



## Texas Wendish Heritage Society and Museum - Serbin, Texas

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### *May 19, 2002 Texas Wendish Heritage Society General Membership Meeting*

The speaker for the May 19 General Membership Meeting of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society will be Mrs. Charlene Hurta of Angleton, Texas. The title of her presentation will be *Who am I?* An avid genealogist, Charlene has taught numerous Genealogy 101 classes in Texas and Michigan, providing guidance for many people as they began their genealogy journey. She is a member of numerous genealogy societies in both the U.S. and Europe and has over fifteen years' experience conducting research in archives located in Arizona, Minnesota, Maryland, Texas, and the Czech Republic.

Charlene is currently serving as conference/workshop chairperson for the *Hats Off to Genealogy* conference scheduled for July 25-27, 2002 at the Brazos Center in Bryan, Texas. She is also serving as the Texas representative for the 2003 CGSI Conference to be held at the Omni Westside in Houston on October 16-18, 2003. Charlene also has an avid interest in cemetery research/documentation, and she is active with the Brazoria County Historical Cemetery Association.

There is always something new to learn about genealogy research and Charlene will tell us how DNA research is one of the newest tools now available to researchers. We hope you will be able to join us on May 19 for this informative session.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12	Museum CLOSED for Mother's Day
May 19	General Membership meeting 2:00 p.m., Museum complex
May 26	Serbin Picnic, St. Paul picnic grounds
June 6-9	Folklife Festival, San Antonio
June 16	Deadline for articles for June newsletter
August 18	General Membership meeting, 2:00 p.m., Museum complex
September 22	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Wendish Fest, St. Paul picnic grounds and Museum complex
September 27-29	German-Texan Heritage Society Annual Meeting, Blinn College, Brenham

#### November Meeting Refreshments

Thank you to the following people who provided refreshments for the February 17, 2002 General Membership meeting: Evelyn Kasper, Evelyn Buchhorn, Sandra Matthijetz, Verline Schultz, and Barbara Hielscher.

#### Czech Spring Heritage Festival

The Czech community will hold a spring festival on May 18 at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Activities will include singing, dancing, music, children's egg decorating and other early Texas Czech activities.

#### Wendish Fest Silent Auction

Remember the upcoming Wendish Fest Silent Auction to be held during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wendish Fest on September 22! We will be happy to accept all items you would like to donate, including handcrafted items, a cookbook or history book published by your church, civic organization, club, or family reunion, or any other items you may wish to donate. We will be happy to put a bid sheet on whatever you donate. If distance prevents you from sending your desired donation, we will be happy to purchase your selected item and put your name on the donor card. If you are not sure what you want to donate but would like to contribute, we have someone who will be happy to work with you. We look forward to seeing you on September 22!

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#### 911 Addressing has Arrived at TWHS!

The U.S. Postal Service, in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency System, has implemented city style addressing for rural areas including our Wendish Museum.

Effective immediately, please address all mail to the Museum to **1011 CR 212, Giddings, TX 78942**. If you happen to have memorial cards that still include the old Route 2 address, simply strike through and write in the new address. Since the grace period for delivering incorrectly addressed mail has passed (twice, in fact), mail sent to our old Route address will be returned as undeliverable.

While you are updating our address in your records, please make sure that *we* have *your* correct mailing address. If you have any questions concerning your 911 address, you should check with your local appraisal district, county tax assessor's office, or local post office.



## President's Message

### Eunice Urban Dunk

WELCOME MEMBERS!! Whether you are a "new" or a "renewing" member, YOU are making a difference for the Texas Wendish Heritage Society. As of April 12, 2002, we had reached an all time high in our membership and it could not have happened without YOUR support. We realize that this is still a very, very small percentage of the people of Wendish heritage scattered throughout the United States and the world, and we are looking forward to adding to that number as time goes on. YOU can again make a difference by telling your family members and friends about us and encouraging them to contact us for membership information. Membership is not limited to people of Wendish descent so encourage everyone who is interested in the preservation of our heritage to take part by becoming a member.

