

Minnesota German-Bohemian Society Newsletter

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LuAnn Lindmeyer, Editor

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members;

The new year is upon us and it is going to be a very busy and exciting year for our organization. A new year is often depicted as a child, and as with a new born child comes the hope that this year will grow to be the best and happiest ever.

July 20th of this year will be the birthday of an idea that grew and was nurtured in our organization. This is the day we will be unveiling the German-Bohemian monument. As we are now celebrating the birth of a new year we will then be celebrating the birth of our idea. This celebration along with many other exciting events, will make 1991 a memorable year.

I would like to welcome **Leonard (Benny) Seifert** to our Board of Directors. Benny was elected to a three year term and since November has been hard at work as the chairman of the February Benefit Dance. There were four board members whose terms were expiring on October 20th. Re-elected were **Kurt Eisen, LaVern Rippley** and myself. We are also elected to three year terms. Unable to seek re-election was **Harriet Eckstein**. Tony and Harriet have purchased a home near Brainerd and will be spending a good amount of time there. I thank her for all she has done, and will miss her presence on the board.

The officers elected for the year 1991 are **Adeline Wilfahrt** as Secretary, **George Portner** as Treasurer, **Louie Lindmeyer** as Vice-president, and myself as President. I am willing to serve again as president and I assure you I will keep us moving in a forward direction. My job is made easier because I am surrounded by a lot of talented people who know how to get things done. This newsletter is a good example. All of us working together can make this year better then the year before.

I hope this year will be your best and happiest year ever.

Sincerely,

Paul Krestch

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Submitted by Dan Beranek

During the summer of 1991, specifically from July 17th thru July 22nd, a group of 40 German-Bohemians from the musical group **Egerlander Trachtengruppe** led by

Rudolf Kiefner will be visiting to take part in the unveiling of our German-Bohemian monument and Heritagefest.

We will be in need of host families to house these people. If you have done this before you know it is alot of fun and a busy time. I would like to get a list of host families started, you are not committing yourself at this time. Give me a call at 354-7333 or 359-9162 if you are interested or would like more information.

Trudy and I have done this a number of times and its a great way to make long-lasting friends overseas. If you should ever visit Germany you have immediate contacts. And it is just a lot of fun. Give it some thought and watch for more details in our Newsletter.

ZITHER, ZITHER, WHO'S GOT A ZITHER

Bob Paulson is looking for a Zither Player to play with Bob and his family who will be singing "Die Waldler Messe", the Forest Mass, at Trinity Cathedral as part of our Immigrant Monument dedication celebration in July of 1991. If you play the Zither or know of someone who does, contact Bob at (612) 488-0405 or at 800 W. Idaho Ave., St. Paul, MN 55117.

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE FEBRUARY 15TH

February 15th has been chosen as the date of our Monument Benefit Dance at Turner Hall in New Ulm. You will enjoy an evening of listening and dancing to many of your favorite "Old Time" and Bohemian musical numbers played by **Frank Lindmeyer, Benny Seifert, LeRoy Flor, Leonard Sellner** and others. There may also be an appearance by our own **German-Bohemian Singers**. The evening will begin at 8PM and conclude at 12PM. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening with final bidding at 10:30 at which time sandwiches, coffee and snacks will be served. A cash bar serving beer, liquor and soft drinks will be open the entire evening. Attached to this newsletter are two tickets to this event. The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 each which includes the entire evening of musical entertainment and lunch. Make your checks payable to German-Bohemian Benefit Dance and send to P.O. Box 822, New Ulm, MN., 56073. Additional tickets will be available at the door. If you are unable to attend please destroy your tickets. **It is important that you send in your reservations in advance** so that the Turner Ladies know how much food to prepare. All funds raised will go towards our monument project.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 19TH: Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 15TH: Benefit Dance

MARCH 16TH: Board Meeting

APRIL 20TH: Board Meeting

MAY 18TH: General Membership Meeting

SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER

We are again looking for unique items for a silent auction to be held at our Monument Benefit Dance on February 15th at Turner Hall. This is a part of our fund raising effort for the monument. Last year we raised about \$700 from this effort. Items that are historic, clever, good tasting, furniture, artistic or a craft seem to bring good money. We have a truck available if you have larger items and we can pick them up if you wish. Call me at my office **354-7333** or at home **359-9162** and let me know what you have available.

