

# Chronicle Unserer Leute

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Society of Germans from Russia

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## **Catherine II, the Great**

Empress of Russia

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# President's Message

Hello Everyone,

It is my privilege to have the opportunity to serve as president of the Oregon Chapter for the next two-year term. I am Volga German on my mother's side. My mother was very proud of her German from Russia heritage and taught us to be proud of it, too.



I don't remember ever not knowing about the story of our people. And, it is because of that that I am a member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia — to keep that heritage alive, to study and remember the culture, the music, the food and the history of our unique background. Not only has it been interesting to learn more about our ethnic traditions and customs, but the history of our ancestors inspires me. Would I have had the courage to answer the invitation from Catherine the Great to leave my German homeland for the unknowns of Russia, knowing the possible dangers of the one-year-long journey? And, then to make the leap of faith once again and leave Russia for the United States?

They inspire me, and I'm proud to have their blood running through my veins. I feel certain that you feel the same way. I look forward to meeting with you all at our chapter meetings in the coming year as we continue to learn more of our culture and celebrate our common heritage.

Carole Hayden

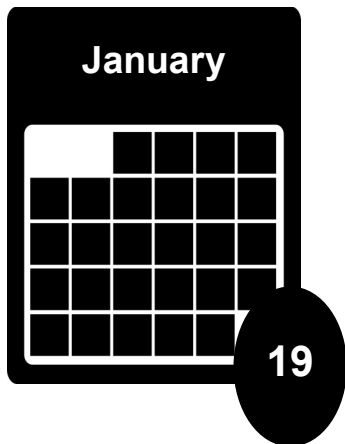
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## Membership Dues Reminder!

Reminder! Chapter dues are renewable at the beginning of each year. If you haven't yet, please be sure to fill out the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter and return with your dues as soon as possible.

If you've moved or changed any of your contact information, please make sure you fill out the form so we know how to get a hold of you.

# Upcoming Events

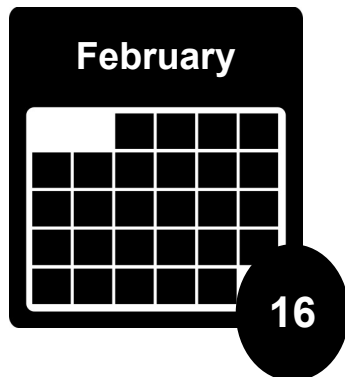


## **Michael Amen: Organizing and Presenting Family Photos**

*Sunday, January 19th, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm*

*Concordia University Library, Room 301 — 2800 NE Liberty St, Portland*

Michael Amen, local chapter member, will present a system for members to collect, organize and formally present those countless photos, slides, and historical documents you have stored or inherited. His presentation will illustrate the use of PowerPoint for: Golden' Birthdays (80/90/100), Anniversaries, Weddings, Family Histories, Reunions, Funerals / Celebrations of Life, Travel.

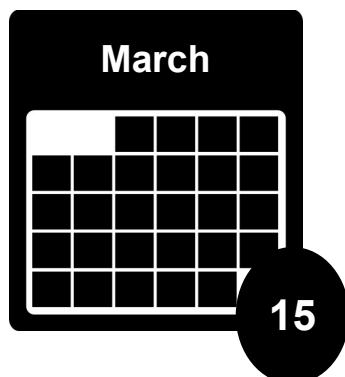


## **Show and Tell!**

*Sunday, February 16th, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm*

*Concordia University Library, Room 301 — 2800 NE Liberty St, Portland*

Do you have cherished photos, documents, or other artifacts of your German Russian ancestors? It's time to dust them off and tell their stories to people who won't nod off when talking family history! We want to see and hear about them!



## **Rob and Beckie Miller: Central Washington AHSGR Chapter**

*Sunday, March 15th, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm*

*Concordia University Library, Room 301 — 2800 NE Liberty St, Portland*

Rob and Beckie Miller will join us to talk about the Central Washington Chapter and this year's National AHSGR Convention that their chapter is hosting in Pasco, WA. Come get a sneak peak of their plans for the convention.

# New Board for 2020

The new board for 2020 was voted in during the October program.

At the Christmas Potluck, Lela Miller formally performed the swearing-in ceremony.



