The Taylor Czech Chorus

The Taylor Czech Chorus will be the featured performers at the 19th Annual Wendish Fest on Sunday, September 23, 2007. The chorus, a group of 25 singers and 5 musicians, was organized in 1968 for the purpose of preserving the heritage of Czech music. The chorus has performed for major events such as Aqua Fest in Austin, the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, the Kolache Festival in Caldwell, the Blooming Festival in Taylor, and for numerous reunions and anniversary parties.
President's Message

What a busy May, June and July since our last newsletter! Society membership continues to grow, repair work and the painting of the museum buildings moves forward and the summer rains have made the Lee County countryside green and lush. To God be the glory!

Because so much of the focus of your Executive Board for many, many months has been the condition and preservation of our museum structures, my focus today is to communicate to you, in some small way, a progress report of sorts that includes an overview of where we are and where we have yet to go. This is especially true for those of you who are separated by a distance that prevents you from visiting the grounds and seeing for yourself.

When I look at the Kilian building today, and the excellent condition of the aged wood siding, windows and trim, it is a bit tough for me to imagine that the history of this former school building goes back as far as it does. The exterior is again ready to withstand the onslaught of weather; the bright white siding and rich brown trim are a credit not only to our ancestors who recognized the need for the school and built it, but to the craftsmen of today who are preserving it for our children and grandchildren. Let me restate it in very plain English – gee whiz, this wood is really old – but it sure does look good.

“Looks are not everything”; a very old axiom, but one that I think well describes where we are, for example, with the Kilian building. Sure, it looks good, what building that has undergone this kind of facelift would not? But, although looks are important, this is not the real story. The story is preservation. The bylaws of our Society clearly define our task – preservation of our heritage - not only the contents of the museum buildings, but the buildings themselves. The work that the Kilian building has received will serve well to protect it from the elements and ensure its longevity.

Where are we going from here? The Kilian and Peter buildings are substantially complete and we move next to the St. Paul building. As I forecast in the April newsletter, actual work and the close inspection offered by that process has identified additional repairs that were not evident when initial cost estimates were prepared. The costs in 2007 and 2008 will be more than anticipated. For example, roof shingles were thought to be in good shape for another few years, but the breezeway and porches will not wait that long. Therefore, bids are being taken. If any of you have purchased shingles recently and compared that cost to what it was, say a year ago, then you have a good idea of what we face. The expense will be significant.

This offers an excellent opportunity for all of us to step forward and support the work. Many have done so in past, funding much of the work in place. I encourage you to come to the museum, see the quality of work, draw your own conclusions and ask yourself if this is an effort that you would like to support as well. I believe that it is worthwhile.

Best wishes to all of you and I look forward to seeing you in September at the Wendish Fest.

Steve

Important dates

August 19 Quarterly Membership Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Museum complex and Czech Heritage Museum
September 2 Warda Picnic, Warda Picnic grounds
September 3 Labor Day Holiday, Museum CLOSED
September 23 19th Annual Wendish Fest, Museum Complex and St. Paul Picnic Grounds, Serbin
November 4 Daylight Savings Time ends
Quarterly Membership Meeting, Sunday, August 19, 2007, 2:00 PM

The next quarterly Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2007 at the Museum complex. Following a brief business meeting, we will take a field trip to the Czech Heritage Museum in La Grange. Sandra Matthijetz, TWHS member and Czech Heritage Society member, will provide our group with a tour of the 4 buildings and amphitheater that comprise the Czech Heritage Museum complex. See you on August 19!

Within the Fold...


Elsie Mertink of Giddings, member since 1980, died June 3, 2007.


Eberhard Proske of Austin, member since 1988, died June 18, 2007.

Viola Dube Spacek of Dime Box, member since 1979, died July 4, 2007.


Herb Schulz of Torrance, CA, member since 1987 and life member since 2003, died July 8, 2007.

Memorials and Gifts

In memory of Elsie Zoch Mertink
Walter and Laverne Gersch
George Boerger

In memory of Marie Miertschin Winkler
Pearl Koym, Chuck and Vivian Dube
Monroe C. Miertschin

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Doris and Ervin Fritsche
Walter and Laverne Gersch

In memory of Herbert Alvin Schulz
Mary Guggisberg
Rev. Robert and Georgie Boyce
Kenneth and Candy Schoppa

In memory of Violet Miertschin
Evelyn Buchhorn
J.B. Gersch, Jr.

