



Sunflower Chapter NEWSLETTER



Christmas - Winter 2012

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2012 Kansas Round-Up of Chapters Topeka, Kansas

By: Janet Flickinger, Secretary

Since a number a members were not able to attend this Round-Up of Chapters, it is probably best to print for you the minutes from the meeting. The minutes were edited, just a bit, to fit.

Opening Ceremonies:

The meeting was opened with the Veterans of our membership presenting the flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Raymond Meier sang God Bless America with members joining in on the chorus. Leonard Schoenberger welcomed us, introducing Fr. Timothy Haberkorn from Topeka who led us in our opening prayer. Olivia Simmons president and CEO of Visit Topeka welcomed attendees to Topeka.

In the absence of Kevin Rupp our Kansas Round-Up President, Leonard Schoenberger welcomed us and called for a Roll Call of the Chapters. Two members from Oklahoma joined 44 members and two non-members to start the day with a couple of late-comers still expected. He thanked the Northeast Chapter for all their work in preparation for the Round-up.

The Memorial Service for those who have died this year was given by Frank Jacobs.

Business Meeting:

The minutes of the 2011 Round-up were read by Janet Flickinger, secretary and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Denise Grau. On Oct. 1, 2012, we had a checkbook balance of \$3,253.36. We

also have 2 CD's, one totaling \$1,791.37, and the other CD totaling \$1,407.97 for a total of \$6452.70 in the bank. A motion was made by John Reb and seconded by Mike Grau to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried. Denise announced that attendance for the Round-up totaled 44 pre-registered members; 2 non-members; 45 registered for the banquet; \$470 in raffle tickets sold in advance. Considering the low numbers this year, Denise



John Reb, Jr. provides music for the Friday night gathering.

made a motion to donate \$500.00 from the Kansas Round-Up to AHSGR for "AHSGR Website Development" and stipends of \$50 to each of our four representations on the board (Kevin Rupp, Karen Penner, Mike Meisinger and Dennis Zitterkopf). Motion to accept was made by Mike Grau and was seconded by Jerry Braun.

The \$500 donation plus Sunflower Chapter's donation of \$1,000.00 to AHSGR was presented to Diane White. While at the podium, she mentioned that the 2013 International Convention will



be held at the Hilton Hotel in Ft. Collins, CO; 2014 will be at the Cornhusker in Lincoln, NE; and if a convention center is completed in time, the 2015 convention will be held in Hays, KS.

Reports from National Board Members:

Dennis Zitterkopf is currently with his family traveling in England and France and sends his greetings. Dennis has resigned from the Board, but is still very active with the SOAR project and on the Tech Committee. Karen Penner read his report: The SOAR project now has about 400,000 obits on and 265 surname charts. Homestead records have been added for two counties in Oklahoma and Portland Naturalization Records and in the works and will be available soon. He warned that the set up for payment online through SOAR is NOT a secure sight. No problems have been reported. The server is getting old and running out of space and needs to be replaced in the near future. The Tech Committee is working on two websites. One is to be active soon that will allow for online application or renewal of membership, or if you prefer to mail by mail, you can print the form, fill it out and mail with a check to headquarters. Three tiers of membership will be available: Basic for \$35 is membership only; Standard is \$50 and includes the newsletter and quarterly; Premium for \$100 include all of that plus Clues and access to SOAR.

Next Meeting

Dec. 9

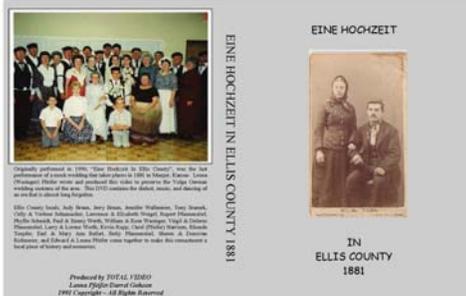


Social & Open Library.....11:30
Meal12:00
Meeting 1:00
Program 1:30
Open Library2:30

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Program will be by our Annual Banquet please be sure to call Betty Pfannenstiel at 625-6441 or Dolores Pfannenstiel at 625-6452 to RSVP for the meal. Tickets are \$10.00. This is our last fund raiser for the year. Please bring your favorite Christmas Dessert to share,

We are in the planning stage of a good and fun program, don't miss out!