Dan Beranek

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

LEONARD (BENNY) SEIFERT. Benny was born and raised in New Ulm. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He married **Darlene Haberman** in 1956. They have three children. Darlene has been employed at Sioux Valley Hospital as a LPN for the past 9 years. Benny has been employed at Caterpillar Paving Products (formerly New Ulm Manufacturing and Raygo) for the past 27 years. Music has always played a major role in Benny's life, having played his first professional dance job in 1947 at age 17 and has been part of the New Ulm band scene ever since. Spare time is taken up with music and golf.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED

As a result of the numerous requests for family history information that our society has received, **Bob Paulson** and **Louie Lindmeyer** have formed a Research Committee. The first project of this committee will be to compile a Surname Index. Bob and Louie are asking all the members of the society to fill out the German-Bohemian Research Index with all the Surnames in their family history. This information will then be compiled, computerized and made available to all the members of the society as well as other genealogical societies. In this way we can share information with others who may be researching our German-Bohemian family names. If you need additional space use another sheet of paper.

GERMAN-BOHEMIAN RESEARCH INDEX

Name _____
Address _____

Mail to: **R. J. Paulson**
800 W. Idaho Ave.
St. Paul, MN. 55117

	> BOHEMIAN LOCATION <			> U. S. LOCATION<		
>SURNAME	TOWN	COUNTY<	> TOWN(SHIP)	COUNTY	STATE <	
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Please keep in mind that we will need articles to display at the Brown County Museum during late June for the German-Bohemian exhibition. They are loaned to the Museum and will be exhibited in enclosed display cases. This exhibition will be on display about two months.

OUR READERS WRITE...

Louie and I thank everyone for the positive comments about the newsletter and

wish to thank everyone who has and will submit articles in the future. Special thanks to LaVern Rippley who has assisted us with printing.

As the heading implies we would like your suggestions and comments that we could print in this space. You can drop us a note through the Society's PO Box or mail directly to us - Louie and LuAnn Lindmeyer, 1101 South Valley, New Ulm, MN 56073. Next newsletter will be out in April.

We received only one suggestion for a new name for the newsletter - any more suggestions from our membership?

Your membership expiration date is printed on the mailing label on the back page. Check yours now and if you have not yet paid your 1991 dues please do so now. Those unpaid will not be sent the next newsletter. You may send your \$5.00 check to the German-Bohemian Society, P.O. Box 822, New Ulm, Mn., 56073.

LuAnn

Thank You Rudy Kiefner

The Minnesota German-Bohemian Heritage Society would like to thank Rudy Kiefner for donations of authentic German-Bohemian clothing, buttons, caps and books. Rudy has also been very helpful in verifying surnames for our monument. Rudy lives in Germany and is our European link. Thanks Rudy!

Monument Fund Raising Update

The board of directors have been hard at work raising funds for our monument. To date total collections are over \$22,000.00. We still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$35,000.00. If you have not yet donated please give it some serious thought. The Minnesota Historical Society recently turned down our grant application on which we had counted on very heavily. We will now have to do it on our own. We can and will succeed!

Tour Update

As of this writing our European Tour is nearly filled. If you still wish to go you may contact New Ulm Travel Service at 507-359-2051 for remaining openings.

Mark your calendars for February 15th
Benefit Dance at Turner Hall

Memorials In Memory of . . .