We hope that you will have an opportunity to visit us in person, by internet, or reading about us in a newspaper or magazine. If you cannot make it to the museum between 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, following are some of the ways you can learn more about us:

- Our web site is located through Wendish/Concordia University, Austin, Texas;
- The Museum is one of the featured places on TexasEscapes.com (look under towns/Serbin);
- We were featured in the October 2001 issue of *German Life* magazine, and the Museum still has issues available for a free will donation;
- We were featured in the July/August 1999 issue of *Bond*, published by Lutheran Brotherhood, and the Museum has issues available upon request;
- Articles have been published recently in the Giddings and Lexington newspapers;

- The Museum will be featured in *Texas* magazine of the Houston Chronicle in the near future;
- A free-lance writer from New York visited our Museum recently and will submit articles about us to several German newspapers; and
- We were mentioned in the March 2002 issue of *Texas Highways* magazine in an article about the Presidential Corridor, which is located about fifteen miles from our museum.

Ron Knippa and his wonderful group of San Antonio-and-thereabouts volunteers are beginning to make plans for the Wendish booth at the Folklife Festival in San Antonio June 6-9. Please plan to stop by our area if you are able to attend, and if you are interested in working in the booth or helping in any way, please call Ron at (210) 496-3105.

Plans for Wendish Fest are beginning to take shape and we will soon be preparing the work list. If you would like to take part by working in a booth or serving in any other way, please let us know and we will be honored to include you. We need more workers to take care of the growing number of people who visit us each year.

Please let us know if your family will be having a reunion this year. Deadlines for upcoming issues of the newsletter are June 24 and August 19, so remember to send your announcement. We will help you spread the word to relatives who may not be on your mailing list.

Thank you for supporting us these first months of 2002, and we look forward to working with you for many months to come.



## Wends Who Broke the Pattern

**Dr. George Nielsen,  
Special Features Editor**

The following is another letter written by Johann Sommer to his family in Germany. It is probably typical of other letters sent back to Germany in the hope of enticing family members to join them in Texas. It also provides insights into which items were needed on the Texas frontier. The letter was written at the time of Lincoln's inaugural and as the nation was moving toward the Civil War. The war and Union blockade of the South prevented migration until the war's end in 1865.

In the next newsletter issue I will conclude with comments about Johann Sommer. In subsequent issues I will continue with other Wends who broke the pattern such as George Boback, Friedrich Matuschka, and Christian Kolba. If you would like to suggest other Wends or write a little history, send me a letter at 1132 Enchantment Road, Rapid City, SD 57701 or email to Gnie857317@aol.com.

As translated by William H. Nielsen and Bill Biar:

Long Prairie at Roundtop March 3, 1861

Dear Mother and Siblings!

With these lines I, my wife, and children are sending you heartfelt greetings, and heartily wish that these our lines would, upon reaching you, find you in good health. Concerning us we are all, God be praised, in good health and well, together with five children, three sons and two daughters. The last son was born January 25.

Dear Mother I can report to you that the things which you sent to me with Deo\* from Preititz have been received, but the horseradish was dried up so that it could be rubbed to powder. But what I did not understand was that you did not write a few lines to let me know how you are doing. But it pleased my wife and me very much when Deo told us that you and my brother and sister have a

desire to come to America. This you will not regret because living here is better than in Germany. I wonder if my brother will be able to come due to the military service.

Dear people, when you do come do not bring your women's Wendish jackets. You can bring handkerchiefs, coats, cloth of all sorts, also dresses as well as woolen coats and jackets, stockings, and blue linen aprons, embroidered quilts, linen cloth, apron strings and shoes women's shoes and slippers. For me and my wife you may bring for each a woolen knitted jacket, and for the children each two pair blue woolen stockings. I would like two scythes and a small spinning wheel to spin thread. To my sister I have this advice do not marry at home or on shipboard because she can have better luck here than in Germany. But to my brother I would say to get married there, as I did, and thus come to America with a woman who knows how to take hold of things. If it should be the case that you have your money at hand, do not loan it to anyone on the way but exchange all your money in Bremen since at this time German money is not worth as much here as there. If you can't come in springtime up to April 1st, then wait until the end of August or September for at that time traveling will be better because of yellow fever in Galveston. Supply yourselves for the voyage victuals, namely, some dried bread and also normal bread. Eat the fresh bread first, then the dried because the former will not keep very long. Take dried fruit, ham, some butter, also herrings, roasted coffee and also take something to drink, whatever is most salutary for you, like schnaps or rum. As for the drops, which you are to bring along, I have already informed you in a previous letter. My brother may wish to supply himself with smoking tobacco and some 2 thousand cigars. For me he might bring along a tobacco pipe made of wood and costing about a half dollar. He should also supply himself with several extra boots and bring several of the common German caps with visors and tulle of the gray sort for jackets and pants and some extra black silk scarfs. Bring some blacksmith tongs, bring only one manure fork and a grubbing hoe. Also an iron shovel without wooden handle ....