In memory of Ray Schkade
George Boerger

In memory of Eberhard Proske
George Boerger

In memory of Evelyn Zoch Lehmann
Karen Kjelland
Rudy and Genie Zoch
Walter and Laverne Gersch

In memory of Bill Fischer
Steve and Susan Cook

In memory of August and Marie (Biar) Schulz
24th Schulz Reunion

Additional Donations
Synatschk Family Reunion
Moerbe Family Reunion
August Knippa Family Reunion
Adolph W. Herter Trust

Landscape Corner

Plans for the construction of a second arbor in the courtyard have been finalized, and supplies have been purchased. A workday has been scheduled for August 25, when we hope to build the arbor. On September 15, another workday will provide an opportunity to clean up the grounds in preparation for Wendish Fest.

The Landscape Committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge a donation from Kim Glattstein for the purchase of a crepe myrtle tree, as well as donations received from Walter and Laverne Gersch, Pearl Koym and Chuck and Vivian Dube given in memory and honor of family and friends.

In the last newsletter, we acknowledged the contribution from Nancy Kent to purchase 2 rose bushes in celebration of her 2 grandchildren. We are pleased to report that a Maggie and a Pearl D'Or were purchased; one has been planted in the southeast quadrant of the courtyard, and the other will be planted next to the first as soon as we have a few days with no rain so the ground has a chance to dry out a bit.
Wendish Fest 2007

Included in this newsletter is a flyer describing this year’s Wendish Fest. The featured performance this year will be provided by the Taylor Czech Chorus.

The day will begin with worship services in English (8:30 am) and German (10:30 am) at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Kovanda’s Czech Band will provide music from 11:15-2:15 while we enjoy the noon meal, plant sale, silent auction, coffee cake bake-off, Easter Egg decorating, and the many other fun activities running throughout the day. For the children, in addition to a coloring contest, train rides, face painting, and stick horse races, we will bring back the tradition of the Klettern Pfosten!

And speaking of silent auction, we hope you will help us make this year’s auction bigger and better than ever. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the museum before Wendish Fest or to the Silent Auction booth no later than 10:00 a.m. the day of the Fest.

A new addition to Wendish Fest will be an antique and classic car display. If you attended Wendish Fest in 2006, you may have seen 3 or 4 beautifully restored antique and classic cars, and this year the committee agreed to provide a larger display area to accommodate more vehicles.

If you have ever wanted to participate in the coffee cake bake-off, following are the contest rules:

- There is no entry fee.
- A 5-inch square piece of each entry will be used for judging; the remainder will be sold at the dessert stand.
- Entries must be delivered to the dessert stand on the picnic grounds no later than 10:30 a.m.
- Entries will be judged in one of 3 categories: cheese, streusel, or special. Cheese and streusel must be yeast raised and at least 10” x 13”. The special category must be a full recipe and yeast raised (angel food or bundt cake pans can be used). The “special” category can include cinnamon rolls, or fruit or nut toppings.

For more information, please contact the Museum at 979-366-2441. See you on September 23!

Plant Sale at Wendish Fest

Altha Garrett, a recent TWHS member and a fairly recent resident of Warda, has agreed to coordinate the plant sale that will be part of Wendish Fest. Altha is an experienced horticulturist and is a master gardener in Montgomery County, Texas, where she lived for many years. She retains her membership in various garden clubs in Houston and The Woodlands, and has been a long-time volunteer at the Mercer Arboretum. Locally, she is involved in Garden Club and Herb Society activities. We are pleased that we will have her expertise to rely on for making the plant sale a technical and economic success. But, she can’t do this alone.

Altha asks that members begin now to get plants going for the sale. The plants can be any sort of healthy species that will be of interest to our Wendish Fest visitors. She will be happy to give suggestions on what you can do to help in this endeavor. It need not be costly. For example, she and her husband, Bob, dug up and divided the Schoolhouse Lilies in Evelyn Kasper’s yard and are growing them in individual pots to be sold at Wendish Fest. You might want to do something along the same line with plants that you can divide and nurture.

If you have plants to offer, or if you need help in identifying plants you may have, please contact Altha at (979) 242-3822. She will also welcome volunteers who want to help set up and sell plants at the Fest. Let’s make the plant sale a big success!

Report from the Noodle Committee

Evelyn Kasper

Thus far for the year, 3,103 pounds of noodles have been made by the Noodle Committee and their faithful volunteers. Production will continue in preparation of Wendish Fest.
Report from the Tours Committee

Evelyn Kasper, Chairperson

Nine tours were provided during the months of May, June and July. It was a busy and successful spring tour season. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers for making these tours successful.

Thank you Museum Docents!

During the months of April, May and June, the following served as docents at the museum:

Museum Visitors

The museum hosted visitors during the months of April, May and June from Florida, California, Missouri, North Carolina, Michigan, Louisiana, Alaska, Tennessee, Washington, Ohio, Montana, South Dakota, Virginia, Germany, Canada, Australia, and all parts of Texas.

