



Texas Wendish Heritage Society and Museum - Serbin, Texas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Wendish ancestors loved music and we will celebrate this heritage at our 9TH ANNUAL WENDISH FEST, **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th!!!!**

The day will begin with worship services at St. Paul Lutheran Church (English-8:30 a.m. and German-10:30 a.m.). Guest preacher will be the Rev. Harold Schroeter of San Antonio. During Rev. Schroeter's seminary years he was a member of the International Lutheran Hour Chorus, which performed during the tenure of Dr. Walter A. Maier, the Lutheran Hour founder and speaker.

At 11:30 a.m. KOVANDA'S CZECH BAND from Fayetteville will, for the 4th year, entertain us with their authentic Czech music. Tunes familiar to most of the ethnic groups in our area.

3:00 p.m. is the starting time for the special guest performance by THE OAKWILT BOYS. (See article in this issue)

Late afternoon/early evening entertainment will be Leon Teinert, Pastor Boyce, Brian Gersch, Douglas Malke, and friends playing some "oldies", country and gospel music.

A special exhibit of antique fiddles and violins will be on display in the Peter building. (See Article in this issue).

The 5th Annual State of Texas Noodle Cook-off competition sponsored by the First National Bank of Giddings will begin with registration at 1:00 p.m. and winners announced at 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be: 1st place - trophy and \$200.00, 2nd place - trophy and \$100.00, 3rd place - trophy and \$50.00. Call museum for entry form.

Coffee Cake Bake-off entries should be at the picnic grounds by 10:30 a.m. (See Rules in this issue)

Other contests during the day will include: Washer Pitching (1:30 p.m.), Cross Cut Saw (4:00 p.m.).

Daphne Garrett and Susan Unger will be demonstrating the art of decorating Wendish Easter eggs in the Kilian Building. There will be other demonstrations, such as, noodle making, sausage stuffing, butter churning, quilting and blacksmithing. Several activities for the children are scheduled throughout the afternoon, with the coloring contest starting at 2:30 p.m.

COME ON OUT FOR A DAY OF GOOD MUSIC, GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.
JUST GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN!

Georgie B. Boyce, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 28 Ninth Annual Wendish Fest at the Museum Complex and the St. Paul, Serbin picnic grounds
- October 14 Deadline for articles for October newsletter
- October 21 Walk-In coffee/bake sale, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Eleanor's cottage, 173 E. Hempstead in Giddings, TX
- November 16 General Membership meeting at the Museum at 2:00 p.m. with election of officers
- November 27 Museum will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Day.
- December 24-25 Museum will be **CLOSED** for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
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Our thanks to Rev. Paul Hartfield for an exceptional opening devotion to begin our August meeting. With a text from Ephesians 5, Pastor Hartfield went on to talk about the recent trip to Klitten, Germany for the 150th Anniversary of the dedication of the St John's Lutheran Church Building. We appreciate his sharing the memorable experience of preaching at St John's, including the Anniversary Celebration Service. Everyone enjoyed his review of the history involving Klitten and Serbin.

Thanks also to Pastor Robert Boyce for setting up our PAL Video Player, so that we were able to enjoy the video *SERBIA W TEXASU*, which was made in 1992, when Toni Burke, and a film crew from Bautzen, Germany came to visit Texas. Many of us saw ourselves in this video.

The meeting ended on "a good note", with Lorine Bamsch, Walter Schulze, and Elinor Steglich singing two Wendish folk songs for us.

Evelyn Kasper and Georgie Boyce supplied refreshments for the meeting.

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### HELP WANTED for Clean-Up Day

A work day has been scheduled for Saturday September 13th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Bring your gloves, gardening tools, and a brown bag lunch, or pick up a helper and we can be finished before noon.

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Thank you to Tim Hartfield for checking and replacing the photo control at the flag poles.

VISITORS

During the months of July and August we have had visitors from all parts of Texas and the following: Utah, Illinois, Missouri, Florida, Washington, Germany, California, Iowa, New Mexico, and Virginia.

