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THE AHSGR MISSION STATEMENT

“An international organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage and genealogy of Germanic Settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants. “

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Regular meetings are held bi-monthly at 2:00pm, the second Sunday of the month in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, at the corner of 3rd Street and Van Buren Street, Topeka, KS. Guests are always welcome.

Library resources including books, videos, newsletters, audiocassettes, etc. are available for review during the meetings or may be checked out for more in depth review. See Ike Appelhanz for more details. Donations to our library are always welcome.

June 13, 2004 Program

The program for this meeting will include viewing the last half of the tape "Canadian Volga Germans."

No meeting August 8, Annual Picnic: Friday, August 6, 5:30pm

The annual picnic will be at Lake Shawnee shelter house #3 (see attached map). Members and guests are to bring a meat dish, one other covered dish, and their table service. The Chapter will furnish the refreshments. Shelter house #3 is air-conditioned, has a small kitchen, indoor restrooms, and a very large attached deck. Supper will be served at 6:00pm. Plan to attend this beautiful picnic at the southwest area of Lake Shawnee. Bring your lawn chairs.

Germanfest 2004:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 312 NE Freeman, "Germanfest 2004", Saturday and Sunday, June 4 – 5.

June 4: Mass on school grounds - 4:00pm, buffet, snack bar & grill opens after mass, silent auction 5:30 - 9:00, outdoor dance 7:30 - 11:00.

June 5: Two buffet lines, 10:00am - 3:00pm, bingo 1:00pm – 3:00pm, oral auction begins at 3:00

Hays, KS Oktoberfest: September 18 – 19

Computer and Genealogy:

Gary Ubert has created several library indexes for the Topeka Genealogy Society. These files are the TGS Library List and the Index to their quarterly publications. Files are in several database formats. The purpose of this endeavor was to allow patrons to search at home for books and articles of interest. In addition, many of the computer databases held at the TGS are now on the Wilma Stadler Memorial Computer and have been updated to newer software.

Personal Notes:

Henrietta Gleason has had back surgery and is now recovering at home. Will Konrade broke his upper left arm and now tests have revealed 3 blocked arteries. Doris Meier has suffered a mild heart attack. Leonard Meier is undergoing therapy. Francis Stadler is making slow recovery at home.

Upcoming Events:

The National AHSGR convention will be held July 5 – 11, 2004, in Modesto, California. Make reservations early and mention the AHSGR convention to get the special hotel room rate of \$79. For hotel reservations, contact the Doubletree Hotel Modesto, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, CA 95354, or telephone 209-526-6000 or fax 209-525-6096.

Submitted by Frank Jacobs

The question has often been asked about the use of Chapter funds from the Bieroch sales at the Farmers' Market. (The Market is incidentally doing well and in need of volunteer support.) After paying ongoing Chapter expenses, there is an accumulation of modest reserves. A suggestion has been made for significant Chapter Tours. Of course the budget would dictate the number and scope of such tours. PROPOSAL: In 2005 the National AHSGR Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, a 300 mile trip from Topeka. Looking at the 2004 Convention rates, a single day registration is \$25, and the entire week is \$70. I personally propose to leave on an early morning and to drive to Oklahoma City on the date of the Village Night gathering at the Convention, and to return about midday the following date. I will drive my van and invite 4 others who do not have personal transportation or ability to drive, to be Alice's and my guest for transportation. We will stay at an economy motel rather than the convention motel.

I would propose that the Chapter provide the registration fee for the Convention for a limited number of individuals on limited income or mobility, to experience a national convention, and particularly the Village Night. I invite others with the means, to volunteer to provide transportation to and from the Convention. I do not believe that our Chapter budget is sufficient to cover transportation or bus or vehicle rental. Of course if anybody has personal access to a van, I recommend their participation. Some drivers may wish to coordinate a 2 night stay, depending on programming.

We also have the Roundup in Topeka next Fall as well as proposals of a day trip to Lincoln. My personal view is that the National Convention is a rare opportunity to this region of the nation every 3 or more years, and I recommend that we not let the opportunity pass. There will be fewer direct contact people remaining 3 years hence for Village Night. It may well be that the Chapter may need to set priorities on where it would choose future excursions. I am certain that if people want to schedule a trip to Lincoln Headquarters, such could be arranged on a smaller personal scale without raiding the treasury. It is a question of priorities on limited funding. In the meantime, we need your assistance on Saturday mornings to create revenue in selling Bierochs at the Farmers' Market.

Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by Frank Jacobs

Janet Flickinger has done extensive work for which we owe her a debt of gratitude.

