

# North Star Chapter

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## **"The Silent Ob": An Escape from Russia**

**Saturday, March 10, 2007, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Berea Lutheran Church, 7538 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield, MN**

The North Star Chapter welcomes Ben Jacques, college professor and freelance writer from Stoneham, Mass., author of "The Silent Ob," to our March program. This is the chronicle of Jacques' grandfather's amazing WW1-era escape from his Mennonite and Seventh-Day-Adventist village of Alexandrodar in the region of the Caucasus.

The "Ob" refers to the river that flows north to the Kara Sea and Arctic Ocean. The river was the only road in or out of the Siberian wilderness. The son of Gottfried Jacques, a French-Russian viniculturist, and Katherine Izak, a German-Russian Mennonite, Ivan Bogdanovich Zhak (John Godfrey Jacques) was a young church worker when he was arrested in December, 1914. Ben Jacques' story is based on his grandfather's account of his journey through the prisons of Russia to a penal island in Siberia and escape to China. In spite of the triumphant exile, he spent his years pondering the fate of the family he left behind.

If you are inclined to do advance study, read Ben Jacques' contribution on pgs. 2-12 of the March 2006 issue of GRHS Heritage Review. There will be a brief chapter meeting and coffee break before the presentation begins at 2:00 PM.

## **North Star Chapter Annual Spring Banquet**

**Saturday, April 21, 2007, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Berea Lutheran Church, 7538 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield, MN**

**5:00: Tour the "Celebrate the Prairie" exhibit**

**6:00: Banquet meal**

**7:00: Debra Marquart, Iowa State University professor, poet, musician, & author**

Join us for our final gathering before our summer break. In addition to a delicious catered meal, we will have a special program. Back by popular demand, Debra Marquart will share stories from her journey to her ancestral villages in Ukraine and discuss her new memoir "The Horizontal World: Growing Up Wild in the Middle of Nowhere." To learn more about Debra, visit her website <http://www.debramarquart.com>.

The "Celebrate the Prairie" exhibit will underscore the theme of the evening. Prairie folks know the legacy the prairie has made in their everyday lives. Some of us need a "prairie fix" now and then just to feed the psyche and refill the prairie reserve that the closeness of urban dwelling drains. How do we describe the prairie? Wide open spaces, rolling hills, flat horizons, long sunsets, golden rows of (The Spring Banquet registration form is on page 9.) (continued on page 9)



## **The President's Two Cents** by Jim Gessele

First off, a million thanks to Lil Ward for not only serving at the chapter helm this past year, but also for her nuts and bolts organizational skills and her dedication to the chapter's success. Now, she has graciously taken on programming. Amazingly, Lil and her able assistant, Carol Just, have already mapped out and scheduled our itinerary for the entire year. That's what you call a smooth operation. Hats off to both ladies!

And what great programs lie in store for us! You can't pass up the March meeting with a guest appearance by Ben Jacques. This gentleman retells the amazing story of his grandfather's 1915 exile to Siberian imprisonment and eventual escape to America via China. Keep in mind, we anticipate other out-of-town guests, whose clergy ancestor suffered the very same exile and trek into Siberia. Talk about a potential reunion.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find all the particulars on our annual spring banquet. Our guest is a young author, Debra Marquart, fresh off a promotional tour with her successful new memoir, "The Horizontal World." Not only has she nailed cold the Dakota German-Russian experience, she writes with lyricism equal to her sweet singing voice. (I'm anxious to hear her reprise the tune she rendered at her local book tour.)

This is our special springtime event that begs for some level of decorum. Though we have no dress code making it a black tie affair, though I'm crusty and cantankerous and take full responsibility for my admonitions, please dress appropriately.

Think far ahead into September as you organize your social calendar. Make plans to get the family together and bring cousins and grandkids to the return of our popular Harvest Fest, which we designate this year as the "Kerb" Fest. Also dubbed "Kirb," the festival is rooted in ancient German culture and originally celebrated the consecration of a church and the annual celebration of the anniversary. From the 9<sup>th</sup> century onward, it became increasingly more secular to include today's fair and musical entertainment. By the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the celebration in our ancestral Russian colonies had reached a level of ribaldry the consequences of which were (continued on page 3)

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## Member News

Please welcome these new members to the North Star Chapter: John Sailer, Darlene Lobenstein, and Anne and Matt Podhradsky.