For yourself also bring some iron pots from 2 or 3 quarts in size [A Saxon Kanne equals .94 liter] and some smaller ones, several dozen coffee cups, a dozen round spoons, and bring horseradish along one more time because mine dried up. For this take a small bottle, filled with some water, and insert the horseradish into the hole and when the root has increased in size to fill the opening it can serve as a cork, thus making it possible to transport the plant without drying up.

Dear Mother, bring seeds of your herbs so that we can plant them here because those seeds here are costly to buy. I do not write this so that you could use them in the practice of midwife, but that you would use them in your home. Do not bring unnecessary things because of freight costs and because they can be bought here.

Dear Mother and brother and sisters, my church is nearby and we have a good preacher, who lives a half hour from here. Our services are only in German. You would probably want to know how things are going with me. I am satisfied here even though we suffered a drought this past year, but I cannot complain of any great need. Food and drink we did not lack and the coming year has begun well. My corn and wheat are looking good, perhaps even better than you would have in Germany. And I have wheat plants from which 55 - 65 stems grow up and in the field of 5 acres one stalk is as large as another. Corn also is doing well and is putting on ears so that we are hoping that by the middle of May we will have fresh corn bread to eat. And I also now have strawberries. The green trees are blooming profusely. I had lettuce all winter. Cucumbers, peas and flax are green and doing well. I am reminded of another thing, bring two dozen pipe stems, namely a dozen with curved stems and a dozen with straight stems.

Dear Mother, I would like to know why Brother Andreas does not write and tell me what he wants. In a previous letter I promised him land and home until he is able to buy his own. So far no letter. Could it be that he is so well-to-do that my offer does not tempt him. For I can see right plainly that he could do much better here. Here he

could practice his profession unhindered and earn double as much as in Germany. No, I would say 3 times as much. I must also inform you that I have built a new house. At present Deo is staying with me and is finishing the building for me because he lives about 3 hours from me.

Dear people don't let selling your property cause you any sorrow for I have a business here which I would never trade for yours in Quatitz. Here we do not have expensive fees as you do in Germany, and whatever you harvest is yours to keep without giving anything to anyone.

Dear Mother if you are not coming soon then write me about all my siblings. What I would like to know is how they are doing. When you do write to me then write Texas correctly. Do not write Texa but Texas. I will close the letter with the hope that we will see each other in the future. Should it be that you will not come then my hope is that we will meet in yonder world of immortality where we will be free of worries and cares of this earthly life. Hold fast in remembrance to our Savior Jesus Christ and may it be well with you.

M. Johann Sommer

This letter was written on the 8th of March.

[W. Nielsen]

\*This is Johann Deo who migrated in 1860 and died at Paige on 26 January 1896. Another Johann Deo migrated in 1869 and died at Serbin on 5 August 1870.



## **Report from the Tours Committee**

### **Evelyn Kasper, Chairperson**

Springtime again brought the opportunity to show off our Museum complex to a number of groups from around the state. We hosted three tours in March and three in April for groups from Burnet, Manor, College Station, Dallas, Houston, and Harlingen. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped either with the tours or with cooking, serving, and washing dishes after the luncheons. We could not provide such a valuable service without our faithful volunteers!

