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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Joan Kanning, Ron Knippa and all the members and folks who worked so hard in the Wendish booths at the Folklife Festival in San Antonio. The booth was awarded 2nd place for Booth Presentation. Thanks also to Mr. Bill Knippa for transporting items to San Antonio, and to Walter, Laverne, and Shaina Gersch and Freddie Zoch who took a load of things down on Thursday and helped set up everything and also work. The Gersches made another trip to San Antonio on Sunday to bring everything back. 97 pounds of noodles were used - that means many folks enjoyed noodles again! Barbara Hielscher and Mary Watts spent a couple of days of their vacation in San Antonio and helped work on Saturday.

The Fourth Annual Wendish Fest will be held on Sunday September 27, 1992. This years Wendish Fest will again begin with a German Church service, conducted by Reverend Paul Hartfield, starting at 10:30 A. M.

The Giddings Geburtstag this year is being held on the Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, immediately before the Wendish Fest. Plan to take advantage of this combined effort and attend both of these activities.

Ken Weiser
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27	Fourth Annual Wendish Fest at the Museum Complex and the St. Paul, Serbin, picnic grounds
October 16	Deadline for articles for the October newsletter
November 15	General membership meeting at the Museum at 2:00 p.m.

WENDISH FEST - SEPTEMBER 27, 1992

By Evelyn N. Kasper, Chairman

We should have something for everyone this year! In addition to our day's activities of church service, brass band, coffee cake bakeoff, coloring contest, noodle making, sausage stuffing, churning, cross cut saw contest, horseback rides, blacksmithing, corn shelling, quilting, we are this year adding pea shelling, cross stitching, making cedar plaques, washer and horse shoe pitching.

We will again have Easter egg decorating, wine making, the "Klettern Pfosten", and a new menu for the noon meal. This year we are serving sausage, noodles, beets, green beans, peaches, homemade bread, butter, tea or coffee, all for \$4.50 adult and \$2.50 children's plates.

And for those of you who feel like I do-that sausage must be complimented with sauerkraut, you can buy sausage and sauerkraut boats, sausage on a stick, bowls of noodles, and barbecue drum sticks all afternoon. We ask that all members please bring desserts so there will be enough to sell all afternoon, as well as with the noon meal. We need your help.

We will have souvenirs and crafts for sale from the Wendish country in Europe, thanks to Mr. Frank Heinig of Gutttau. Some of the items he is bringing will be sold by a silent auction which will take place at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds.

Barbia Film Studio from Germany is planning to send Dr. Toni Bruck and a film crew of three, to film the day's activities. Isn't this exciting? If you have not been assigned to work, and wish to do so, please call Barbara at the Museum and Make your wishes known. We always have some openings available.

WENDISH FEST COFFEE CAKE BAKE - OFF

The rules for the bake - off are similar to previous years. There is no entry fee. A 5 inch square is used for judging and the remainder is sold in the bake sale. Entries have to be in the sweets stand on the picnic grounds by 10:30. There are 3 divisions. Kaese Kuchen and Streusel Kuchen need to be at least 10 X 13 (Cookie sheet size). The "special" division has to be a full recipe and yeast raised. It can be baked in angel food or bundt cake pans and can include cinnamon rolls, or fruit or nut toppings.

First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in each division and all other entries will receive a participant ribbon.

Hopefully, with the additional division even more people will be able to share their baking talents. THE MORE ENTRIES - THE KEENER THE CONTEST!!!

Laverne Gersch, Chairperson
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LILLIE MOERBE CALDWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
By Georgie B. Boyce, Librarian

We are very grateful to MRS. STEVE (LUISE) GREEN of Friendswood and Warda, Texas, for her efforts in obtaining the donations of a Microfiche Reader, the 1991 Genealogical Library Catalog and the Family Registry from the LDS Family History Center in Friendswood. These items will be very useful to our local genealogist, who would like to know what information and data is available from Salt Lake City. You can come to our library to look through this catalog and registry (on microfiche). If you find something that you would like to research, you would then need to go to one of the LDS Family History Centers in Austin or the Houston area. We have a list of the Texas centers and their addresses.

Thank you to the following: MRS. OTTO (JEANNELLE nee KARCHER) HINTZE of Crestwood, Missouri, for donating The Friedrich Karcher Family (Second Revision) book. CHARLES WUKASCH of Austin, Texas, for donating his two recently published books, A Short Practical Grammar of Upper Sorbian (Wendish) and A Short Intermediate Reference Grammar of Upper Sorbian (Wendish); also, Die Sorben in Deutschland which is written in German.

SPECIAL THANK YOU(S)
By Georgie Boyce

A note of recognition is in order for a very special teenager: LESLIE CARPENTER, of Waldeck, Texas, who volunteered to assist me in the initial processing of photographs this summer. With her able assistance, working eight six-hour days, we cleaned, numbered, photocopied and filed 633 photographs. This also included the initial preparation of the "Photo Inventory Sheet" which will have to be completed so that all this information can be entered into the computer. Leslie is sixteen years old and a Junior at Carmine High School. She is the daughter of Lewis and Carol Carpenter who graciously provided her transportation to and from Warda so that she could accompany me to the museum. Leslie, her parents and brothers, Lester and Lawson, are members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. THANK YOU LESLIE, FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Another young lady, deserving recognition for her efforts at the museum, is HEATHER HIELSCHER, of Winchester, Texas. She spent a number of her summer hours photocopying obituaries from newspapers and filing the copies in our vertical files in the Library. Heather is ten years old and in the fifth grade at LaGrange Middle School. She is the daughter of Jerry and Judy Hielscher and granddaughter of Barbara Hielscher. THANK YOU HEATHER, FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

*(It is very encouraging to have these young people take an interest in the activities of the museum and give of themselves in these volunteer projects.)