Copies of the DVD, "Eine Hochzeit in Ellis County 1881" are now available for sale from the Sunflower Chapter for \$25.00 a DVD. Contact Kevin if interested in a copy, krupp@ruraltel.net

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER LIBRARY



The library is open one hour before the meeting begins and roughly 1/2 hour after the program ends. Books may be checked out at the meeting and need to be returned at the following meeting. Shirley

Brungardt, our Chapter Librarian, will be glad to help you with any of your questions. Donations are being taken for any books that you might like to see added to our library.

President's Message....Kevin Rupp

It is hard to believe that it is almost Christmas time and that a whole year has already past.

On Sunday, December 9, we will have our Christmas program beginning with the annual banquet at noon. Our wonderful cooks will be preparing another outstanding meal. Please contact Betty Pfannenstiel or Dolores Pfannenstiel with your RSVP by Monday, December 3rd. This is our last fundraiser for the year and at \$10.00 a plate you are getting a fantastic meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, meatballs, and all the trimmings!!!

We are in the final preparations for the Christmas program and I don't think you will be disappointed.

This past October, the Topeka Chapter was host to the 2012 Kansas Round-Up of Chapters. I have included the minutes from the meeting so that many of you, who were not able to attend, can read about the activities. One thing that was presented at the Round-Up was a questionnaire concerning the life of the Round-Up. It is getting to a point were less and less people are attending the event and we will need to decide whether to continue the programs or disband the idea of a yearly Round-Up. We received a number of good comments from the questionnaire, most agreed that the cost of the rooms at the hotels and the meals are getting more and more expensive each year. Many other good suggestions were mentioned and the Round-Up board will address these comments for the good of the group. The next Round-Up will be help here in Hays next fall.

I would like to remind you that if you have not paid you 2013 dues please do so at the meeting on December 9. I also hope many of you will seriously think about purchasing a membership for a family member for Christmas.

So, with all this in mind, I hope to see you on Sunday, December 9 for our Christmas meeting.

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AHSGR is now on
"Facebook"



Go to the AHSGR Website,
www.ahsgr.org, go down to the
bottom of the page and click on this
symbol and look for
"Become a Member"!

Karen Penner report for the Historical Research Committee: A reminder that Family Group Sheets or gedcom files of your ancestors needs to be send to Lincoln. The Genealogy and Archive Committees continue indexing and cataloging the numerous boxes of files and donations to the society that are in the vault at AHSGR. Karen also reported that the EWZ records being processed and digitized regarding some 150,000 to 200,000 Germans fleeing Russia in 1943 with the German Army, by the Mennonite Historical Society of British Columbia is about one-eighth complete. AHSGR, GRHS, and various Mennonite archives have joined the group in British Columbia to pay for these records that will be available to AHSGR when complete. They are only about 1/6 done, so they have quite a ways to go. Patti Seltenrick has met with some individuals who are interested in translating tapes made by JoAnn Kuhr.

Genealogy Committee: There are currently 5,000 volumes in the AHSGR library. The card catalog is now online. Steps are being taken to include electronic collections. Headquarters is working more closely with the Village Coordinators. The Gustav Schmidt letters translation is now complete. Mr. Schmidt visited America then returned to Russia and letters he wrote from about 1912 – the 1930's to his children who immigrated to North Dakota and Colorado were saved. A granddaughter is now working to put the story of their lives together. We have one more year of working with C.I.C. in Colorado storing and administering the SOAR information. Clues will be printed every 3 years and sent to those with Premium or Lifetime Membership. New members, or members who are not listed in Clues, must submit Ancestor Charts and Family Group Sheets to be included.

Library: Denise Matulka has been at the library less than a year, but is catching up on the filing that had fallen behind. She is also organizing the Village Files, making sure that what is in the file is indexed and visa verse. Some of the books had Dewey Decimal System coding and some Library of Congress. They are being changed to uniformity under the Library of Congress system and new labels made. The Jacob Eichhorn book about German-Russians immigration to Denmark has been added to the shelves.

Finance and Personnel Committee:

Mike Meisinger is the new Village Coordinator liaison. The committee includes Jim Weibert, Kevin Rupp, Dennis Zitterkopf and Mike. They are working on combining the EWZ, SOAR and similar items all in one system. On the Finance Committee: They plan to use the same firm to audit the records this year as last as they were quite satisfied. The financial report from the convention looked good. There has been a performance and salary review. A big cost of convention is transporting of the village files which takes 4 vertical files. They are hoping to have those digitized before next summer's convention.

