

North Star Chapter

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Preserving the heritage of the Germans from Russia, in dual affiliation with the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) and the Germans from Russia Historical Society (GRHS).

"We (Never) Don't Forget Germans from Russia in South America"

A Prairie Public Television Production

**Saturday, January 23, 2016
Berea Lutheran Church**

**7538 Emerson Avenue South
Richfield, MN 55423**

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

2:00 p.m. - Program with video

Like North America before the turn of the 1900s, South America was a land of opportunity - a magnet to immigrants from Europe and Asia. Many of these immigrants were directly related to Germans from Russia in the United States and Canada. They were a mixture of Black Sea Germans, Volga Germans, Volhynian Germans, Bessarabian Germans and Mennonites.

Membership Renewal for 2016:

Available via our website or use the renewal form on page 7. Or look for our membership table at the January meeting.

We (Never) Don't Forget Germans from Russia in South America



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We (Never) Don't Forget: Germans from Russia in South America examines the history, language, music religion, foodways, and culture of this ethnic group and chronicles how these traditions are flourishing across generations.

Join us January 23 to view the story of our cousins whose ancestors emigrated from South Russia like our families. Introduction by Michael Miller, GRHC, NDSU.

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Please Take Note **Snowbirds:**

If you have a **winter address**, please notify the Membership Chair, Duane Stabler.

Chapter President's Message

by Chuck Kurle

Frohe Weihnachten an alle. Möget ihr alle haben ein sehr glückliches neues Jahr. Merry Christmas to everyone. May you all have a very happy new year. No, I didn't take a crash course in German, and I did not have to rely on Jim Gessele. Google Translate helped me this time.

At our November 21, 2015 business meeting we held our annual election of officers for next year. Thank you to retiring secretary Glorian Anderson, who has done a great job for the Chapter this past year. Henrietta Weigel graciously accepted the nomination for Secretary. Other incumbent officers agreed to serve another term, and all the nominees were elected. The officers for 2016 are listed below.

In December we ended the year with our annual *Weihnachtsfest* pot luck. What a great selection of traditional German from Russia food and desserts. Once again, our own Steve Weninger entertained us with his accordion and sang traditional and some not so traditional Christmas songs. Even though we had no snow, Santa did show up with treats for the young children. Thank you to Paul Maggitti for showing his toy trains. This was another success, and a special thank you to Lil Ward and everyone

involved with the preparation and cleanup.

Election of Officers occurred at the November meeting. The following were elected for a one-year term:

President: Chuck Kurle

1st VP / Program Chair: Lil Ward

2nd VP / Membership Chair:

Duane Stabler

Treasurer: Ronnie Scherbenski

Secretary: Henrietta Weigel

At the January 23, 2016 meeting, our annual budget will be presented to the membership for approval. I encourage everyone to attend this important budget meeting.

Submission Deadline for the next newsletter is 15 February 2016. Please put new Zletter in the subject line, and email inputs to: NancyGertner at mac.com

“Pheasant Sandwich Hospitality in Aberdeen During WWII” with Duane Stabler

Saturday, February 20, 2016
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10:00 a.m. Library opens for research

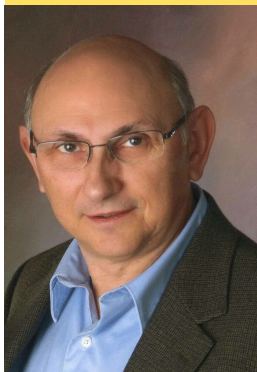
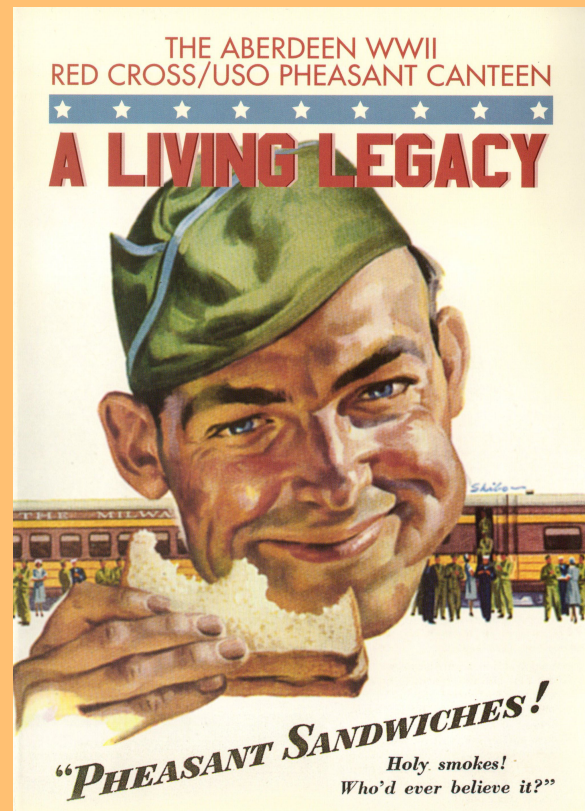
10:30 a.m. “Family Tree Maker”

1:00 p.m. - Business meeting

2:00 p.m. - Program: “Pheasant Sandwich”

Duane Stabler will present “Introduction to Family Tree Maker” – genealogy record keeping software for PC and Mac computers in the morning. The afternoon program will focus on train depots of Aberdeen, South Dakota, highlighting the Milwaukee Depot and the Pheasant Sandwiches provided free to uniformed service members traveling across the USA

by rail during WWII. Duane’s presentation will include vintage postcard images and a video with actual film footage. Come ready to share your stories of WWII hospitality with other chapter members.