Laura Gareis
from Marie Korenchen

Lillian Reinharts
from Marie Korenchen

Bernie Groebner
from Don & Bernice Morris

Fred Bentzin
from Marie Korenchen

Steven Lambrecht
from Marie Korenchen

Peggy Meyer
from Angie Portner

Johann & Elizabeth Steffl & daughters Margaretha,
Marie & Katherine Steffl

from Beatrice Ganske

Melvin Krzmarzick
from George & Angie Portner

Bernie Groebner

Joe Zieg

Bernie Groebner

from Norman & Alice Groebner

from Leona Zieg

from Mr. & Mrs. Wally Arbes

Bernie Groebner

from Paul & Janice Kretsch

Bernie Groebner

from Eleanor Kretsch

Mary Beth Haala

from Eleanor Kretsch

Robert DeMarce

from Agatha Domeier

Robert DeMarce

from Marlene Domeier

Emil N. Domeier

from Don & Bernice Morris

Robert DeMarce

from Don & Bernice Morris

Emil N. Domeier

from Marlene Domeier

Emil N. Domeier

from Agatha Domeier

Ethelbert Schmid

from Everett & Winnifred Schmid, Neoma Schmid, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dietz, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gleisner, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Schirlinger, Mr. & Mrs. Magnus Schirlinger, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Schumacher, Mr. & Mrs. John Prokosch, Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Schumacher, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Schumacher, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Wendinger, Mr. & Mrs. Art Mathiowetz, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Prokosch, Mr. Harold Schmid, Mr. & Mrs. Vernard Helget, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Baumann Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kral, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Reiner, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Baumann, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. Luverne Haala, Mr. & Mrs. Armin Losleben, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Braun, Mrs. Rose Prokosch, Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Sellner, Mrs. Daniel Schumacher, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schmid, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Schmid, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Schmid, Mr. Mark Schmid.

Membership

Total membership for our group is over 200 members. We have nearly doubled in size in the last year. This can be attributed to many factors including interest generated by our monument project and hard work by many of our members. If anyone is interested in a membership list you can send \$1.00 along with a long self addressed double stamped envelope to our P.O. box and we will see that you receive one.

BOHEMIAN COOKBOOK NEARING COMPLETION

Word has been received from Emmett Hoffman that the Bohemian Cookbook he has been working on is nearing completion and should be ready for sale in time for the monument dedication in July. Emmett has pledged all profits from the sale of the book to the monument fund. You will be notified when the cookbook is ready for sale.

Family Names Update

Bob Paulson has been working to update and verify the list of German-Bohemian family names that will be part of our Immigrant Monument. Many additions and changes have been made since the list was first published last year. Bob is asking all members to look over the list and let him know of any additions, corrections or deletions that should be made. Contact Bob at 800 W. Idaho Ave., St. Paul, Mn., 55117. The following is a list of names with their verification codes. Those names without a verification code have not yet been verified.

The verification codes are:

1. From original 1983 list of names researched from the 1895 Minnesota census and verified by Rudy Kiefner as coming from Kreis Bischofteinitz.
2. From list of names from membership of the German Bohemian Society after 1989 newspaper advertisements and verified by Rudy Kiefner.
3. From Original 1983 list of names researched from the 1895 Minnesota census and verified by Bob Paulson in 1990 using 1880 and 1900 Federal census for Minnesota.

4. From original 1983 list and verified by Bob Paulson with names found in the History of Muttersdorf by Johann Micko.
5. From the German-Bohemian names found in the 50th Anniversary book of St. Marys Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye, MN.
6. From 1880 and 1900 federal census of Nicollet county.
7. From Alien Registration of 1918.
8. From additional research in 1880 and 1900 Federal census of Brown Co.