Leonard made several announcements. Early plans are in the works for the 2015 KS Round-up in Hays, KS. The rooms are the Days Inn, next door to the Whiskey Creek Restaurant where activities will take place have been quoted at about \$51 including taxes. Kevin Rupp was absent due to family obligations and is staying close to Hays since Leona Pfeifer is recovering from surgery and none of her family was able to be there with her.

Ike Appelhanz and John Reb presented a program on "German Russians to Kansas with Help of Railroads AT & SF and Kansas Pacific". Karen Penner presented "Grandma's Apron".

Bingo was held from 12:45 though 1:30.

Jan Wilkes presented a program, "What's New in Family Search" about using <familysearch.org>. There are new things being added all the time and we were refreshed on some of the standard searches that we have all previously used.

Karen Penner set the stage with some details before the DVD video "Through the Desert Goes Our Journey", by Walter Ratliff. It is the story of Mennonites traveling from the Am Trakt Mennonite villages in the Samara region on the Volga, as well as Mennonites from the Molotschna Colonies in South Russia (now Ukraine), traveling to Central Asia, and settling at various locations in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and specifically Khiva and Ali Ata. Eventually, they all left, some sooner than later, for the American Midwest – Kansas and Oklahoma. The journey was retraced in 2008

by descendants of the leader of this group of people, Claas Epp.

Tanja Schell planned a Skype conversation with a man in Russia, but the wireless system was not connecting well enough, so it was abandoned and she presented a program that she gave at the convention this summer "Using Online Resources for Historical Research on the Volga German.

Banquet:

Fr. Timothy Haberkorn led us in prayer before the meal. Leonard Schoenberger, in proxy for Kevin Rupp, Pres. of the Kansas Round-Up, presented the "Document of Appreciation Award" to Janet Flickinger of the Post Rock Chapter.

The Round-up will be hosted by the Sunflower Chapter in 2013 in Hays.

The proceeds from this year's Raffle was \$555.00; Bingo was \$270.00; Bake Sale was \$205.25; and the Silent Auction was \$77.00. Thank you to all our members. After all expenses were in, the Round-up will most likely have a negative balance of about \$100.00.

Evelyn Huggins oversaw the Fund Raising Drawing:

1st Prize – Stained Glass Quilt handmade & donated by Ida Belle Gassman was won by Denise Grau.

2nd Prize - \$100.00 cash donated by the Golden Wheat Chapter, Wichita went to Mike Grau.

3rd Prize - \$75.00 donated by the Sunflower Chapter went to JoAnn Staley.

4th Prize - \$75.00 AHSGR gift card donated by Topeka's Chapter went to Evelyn Dreher.

5th Prize - \$50.00 AHSGR membership donated by the Kansas Roundup was by John Brown.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Fr. Timothy Haberkorn, "In Coming to Know Our History, We Come to Know Ourselves". He spoke from personal experience as a fellow "Roosian" of life in a hardworking, conservative household and his many trips to Germany in the last 20 years plus one trip to his ancestral village in Russia.

CHRISTMAS GERMAN-RUSSIAN TRADITIONS

By Lawrence Weigel

The "Christ - Kind" is the traditional Christmas messenger who brought the tidings of Good Joy, and distributed Christmas gifts to German-Russian children both in Russia and here in America.

"The History of the Christ-Kind"

The tradition of the Christ-Kind dates back to the middle of the seventeenth century in Germany. In ancient German folklore there was the good fairy known as Mother Holle, and no doubt this inspired the tradition of the Christ-Kind. The Volga Germans, as well as the Odessa Germans who lived in the Black Sea region of Russia, brought this custom with them from their native Germany. The custom was not only faithfully kept by the Catholics, it was also widely adopted by the Lutheran communities.

A young woman played the part of the Christ-Kind. She was dressed in a white gown or robe, and had a blue or red sash around her waist. Her face was covered with a muslin veil which also covered her head. She carried a sack under her gown filled with nuts and candy which were given to the children. The gifts of toys were generally carried in a basket by "helpers" who were older members of the household. When the children heard a bell it was a sign that she was coming.

Christmas Eve was always a great occasion. The children looked forward with great anticipation to the coming of the Christ-Kind. If the sun would set with a bright red glow during the week before Christmas, the children were told that the Christ-kind was baking cookies for all those children who had obeyed their parents.

Among some of the German Russians it was customary to expect the Christ-Kind to come on a donkey. There were no donkeys available on the steppes of Russia, so where this custom was practiced, several boys acted as a donkey by disguising themselves in a donkey costume.



