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The Presidents Message

Welcome to the year 2012, the year of the **AHSGR Oregon Chapter** and the **Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University** in Portland, Oregon hosting the **43rd Annual International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia**.

Our first membership meeting of the New Year will be Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at our **CVGS Room at Concordia University**. Our special guest will be **Mrs. Jan Siebert** and her husband **Mr. Jerry Siebert, President of AHSGR**.

This is your chance to personally meet and greet our honorable President in the flesh. Do not miss this rare opportunity. See the meeting notice on page 3. The meeting will also feature installation of Board members and officers.

Christmas Program a Success: Special recognition is due our very own **Jerry and Hannelore Schleining** and all who participated in the special **Christmas Program on Dec. 17, 2011**. Everyone has expressed sincere appreciation with enthusiasm for more meetings with sharing of personal experiences related to their Russian German heritage. Thanks for all the positive responses.

2012 Membership Dues are Payable now. Please mail your membership fee to Lois Klaus at your earliest convenience. Our Chapter's annual dues are now \$25.00 to cover increased costs.

Hope to see you January 29th. Happy New Year
ED WAGNER, Your President

Calendar – 2012

AHSGR – Oregon Chapter Upcoming Events

<u>AHSGR Membership Meetings</u>	<u>Other/Misc. Events</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>
Sun. Jan. 29, 2:30 pm		Sat. Jan. 7, 10:00 am
Sat. Feb. 25, 12:00 noon		Sat. Feb. 4, 10:00 am
Sun. Mar. 25, 2:30 pm		Sat. Mar. 10, 10:00 am
Sat. Apr. 21, 12:00 noon	Special Joint Activities with CNC (CNC meeting 21-22 April Hosted here at the CVGS in Portland)	Sat. Apr. 14, 10:00 am
Sun. May. 20, 2:30 pm		Sat. May. 12, 10:00 am
	International Convention June 14-17	Sat. Jun. 2, 10:00 am
Sat. Sep. 29, 12:00 noon	CNC Meeting Sept 21-22 Walla Walla, WA.	Sat. Sep. 8, 10:00 am
Sun. Oct. 28, 2:30 pm		Sat. Oct. 6, 10:00 am
Sat. Nov. 24, 12:00 noon		Sat. Nov. 3, 10:00 am
Sat. Dec. 15?		Sat. Dec. 1, 10:00 am

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Everyone is Welcome
To
Meet & Greet
Jerry Siebert
Our very own
President, AHSGR

Featuring
An open discussion
“Portland’s 2012 Convention”
The 43rd Annual International AHSGR convention
14th – 17th June 2012

Come and Share
Help us showcase our wonderful
CVGS facility to our President

Sunday, 29th Jan. 2012

2:30pm

CVGS Room, Concordia University
2900 N.E. Liberty
Portland, Oregon

Bring your favorite cookies, snacks, etc.

Christmas 2011 Program



**The Center for Volga German Studies
at Concordia University**

presents

The Volga Flows Forever – A Trilogy about the Volga Germans
by Sigrid Weidenweber



Catherine

(ISBN: 1-934961-00-0)

The Volga Germans

(ISBN: 1-934961-02-7)

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(ISBN: 1-934961-03-5)

The Volga German immigrants and their descendants converted the harsh steppe into fields of waving grain dotted with wind-driven flour mills and, in this isolated place, developed a culture that was uniquely their own. They survived savage attacks of marauding tribes, the unpredictable often harsh climate and the vagaries of tsarist edicts. Author Sigrid Weidenweber tells the fascinating story of these courageous people in the historical fiction trilogy *The Volga Flows Forever*.

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Please enclose payment by check and send form to: Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St., Portland, OR 97211.

To place an order online by credit card or e-check, visit cvgs.cu-portland.edu and select order online now. To order by phone with a credit card, contact Linda Church at **503-493-6370**. All three volumes are also available through Amazon.com or a bookstore near you. If your local bookstore does not have these volumes in stock, ask the store manager to contact the Center at **503-493-6370**.

AHSGR Oregon Chapter Membership Form – 2012

Membership fees are for a calendar year that **renews each January 1st**. Dues shown below include \$25 for an **Oregon Chapter membership**. The remaining fee is for membership in the AHSGR international organization. We will forward your fee to AHSGR international.

Membership Categories – Annual International and Oregon Chapter Dues
 Individual & Family \$ 75

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, State and ZIP _____
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Make checks payable to AHSGR OREGON CHAPTER and send your membership dues and application to Lois Klaus, 111 N.E. 67th Ave, Portland OR 97213-5209 Phone (503) 232-3065 lklaus@gmail.com

Please Pay Your Dues 2012 Now!!! (Please)

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