Wendish Immigration by Year

Dr. George Nielsen, Special Features Editor

Approximately 868 Wends migrated to Texas after the Ben Nevis anchored at Galveston in 1854. The following material is the first draft listing these individuals. Please notify me of any omissions, errors, or individuals who are not Wendish. 1132 Enchantment Rd. Rapid City, SD 57701 or gnie857317@rap.midco.net

(date of birth); [additional information]; italics = name of ship

{} = verified as Wends and documented by a family member

1855 Andreas Malke (1801), Anna [Pech] (1795), Johann (1830), Agnes (1832). (4)

1856 Andreas Kappler (1832), Agnes [Groeschel] (1839); Johann Kasper (1794), Maria [Breda] (1796), John (1837); August Malke (1834); Christian Mathias (1790), Andreas (1831). (8)

1857 Christoph Mitschke (1846); Johann Mitschke (1841). (2)

1858 John Groeschel (1829); Johann Micken (1791), Magdalena [Prochno] (1808), Hanna (1842), Johann (1845), Peter (1849). (6)

1859 Peter Gersch (Adolphine) (1827), Christine [Winkler] (1833); Johann Gross [Iris] (1800), Hertha [Lowke], (1800), Anna [ ], Agnes (1840)); Johann Jeremia (1826); Andreas Kiesling (1827), Hanna [Pietsch] (1835), Maria (1853), Johann (1855), Helena (1858); Andreas Lehmann [Iris], (1807), Anna [Mehle] (1811), Johann (1838), Andreas Edward (1842), August (1843), Ernst (1845), Carl (1848), Maria (1854)); Johann Lehmann [Iris] (1806), Johanna [ ] (1804), Magdalena (1837), Ernst (1845)); Carl Michalk [Iris] (1843)); Adam Ritter [Iris] (1795), Magdalena (1829), Christiana Rachel (1841), Adam (1850); Andreas Symmank [Iris] (1808), Maria [Ritter] (1817), Samuel (1848), Anna (1849), Magdalena (1850), Christian (1857), Mary (1858); August Winkler (Adolphine) (1805), Maria [Hoebel] (1806), William August (1839), Johann Ernst (1841), Karl August (1844), Hanna Maria (1846). (42)

1860 Johann Deo (1820), Joseph (?), Marie (1853); Andreas Falke (1819), Anna [Gruhl], Maria (1847), Johann (1851), Andreas (1853); Carl Roitsch (?), Maria [Krause] (1823), August (1855), Ernestina (1858), Christiane (1833), Hanna (1832). (13)

1861 (Prior to 1862): George Symny (1804), Agnes [Ponich] (1803), Johann (1830), Maria (1842), Magdalena (1844). (5)

1862

1863 George Merting (1830), Maria [Schulze] (1836). (2)

1864

1865

1866 Johann Droese (Iris) (1821), Christiane [Ketzler] (1823), Ernst (1844), August (1847),
Johann Traugott (1852), Carl Hermann (1855); Carl Felfe (Weser)(1847), Rakele (1848), Julius (1866); John Hoppenz (1820), Christiane [Roitsch] (1833), Carl (1859), Ernst (1862), John (1866). (14)

1867 George Fabian (1851), Maria [Zindler] (1851); Christiana Schneider [Richter] [widow](1815), Hanna (), Christiana (1856), (Maria (); Traugott Zindler [Carl] (1825), Johanne (Simmank) (1824), Maria (1851), August (1855), Gottlieb (1859); Matthias Zoch (Carl) (1841), Marie [Schneider] (1843), Traugott (1849), George (1853), Traugott (1863); Johann Gottlob Zschiesche (1826), Maria [Nowotnik] (1822), Maria (1858), Hanna (). (20)

1868 Johann Ernst Berger (1868): George Boback (Texas) (1825), Magdalena [Stephan] (1828), Johann (1858), Andreas (1864); Andreas Buettner (Texas) (1834), Magdalena (1838), Anna (1855), Johann (1864), Ernst (1867), Amelia () (1798); Charles Drosche (1868); Johann August Foerster (Texas) (1824), Carolina [Freund] (1830), Amelia Maria (1854) Johann (1856), Anna (1858), Ernst (1861), Amelie (1864); Johann Franke (Texas) (1827), Emilie [Ebert] (1823), Anna (1864), August (1865); Andreas Noack (Texas) (1835), Anna [Richter] (1840), August (1857), John Paul (1861), Ernst (1867); (Johan Noack (1864); Heinrich Klipps (Texas) (1834); Maria Schlemmer [Texas] (1851); {Michael Schoppa (Texas) (1833), Maria [Zoch] (1840), Johanne (1860), Marie (1861), Christian (1864), Magdalena (1866), Christiane (1868)}; Andreas Schubert (1830), Maria [Wuensche] (1828), Anna (1854), Johann (1858), August (1860), Maria (1862), Ernst (1865) (died on voyage), Magdalena (1867); Carl Vogel (Texas) (1822), Maria () (1820), Hanna (1851), Johann Nowak (1841)(step-son); {Christoph Wojte (Texas) (1821), Hanna [Rensch] (1835), Hanna (1848), Gottlieb (1851), Ernst (1854), Johann (1858)}; {Michael Zoch (Texas) (1855)}. (56)