In these places where the donkey was traditional, a bundle of hay was placed on the ground by the children during the day, so that the donkey would have something to eat.

Sometimes, the Christ-Kind also carried a twig and would pass out a little punishment for those who had not been good. Generally, however, she played the role of a fairy who came as a messenger of the

Christchild.

The one who the children really feared, and who came to the house a short time after the Christ-Kind left, was "Der Belznicklos". Many a person in Ellis county can tell you about this character...who was also a part of the Christmas custom.

This article was taken from the December 13, 1973 edition of the Ellis County Star., Hays, Kansas.



The 2013 Annual AHSGR Storytelling Contest

If you are interested in entering AHSGR's Storytelling Contest, here is what we're looking for. A good, interesting, UNPUBLISHED story that pertains to the history, culture, folklore, language, or life experiences of the Germans from Russia. Examples:

- ◆ Memories of village life in the Old Country (festivals, foodways, visits by Gypsies)
- ◆ Stories about immigration to the New World (the great voyage, Ellis Island, early hardships)
- ◆ "Believe it or not" stories, ghost stories, humorous stories, inspiring stories, etc.

Adult Division:

- ◆ First place Award - \$100.00
- ◆ Second Place Award - \$75.00
- ◆ Third Place Award - \$50.00

(Awards for ties will be prorated)
"Honorable Mentions" are also possible

For a copy of the entry form please go to:

www.ahsgr.orgStorytellingContest/2013%20Storytelling%20Entry%20Form.pdf

Or contact Kevin for a copy of the entry form and rules.

WANTED

Articles from our Chapter Members of what they remember about their Grandparents when they were growing up.

Please submit your story with a photo of your grandparents to Kevin at krupp@ruraltel.net, or mail to:

Kevin Rupp
2301 Canal Blvd
Hays, Ks. 67601

or drop off at the St. Joseph Parish Service Center.

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS



Reports from Headquarters given at the 2012 Kansas Round-Up of Chapters Meeting in Topeka, Kansas.

Diane White reported on the 2012 Convention in Portland, OR. There were over 500 in attendance. She said that the George White Library was wonderful and the campus very inviting. The traditionally Village Night that has been held on Wednesday evening for many years, was dropped and replaced by a Researcher's Round Table. The convention was changed to Thursday through Sunday, hoping to allow more working people to attend on the weekend. Perhaps that helped because the number of attendees increased by at least 200, but some complained that without Village Night, there was not enough time to get together with others researching the same village.



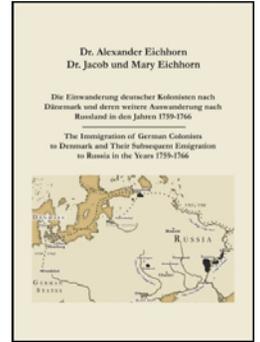
Diane told us about some of the things happening at headquarters. Brothers Don and John Weber are doing some maintenance repairs and helping to move furniture and artifacts. The thirty year old carpet is finally being replaced this coming week and everything had to be cleared out of the way of the carpet layers. Some of the copper gutters were stolen this past summer and had to be replaced. When the new gutters were installed at a cost of about \$3000, the removed gutters were sold for their copper for about \$2000, paying for a good portion of the new gutters. Since stealing of copper for resale is now very common, the Board decided that if the missing pieces were simply replaced, the thieves would be back again. Headquarters should be looking good in time for the 2014 convention to be held in Lincoln.

Diane mentioned a new product soon to be in the bookstore. It is a deck of historical cards with the AHSGR logo on the back and photos on the front. Twenty decks were ordered and shown at the recent board meeting and all were sold immediately. An order has been placed for 200 and should be arriving soon. Members price on each will be about \$21.50.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

The Immigration of German Colonists to Denmark and their Subsequent Emigration to Russia in the Years 1759-1766.

By Dr. Alexander Eichhorn



Dr. Jacob Eichhorn & Mary Winn Eichhorn

Written in both German and English, this acclaimed 767 page book contains extensive information obtained from Danish and German archives. Included are important previously unpublished data. Historians and genealogists will find this book a valuable reference.

Highlights Include:

- ◆ History of the German Immigration to Denmark and then to Russia.
- ◆ Lists of the 1200 German families transported to Jutland and Schleswig in the years 1759-1762 ("A" List).
- ◆ Database of over 1800 German and Danish colonist families registered in Jutland and Schleswig in the years 1759-1766 ("B" List)
- ◆ List of 604 colonists families who emigrated from Denmark to 34 specific German colonies in Russia ("Rus" List)
- ◆ Name Index for combined Lists "A", "B" and "Rus"
- ◆ Thirteen illustrations, 16 maps, 8 tables and charts.