Your 2020 board of directors is:

- President: Carole Hayden
- 2nd Vice-President: Ed Wagner
- Secretary: Marilyn Schultz
- Treasurer: Jim Holstein
- Director: Joan Porter
- Director: Donna Tetrault
- Director: Bob Thorn (not pictured)

Special thanks to Donna for joining the board this year, to Marilyn for moving into the Secretary position, and Carole for taking on the ever-important role of President.

We look forward to a new year of working together to bring our members opportunities to come out and learn about our German Russian heritage and visit with our larger GR family.

We still have a few vacancies on the board (along with newsletter editor). If you'd like to join us on the board, please talk to us. We'd love to have more of you involved!

## In Memoriam



### Bill Wiest

Longtime member Bill Wiest passed away on December 19th. Our condolences go out to Thelma and their family.

There was a wonderful Remembrance of Life service on Saturday, January 4th, at the Reed College Chapel. Several chapter members were present.

Many memories were shared by those in attendance. Several chapter members remain grateful for the trips to Germany and Russia that Bill arranged several years ago.

Everyone remembered Bill for his warm, caring heart and his passion for family history.

### Jack Rimerman

Jack and Molly Rimerman are also longtime members of the Oregon Chapter. Molly informed us that Jack passed away on January 7th after a prolonged illness. If we receive information on a service for Jack, we will be sure to inform our members. Our condolences go out to Molly and their family.

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## October: AHSGR Convention Roundup

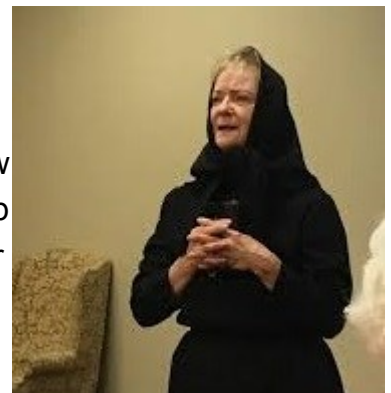
### October Chapter Meeting

Carole Hayden briefed us on the 2019 AHSGR International Convention in Lincoln, NE. For those who didn't go, it was a very thorough account of what was missed. Others at the program who went to the convention gave their own accounts. For those who didn't go, it served as an enticement to make sure not to miss the 2020 convention which will be much closer to home.

## November: "The Immigrant Woman"

### November Program

We watched this video of Norma Pipkin performing her one-woman show depicting the life of her great-great-grandmother, Anna Eva Spotter Rupp (1828-1902). This DVD program was written and produced as part of her master's degree completion at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. The DVD can be purchased through AHSGR.



# December: Christmas Potluck

## December Program

We enjoyed another delicious potluck this year with those of you that could make it. In addition to the board swearing-in, we visited, sang Christmas carols (English and German), listened to David Schultheis from 1986 talking about Christmas in Kraft, Russia, and Carole Hayden gave a reading of the Christmas truce of 1914.

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51st International Convention of the

## *American Historical Society of Germans from Russia*

Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center  
Pasco, Washington

July 28th thru Aug 1st

**Reservations:** Use the following directions to reserve a convention block.

- Call 509-547-0701 ext. 0
- Ask to make a reservation at the Pasco Red Lion
- Let them know you are with a group on July 28th, 2020
- Give them the group block code HIST2019
- Complete individual reservation with agent



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# AHSGR Oregon Chapter Membership Renewal Form

Membership fees are for a calendar year that renews each January 1st. Annual dues for the AHSGR Oregon Chapter membership are \$25.

Membership Year 20\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I want my Oregon Chapter newsletter delivered electronically. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive my Oregon Chapter newsletter in the mail (paper copy). Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In order for us to serve our membership more effectively, please list all of your German-Russian family surnames and all of the villages that you believe your ancestors are from:

**Villages**

**Surnames**

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Annual Dues:	\$25.00
Annual Donation:	\$
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>	<b>\$</b>

Please make all checks payable to **AHSGR OREGON CHAPTER** and send your membership dues and form to:

**AHSGR OREGON CHAPTER**

**P.O. Box 55218**

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You can also send dues and donations electronically via PayPal to our chapter email address:

**oregonahsgr@gmail.com**

The Oregon Chapter of AHSGR is a tax-exempt non-profit organization organized under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3). As such, your dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. (Federal Tax ID # 93-1313164)

PLEASE NOTE: Additional dues are required for membership in the AHSGR International Organization. (See [www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org) for current International membership levels and dues.) Please remit International dues directly to AHSGR Headquarters.

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