1869 Johann Carl Bernstein (Galveston) (1827), Magdalena [Jeremias] (1832), August (1856), Ernst (1861), Clara (1863), Paul (1868); August Biehle (Galveston) (1836), Christiana [Regmann] (1841), Maria (1864), August (1867); Matthias Biegon (Iris) (1830), Maria [Schellnick], (1830), John (1855), Hanna (1858), Christoph (1862); Maria [Dallwitz (Galveston)] (1843); Johan Deo (Galveston) (1819), Maria [Hillsberg] (1822), Hanna Christiane (1844), Maria (1850), Johann (1856), Christiana (1858), Agnes (1865); Matthais Doman (1840), Maria [Jakob] (1841), Christian (1865), Johanna (1867); Mattheus Domaschke (1829), Christiane [Pulpe] (1833), Johann (1855), Matthaeus (1858), Maria (1860), Anna (1863), Christoph (1869), William (?); (John Groeschel (1827), Christiane (1827), Johann (1859), Charley (1860); Christian Jacob (1849) Magdalena (1846); August Kalbas (1852); Peter Kieschnick (1847); George Krakosky (1831), Amalia [Freund] (1834), Maria (1859), Anna (), Maria Amalie (1865); Christopher Kubitz (1845); Andreas Kunze (Galveston) (1819), Hanna [Dube] (1828), Johann (1848), Johanna (1855), Ernst (1857), Anna Magdalena (1866); Peter Medack [Weser] (1833), Magdalena [Drilling] (1829), John (1858), Andreas (1860), August (1863), Anna (1867) John (1868), Maria Medack (1838); Ernest Noack [Weser] (1832), Johanna () (1832), Marie (1857), Maria (1857)[sic], Christiane (1860), Magdalena (1862), Johann (1864), Ernst (1868); John Noack (Galveston) (1819), Anna [Wacker] (1824), Andreas (1857), Maria (1859), Hanna (1861), Johann (1864), Helene (1870); Matthes Paulo (1817), Maria, [Sarodnik] (1827), (Hanna (1849), Maria (1854), Magdalena (1857), Matthes (1864); Johann Richter [Galveston] (1837), Magdalena [Hempel] (1837), August (1862), Andreas (1864), Maria (1866), Anna (1869); John Schatuschick (1827), Maria [Schubert] (1839), Johann (1859), Hanna (1863), Maria (1866); George Schiwart (Erna) (1823), Johanne [Domaschk] (1827), Rosina (1851), Johann (1853), Carl (1856), Maria (1859), Andreas (1861), Auguste (1863), (Johanne (1866),Magdalena (1868); John Schiewart (Erna) (1821), Maria (1859), Anna (1869); {John Schmidt/Kowar (Galveston) (1801), George (1843), Anna (1848)}; Andreas Schneider (1825), Maria [Schneider] (1835), Johann (1857), Theresia (1860), Ernst (1862), Gustav (1864),
1870 Andreas Bibass (1853); Matthes Jank (Erna) (1802), Maria [ ] (1805), Magdalena (1846), Christina (1840), Johann August (1869); Karl Keiling (Frankfort) (1827), Theresia [Zieschang] (1835), Anna (1861); Hanna [ ] Paulick (1827), Johann (1857); John Schiwart (Erna) (1821), Anna [Wukasch] (1822), Anna (1869); Andreas Suchy (Galveston) (1825), Anna [Baer], (1826), Maria (1857), Agnes (1859), Anna (1863), Magdalena (1868); Peter Zieschang (Frankfort) (1827), Magdalena [Rentsch] (1824), Johann (1858), Carl (1861), August (1830), Magdalena [ ] (1835), Hermann (1864), Johann (1822), Marie (1820), Agnes (1853); {John Zschech (Frankfort) (1836) Anna [Lehmann] (1835), Johann (1860), Marie (1863) Johann Ernst (1863), Anna (1865}). (40)

