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# CONVENTION NEWSLETTER

## **The AHSGR convention with quilt drawing in Concord, California**

Dear Members,

We write to you today to remind you of your AHSGR International Convention to be held in Concord California at the Concord Hilton Hotel during July 13 to July 16<sup>th</sup>. The hotel is conveniently located in the San Francisco Bay Area's East Bay and is adjacent to Interstate 680. A great time will be had.

Included in this newsletter is the schedule and registration materials needed for attendance. On a following page is a picture of a hand-made quilt that someone will win. Winning tickets at \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 can be purchased through your co-president, Larry Stumpf, at 951.567.5368 or by mail. In addition to the quilt drawing, there will be other venues of interest that you will not want to miss. As we want to be involved, please consider volunteering to assist Phyllis and Larry Stumpf in `manning` the hospitality room that will be required anytime during July 10 to July 16. Your chapter, as well as all the California chapters, will also be providing a winning basket, so please submit your suggestions.

For any comments, suggestions, or questions, please contact Larry Stumpf at:

PH 951.567.5368, FAX 951.567.5369, email [LS10336325@roadrunner.com](mailto:LS10336325@roadrunner.com).

Sincerely,

Larry Stumpf and David Karber, Co-Presidents

47th International Convention of the  
American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

# Before the Storm



July 13-16, 2016

Hilton Concord Hotel

1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord, California

- To reserve a room, call (925) 827-2000 or toll-free at 1-800-826-2644. You can also reserve a room online at <http://www.hilton.com>. The AHSGR group rate is \$119.
- To register for the convention, fill out the attached form and mail it to AHSGR, 631 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-1199. You can also register online at [www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org).

Join us in a celebration of our German-Russian heritage as we explore the evolution and life of the colonies from 1763 to 1916 in the Volga, Black Sea and Ukraine areas of the Russian Empire. Learn about your history and culture from national and international speakers.



**American Historical Society of Germans from Russia**

## 2016 AHSGR Convention Overview

Dates and times of speakers' presentations are tentative. Additional speakers may be added. For the latest updates, please check the AHSGR website at [www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org).

### Tuesday, July 12

- 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Wine Country Tour
- 7 p.m., board and volunteer dinner

### Wednesday, July 13

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., San Francisco City Tour
- 7:30 p.m., Welcome Night hosted by the California District Council, featuring Jim Stevens, guitar

### Thursday July 14

- 9-10 a.m., opening ceremony
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., village coordinators meeting
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., Diane Wilson, AHSGR librarian, on available research materials
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., foundation luncheon, featuring John Kautz, president and CEO, Ironstone Winery
- 1-5 p.m., village area discussions
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., panel discussion, "Flegel Library: What it Means to AHSGR Members' Research"
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., Eric Schmaltz, "Brief History of Former USSR Germans since 1988"
- 3:30-4 p.m., kuchen break
- 4-5 p.m., Ulrich Merten, "Voices from the Gulag"

### Friday, July 15

- 8-9 a.m., Don Soeken, "Video Interviews of Family Members in Genealogy Research"
- 8-9 a.m., Maggie Hein, "Researching German Records for Ancestors"
- 8-9 a.m., Bob Givens, "GR Research through Family History Center"
- 9:15-10:15 a.m., Norman Bitter, "History of Businesses in German (Rooshia) Town"
- 9:15-10:15 a.m., Victor Gess, "Searching for Ancestors in Volhynia"
- 9:15-10:15 a.m., Shari Stone and Dee Hert, "Camels in the Villages"
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., storytelling contest, Diana Bell
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mike Meisinger, "Using AHSGR Resources for Family Research"
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., Jorge Bohn, "Germans from Russia: Streccerau, Volga, to Streccerau, Paraná, Brazil"
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., awards luncheon
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., storytelling panel and audience participation
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., Eugen Hartmann, "Volga DNA Project"
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., David Schmidt, "Finding Records in Germany"