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## **Report from the Noodle Committee**

### **Hattie Schautschick, Chairperson**

We are proud to report that 1,077 pounds of noodles have been made thus far for 2002. We are also pleased to report that several pounds of our noodles were purchased recently for shipment to someone in Alaska! Global noodles!

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## **Walk-In Coffee/Bake Sale**

### **Eunice Dunk, Chairperson**

The Walk-In Coffee/Bake Sale on Tuesday, February 12 was a great success, offering a wonderful opportunity for more people to learn about the Texas Wendish Heritage Society. In addition, needed funds were raised that will benefit our Museum. Thank you to all who contributed time, money, baked goods, or ingredients. If you missed this one, plan to come next year. We hope to sponsor another Walk-In Coffee in February 2003.

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## **Docents**

Thank you to the following who served as docents during the months of January, February and March: Mildred Kilian, Lorine Domel, Henry and Emily Zoch, Jan and Charlie Slack, George Boerger, Hattie Schautschick, Freddie Zoch, Ruby Koslan, J.B. Gersch, Jr., Carolyn Bohot, Evelyn

Kasper, Jeannette Huelsebush, Barbara Hielscher, and Gladys Dillman.

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## **Visitors**

The museum hosted visitors during the months of January, February, and March from Illinois, Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, California, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, New Mexico, and Washington.

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## **Memorials**

From Edgar and Bernice Schulz, in memory of Blondina Bigon.

From Mrs. Linda Boerger, in memory of Mrs. Laura Ruegg.

From Mark and Caren Couch Ertel, in memory of Betty Kasper Couch.

From George Boerger, in memory of Louise T. Peter.

From Terri Kramer, in memory of Louise T. Peter.

From George Boerger, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruegg.

Anonymous, \$600 to the Endowment Fund as a matching gift for the 2001 Walk-In Coffee.

Anonymous, \$100 gift to the Endowment Fund for memorials.

Anonymous, \$1,100 gift to the Wilson Research Fund.

From Coca-Cola Co., matching gift of \$4,060.

From Temple Inland Foundation, matching gift of \$90.

From Germania Companies (Laura Popp), gift of \$100.



# Let's Learn Wendish! Part I: The Alphabet

Dr. Charles Wukasch

<u>Wendish</u>	<u>Name of letter</u>	<u>English sound</u>
a	a	the sound of "o" in "hot"
b	bej	"b" as in "boy"
c	cej	"ts" as in the last two letters of "cats"
č	čej	"ch" as in "church"
d	dej	"d" as in "dog"
dž	džej	"j" as in "judge"
e	ej	"e" as in "bet"
ě	jět	"i" as in "Bill"
f	ef	"f" as in "foot"
g	gej	"g" as in "good"
h	ha	"h" as in "hot"
ch	cha	(We don't have this sound, but it's a "k" which is held, sort of a scraping sound.)
i	i	"ee" as in "meet"
j	jót	"y" as in "yes"
k	ka	"k" as in "kick"
ł	eł	"w" as in "win"
l	el	"l" as in "let"
m	em	"m" as in "meet"
n	en	"n" as in "now"
ń	ejn	soft "n" (pronounce "nap" as "nyap")
o	o	"ou" as in "ought"
ó	ót	"u" as in "put"
p	pej	"p" as in "put"
r	er	"r" as in "red"
ř	eř	"sh" as in "ship"
s	es	"s" as in "sit"
š	eš	"sh" as in "ship"
t	tej	"t" as in "tell"
ć	ćet	"ch" as in "church"
u	u	"oo" as in "boot"
w	wej	"w" as in "win"
y	y	"i" as in "Bill"
z	zet	"z" as in "zebra"
ž	žet	"z" as in "azure"

Stress: The stress in Wendish is always on the first syllable.