1871 Anna Greilich [widow] (), Maria (1868); Heinrich Hentschel (1834), Maagdalena [Kraakowsky] (1843), Anna Christina (1860), Pauline (1865), Anna Emilie (1866), August (1869); Peter Noack [Meteor] (1836), Johann Christiane [Mitzschereing] (1840), Johann Gustav (1867), Heinrich Paul (1869), Hanna Marie (1868); Carl Heinrich Schkade (1850), August Friedrich (1854). (15)

1872 Traugott Droigk (1839), Anna [Budschick], (1938), Christian (1863); Johann Greutzner (1829), Magdalena [Proft], (), August (1861); Johann Moerbe (1855); George Najorka (1838), Maria [Kubitz] (); Andreas Noack (1817); Gottlieb Roensch (1850); Peter Urban (1833), Henriette [Schiller] (1828), Hermann (1856), Otto (1859). (15)

1873 Fr. Herman Beisert (1832), Maria [Nakonz] (1847), August (1869), Anna (1873), Herman (father) (1800); {Johann Berk (1833), Maria [Buhl] (1834) Andreas (1856) Johanna (1859), Maria (1867), August (1870);} Gottfried Domschula (1850), Anna (1840); Andreas Handrick (1822), Anna [Noack] (1826), Maria (1856), John (1862), Andreas (1864); Johann Jank (1832), Maria [Schneider] (1837), Johann (1863), Traugott (1868); John Krautschick (1825), Agnes [Hattas] (1830), Anna (1861), Johanna (1864), Christiana (1866); Traugott Patschke (1831), Maria [Kraal] (1832), Anna (1859), Maria (1861); Matthias Proske (1832), Magdalena [Noack] (1834), Marie (1854), Johann (1859), Christiane (1860), August (1863), Ernst (1867), Anna (1869); Michael Schulze (1842); Johann Wukasch (1839), Anna [Willenberg] (1839), Maria (1865), Anna (1868), John (1873). (45)

1874 Johann Jannasch (1829), Anna [Zschech] (1829), Anna Maria (1852), Maria Theresia (1857), Maria Helena (1862), Anna Christiane (1864), Maria Ernestine (1867), Christiana Augusta (1871); Karl Wagner (1850), Anna [Geyer] (). (10)

1875 Christian August Andres (1852), Anna Marie [Kalz] (1850), Gustav Adolph (1874), Friedrich (1857), Anna Marie [Liesk] (1819) (mother); Johann Carl Leschber (1823), Ernestine [Paul] (1831), Anna Maria (1855), Karl (1863), Carl Gustav (1865), Anna Selma (1868), (Julius (1873); Johann Moerbe (1830), Maria [Skade] (1843), Andreas (1857), Carl (1860), Herman (1864), Maria (1867), Magdalena (1871), Paul (1874); Anna (1863); Andreas Nutschan (1839), Anna [ ] (1840), Ernst (1879), Anna (1873); Charles Symank (1873); Ernst Waiser (1843);
Adolph Winzer (), Anna [Jassynk] (), Maria ((1854), Anna (1859), Christiane (1865). (32)

1876 Peter Jurk (1831), [first wife?], Peter (1864), Traugott (1868), Agnes (1869), Maria (1871), Johann (1873), Magdalena (1875); Maria Nowotnik (widow) (1828), Johann (1864), Traugott (1877); Johann Tschatschula (1810) (Hamburg), Maria [Toper] ( ), Christiana, (1855); Matthes Tschatschula (1811) (Hamburg), Anna [Marusch] (1816), Johann (1839), Maria [Frenzel] (1842), Matthaeus (1864), Hans (1866), Maria (1868), Anna (1871), Magdalena (1873), Magdalena (1857). (29)

1877 August Beisert (1858); Johann August Budschick (1857), Maria [Kubitz] (1843); Matthias Knesch (1834), Anna [Wolsch] (), August [Wolsch] (), Anna [Wolsch] (1845); Heinrich Koslan (1855); John Noack (1839); Maria Lowke (1842), John (1877); Christine Jassenk Schur (1837), Fred (1865). (13)

1878 John Boriack (1838), Magdalena [Bolding/Baltink] (1844), Johanna (1866), John (1869), Gotthilf (1871), Traugott (1875), Mary (1877); Theodore Buettner (1836), Anna Kallenbach] (1840), Johanna (1866), Johann (1869), Heinrich (1872), Augusta (1876), Bertha (1877); Matthes Heintze (1856); August Nakunz (1869), Friedrich (1873); Carl Noack (1839), Agnes (1842); George Seiler (1857). (20)