NEW Census Lists by Brent Mai:

- ◆ Dehler 1850 Census
- ◆ Dehler 1857 Census

For more information please contact Brent Mai at: bmaj@cu-portland.edu

AHSGR RESEARCH PAGE New Additions

- ◆ **The Russian National Census of 1897**

<http://www.ahsgr.org/FindAncestors/ResearchMaterials/RussianArchives.htm>

The Sunflower Chapter of Ellis County, Kansas in conjunction with the Ellis, Kansas Bukovina Society present a NEW (sort of) DVD.



Cost of DVD \$25.00
Sold by the Bukovina Society and the
AHSGR Sunflower Chapter

To Order, Send \$25.00 to
Sunflower Chapter
c/o Kevin Rupp
2301 Canal Blvd
Hays, Ks. 67601

A great experience for younger people at Christmas this year would be the home showing DVD of *Christmas Customs of the Old Country*. Videotaped in 1997 by members of the Bukovina Society and the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, it features authentic costumes, songs and skits of early German Christmas traditions.

Speakers Include: Oren Windholz, Leona Pfeifer, Pastor Lyle Knuth.
Fr. Kevin Weber and a number chapter members.

TRADITIONAL NICKNAMES AMONG THE CATHOLIC VOLGA GERMANS IN WESTERN KANSAS

By L. A. Weigel

Continued from the previous newsletter.

One of the Frank Dreilings was known as "Der Buckliche Franz" meaning humped back. His son was "Der linksa Frank" (he was left handed). And we cannot forget another Frank who was called "der Wolf". I never did find out why they called him Wolf. He was a very nice man, one of the nicest in the community, but had the ugly name Wolf.

Some men were bynamed by their wives: For example "Der Kattelgoat's Mike" (his wife was die Kattel Goot. Des Milch Meikja was a man who sold milk. And then there was another Brungardt - all of these I just mentioned were Brungardt's "Der Hardware Mike" - he had a hardware store. One time he went to 6 o'clock Mass in Victoria and parked his Model T in front of the church. Old man Peter Goetz known as Binder Peter parked his car behind Hardware Mike. When church was out they came out and Binder Peters car wouldn't start. Hardwarae Mike said, "du host mol a Strick?" (Do you have a rope). Ya, said Binder Peter "so eener wo mer a Kuh rum fiehrt" (Yes one you lead a cow around with). And so they tied the rope between the cars, and Hardware Mike also being very heavy and thick necked couldn't look around very well. He pulled Binder Peter all across town to the garage south of the tracks. When he pulled in, John Riedel the garage man said: "Was gebts" (what do you want) - and Hardware Mike said: I don't want anything, it is the guy back there. What guy, Riedel asked. Finally Hardware Mike turned around with a lot of effort, and no-one was there. You see, the rope broke over by the church when he started to leave church, and old Binder Peter was still parked over by the church one mile away.

In Herzog, Al Pfeifer was called "der Boy" and his sister was called "Des Maedja". (Our boy and our girl).

There is a man living in Victoria today, known as Honey Braun. His real name is Wendelin. He got the name in a strange way. His dad promised him he would buy some honey for him to eat if his team would win a baseball game. When honey overthre second base, the winning run

came in for the opposing team and he said: "Damit, jetzt grieh ich ke Honey"...and he was Honey thereafter.

The three Peter Sanders were known as "der Fiddel Pit" he played the fiddle; der Rota Pit (he was red) and der Marshall Pit (he was the city Marshall).

My own uncle John J. Weigel was also called "Der John Pit." his initial was really John J., another John Weigel who rarely spoke, was called "Der stille Hans" (quiet John, Another John was simply called, der John I.

My grandpa was Nicholas Kuhn. There being another Nick Kuhn, my grandpa was known as "Der Balzers Nick" (going back to his grandpa Balzer.) The other one being a big fat man was "Der dicke Nick."

Some of those in town were known by their profession:

- ◆ Der Store Dreiling
- ◆ Der Zahn Doktor
- ◆ Der Barber Weigel
- ◆ Der Schuster Sander (shoeman)
- ◆ Der Telephone Tony (Denning)
- ◆ Der Elevator John (operated an elevator)
- ◆ Der postmeister (Franz Brungardt the postmaster)
- ◆ Der Bona Joseph (Bean Joe), He traveled around the countryside with a truck selling beans in 100 lb. bags.