World War I Draft Registration, Russell County, KS

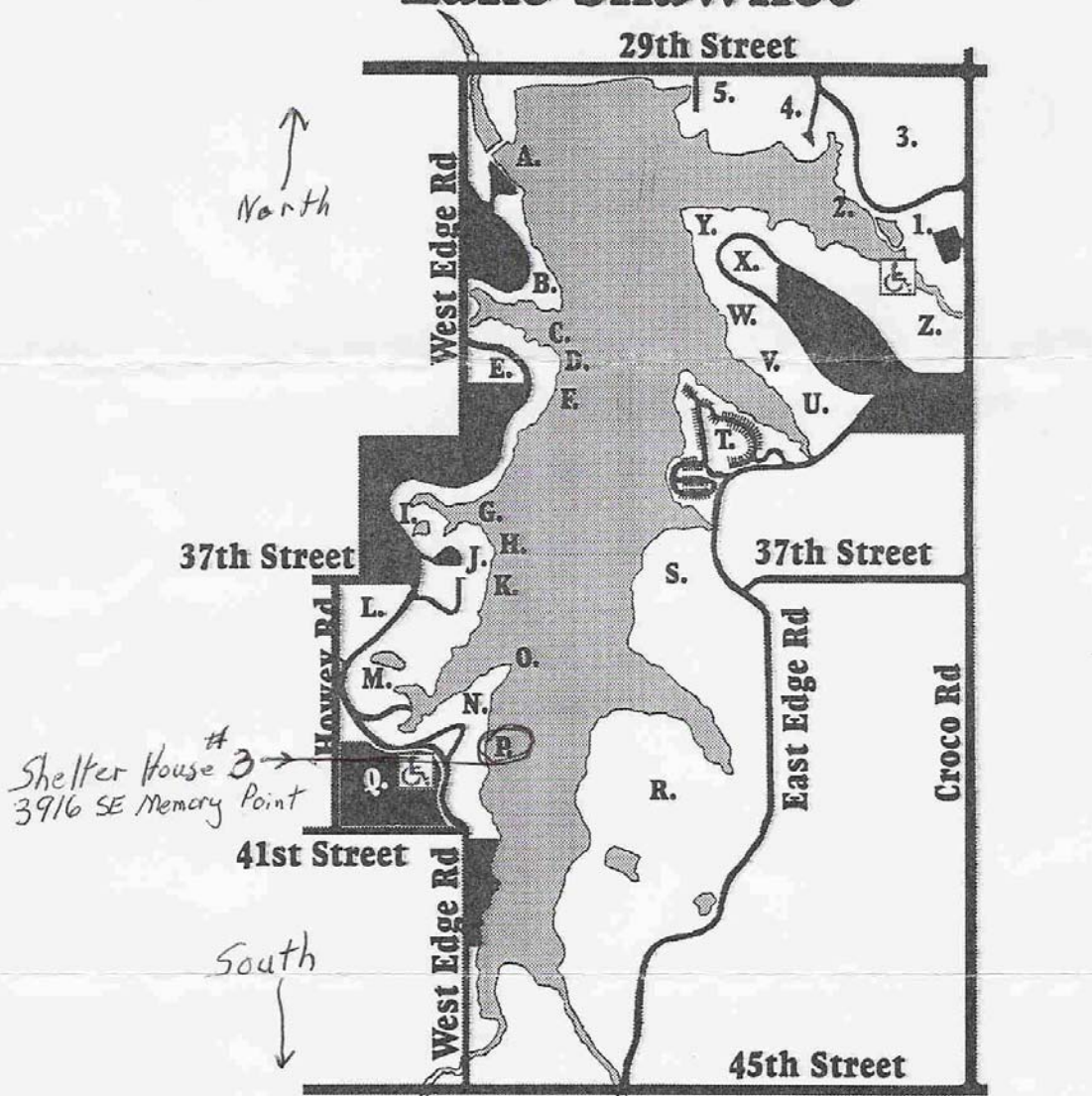
Janet Laubhan Flickinger has just posted the following notice on the Volga German List.

I have just completed an extraction of those registering for the draft in 1917 & 1918 in two counties. If you have an interest in Russell County, Kansas or Ellis County, Oklahoma, I would invite you to check out my webpages where each extraction is posted. There are about 2400-2500 individuals in each.

I apologize that there are so many pop-ups on the <angelfire> page and on Family Tree Maker page, the files are thrown in a "potluck" fashion, so first you will have to find where they are hidden. Clue about half way through the list. I hope that you find that it will be worth your time. Go to www.angelfire.com/ks/gerrus on the Web. In addition to the above new entry, you will see extensive research files on Russell County, KS including shiplists and Lutheran Church records.

The End

Shawnee County Parks & Recreation Lake Shawnee



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| A. Overlook | K. Yacht Club | V. Reynolds Lodge |
| B. Marina | L. Arboretum | W. Shelter #5 |
| C. Shelter #1 | M. Lake Shawnee Jr. | X. Shelter #4 |
| D. Shelter #2 | N. West Boat Ramps | Y. Rowing Association |
| E. SCGSA (Girls Youth Softball) | O. Gazebo #2 | Z. Disc Golf |
| E. Windsurf Beach | <u>B. Shelter #3</u> | 1. Swimming Beach |
| G. Pergola | Q. Tennis Courts | 2. East Boat Ramps |
| H. Garden House | R. Golf Course | 3. SCABA (Youth Baseball) |
| I. Gazebo #1 | S. Shelter #6 | 4. Ski Club |
| J. Ensley Botanical Garden | T. Campground | 5. Administration Office |
| | U. Recreation Building | |