## Membership Hits All-Time Record

**George Boerger, Membership Chairman**

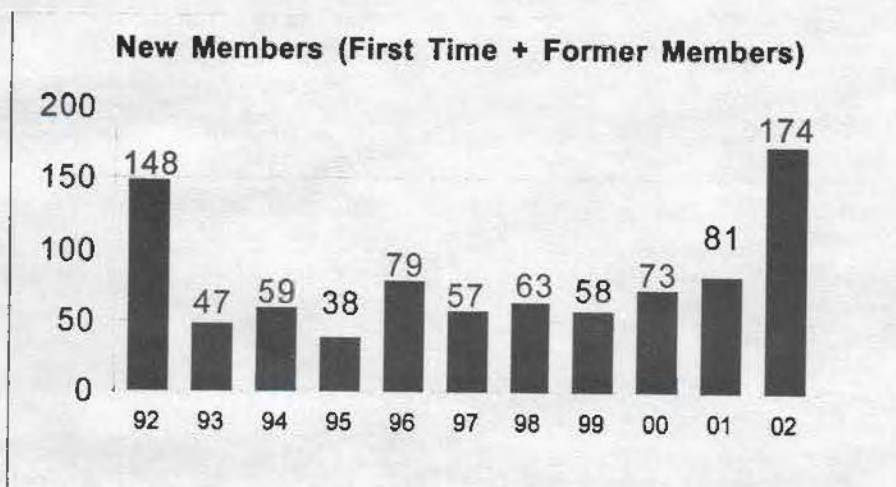
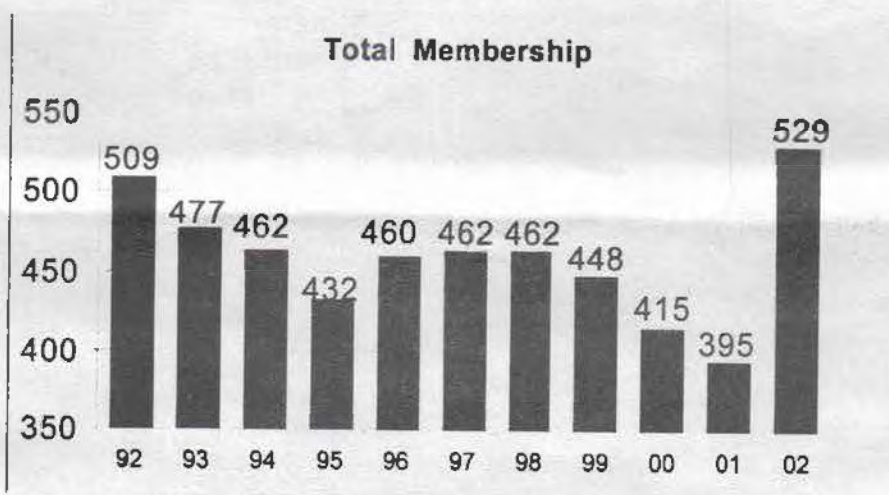
As of April 19, we have 529 members, breaking the old record of 509 set in 1992. This compares to 395 members in 2001, which was our 15<sup>th</sup> highest membership year. The increase of 134 members is easily the largest increase in the 32-year history of the TWHS.

Growth has come from new members, both first-time and former who have rejoined. Currently we have 174 new members, compared to a typical year of 70 new members.

The percentage of people renewing has also increased significantly.

If you know if anyone who might be interested in joining, please send us the names and addresses and we will send them information and an invitation.

Below are two graphs that illustrate total membership and new members from 1992 to 2002.





## **2002 First-Time Members**

Marilyn Biehle, Houston, TX  
Oliver Biehle, Houston, TX  
Greg Booth, La Grange, TX  
Anne Christiansen, Chapin, SC  
Neal Christiansen, Chapin, SC  
David Domelsmith, Temple, TX  
Mark Ertel, Grapevine, TX  
Mary Jo Felfe, Sacramento, CA  
First Nat'l Bank (Janet Meuth), Giddings, TX  
Deborah Gloyne, Edna, TX  
Shantelle Grace, Dublin, GA  
Carol Haman, Houston, TX  
Patricia Tate Heinrich, Danville, CA  
Linda Jolly, Anderson, TX  
Martha Lorenz, Giddings, TX  
Joseph McFarland, San Antonio, TX

## **2002 Patron Members**

Allen Cluck, La Grange, TX  
Ellen Decker, Buda, TX  
Rev. Clarence Ehler, Muldoon, TX  
Shantelle Grace, Dublin, GA  
James H. Hingst, San Antonio, TX  
Rev. Thomas Hoyt, Warda, TX  
Milton Kaiser, Houston, TX

