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Empress of Russia

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

As if things weren't bad enough with a worldwide pandemic, civil unrest in the cities, and political divisiveness, then we had a wind storm, wildfires everywhere and then days of SMOKE in the air! It makes me a little afraid of what might happen next! A zombie apocalypse? A Martian invasion?

Thankfully, the smoke has cleared, and while our hearts go out to those who lost their homes in the fires, as I am writing this the sun is out and there is blue sky. That does a lot to lift my spirits, and I am enjoying this beautiful fall Oregon day. Let's hope that things will settle down a little bit now. Although with a contentious election coming up soon, I think we are unfortunately in for more turmoil.



And, that brings me to the main point of my message today. VOTE!! We live in the greatest country ever, and we have a responsibility to be involved. We can take part in our democracy and have our voice be heard by studying the issues and the candidates and casting our ballots. I heard it said that a person forfeits their right to complain about our leaders if they don't vote in our elections. So, let's all do our part and let our voices be heard.

My mother liked to tell the story of one time when she was a little girl the family was all gathered at the home of her grandparents. All of her uncles were there. And as is not uncommon, the grownups were all talking about politics. And there were complaints being voiced about the government and government leaders. At one point my great-grandfather got up and closed the window. A little while later he went outside and walked up and down the street a little way to see if there might have been someone outside who might have heard what was being said from inside the house. He never could get completely comfortable with the idea that in America people could express their thoughts and feelings openly. It had not been like that in Russia! What a blessing to all of us that our ancestors came to this country.

We really thought that by this fall life would be getting back to normal, and that obviously has not happened, and there is not any guarantee that it will be better by the turn of the new year. We are hoping, but we just have to wait and see. In the meantime, we miss our monthly gatherings. We have discussed the possibility of holding a ZOOM meeting, and would be interested in your feedback on whether that would be of interest to you.

So, until we can meet in person again, I hope that you are all safe, healthy, and out of the fires.

Fondly,
Carole

Membership Dues

Due to the hibernation nature of the chapter during the pandemic, the Oregon Chapter board has decided to forego membership dues for 2021. We have enough in reserves to cover the minimal administrative expenses we will have next year.

All 2020 members will rollover to 2021. If you have any change in contact information (phone, address, eMail, etc) that you wish to share, please be sure to send in a membership form with the new information.

Time To Pitch In

Bored being holed up at home all year? Wondering why the Oregon Chapter isn't doing more during the pandemic? Or why the newsletter has been so skimpy lately? You can do something about that! We have several open positions on the board and need a "real" newsletter editor.

If you're itching to spearhead something and want to get involved, just let us know! You can get in touch with Carole or Jim (contact details on the last page), or email oregonahsgr@gmail.com. We'd love to have your energy and ideas to move us forward!

Checking In With Thelma Wiest

Thelma asked that we share the following information about her whereabouts:

My deceased husband, William (Bill) Wiest (he died Dec. 19, 2019) and I, were long time members of AHSGR and always enjoyed the meetings. I have no family left in Portland, so I have moved to Tucson, AZ where my youngest daughter, Cynthia Sank lives, and also one of her daughters and son (my great grandson!).

I will miss all my Portland friends and the AHSGR membership but moving to Arizona is the best thing for me at this time in my life. My email will remain the same (thelmawiest@gmail.com) and my phone is 503-784-9895.

German Genealogy Webinar



Virtual Fall Seminar

Saturday, October 24, 2020

9:00 am – 2:00 pm PDT

Featuring: "The Fantastic Four"

From the German Team at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City

FREE Fall Virtual Seminar. Please register at:

https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UAs7rU-SROuXPL6Be79epA

Or... use this shortened url (that's a zero before the final "g")

<https://rb.gy/gjpb0g>



Session 1

9:00 am - 10:00 am PDT

Fritz Juengling Ph.D., AG®

*Resources on FamilySearch
for German Research and
Getting Help*

Session 2

10:15 am - 11:15 am PDT

Daniel Jones MS, AG®

*Germany: Historical
Geography*



Session 3

11:45 am - 12:45 pm PDT

Charlotte Champenois BA

Württemberg Family Books

Session 4

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm PDT

Baerbel Johnson BA, AG®

*Using Historical Newspapers
to Learn More about your
German Ancestors*



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 \$0!

Membership Year 2021 (*only send in if contact info has changed or sending a donation*)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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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

Annual Dues:	\$0
Annual Donation:	\$
Total Enclosed:	\$

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