Duane Stabler grew up at rural Eureka, South Dakota, descended from German Russian immigrants from Gluckstal, Odessa, Bessarabia and Beresan.

A member of the GRHS Board of Directors (six years) and a past-President of the North Star Chapter of Minnesota, Duane currently serves as Webmeister and VP Membership for the Chapter, and is President of the Gluckstal Colonies Research Association for GRHS. He also is Editor for the Twin City Postcard Club newsletter.

Duane’s published works include *Researchers Guide to McPherson County SD Cemeteries* (2005, available via GHRC as affiliated with North Dakota State University), and *Walworth County, South Dakota*, 2013, published by Arcadia Publishing (www.arcadiapublishing.com), well known for Postcard Series books.

**Happy
New Year!
2016
Schedule**

March 19, 2016
Guest Speaker: Curt Renz:
**“A Journey through
Hoffnungstal, Bessarabia”**

April 23, 2016
Spring Banquet
with guest speaker Louise
Weins of Ontario, Canada

Library Corner

by Bernelda Becker

Our library became the fortunate recipient of several donations of Jubilee books. Our members do enjoy the opportunities to page through the 50-year and Diamond Jubilee books published in the small towns our early settlers lived near. Were it not for the dedication of those who gathered the history published in these books, much of it would be lost. No words can describe the thrill when one finds a short biography of a grandparent, or great grandparent, or several pages of uncles and aunts and their children.

A lady living in Joan Froh's building donated the **1888 – 1963 Ashley, North Dakota Diamond Jubilee book** published June, 1963. Joan's parents, publishers of the *Ashley Tribune* for many years, had an active part in the publishing of this book. Check out pages 260-261 for interesting gleanings from the paper in days gone by. One tidbit in particular caught my fancy: "June 4, 1931—County pays out \$2,544.68 for gopher bounty at two cents per to earn a few pennies tail." It was pointed out that this was a help in relieving the financial strain during the prevalent depression.....

Seven years later I was an 8th grader, trapping gophers in South Dakota. They weren't often dead in the trap and I had to kill them to get their tail, shedding tears in the process. What a person wouldn't do for a few pennies back then.

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1905-1980 – 75 YEARS of Streeter, North Dakota history was included in this donation.

The lady also gave us "**Sisters of the "Century - Schmeck's Gut! Cookbook."** Another source of good recipes. Martha Knoblich's Stirrum recipe on page 139 sounds like a recipe my mom must

have used when she made ours. Five strudel recipes—index for recipes can be found in back of the book.

Lil Ward and Helen Kleingartner brought the **Gackle Diamond Jubilee 1904 – 1979**. If you want to stir up some good old memories, check out "Pictures from the Past" beginning on page 163. Page 101 gives you Lil and Helen's family story. Index page is 161.

They also contributed "**1980 Diamond Jubilee, Jud, North Dakota.**"

A big thank you to Joan, Helen and Lil for these valuable contributions. We do love to receive these books.

NOTICE: It is time to check your shelves, end tables, and reading corners for books you checked out of our library last year. Please return them at our January meeting.



The *Jahrbuch der Deutschen aus Bessarabien Heimat kalender 2016* was published including stories by John Hafner, Bernie Becker and the late Jake Klotzbecher, extracted (with permission) from *Hollyhocks and Grasshoppers: Growing Up German from Russia in America* and translated into German.

In Remembrance

Angeline (Angie) Reinbold Ibarra

Angeline Reinbold Ibarra, 79, Strasburg, ND, died on December 9, 2015, following a battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Strasburg, ND with Rev. Jason Signalness officiating. Visitation and prayer service were held at Myers Funeral Home, Linton, ND.