## **2002 Sponsor Members**

Neal Christiansen, Chapin, SC  
Carroll J. Dorsett, Adkins, TX  
First Nat'l Bank (Janet Meuth), Giddings, TX

## **2002 Century Members**

Elwood Domaschk, Jr., Houston, TX  
Marvin Schulze, Austin, TX

## **2002 Student Members**

Greg Booth, La Grange, TX  
Anne Christiansen, Chapin, SC  
Mary Jo Felfe, Sacramento, CA

Ruth McFarland, San Antonio, TX  
Deloise McGill, Round Top, TX  
Ina Mitschke, Giddings, TX  
Dorine Otteson, Kemp, TX  
David Otteson, Kemp, TX  
Jerry Paul, Yorba Linda, CA  
Joyce Pelkemeyer, Brenham, TX  
Erich Scharath, Jr., Plymouth, ME  
Roger Smith, San Antonio, TX  
Christian Symmank, Dusseldorf, Germany  
H. Melvin Symmank, Garland, TX  
Edith Walters, Mill Valley, CA  
Irene Yanick, Dumas, NJ  
Leslie Zabel, St. Louis, MO  
Alfred Zoch, Gidding, TX  
Vernell Zoch, Giddings, TX

Elinor Hannusch Kenyon, Kansas City, MO  
Frances Maxwell, Dallas, TX  
Ina Mitschke, Giddings, TX  
Rev. Kenneth Moerbe, Waco, TX  
Craig Schkade, Fort Worth, TX  
John Threet, Houston, TX  
Kenneth Weiser, Giddings, TX

Jerry Knippa, San Antonio, TX  
Teri Kramer, Fort Worth, TX

Ralph Weiser, Magnolia, AR  
Walter Zoch, Cherokee, TX

Joshua Knippa, Austin, TX  
Margaret Lovallo, Sacramento, CA



## In Search of.....



Craig Schkade has volunteered to be a Museum contact for people researching the following families: Schkade, Lehmann, Wagner, and Kurijo. He can be reached at 901 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Apt. #1241, Fort Worth, TX 76102 or by phone at (817) 877-0065.

Charles Vibrock is seeking information concerning Dorothea Vick (Dec. 15, 1804 – Nov. 14, 1889). She is listed in the 1860/1870 Fayette County census records as living with the August and Wilhelmina Kruse family. The 1880 census lists "Dora" Vick as the mother of Wilhelmina. Charles is trying to locate information concerning the older Dora and a younger Dora (Aug. 1844 – Oct. 29, 1912). They may be mother and daughter. If you have information about either of these ladies, please contact Charles at 16414 Waycreek, Houston, TX 77068, by phone at (281) 444-1583, or by email at [cvibrock@earthlink.net](mailto:cvibrock@earthlink.net).

Mary Wendland is seeking information on the surname Wendland. The family always

considered themselves to be of German Descent, but Mary has had little luck in finding Wendland family information through genealogy web links. It is thought that at some point in the past, the name was spelled with a "t" – Wendlandt, Wendtland, or even Wendtlant. Any information would be appreciated. Please contact Mary at 211 Ferryboat Lane, New Braunfels, TX 78130-8203.

Andrea Monk is seeking information on families with the names Kleinschmidt, Heiner, or Gaderborg. The Kleinschmidts were from Prussia and they settled in Travis County around 1870. Please contact Andrea at [monkees5@msn.com](mailto:monkees5@msn.com).

Eileen Johnson is seeking information on her mother's maiden name – Warschkow. She has been told the name is Wendish. Her mother immigrated from Kr. Stolp Pommern Germany in 1912. If anyone has information on this family name, please contact Eileen at 207 Oak Park Circle, Parkersburg, IA 50665 or by email at [ejohnson@forbin.net](mailto:ejohnson@forbin.net).



## **Texas Wendish Heritage Society General Membership Meeting**

**February 17, 2002**

President Eunice Dunk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Kilian Building of the Museum complex at Serbin, Texas on Sunday, February 17, 2002. Present were 22 members and 12 visitors.