We would like members to get to know each other better. Starting in the August 2007 newsletter, we will be featuring a member, profiling their background, career, family, interests, and maybe a photo. You may be approached by email or in person by your curious newsletter editor, Cindy Miller. If you are interested in sharing a bit about yourself, please contact Cindy.

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easily discernable nine months later. We promise you none of that at Berea Lutheran, but you will have fun celebrating your heritage.

Speaking of fun, here is a short commentary on our thrifty and ubiquitous Swabian brethren and their ideals: Q. What is the geological origin of the Grand Canyon? A. A Swabian lost a penny there.

## Book Club Review by Nancy Gertner

The *Verrueckte Frauen* met in February for a book club discussion of Debra Marquart's memoir, "The Horizontal World: Growing Up Wild in the Middle of Nowhere," about growing up on the North Dakota prairie.

All transplanted suburbanites now, we *frauen* examined the author's experiences with our own perspectives of growing up in or near rural towns of the Midwest, where many of us attended school with our second cousins. City-dwelling Cindy admitted jealousy of the "country kids," who were allowed to drive earlier because of provisions in the state law.

Teasing: Abuse or flattery? Perpetrators of family teasing may have intended it as flattery, but the recipients frequently feel it as abuse. Culture and tradition have given way to a 21st century perception that we don't need to tolerate the well-intended but unflattering attention of relatives with bad scripts. Jackie taught her husband to abandon the nicknames he formerly used to describe his female relatives, and Marlene's daughter taught her children to say, "Papa, stop!" when male relatives ventured into the discomfort zone.

The 21st century also seems to have brought us a new perception on showing affection in our families. The song from *Fiddler on the Roof*, "Do I Love You?" resonated with many of us that grew up knowing we were loved by those that did our laundry, cooked our meals, and bought or made our clothes. The pervasive "permissiveness" of the new millennium allows us to hug and kiss our relatives with the abandon of the dancing dervish. "Where did this man come from?" mused Cindy, amazed to witness her father "slobbering" over her firstborn son that entered the world as a 3 pound 3 ounce cherub.

Birth order seemed to significantly influence how we identified with the author's adventures. "Disturbing," mused Shona, an eldest, on Debra's (a youngest) poor planning that made her almost late for her own father's funeral.

Lil, a youngest, breezed through the book in two days, while elder sister Helen struggled to turn the pages. Those of us sitting in the "youngest" slot of the birth order identified with how Debra learned to manipulate her parents, weary from childrearing after raising her older siblings. (continued on page 7)



# In Search of a Bride

by Alfred Thileman

translated by James Gessele

First published under the title "Brautschau" in *Heimatsbuch: 25 Jahre nach der Umsiedlung, 1965*, (Andernach: Alois Lenz on behalf of the Bessarabiendeutschen Landsmannschaft Rheinland-Pfalz e.V., 1965), pp. 112-113.

Sometimes it was impossible for a young man or girl of marriageable age to find a spouse in one's own home village of Bessarabia. In such a case, a search was conducted in neighboring communities. But this *Brautschau*, this lookout for a marriage partner, was not that simple in the earlier years. Most of the time, one also utilized so-called *Vermittlungsmänner* (intermediaries). Parents informed close acquaintances—relatives, quite often—that Jakob, for example, was keen on marriage and inquired if there was a suitable girl available in the parish. In our case here, there was such a girl. Consequently, a visit was arranged. For this very reason, Jakob groomed his horses and polished harness and wagon to a spick and span condition, for the mode of transportation in that day served as the young man's calling card.