GIFT SHOP
By Barbara Hielscher, Manager

NEW ITEMS - Dr. Charles Wukasch has written two grammars of Wendish and has published them at his own expense through the Texas Wendish Heritage Society Press. He has kindly offered to let the TWHS have all the proceeds from the sale of the books. The price is \$10.00 per book, or both books for \$18.00.

AUSTRALIAN VISITOR

The Wendish Museum had a surprise visitor from Australia on July 3, 1992. Mr. Robert Wuchatsch was making a round-the-world trip and stopped in Giddings to see the Wendish Museum. Mr. Wuchatsch left Australia in May and spent about six weeks in the Wendish part of former East Germany. He then flew to New York, to Chicago, and on to Houston, where he boarded a bus to Giddings. Upon arriving in Giddings, he called to the Museum and asked for directions to the Museum and if a car rental would be possible. Georgie Boyce, who was at the Museum, directed Mr. Wuchatsch to Jack Wiederhold who brought him out to the Museum. Mr. Wuchatsch had a great time browsing through the Museum and the church at Serbin. He also spent the 4th of July in Giddings. On Monday, July 6th, he boarded a plane in Houston to fly to San Francisco and then on to Hawaii. From Hawaii he flew directly back to Australia. Mr. Wuchatsch is the author of a book which is in the Museum's library. The book is titled Westgarthtown The German settlement at Thomas-town.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Jacob Reunion

Decendants of Hans & Maria Jacob
Christian Jacob, Sr.
Maria Jacob Domann
Magdalena Jacob Zoch

The 12th Jacob family reunion was held on August 9, 1992 at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church picnic grounds, Warda, Texas with a pot luck dinner. Registration began at 10:30 a.m. A total of 108 registered, 42 from the Domann stem, 42 from the Zoch stem, 21 from the Jacob stem, and 3 visitors. The business meeting was called to order by president Otto Kunze, from College Station, Texas. He welcomed everyone and encouraged all to come again on the 2nd Sunday in August, 1994.

Rev. Robert Boyce of Holy Cross, Warda spoke briefly of the importance of families keeping in touch through reunions. He also said that Holy Cross is going to celebrate it's 120th anniversary next year.

Secretary, Mildred Kilian, read the minutes of the 1990 reunion that were submitted by Arelen Wendt of Austin. They were excepted as read. Treasurer, Mildred Kilian gave the treasurers report. President, Otto Kunze, Secretary and Treasurer, Mildred Kilian, 1st Vice President, Reinhold Teinert, and 2nd Vice President, Allen Kilian are the officers for the 1994 reunion. Marvin Kelm, of Granger was thanked for serving as 1st Vice President for two terms.

Reinhold Teinert of Austin gave a report on the German visitors from Germany and Australia. Johannes Grosa is a direct descendant of the Jacob family. He said that originally their name was Jacob, but the name was changed to Grosa because the name Grosa gave them higher esteem.

Everyone was honored to recognize Mary Umland, age 91, as the oldest in attendance. She was from Washington, Texas. She was given a pot of flowers. Aaron Tonn of Warda, 2½ years old was the youngest, he was given a picture plaque. John and Virginia Drager of Clovis, New Mexico traveled the longest distance, 586 miles. They received a prayer plaque. Everyone enjoyed visiting at the reunion.

Thank you to Elinor Steglich, Evelyn Kasper, and Barbara Hielscher for providing refreshments for the August meeting.

DOCENTS

Serving as docents during the months of June and July were: Arnold and Evelyn Kasper, Herbert and Hattie Schautschick, Walter and Laverne Gersch, Heather Hielscher, Vivian Taylor, Carroll and Barbara Hielscher, Bea Tschatschula, Jack and Marian Wiederhold, Ruby Koslan, Elsie Socha, Rev. Robert and Georgie Boyce, George and Flora Kunze, Leroy and Elinor Steglich, Jarrett Teston, Telford and Clara Zoch, Otto Becker, Freddie Zoch, Esther Buscha, Lorine Domel, Frieda Wendland, George Boerger, Herbert and Laverne Falke, Mildred Kilian, Daphne Garrett, and Ruth Linder. THANK YOU !

VISITORS

During the months of June and July there were visitors from all parts of Texas and from the following: Oregon, California, Minnesota, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Australia, Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio, South Dakota, Germany, Canada, and Africa.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Mrs. William C. Duncan, La Porte, TX	Susan Neitsch, Temple, TX
Hubert C. Noack, Waco, TX	La Doris D. Weber, Schulenburg, TX
Vernon J. Weber, Schulenburg, TX	Betty Jentsch, Wichita Falls, TX

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:	Donor	Amount
Magdalena S. Unger	Ruth Wagner	\$25.00
Hilma Zuhn	George Boerger	\$10.00
Magdalena S. Unger	Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Clary	\$10.00
Ruth Schatte	Mr. & Mrs. August Zoch	\$5.00

On Occassion of:	Donor	Amount
Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Prellop 50th Wedding Anniversary	Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Schulz	\$25.00

A \$250.00 donation for the endowment fund has been received from the Carl and Anna (Hanusch) Zoch family reunion.

A \$50.00 was received from the Schulz family reunion.

A \$50.00 matching gift was received from the Coca Cola Company.



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