There were also 2 Joe Wasingers. One who had a large family and who had country support was known as Country Joe. The other had white hair and was "Der WaiseJoe" Der Pfeifer's Halba: (Pfeifer's half). This was my great-grandpa. When he was in Russia, he was told as a 10 year old boy by his dad to get a shovel and get to work. He said to the boy, "Du bist jetzt a Mann du must schaffa". (you are a man and must work). He replied, "Ich sin bloss a halba Mann - Ich sin erst 10 Jahr alt." (I am only a half a man, I am only 10 years old.) From that day on they called him "Der Pfeifer's Halba."

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SOAR has:

Over 400,000 individual documents pertaining to

- birth
- death
- marriage
- immigration
- confirmation
- other life events of Germans from Russia
- reference works



AHSGR has the largest genealogical library for Germans from Russia in the world and a commanding Internet presence.

Wir wuenschen euch ein
(We wish you a)
glueckliches Neues Jahr,
(Happy New Year)
ein langes Leben,
(a long life)
Gesundheit,
(good health)
Friede und Einigkeit,
(peace and goodwill)
und nach dem Tod,
(and after death)
die ewige Glueckseligkeit.
(eternal happiness)



2013 SUNFLOWER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Members Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Birth date: Month _____ Day _____ Year (optional) _____ German-Russian Heritage Yes ___ No ___

Ancestral Names (Self) _____

Ancestral Villages (Spouse) _____

Spouses Name _____ Spouses Maiden Name _____

Birth date: Month _____ Day _____ Year (optional) _____ German-Russian Heritage Yes ___ No ___

Newsletter: ___ By e-mail; ___ By Postal Mail; ___ Both

DUES: Renewal _____ New Member _____ Dues for year 20 _____

Date Paid _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Privacy Option: ___ Check here if you do NOT want your information published to others in the Society. (Clues/GED List)

You must be a member of the International Organization (AHSGR) before joining the local Sunflower Chapter.

_____ **\$45.00 Basic Annual Membership** - Includes all benefits, voting rights & notices except, **NO Journal, Newsletter or Clues**. This includes national & local dues.

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_____ **\$10.00 Local Dues Only** (International Dues have already been paid to headquarters or I am a Life Member)

Membership renewals are due by January 1

Areas of Interest:

We are always looking for more help in our chapter.

Please mark your areas of interest:

Program _____ Newsletter Information _____
Hospitality _____ Help w/VFW Breakfast _____
Photographer _____ Publicity _____ Folklore _____
Clean-up _____ Genealogy _____

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1. **Clues** – A genealogy helper for researching family histories: Lists of villages & surnames that AHSGR members are researching. Lists AHSGR member contacts who are will to exchange research information and the AHSGR Village Coordinator Network. Provides instructions for submitting GEDCOM files to the AHSGR database. GEDCOM is an acronym standing for **GEnealogical Data COMMunication**. **Important consideration:** To be listed/published in **Clues**, do **not** select the “Privacy Option” on the printable **Membership Application and Data Form**.

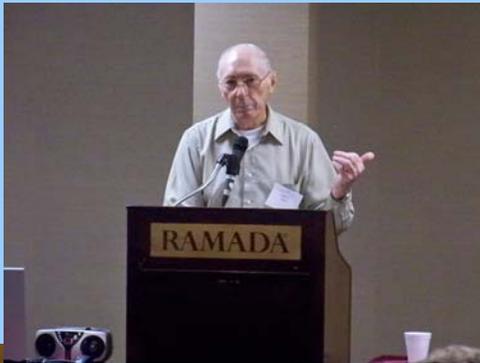
2. **Membership Plus Subscription** – **Membership Plus** is a fee based subscription option available only to AHSGR members (except Institutional Memberships). As a **Premium** or **Life** member, there is no additional fee for the Membership Plus subscription. This added value genealogy research option allows for unlimited search, view & download of any available database on the online **Save Our Ancestral Records (SOAR)** site. **Standard** members who subscribe to Membership Plus will automatically be upgraded to a **Premium Membership**.

If new member, how did you hear about AHSGR?

Website ___ Facebook ___ Magazine Ad ___ Society Visit ___ Other ___

Name of referring Chapter or Member: _____

UNSERER LEUTE IM BILD - Kansas Round-Up of Chapters



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Topeka, Kansas**



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