The types of visit for purposes of spousal search were quite varied, and the hunt wasn't always successful. Therefore, visits of this kind were conducted mostly in secrecy. Who in his right mind—as one already prepared to be turned down—would want a rejection—if it did occur—to become public knowledge? So it happened that the intermediary came calling late in the night at the parental home of the girl in question to announce that a "groom" from a neighboring village wished to pay a visit and did the parents and girl consent to it. Earlier, the intermediary had gathered information concerning the social and material standing of the parents. So he was already aware that expectations and circumstances of the parents and the young man were relatively in synch and that in this respect, they were all on a level playing field.

If the parents and the girl agreed to the visit, then the young man was summoned from the intermediary's home and introduced to the parents and the girl. From both sides came an outpouring on the praiseworthy aspects of the two young people and discussion about the marriage dowry. Shortly, the young people were left in private. Now the decision had to be made: Would they accept each other, or not?

If the two took no pleasure in each other's company, and no amount of persuasion from the parents or the intermediary was of help, then the young man drove home quietly and in secret and later continued the search for another girl.

If the young people were disposed towards one another, well, then it was time for close and considered inspection. That is to say, the girl and her parents paid the young man's parents a return visit to become better acquainted and, above all, to scrutinize the farm—especially the farm yard—and the dowry. Should this visit also prove satisfactory to both parties, a formal period of engagement was conducted. The couple drove to the pastor's house for an "interrogation," a close examination in which the bridal couple was re-examined in their knowledge of God's word

and instructed in the way of a Christian marriage. On its heels, came the posting of the churchly banns, and a marriage ceremony followed three weeks later.

But things didn't always go that smoothly. Where girls of marriageable age are found, certainly one also finds young men. And despite the covert, late night visit, the men in the village soon learned that a *Brautschau* had taken place with Cousin Hannes' Mariechen. Naturally, one or more of these chaps didn't agree with such a visit, whether because he himself had taken an interest in Mariechen or simply because one's sense of honor was hurt that someone from a neighboring village wished to walk off with their own hometown girl. For that reason, attempts were made to cure Jakob of any notions of marriage.

The hometown boys either lay in wait and beat him up badly or cut off the tails of his horses. It often happened that the young man's wagon was driven into the village pond or loaded up with manure and left standing outside the village. Sometimes, the wagon was dismantled even and reassembled again at the very top of the barn roof. Or the wheel nuts were loosened, which led to accidents or the groom landing in a roadside ditch. Often, the suitor was informed that were he to contribute twenty-five liters of wine and two bottles of schnapps, he would be left in peace.

Pranks were played on girls, too, who had turned down the local young men because they weren't deemed worthy enough. At Easter, the girl's windows were smeared with tar, or a heavy straw mat was strewn in a path from her house to that of the cowherd or some other unsuitable person. The boys simply wanted to make it known that they were not pleased with the girl's snooty and impudent manner.

For village residents, the straw path also served to give away a couple's relationship still in the offing or one already secretly underway.

Of course, not all marriages arose under such circumstances. Occasionally, there were marriages that were decidedly love matches, where a wealthy girl married some poor fellow or vice versa. But in very many instances, marriages were performed because it was a good fit financially for both parties or because that's what the parents wanted.

Katri Bas (Aunt Katharina) was always said to have claimed of her daughters, "*Meine Mädla können schon heirata, die können a Unterhos schon ohne Muschter näha.*" (My girls are quite ready to get married; they already know how to sew a pair of underpants without using a pattern.)

Or one could do as Hannes did when he said to Christina: "*Sag amol 'ja,' Chrischte!—So, jetzt bisch moi!*" (Please, just say yes, Christi!—There, now you're mine!)"



# Library Corner

By Bernie Becker

The February 11 StarTribune carried a short article titled: "Elie Wiesel accosted at peace forum." The strange name Elie jumped off the page at me because just last week as I prepared books donated to our library by Elvera H. Hofmann, one of them was a book entitled "Night" by Elie Wiesel. It is the autobiography of a young Jewish boy telling the horrors of his time at Auschwitz during WW II.