1879 John Droigk (1846), Christina [Droigk] (1853), Traugott (1877); Traugott Faske; Ernst Gloyna (1857) (General Werder), August (1845), Christian (1860); Ernst Julius Neitsch (1866), August (1869); Johann Handrick (1832), Maria [Pubner] (1842), Wilhelm (1861) August (1863), Hanna (1865), Adolph (1871), Paul (1874), Augusta (1876); Oscar Horn (1853), Ida [Schade] (1857), Hugo (1877); Ernst Michalk (1857), Ernestine [Zieschang] (1863), Ernestine Michalk (1862); Johann Pobran (1852); Christian Schulz (1862)(Hannover), Traugott (1855), Matthes (1857); Matthes Spreiz (1844), Hanna Laitko (1843), Matthes (1864), Maria (1874); Theresia Symmank (1861). (31)

1880 Ernst Balzer (1863); Matthes Budschick (1825), Anna [Hermann] (1822); August Buchhorn (1855), Carl Buchhorn (1859); Traugott Faske (1851), Maria Auguste [Geier] (1847), Maria Emma (1860), Herman (1875), William (1879); Ernst Traugott Felfe (1858) Karl Hanuschk (1857); August Hannusch (1869), Lena () (1866); Gotthilf Kalmbach (1863), Johann (1866); {Andreas Lowke (1831), Henrietta Deurlich] (1834), Johann (1859), Carl August (1865), Andreas (1867), Anna Maria (1869), Anna Theresia (1870), Christiane Lydia (1873), Ernst (1879); John Neertig (1858); John Petzold (1849), Marie Hultzsch (1847), Wilhelmine (1879); John Pietsch (1881); Friedrich Poppelz (1844), Anna Jannusch ( ), Christine (1871), Pauline (1874), Gustav (1877); John Reinhardt (1848), Mary Lowke (1847), August (1871); Maria (1879); Magdalena Schkade [ ](widow) (1821); Matthais Schwausch (1832), Magdalena (1833), Johann (1861), Matthaus (1863), Marie (1866), Magdalena (1869), Anna (1872), Gustav (1877); August Weiser (1831), Christiane Noack (1849); Andreas Weiser (1833), Magdalena Mitsch (1839), John August (1862), Herman (1863), Anna (1868), Ernst (1869) Anna Helena (1872), Andreas (1874), Auguste (1879). (59)

1881 Karl August Balzer (1865); Ernst Benedikt (1836), Edward (1866); Carl Heinrich Bjerk [Birke] (1849), Christiane Schneider (1863); Matthes Bohot (1825), Dorothea Nowak (1821), Maria (1847), Maria Magdalena (1854), Matthes (1860), Johann (1863); August Budschieck (1849), Maria (1851), Maria (1878), Gustav (1880); John Fischer (1826), Anna (1827), Johann (1859), Friedrich August (1857); August Herzog (1845), August (1876), Anna (1873); {Andreas Hobratsch (1824), Hanna Jacob (1833), Peter (1861), August (1865), Johann (1872), Andreas (1876); Matthes Jakobik (1852), Magdalena Bohot (1854), Anna Leitko (1854), Maria [Noack] (1866), Johann (1878), Matthes (1881); Andreas Michalk (1840), Caroline Krakosky (1846), Johann (1868), August (1869), Ernst (1871), Heinrich (1873), Maria (1874), Anna (1876), Carl (1878), Anna
(1879), Anna Amanda (1881); Johan Miersch
(1830), Maria [Bartke] (1841), Ernst (1863);
Michael Mickan (1857); Matthew Marosko
(1822), Christiane [Krueger] (1841), August
(1861), Friedrich (1865); Maria [ Mutschink
(1833), August Karl (1863), John (1868), Ernst
(1876); Traugott Nagorka (1881); August Lehman
(1864); Carl Traugott Pietsch (1860); Michael
Pietsch (1847); Caroline Richter () ; John
Schimank (1845), Maria [Kubita] (1848), Augusta
(1880); Ernst Schneider ( see Bjerkja); Johanna
[Mojass] Schulz (1829) (Kronprinz Friedrich),
Magdalena (1864), Johann (1867), Gottlieb
(1869), Maria () ; Friedrich Michael Synatschk
(1826), Maria [Schneider] (1837), Hanna Maria
(1858), August Ernst (1861), Anna Christina
(1864), Johann August (1866); Johann Zwahr
(1850), Pauline [Zaenker] (1851). (79)