DOCENTS

Thank you to the following for acting as docents during the months of July and August: John and Anna Schmidt, Ken Weiser, Barbara Hielscher, Henry and Emily Zoch, Lorine Domel, Ruth Lindner, Laverne Gersch, Georgie Boyce, Hattie Schautschick, Telford Zoch, Bessie Mertink, Evelyn Kasper, Eleanor Schulze, and Reinhold and Irene Teinert.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:	Donor	Amount
Flora Kunze	M/M Jim Baccus	\$25.00
Flora Kunze	Herbert Foerster	\$10.00
Flora Kunze	M/M Edgar Schulz	\$25.00
Margaret W. Hart	M/M Reinhold Teinert	
Charlie & Margaret Hilsberg	Donald C. Hilsberg	

A \$30.00 donation was received for the bake sale on June 13th.
A \$25.00 donation for yard work in the court yard was received from Bea Tschatschula.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Carlyle Dube, Houston, TX	Luise Green, Friendswood, TX
Louis Jannasch, Jr, La Marque, TX	Helena Frost, Indian Wells, CA
Michael Butterfield, Austin, TX	Ardie F. Engelhardt, Chase, MI
Glenn Hobratschk, Pepper Pike, OH	Judy Wilke, Bay City, TX
Donald Hilsberg, Elizabeth, CO	Theodore Michalk, Giddings, TX
	Dr. Marcus Schatte, Houston, TX

Student Members

Ketrin Lynn Jones, Abilene, TX

Patron Members

Helen S. Wright, Canyon Lake, TX	Helena Frost, Indian Wells, CA
Sandra Magers, Dallas, TX	Rodney Koenig, Houston, TX
Randy Moerbe, Bryan, TX	Barbara Schneider, Metairie, La
Ardie F. Engelhardt, Chase, MI	Kenneth Moerbe, Waco, TX
	Donald Hilsberg, Elizabeth, CO

Century Members

F. Woodrow Bush, Houston, TX	Dell J. L. Bush, Houston, TX
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Silver Members

Glenn Hobratschk, Pepper Pike, OH

THE OAKWILT BOYS, an eight member group, whose primary cohesive element is their shared zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, came into being at *CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT AUSTIN, TEXAS*. A diverse number of personalities and collective expertise who have come together to form what has become a "Texas Phenomenon". Music and song have become the vehicle for their ever increasing popularity, as they spread the Gospel message.

Including their "Concordia Connection" the group members are:
Fred Frieling -(Keyboards), Engineering Department
Rev. Martin Doering - (Guitar, mandolin, washboard), Part-time
Chaplain; Pastor of Trinity Lutheran at Taylor
Mike Linebrink-(Rhythm guitar), Development Office
Dr. Larry Meissner-(12 sting guitar), Professor of Biology and
Environmental Science
Dr. Mike Middendorf-(Bass-guitar), Professor of Religion and
Biblical Languages
Professor David Kroft - Art Department
Professor Robert Achterberg - Music Department and University
Choir Director
Dr. Jeff Daley - Director of Secondary Education and Head
Baseball Coach.

This group has participated in over 130 public performances off campus, they have played and sung for more than 120,000 people, and have distributed more than 3,500 tapes of their first four recordings. This ministry is "over and above" their primary vocations and callings, and all proceeds from tape sales and live performances, after expenses, are given to *The OAKWILT ENDOWMENT* for needy students at Concordia University!

We are absolutely thrilled to have this group as our Featured Entertainment at the 9th Annual Wendish Fest! Everyone who comes will be blessed by the experience!

We are appreciative of Mr. Leon Teinert for multiple reasons, first for agreeing to display some of his collection of fiddles and violins, and second for consenting to play some old country and gospel music with Pastor Boyce and friends. Some of the friends include Brian Gersch, (who again this year provides the PA System), Douglas Malke, and Lee Teinert, who is Leon's son.



At about age 14, Leon bought his first fiddle from Mr. John Sruska, who lived down in Rabbs Prarie. In all the years since, and up till this very day, he will still tell you that he learns something new about fiddles just about everytime he plays. As the display will indicate, he has a deep down love for the instrument, as well as the music that it makes.

We will also have the antique "Teinert Family Violin", which Mr. Reinhold Teinert has graciously agreed to display. This violin was the property of Mr. Karl Teinert, one of the original founders of the 1854 immigration group that came to Serbin. He is also the Great-grandfather of both Leon and Reinhold Teinert.

WENDISH FEST COFFEE CAKE BAKE-OFF RULES

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 a.m. 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 place trophies, and second and third place prizes, in each division will be awarded. **SEE YOU AT THE BAKE-OFF!!**

Georgie Boyce, TWHM Archivist, attended the pre-convention workshop, *Preserving Photographs in the Small Institution*, at The Society of Southwest Archivists Convention at Galveston, May 29-31. The membership of SSA is composed of archivists from Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Workshops and meetings of SSA provide opportunity to members to exchange and share methods and ideas, including presentations by professionals in the field. The organization also offers "Continuing Education Credits" for members attending courses and workshops.

9th Annual WENDISH FEST

September 28, 1997

Serbin, Texas



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