The newspaper article said that a man, who may have been a Holocaust denier, approached Wiesel seeking an interview at a San Francisco hotel and later roughed him up. Wiesel, 78, was dragged off the elevator on the hotel's sixth floor, and the man fled after Wiesel began to scream.

"Night" is a translation from German by Elie's wife, Meirion, copyright 1958. Wiesel accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. Carol Stabner checked the book out at our February meeting and when I called her to get the copyright date the following evening she had already finished it. Keep it circulating –it's worth reading.

Other books Elvera H. Hofmann donated are: "The Dirty Thirties": Wm. H. Hull shares experiences of 147 people from 21 states, people who lived through those terrible depression years. (A - Memoir); "Old Rail Fence Corners": Frontier Tales told by Minnesota Pioneers (A - Memoir); "Russian Cook Book for American Homes": This wartime edition adapts Russian recipes using substitutions during shortages. (F)

Ed Schulz, Hudson, Wis., donated 25 books at our January meeting. They have been processed and are on the shelves. Two I want to bring to your attention are "American

Passenger Arrival Records" and "They Came in Ships." They contain good leads to find information on ships, ports, etc. He also included a 1992-93 auto atlas for Germany you might find interesting if searching for certain towns or villages.

Our fledgling "book club" met February 2 at Carol Just's to discuss "The Horizontal World: Growing up Wild in the Middle of Nowhere" by Debra Marquart (A). Since I'm finished with the book, I'll give others of you the opportunity to read Debra's account of growing up on a prairie farm in the 1950s. All she could think of was escape. Yet in her mature years that "horizontal world" keeps drawing her back.

There is one purchase to report: "Sachliche Volkskunde der Wolgadeutschen: Siedlung, Obdach, Nahrung, Kleidung (Factual Folklore of the Volga Germans: Migration, Housing, Food Ways, Clothing)."

At the February meeting I received more book donations from Carol Stabner and Marvin Geske. I'll have them processed and ready for your perusal by the March meeting. Our Chapter gives thanks to those who donate books. Check our website for an updated list of our books with short blurbs on contents of most of them. This will save you time because you can decide ahead of time which books you want to look at.

I also want to thank Paul Oberlander for his faithful help. Paul comes early, sets up the library, mans it during the meetings, and puts the library to bed after we leave. He's the member of this team that is knowledgeable and who can help you find where to look for information you are seeking. Again, thanks Paul!



# Why Do I Love These People?

By Cynthia Miller

"You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your relatives." That's a saying you often hear with a sigh, when we discuss family, the people we can't escape, the people we love even when we wish we didn't. I recently read a book by Po Bronson called "Why Do I Love These People?" The book is a collection of interviews Bronson did with ordinary Americans about their experiences and feelings on the ties we have with family.

The stories are compelling, but what I found interesting was the statistics on families that Bronson researched when writing this book. Like many people, I believed the nostalgic view that times were so much better for families "way back when." I felt a lot of security. My parents are still married, my grandparents lived down the street, I had two younger brothers that I played with more than fought. But there were other families I knew of with "secrets": a mean grandmother, a drunk uncle no one discussed, a pregnant older sister who brought shame.

Later I realized even my family had some drama: a cousin who kept getting divorced, tensions between stepfamilies, brothers and sisters who barely spoke. But is this because of the breakdown of the American family we hear a lot about today? Not according to Bronson. For instance, we are fortunate today that grandparents and grandchildren even know each other. One hundred years ago, only 25% of children had all four grandparents living when they were born, and that dropped to two percent by the time they reached age 15. Seventy percent of children born in the 1970s had at least two grandparents living when they reached adulthood.

Stepfamilies are nothing new, although it's true that today they are more often a result of divorce rather than death. Still, it's a difficult

situation, and in Colonial times, over 60% of children would find themselves with a stepparent before they reached adulthood. In 1880, six percent of children lived in a household that did not include their parents. In 1970, this had dropped to three percent.