1882 August Benofsky (1840), Magdalena (1842);
Ernst Graf (Salier)(1839), Anna [Heinze] (1844),
Anna Christina (1864), Heinrich (1865), William
(1868), Marie Henrietta (1867), Paul (), Ernst
August (1875); {Ernst Fritsche (Hohenstaufen)
(1842) (widower), Martha (1867)} ; Christian Graf
(1841); Anna Jentho [Tscherniak] (1824)
(widow), Carl Jentho (1858), Gottlob (1863),
Matthaus Jurischk (1846), Maria [Berghold]
(1849), Christian (1869), Anna (1872), Matthaus
(1874), Maria (1877), Christiana (1879); {Johann
Kulke (1836), Agnes [Miersch] (1831), Anna
Marie (1871), Johann (1866)}; Johann Matz
(1837); Anna [Nootnick] () ; John H. Noack
(1871); John Symm (1882), Anna Christian
[Noack] (1848), Johann (1876), Ernst (1878);
Gustav Herman Symmank (The Queen) (1863);
George Zwahr (1849), Emma [Rothenburg]
(1849), Karl Ernst (1857), Anne (1860), Agnesa
(1862) August (1865), Agnesa Zwahr (widow)
[Wenk] (1827). (42)

1883 Moritz Benedix (1846), Emil (1875); John
Bensch (1875); Carl William Boettcher (1867),
Herman (1870); Anna Boriack (1861); William
Brabant (1863); Johann Dutschmann (1841), Anna
[Boschek] (1843), Anna (1862), Matthais (1866),
Magdalena (1880) Johanna (1849); John August
Farrack (1866); Andreas Hannusch (1839), Maria
[Noack] (1847), Johann (1871) Anna Theresia () ;
Johann Hannusch (1835), Helena (1879), Ernst
(1882); Ernst Hoebel (1883); Gustave Mitasch (;
John Niemtz (1803), Matthes (1848), Annie
(1883), John (1873); {John Noack (1859), Anna [
] (1865)} ; Andreas Poldrack (1847), Johanna
[Lotzmann] (1845), Max (1873), Gustav (1878),
Theodore (1881); Robert Polnick (1863); August
Polnick (1862); Karl Schulze (1854), Maria [
] (1851); Carl August Symank (1858); {John
August Symmank (Westphalia) (1835), Johanna
[Golner] (1840), August (1860), Bertha (1867),
Emma (1869), Ernestine Pauline (1877), Reinhold
(1879)} ; Matthais Tschatschula (1842), Maria
[Groza](1852), John (1881); August Wacker
(1883). (50)

1884 Andrew Wieder (1850). (1)

1885 John Noack (1864); Andreas Pietsch (1836);
Gustav Pietsch (1867). (3)

1886 Andreas Bohot (Elbe) (1858), Rosine [
](1861) Gustav (1884); John Herenz (Elbe)
(1827), Agnes [] (1836), John (1853), Ernst
(1866), August (1875), Agnes (1877); C??
Karisch (1842), Christiane (1841), Julius (1869),
Carl (1872), Gustave (1879), Anna (1882); Mary
Lowke (1842); {Andreas Niemtschk [Elbe]
(1809), Andreas (1850), Clara [Richter] (1857),
Ida (1877), Martha (1879), Anna (1883), Emma
(1886)}; August Niemtschk (1855), [??]
[Schkade] (1853), Henry (1877). (26)

1887 John Kurio (1844), Maria [Symank] (1854),
John (1872); Johann Kulke (1835), Agnes (1831),
Anna Marie (1871). (6)

1888 John Buscha (1840). (1)

1889 Paul Bohot (1877). (1)

1890 Mathais Buscha (Havel) (1861), Maria
[Vobuza] (1859), Johann (1864), Elisabeth (1873),
Maria (1889), Louisa Buscha (1873); Maria
Domel (widow) (1846), August (1875), Adolph
(1879), John (1883); John Paul Noack (1892) []
Mittasch (), Mary [] (1862), Annie (1889), Johan
(1890), Maria (1891). (16)
1897 John Noack (1877) (1)
1909 Richard Urban (1884) [see Kurio].
1911 Theodore Simmang (Frankfort) (1890), Anna (1851). (1)
1912 Mattheus Fabian (Bremen) (1866), Elizabeth [Wobusa] (1865), George (1894), Maria (1897), Frieda (1907), Erna (1909), Martha (1912). (7)

Added and Lost a Life Member and Set New Membership Record

George Boerger, Membership Chairperson
Michael Danner of Sanger has stepped forward and become our latest life member. Michael first joined when we sent out an invitation to everyone on the Johann Teinert family reunion list in 2004. In the last 5 years we have added 21 of our 27 life members. Need I ask? Who will be next?

On a sad note, we lost life member Herb Schulz of Torrance, California. Herb was the second in our string of 21 life members to sign up. Herb really helped us get the ball rolling on signing up life members. He was a gracious individual and proud of his Wendish heritage.