ALTMANN 6	AMBROSE 8	ANTON 8	ARBES 1
BAAR 1	BAIER 1	BARDEN 3	BARTH 3
BASHA 6	BAUER 1	BAUMANN 1	BAUMEISTER 2
BAUML 6	BERANEK 6	BERDAN 8	BERLE 2
BEYER 2	BIEBEL 1	BIER 3	BORTH 2
BRAUENREITER 4	BRAULICK 3	BRAUN 1	BREI 4
BREU 4	BREY 4	BRIX 2	BRUCHL 2
BRUCKBAUER 1	BRUNNER 1	BURINGER 5	BUSHARD 6
DAUBEN 3	DAUER 1	DEBART	DIEDRICK 1
DIETL 1	DIETRICH 1	DIETZ 1	DITTRICH 1
DOMEIERS 1	DRESCHLER 3	EBENHOH 2	EBERT 8
ECKERT 8	ECKSTEIN 1	EIBERL 1	EISEN 1
EMMERICH	FAAST 3	FELBER 5	FISCHER 1
FLECK 8	FLEISSNER 1	FLOETL 7	FLOR 1
FORST 6	FORSTER 1	FORTWENGLER 3	FRANDON 3
FRANK 6	FRANTA 2	FRODEL 1	FUCHS 8
GABRIEL 1	GAG 1	GIEBISCH 5	GOBLIRSCH 1
GOBLISH 3	GRAU 1	GRAUSAM 8	GREIM 3
GRIEBL 3	GROEBNER 1	GROSSMAN 1	GRUBER 3
GRUENER 2	GRUNERT 8	GUENDER 2	GUENTNER 3
GUETTER 2	GULDAN 8	GULDEN 1	GUTTUM 8
HAALA 1	HAAS 1	HACKER 6	HAEBERL 1
HAMMERSCHMID 1	HARRICOT 3	HARTMANN 1	HAUSER 1
HEGER 5	HEINL 2	HELD 1	HELGERT 3
HELGET 1	HERBECK 3	HERLICK 3	HERRIAN 1
HILD 2	HILSMASIK 3	HOECHERL 7	HOFFMANN 1
HOFMEISTER 1	HOGEN 3	HOLL 2	HOLM 3
HORNICK 8	JANNI 7	JUNGBAUER 6	KACHELMEIER 1
KAES 1	KAGERMEIER 3	KAHS 2	KALB 3
KALZ 1	KAMM 1	KARL 1	KASS 6
KASTNER 1	KECK 1	KECKHEISEN 3	KECKSTEIN 2
KEIM 2	KIEFNER 1	KISTNER 8	KITZBERGER 3
KLEMENT 6	KLINKHAMMER 1	KLOECKL 1	KNOEDL 3
KOBER 5	KOENING 7	KOESTER 1	KOESTNER 1
KOHOUT 8	KOKESCH 6	KOLB 4	KOPP 1
KOREIS 8	KOSEK 8	KOWASCH 5	KRAL 1
KRAUS 1	KRAUSEN 8	KRETSCH 1	KRIPNER 3
KROY 5	KRZMARZIK 3	KUBITZKA 8	KUEHN 1
KUNZ 1	KUSCH 3	LAMECKER 3	LANDSTEINER 3
LANENDORFER 3	LANG 1	LANKAMMER 1	LEIMINGER 3
LESSER 1	LIEB 3	LIEBL 1	LIEDEL 3
LILLA 1	LINDEMANN 3	LINDERMANN 3	LINDMEIER 1
LINDMEYER 1	LIPPERT 6	LOCKWAY 8	LOESCH 8
LOSLEBEN 1	LOSSER	LUCAS 1	LUKAS 1
MACHO 3	MACK 3	MAGES 6	MAHAL 8
MAIDL 1	MAIER 4	MAINGLER 2	MARIHART 5