And, as my grandmother said when I discovered that one set of great-grandparents got married in June and had their first baby in October, "People did things like that back then, too." In fact, it has been estimated that the premarital pregnancy rate has never been below ten percent in this country and rose as high as 30% in the 1800s. A few hundred years ago, it was common in Europe to wait until the birth of the first child to marry; it proved the woman's fertility. But if you've got a child or grandchild who is still single long after you think they should be, don't despair: over 90% of Americans eventually marry at least once.

It seems there's never really been a point where everything in family life was perfect. It just seems that way often when we look back. Germans from Russia were no better or worse than any other families, but thank goodness we have them. As you go to reunions this summer, remember that although you might ask yourself why you love those people, there usually isn't a doubt that you do.

## Storytellers Needed

If you have an unpublished story concerning the history, culture, folklore, language, or life experiences of the Germans from Russia, enter AHSGR's annual Storyteller Contest. Winning stories will be read at the national conference and published in the AHSGR Journal. The deadline is March 31 so hurry; this might be your year. For more details, go to <http://www.ahsgr.org>.



## It's Official: Chapter Adopts Dual Affiliation

At its January 13 meeting, the Chapter adopted a completely revised and updated constitution and bylaws. Wording in the new documents clears the way for dual affiliation with two national organizations: the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) and the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS). Initial attempts at amending our old and cumbersome documents were not succeeding, and the effort was made to re-codify them.

About the two organizations: Though AHSGR's mission is to represent all geographic regions of the German-Russian spectrum, in practice it focuses largely on the Volga region. GRHS focuses on regions fronting the Black Sea. Chapter membership

is predicated, in turn, on membership with either of these two national groups, although the local Board of Directors reserves the right to sanction other qualified national organizations with which it has no affiliation. Chapter elected officers are required to be both AHSGR and GRHS members.

The North Star Chapter, long known for its spirit of inclusiveness, sees the move as an important step in preserving the larger umbrella under which diverse elements of the German-Russian heritage find shelter, be they Volga, Black Sea, Bessarabian, Volhynian, Mennonite, Crimean or Caucasus. The Chapter envisions a successful relationship with both national headquarters.

## New CD from Kansas

The Volga German Society of Ellis and Rush Counties, Kansas, along with the Hays Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR present "14 German Favorites," a CD of 14 German and Latin songs sung in Ellis and Rush Counties by a complete four-voice men's choir. This CD was originally made into a cassette in 1986 and has now been re-mastered into a CD. Cost of the CD is \$17.00 + \$3.00 shipping. Please send order to: Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR, 2301 Canal Blvd., Hays, KS 67601

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The local cinema provided an entertaining escape for Bernie, who decided her parents were uncouth, and aspired to be "better," like the carefully coifed and beautifully costumed stars of the movies. An adolescent desire to escape from our birthplace resonated with most of us, always wondering what was on the other side of the horizon.

"Going Home" is a ritual some of us do, and some of us don't. Are people in our hometowns impressed with our accomplishments, wondered Carol, identifying with Debra's desire to receive affirmation from her farmer father who told his "wild child" "No one will marry you," reflecting his opinion on her behaviors that didn't match his ideals of traditional womanhood.

And how do we define "Home?" "Home is North Dakota, the Twin Cities is where I live now," stated Jackie.

## Summer Conferences

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR), Hays, KS, June 10-17, <http://www.volgagerman.net>

Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS), Salt Lake City, UT, July 12-14, <http://www.feefhs.org>

Germans from Russia Historical Society (GRHS), Bismarck, ND, July 19-22, <http://www.ghrs.org>



## Upcoming Events

After a six-year hiatus, the North Star Chapter will once again host a Harvest "Kerb" Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2007, at Berea Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar and bring the family; in fact, bring your friends, co-workers, and your whole neighborhood to see demonstrations of food and folkways, games, ethnic food and music of the Germans from Russia.

"Kerb" is the term that was used in Russia. It is the shortened form of "Kirchweih," a form of secular thanksgiving celebrations. This festival took place in villages in both the Volga and Black Sea regions during the autumn. The celebration continued in some areas of the USA and South America. Most German-Russian colonies in the Americas adopted English terms like harvest festival,

church picnics, or parish bazaars when they wanted others from outside their ethnic community to attend.