We have set a new membership record for the 6th year in a row! We are at 947 and last year we were at 931. Surely we can reach our goal of 950! We have 114 first-time members this year.

Student Members ($7.50)
Ashley Hielscher Austin
Charles Hielscher Austin
Austin Pierce Yorktown, VA
Jennifer Zoch Fort Worth

First Time Members
Darlene Aksoy Coppell
Keith Bamsch Royse City
Julie Barrow Converse
Joan Borrello Austin
John Borrello Austin
Susan Boyle Round Rock
Dan Ditto Yazoo City, MS
Janis Droemer Canyon Lake
Rev. Herbert Graf Conroe
Charles Koym Fredericksburg
Zala Koym Fredericksburg
Puddin Krueger Houston
Wesley Krueger Houston
Eleanora Martin Fort Worth
Tina Symmank Miller Canton, MI
Austin Pierce Yorktown, VA
Elizabeth Pierce Yorktown, VA
Jennifer Pike Maypearl
Jeff Rothenberger Manor
Peggy Wendland Rothenberger Manor
Jamie Speck Navasota
Janice Bamsch Sullivan Plano
Maria Fritsche Houston

Patron Members ($30)
Shantelle Grace Belton
Rev. Herbert Graf Conroe
Mark Jatzlau Lexington

Sponsor Members ($50)
Julie Barrow Converse
Michelle Kolbe Austin
Weldon Mersiovsky Walburg
David Weise Eastland
Grace Wolf Shoreacres
Gus Wolf Shoreacres
Craig Zoch Friendswood
Dana Zoch Friendswood

Century Members ($100)
Robert Creech Ithaca, NY
Elwood Domaschk, Jr. Houston
Jeannette Domaschk Houston

Life Members ($1,000)
Michael J. Danner Sanger

Minutes of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society General Membership Meeting, May 20, 2007

The quarterly membership meeting of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society was called to order with an opening prayer at 2:06 PM in the Kilian Building on Sunday, May 20, 2007, by Doug Symmank, Vice President. Doug welcomed the 21 members and 4 guests (Robert & Joyce Hinze and Charles & Gladys Arldt) present.

The minutes of the February 18, 2007 meeting were approved as presented in the May newsletter.

Membership Report: George Boerger stated that we currently have 901 members, including 101
first time members; last year we had 931 and our goal for this year is 950.

Buildings: Red Arldt reported that the first phase of the painting and repairs were completed except for the St. Paul Building.

Library: Vivian Dube reported that we now have a fantastic computer program to input all donations and she and other volunteers will be working on entering the information as time permits.

Noodle Committee: Evelyn Kasper reported that they have made 2277 pounds so far this year.

Tours with meals: Evelyn Kasper reported that she and volunteers hosted eight groups since the February 18th meeting and that one more is scheduled for May 21st. Anyone wishing to help, please call the museum.

J. B. Gersch Jr. reported that the planned bus trip to the Texas Folklife Festival in San Antonio on Saturday, June 9, 2007 was canceled due to low participation. Money was refunded to those who had already signed up.

Wendish Fest: The Taylor Czech Chorus will be singing for the afternoon program. Meal tickets will remain at $6.50 per person. Posters have been printed and anyone can take some to post in places of interest.

A workday is planned for Saturday, May 26th beginning at 9 A.M. to pull weeds, close ruts and plant in time for the annual Serbin picnic which is the next day. A pot luck meal is planned for noon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

The attendees then enjoyed refreshments and watched a video taken by Joyce Hinze in 2004 of a trip to Germany by folks from the Serbin area. They visited many churches including Klitten and were very warmly received.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Buchhorn, Secretary

2007 Reinhardt Family Reunion

The 17th Biennial August and Anna (Zoch) Reinhardt Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at St. Michael’s Park in Winchester starting at 10:00 a.m. Devotion and a short business meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the noon meal. Please bring 2 dishes for the pot luck meal (one main dish and one vegetable/salad or dessert). Plates, flatware, cups, napkins, coffee, tea and sodas will be provided.

There is a spectacular playground for the children to enjoy; please bring dominoes and games for any who want to play.

For further information, please call Jeannette (979) 242-5252, Judith, Arline, James, Hildegard, or email Evelyn at EvelynMA25@aol.com

In Search of...

Udo Tschatschula of Germany is seeking information on the descendants of his Tschatschula forefathers (listed below) who immigrated to Texas on the Hamburg in 1876 and one who was born in Texas.

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Udo is especially interested in finding information about children (and their descendants) of any of those listed above. If you can help him in his search, please contact him by email at tschatschula@onlinehome.com
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
19th Annual Wendish Fest
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Special performance by Taylor Czech Chorus

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