MARKA 3	MARSCHALEK 6	MARTINKA 1	MARZ 3
MATHIOWETZ 1	MATSCH 6	MATTIES 2	MAUCH 2
MAYER 2	MEIDL 1	MEYER 1	MILLER 6
MOHR	MOLDAN 3	MOLDASCHEL 3	MUELLER 4
NAMER 2	NEID 1	NEIDECKER 1	NEUBAUER 1
NEUDECKER 1	NEUMANN 1	NEUWIRTH 1	NOWAK 1
OTT 3	PAA 1	PANKRATZ 5	PANY 2
PASCHER 8	PASHAW 8	PECHTEL 3	PELZEL 3
PELZ 3	PENKERT 1	PETERL 3	PEUZER
PHIPKA 3	PILLMEYER 1	PKOKESCH 1	PLENIGER 1
PLENINGER 1	PLOTZ	POLENSKI	POLTA 1
PORTNER 1	PRECKNER 6	PREGLER 7	PROKOSCH 1
PROSEK 3	RASCHKA 1	REIBER 3	REICHERT 3
RIEGER 2	REIM 3	REINARTS 3	REINIGER 3
REITTER 1	REMINGER 1	RESNER 3	REWITZER 1
REZNINCH 7	RICHTER 1	RICHTER 8	RIEBL 5
RIES 1	ROHNER 2	ROIGER 3	ROITH 7
ROSCHKO 5	ROTHMEIER 1	ROTHMEYER 1	RUBEY 1
RUBY 1	SACKL 3	SAFFERT 1	SAICKL 3
SAMPEL 3	SANDHOEFNER 1	SCHAEFFER 3	SCHALLER
SCHATSCKO 8	SCHENK 6	SCHIFFERT 3	SCHILLER 5
SCHLEICHER 8	SCHLOEGEL 1	SCHLUCK 5	SCHMALTZ 3
SCHMAUS 6	SCHMID 1	SCHMIDT 1	SCHNEIDER 1
SCHNOBRICH 1	SCHOTTENBAUER 6	SCHROEDER 1	SCROEPFER 1
SCHUBERT 1	SCHUELER 6	SCHUEMANN 3	SCHUMACKER 3
SCHWAB 8	SCHWINGHAMMER 4	SEIDEL 1	SEIFERT 1
SEITZ 2	SELLNER 1	SELMER 3	SERBUS 3
SIEBENBRENNER 3	SIMMET 6	SIMON 8	SINGER 1
SITTAUER 2	SMASAL 1	SORER 3	SOUKUP 1
SPRENGER 1	SRERL 1	STADICK 1	STADTHERR 1
STEFFEL 1	STEINBACH 2	STEINER 8	STELZER 1
STELZNER 3	STODERL 2	STOLTZ 3	STOLZ 3
STRAKA 1	STUEBER 3	STURM 1	SUESS 1
TAUBER 2	TAUER 1	TEINOR 3	TEYNOR 2
TIETAL 3	TRAURIG 3	TRAXLER 1	TREMEL 8
UBL 1	VOGEL 1	WAGNER 6	WAIBEL 2
WALENTA 2	WALTER 2	WARTA 1	WEBER 6
WECH 3	WELTSCH 5	WENDINGER 2	WENINGER 2
WENNINGER 3	WEIDL 1	WIER 3	WIESNER 1
WILD 7	WILFAHRT 1	WILLINGER 1	WILT 5
WILTSHECK 1	WINDSCHITL 1	WITT 8	WOLF 8
WORATSCHKA 6	WURMSTEIN 3	WURZBERGER 3	ZANDER 5
ZANGEL 8	ZEIG 1	ZEUG 3	ZIEGLER 4
ZISCHKA 1	ZUPFER	ZWACH 1	

Own a Piece of History

The board of directors of the Minnesota German-Bohemian Heritage Society have authorized the issue of a 3" X 5" granite tablet made from the same piece of stone that the monument base is being carved from. The tablet will be 3/8" thick, individually serial numbered, and engraved as shown below. This is a very unique opportunity to own a piece of your own history. The number of these tablets will be limited to the amount of granite available after the monument base is cut and will be sold on a first come first served basis. After you have received your tablet you may take it to Bloedel

Monument and have your family name engraved on it at an extra cost of \$6.00. Those of you who live out of town or out of state may add \$3.00 for postage and it will be mailed to your home. Please fill out the form below and reserve your piece of history.

German-Bohemian Monument Dedicated July 20, 1991

New Ulm, Minnesota

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No. 001

Monument Tablet Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Qty _____ @ \$20.00 ea. tax included plus \$3.00 each postage for those who are not able to pick them up. Delivery is expected in June 1991.

Souvenir Buttons Available

We still have a quantity of Souvenir Monument Buttons available. These buttons sell for \$1.00 and are available from any board member. If you would like one mailed to you please write our P.O. Box and add \$.50 for mailing. These buttons will also be available at our February Benefit Dance.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

Corrections and additions from our October 1990 Newsletter article titled a Big Thank You. We inadvertently left out the name of **Willard Manderfeld** who volunteered his time helping at the Heritagefest gates and **Adeline Wilfahrt** who organized the volunteers for this fund raising event. We also listed the name of Dorothy Kral, which should be **Delores Kral**, not Dorothy. **Thank you Adeline, Willard and Delores.**