We would love to have a variety of volunteers to make this a huge success. If you can contribute a few hours of your time, please contact Lil Ward at 763-784-8626 or [wardday@foxinternet.net](mailto:wardday@foxinternet.net).

Also mark your fall calendars for these events:  
October 13, 2007, 10-4: Genealogy meeting, speaker to be determined  
November 10, 2007: Tour of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, carpool from Berea Lutheran Church  
December 1, 2007: Annual Weihnachtsfest

## Please Take Note

Help keep our membership data current. Please take a look at the mailing label on your newsletter to make sure you renewed your membership for 2007. Starting with this issue, there is a slight change to the membership form. Please consider filling in the space for the month of your birthday and/or anniversary. We would like to share greetings to members celebrating a birthday or anniversary by listing it in the newsletter the month it occurs. The year is optional...we won't give away your age! But feel free to include the year if you're celebrating a special milestone.

Last month, Carol Just spoke about the Germans from Russia to a Kiwanis Club in Plymouth, MN. The half-hour presentation provided an overview of the history of the Germans from Russia to an audience that had no previous knowledge of our ethnic group. AHSGR, GRHS, GRHC, GCRA and North Star Chapter information was passed out, cookbooks were sold, and one guest learned that his wife's grandmother was indeed a German from Russia. This gave Carol a

great idea. If you are a member of a group or know of a group that would like a short, informal presentation about the Germans from Russia, please contact newsletter editor Cindy Miller. There are a few North Star Chapter members who could possibly arrange a visit, including informational materials. It's a great way to spread the word about our heritage and our chapter.

Remember to help out AHSGR with your used printer cartridges and old cell phones. The national organization has an agreement with a company that will recycle these items and send the money to AHSGR. Save these items and bring them to the next meeting you attend and we will send them in for you.

Looking for a little extra cash for yourself? AHSGR's third annual Membership Campaign began last August and will run until May 15. Cash prizes will be awarded at the summer convention, \$100 for the member who recruits the highest number of new members, \$75 for the second highest number, and \$50 for the third highest. Go to <http://www.ahsgr.org> for more details.



# Spring Banquet Registration

Reservations needed by Monday, April 9, 2007

Spring Banquet: April 21, 2007 – Guest Speaker: Debra Marquart

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Fee: US \$16.00 per person. Make check payable to North Star Chapter

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## Menu:

Baked seasoned chicken, roast port and dressing, baby red potatoes, glazed baby carrots, green beans almandine, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, broccoli sunflower salad, coffee and punch, dessert.

## “Celebrate the Prairie” Exhibit

Even if we've spent many years in the city, we all need our prairie fix. To coordinate with our April program speaker, Debra Marquart, discussing her memoir about growing up in south central North Dakota, there will be an exhibit of prairie life at our spring banquet. Look around your environment and see what items you have in your urban setting that are influenced by prairie life. Photographs, art, textiles, and multi-dimensional items significant to life on the prairie are welcome for this exhibit.

If you have items you would be willing to loan for the exhibit, please contact Cindy Miller at 612-386-1436 or cynmillbea@hotmail.com to make arrangements for delivery. Items should be given to Cindy by Monday, April 16, so there will be enough time to create proper signage. Be certain to include your name and a brief description of the item. Items can also be brought to the March 10 meeting and given to Carol Just to be stored until the event. You may take your item home at the end of the evening.

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wheat or sunflowers, straight roads and section lines, agrarian life...we could go on and on. Like it or not, our first geography shapes us in ways we may not even be aware of. We are looking for items from members to be displayed. If you are interested, there is additional information inside this newsletter.

We hope to see you all for a great meal, interesting program, good friends, and a reconnection to our prairie roots.



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Local dues are \$12 per year per family, plus membership in AHSGR or GRHS.

AHSGR members please submit \$62 (\$50 for AHSGR, \$12 for North Star membership)

GRHS members please submit \$52 (\$40 for GRHS, \$12 for North Star membership).

Please make your checks payable to North Star Chapter and submit to:

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