Angeline was born in Krassna North Dakota on August 2, 1936 to Ignatius and Johanna (Zacher) Reinbold. She attended and was graduated from Aberdeen High school, then became a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. She married John Ibarra on December 12, 1970 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

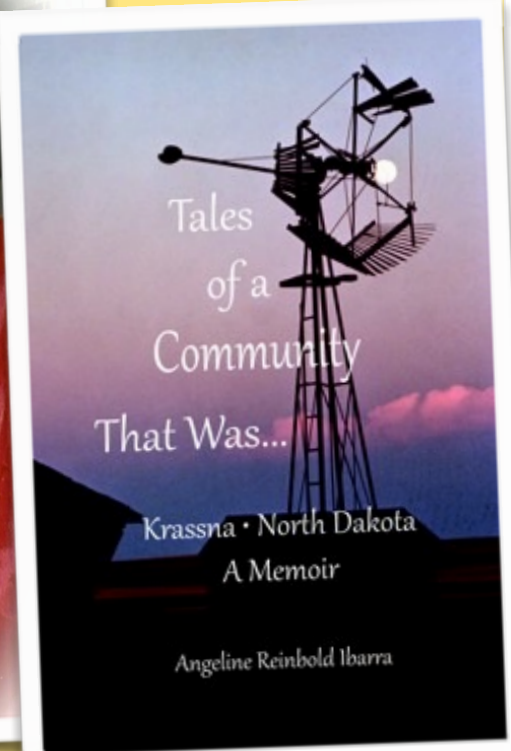
Angeline accomplished much during her life, including being a food columnist for the *Stillwater Gazette*, published a specialty liver cookbook, headed publishing a historical book of City of Vadnais Heights, graduated from Outward-bound, was a Guardian Ad Litem for domestic violence survivors, and the only female licensed private detective in Minnesota. Angie owned a private security guard service, and received a degree in Criminology from Metropolitan State University. She was named one of "40 Alumni Who Made A Difference," served as a substitute teacher, specializing in correction institution at inner city Juvenile Detention Center School for girls, recruited as the corporate representative in Minnesota for ADP, a Fortune 500 company, the largest background investigation company in the world. Author of *Tales of A Community That Was*, about Krassna, ND; Angie was a featured speaker at a North Star Chapter Spring Banquet as well as at Rider University, NJ.

Following retirement, Angie and John returned to her home in Strasburg, where she became a Columnist for the *Emmons County Record*, a member of the Tri County Tourism Alliance, and a founding member of Strasburg Garden Club. Angie was also active in the Lawrence Welk Homestead, and was a Strasburg municipal judge. She did her work for the needy, knowing they could not pay for the service she rendered. Her good works filled her heart with joy.

Angeline was very active in every community that she lived in, striving for for positive change in those communities. She lived life to the fullest, seeing the good in all people. She was an angel among us and will be dearly missed by many.

Angie is survived by her husband John, sons Graham (ND), Philip (MN), and Peter (CA); grandsons Kyle and Ryan Ibarra (MN); her sister and brother-in-law, Johanna and Kieth Anderson, and brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Violet Reinbold.

Angeline was preceded in death by her parents, her son, John Jr., and brothers, Joseph and Peter (Viola) Reinbold and two sisters, Magdalena Reinbold and Rosemary Reinbold.



Weihnachtsfest 2015

Thanks for the Memories!

The jolly old elf in the red suit was popular with visiting grandchildren of chapter members.

Joyful carolers sang Christmas songs with accompaniment by Steve Weninger on accordion.

Paul Maggitti's holiday toy train display was enjoyed by children large and small.



North Star Chapter Membership Form:

____ New ____ Renew ____ Individual

____ Family AHSGR ____ And / Or GRHS ____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

North Star Membership requires that Each Member be a National Member of AHSGR or GRHS. Please Indicate your National Membership: ____ AHSGR | ____ GRHS |

or ____ Both

Local dues are \$15 per year per family, plus membership in either AHSGR or GRHS.

Dues:**AHSGR Membership: \$50** _____**GRHS Membership: \$65** _____

North Star Chapter Membership:
(Per Family) \$15 _____

Total: _____

You can pay North Star Chapter by check by printing this form and sending in the appropriate payment to Membership VP Duane Stabler:

Duane Stabler
4544 N River Run
Savage, MN 55378

**Enclose:**

\$65 for AHSGR and North Star Membership
or

\$80 for GRHS and North Star Membership
or

Already renewed your national membership?

Pay only North Star membership for \$15

or

Pay both AHSGR, GRHS and also North Star Chapter membership \$130

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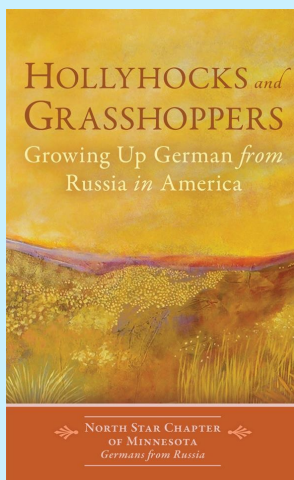
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Support the Chapter by buying our books!

Member dues pay only a portion of our programming and newsletter costs due to the funds raised via sales of our published books. Order our cookbook, ***Sei Unser Gast***, or ***Hollyhocks and Grasshoppers: Growing Up German from Russia in America*** via our website (address listed above).



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“We’ve Been Working on the Railroad!” Not a Christmas Carol, but sung to the toy trains by members and guests of the North Star Chapter at the December Weihnachtsfest. Singing with visitor Marian Buechler (left), members included Carol Just, Sandy Zimmerman, Vicki Kurle, (former member) Elmer Wahl, and Chuck Kurle, accompanied by Steve Weninger on accordion.