Katherine" or a "Kathleen." People are usually surprised.

"You'll never grow up," they say. And I thought, 'Well that's not so bad,'" Minden says.

But after 19 years as one of the original advocates for the struggling Rockwood area of Gresham, Minden, 69, is moving on.

Before it was trendy to do so, Minden took a small plot of land in Vance Park and turned it into a children's garden and then fought for a playground in the park. In 2003 she helped Gresham establish an urban renewal area in Rockwood and fought for its preservation when Multnomah County wanted to use the money for a justice center. Finally, she continues to push for the city to hire a full-time parks employee, someone who can do what she was doing in the Children's Garden, and for the city to establish a park district.

Minden announced her retirement in December, beginning the slow process of phasing out of the projects she created. The only problem? There's no one to take her place.

"When I said 'retired,' I laugh because I'm still helping in transition," Minden said. "Retirement takes time. For some it can be one day and that's it, but when you're involved in the community it's a transition."

Although she admits it's for the best, Minden is



Photo by JOSH KULLA, Gresham Outlook

emotional talking about her retirement.

"I put it off as long as possible," Minden said. "Last summer my husband had a friend newly retired ... and he went on an Alaskan road trip and my husband wouldn't leave me alone at the garden and I thought, it's time. It's time."

A calling

Minden became a full-time volunteer in 1997 after quitting a good paying job as a warehouse manager.

"By the mid-1980s so many apartments had been built in Rockwood and there weren't services," Minden said. "Out of that came the Children's Garden because there was a lack of anything that was free that the families could participate in and have something to do that was positive."

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The Children's Garden in Vance Park on Southeast 182nd Avenue is a thing of wonder. There are raised beds for vegetables and other plantings, a spot to study the lifestyle of butterflies, recycled sculpture art and a twisting, turning maze. During the summer Minden brings in experts to teach kids about bees, plants and other garden-oriented elements. There are also books and toys on hand.

"When I grew up I read voraciously, and literacy is the antidote to poverty," Minden said.

Minden felt creating the garden was her way of taking back Vance Park, which had developed an unsavory reputation.

"A garden is a good way to bring positive activity to a space that's challenged by negative activity," Minden said. "Within a year we had people pushing baby strollers and walking their dogs."

Former Gresham parks superintendent Todd Jones describes Minden in two words: passionate, dedicated.

"She is one of the most community-minded lay-people that I've ever met," Jones said. "She's great at researching funding sources and creating partnerships to get projects done and to help fund projects. She's a very strong advocate and supporter for parks and recreation and its importance for the livability of community life."

Rebel with a cause

Minden grew up in Gresham during the 1950s when the city had just 3,000 people. She and her husband, Ralph, have two children, Abbie and Rob.

With her husband's support, Minden has been a full-time volunteer for 19 years. "He's never said, 'Get a paying job.' That's really a blessing to have."

So by the time the city was ready to pursue urban renewal for Rockwood, Minden had established herself as a fierce advocate for the community through her work at Vance Park.

"I'm the original troublemaker," Minden joked.

She, along with long-time volunteers Dina DiNucci and Theresa Kuminski, were loud voices at the time and helped convince voters to approve the renewal plan expected to raise \$92 million for infrastructure and other projects. But soon after it was passed, the county stepped in with plans to use the money to build a justice center in the heart of Rockwood.

"There are times you stand your ground and you try to do so as respectfully as possible, but there are issues still like the Rockwood urban renewal ... that was probably the hardest thing I've done in my life to stand up and say, 'No, we need to look at it.'"



Photo by JOSH KULLA, Gresham Outlook

While Minden and others agreed that another police station was needed (and was eventually built) in Rockwood, she argued that a justice center, where crime suspects would be booked and processed, would only add to Rockwood's bad reputation.

"We did feel a sense of betrayal," said Minden of the county. "That was probably one of the saddest moments of my life ... this is my city, this is our community and we're investing our lives to make it the best that it can be and yet there were other plans ... it was really more of an intent to build a sheriff's empire."

DiNucci, now a public relations manager at Wallace Medical Concern, said Minden helped pull hundreds of others into activism.

"Kathie's effect throughout the community has grown exponentially," DiNucci said. "She has encouraged involvement throughout the community. She has connected so many families to the nature, beauty and butterflies in Rockwood. I don't believe many come close to understanding the goodness she has spread through motivating others, gathering volunteers and reaching out."

City investment

Following the urban renewal fight, Minden directed her energy into the nonprofit People for Parks, trying to get Gresham to establish a park district. That fight is still going.

"When I see that other positions are funded, I question, where is the intent?" Minden says of the city of Gresham. "Don't just talk about a parks district,

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Kathie Minden cont.

you've got to put something behind it and that has to be an official position."

Minden did most of her work at Vance Park, which is owned by Multnomah County, without much money from the city or the county but with a number of small grants totaling \$4,500 from the East Multnomah Soil & Conservation Water District.

"One of the things that we're trying to do with all of our grant programs is to do more work out in the Gresham area and in east county," said Suzanne Easton, a grants manager with the district. "We are very interested in reaching underserved populations and reaching especially youth in some of those areas ... so that was really one of the reasons why her projects were funded."

Easton said Minden was "just wonderful" to work with.

But without Minden, said Gresham parks superintendent Julie Larsen, the future of the Children's Garden is uncertain.

"There are several avenues we've been trying," Larsen said. "You'll never find another Kathie, so those are very, very tough shoes to fill. What she does is full time and we don't have a staff person to dedicate to that, so yeah, we really don't have any viable options at this point. We'd like to just ask the public to help us out."

One of the people the city approached was Lee Dayfield, head of Friends of Nadaka Park. Dayfield is leading the effort for a park district and is credited with turning under-used Nadaka into an award-winning natural area. Dayfield politely declined the city's request to take on the Children's Garden.

"She's just amazing," Dayfield said of Minden. "They'll never find another person that says 'I'm going to take that over' and do what she did."

Ralph Minden says he and Kathie both know it's time for a change.

"We're refocusing our energies into some other projects," Ralph Minden said. "It's hard for her to let go, but she's doing everything she can to transition out."

That next project might be even more challenging than Rockwood — poverty-stricken Nicaragua.

A few years ago Minden was working with a volunteer from Nicaragua who begged her to come see what life was like in his hometown.

"It will be hard for me not to be (at the Children's Garden)," Minden said. "I'll miss the kids, but we're doing gardens in Central America, and in order to move on you have to let go."

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GROW QUARTERLY CALENDAR

APRIL 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Board Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Chapter Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30



Chapter Meetings are held at:
New Deutsches Haus
(formerly the Fellowship Masonic Center)
 5626 NE Alameda St., Portland, OR
 (57th & Sandy Blvd.)

Directions:
From the North taking I-205 or I-5,
 Take Columbia Exit and go to Cully, turn South until you come to Sandy Blvd. & 57th/NE Alameda.
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 turn right on Sandy going West to Alameda & Sandy.
From I-5, take I-84 to 60th, turn North to Halsey,
 Left to 57th, North to Sandy & Alameda.
 38 car parking across from the Deutsches Haus.

Doors open at 1 pm • Meeting 2-5 pm

Chapter Meetings

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