Rev. Michael Buchhorn provided the opening devotion, stressing the importance of maintaining priorities in life. There is a tendency in modern times to put ourselves first, but this is not the way it should be. Our forebears set an example for us by allowing God to lead them and by honoring Him with the first fruits of their labors. Singing the hymn "God the Father, Son and Spirit" closed the devotion.

Rev. Elmer Hohle treated us to singing in Wendish select verses from the hymns "Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded," "Oh Dearest Jesus What Law Hast Thou Broken," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth," and "Abide O Dearest Jesus."

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2001 meeting as presented in the newsletter.

George Boerger presented the 2001 actual and 2002 projected financial reports. It was noted that noodle sales for 2001 increased by 18%. A motion was made, seconded and approved to file the financial reports as presented.

George Boerger reported that the number of members had increased significantly for 2002. With the extra effort given to sending reminders and follow-up mailings, our membership is now 449. George also presented the new membership invitation and asked everyone to please send him names and addresses of potential new members to receive an invitation.

Evelyn Kasper reported that 615 pounds of noodles had been made thus far for 2002.

Evelyn Kasper reported that 5 luncheon tours have been planned for March, April and May. The

spring tour season is beginning and more tours are anticipated.

Evelyn Kasper reported that 35 members of the Chor Meja in Germany will arrive in Serbin on September 21 and will perform at the Wendish Fest. Volunteers are needed to provide housing for the choir members.

Eunice Dunk reported that the Walk-In Coffee was successful. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the event.

Eunice Dunk outlined some of the goals for 2002, which include increasing membership, improving the newsletter and membership meeting programs, producing a membership directory, electronically cataloging the archives, and developing a new museum exhibit. She also reminded everyone to visit the TWHS booth at the Folklife Festival in San Antonio in June.

There being no further business, the speakers were introduced. Dr. David Zersen, former president of Concordia University at Austin, spoke about Mato Kosyk, the Wendish poet. Dr. David Chroust of Texas A&M University spoke about Czech poet Josef Vaclav Sladek, who traveled through parts of Texas during 1869-1870.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Slack, Secretary

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### **51<sup>st</sup> annual reunion of the descendants of Ernst and Anna Dube, June 9, 2002, American Legion Hall, Giddings, Texas**

The reunion will feature a barbecue lunch, silent auction, and program. This year reunion members are inviting descendants of related Dube families, particularly those of Michael and Rosine Dube, to join the event. Ernst Dube was the youngest of Michael and Rosine's eight children. For more information, please contact Ron Lammert at (210) 695-5421 or by email at [ron@lammertin.com](mailto:ron@lammertin.com). You can also check out the web site at <http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~dubeweb/>



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**The 6<sup>th</sup> Andreas Kappler-Agnes (Groeschel) Kappler and  
John Ernst Berger-Anna (Wukasch) Berger Family Reunion  
Sunday, July 14, 2002, Holy Cross Church Hall, Warda, Texas  
10:00 a.m. until ??? Come early, stay late!!**

This reunion is for all relatives of the Kappler-Groeschel-Berger-Wukasch families. Agnes Groeschel was Pastor Johann Kilian's wife's sister! Information about the Wukasch family has been received from Germany! We also have much information about the Kappler and Berger families!

A meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please plan to bring enough food for your family plus serving spoons. The reunion will provide paper goods, tea and coffee. Bring your own soft drinks and beer. Donations for keg beer will be taken if desired. There is a playground for the children. There will be family group sheets available for all to view as we have family members that are tracing our ancestors back to the old country. We hope you can attend, and please tell your family members. Bring addresses of anyone you know who may not be attending. Also bring your family information and old photos to share. Mark your calendars...we hope to see everyone there...let's keep our family tradition alive! For more information, contact Harry Schoppe, 5109 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Groves, TX 77619, (409) 898-8377 or 962-7353. In the Giddings area you may contact George Berger at 542-5650 or Mary Moerbe at 542-0809.

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**Folklife Festival, June 6-9, 2002 at the Institute for Texan Cultures in San Antonio!!!**

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