- 2:30-3:30 p.m., Reinhard Nachtigal, "Germans of St. Petersburg: The Story of Their Decline"
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., Katherine Borges, "Using DNA for Family Tree Research and Interpretation of Results"
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., Wayne Bonner, "Balthasar Barthuly, the first Vorsteher of Balzer"
- 3:30-4 p.m., kuchen break
- 4-5 p.m., Alexander Spack, "Villages of the Volga"
- 4-5 p.m., Jerry Siebert, "GRs and the Art of Making Raisins"
- 4-5 p.m., panel discussion, "Flegel Library: What it Means to AHSGR Members' Research"
- 5-6 p.m., IFAHSGR cocktail party and reception
- 6-7:30 p.m., dinner on your own
- 7:30-9 p.m., entertainment, Bill Lepp, storyteller

### Saturday, July 16

- 8-9 a.m., Eric Schmaltz, "Former Soviet GRs Dissension and Emigration Impact on USSR Domestic and Foreign Policy"
- 8-9 a.m., Pam Atherson, "Wilhelm 'Columbus' Hieb's Impact on Lodi"
- 8-9 a.m., Ulrich Merten, "Voices from the Gulag"
- 9:15-10:15 a.m., Alexander Spack, "Volga Village Website" (presented by Tatanja Schell)
- 9:15-10:15 a.m., Lee Macklin, "Case Study of Using DNA for Ancestral Research"
- 10:30-11:30 a.m., David Schmidt, "Finding Records in Germany"
- Noon-1 p.m., lunch on your own
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., South American GRs panel discussion
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., Diane Wilson, AHSGR librarian, on accessing the AHSGR Research Library
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., open discussion with convention speakers
- 5:30-7 p.m., cocktail hour
- 7-10 p.m., banquet and entertainment by Grand Island Fire Brigade

A program also is planned for youth 12 years and older from Thursday July 14 until noon Saturday July 16. It will feature classroom discussions on GR history, folklore, genealogy research and the German language, plus field trips to points of interest and historical significance, a picnic lunch and a game of bannock. Transportation will be provided to events held away from the hotel. The cost is \$50 per student. Complete the registration form and include it with your convention registration. The deadline for the youth program is July 1.



**American Historical Society of Germans from Russia**  
**47th Annual International Convention**  
*"Before the Storm"*  
**July 13-16, 2016 at Hilton Concord Hotel, Concord, California**

**Pre-registration for members is \$145 through May 31 and \$165 after May 31.**

Each person registering must complete a separate form. Send to: AHSGR, 631 D St., Lincoln, NE 68502. Payment must accompany this form and must be made in U.S. funds. Your canceled check or credit card statement is your receipt. Registration for the convention includes the Saturday banquet.

MEALS ONLY	Circle Choices
Tuesday, July 12 Volunteer & Board Dinner (menu to be determined)	\$25
Thursday, July 14 Foundation Luncheon (open to all) (menu to be determined)	\$25
Friday, July 15 Recognition Luncheon (open to all) (menu to be determined)	\$25
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

TOURS ONLY	Circle Choices
Tuesday, July 12 Wine Country Tour (lunch included)	\$75
Wednesday, July 13 San Francisco City Tour (lunch on your own)	\$40
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tours \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION	Members	Non-Members
Monday-Saturday (banquet included)	\$145	\$165
Monday-Saturday (after May 31) (banquet included)	\$165	\$185
Youth Program	\$50	\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Single Day</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-members</b>
	By 5-31/After 5-31	By 5-31/After 5-31
Wednesday	\$25 / \$30	\$30 / \$35
Thursday	\$25 / \$30	\$30 / \$35
Friday	\$25 / \$30	\$30 / \$35
Saturday (banquet included)	\$70 / \$75	\$75 / \$80
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____

**You can also register online at**  
**[www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org).**

*A special thanks to everyone who registers early for the 47th Annual AHSGR International Convention! We will take credit cards, debit cards and checks, both now and at convention.*  
**No cash, please.**

Method of Payment

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ PayPal \_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City, State, Zip code, Country)

Ancestral Village(s) in Russia \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestral Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your name, city and state listed in the attendee roster? YES NO (please circle)  
(Not available to walk-ins. Only those who pre-register will be included in roster)

AHSGR Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Member \_\_\_\_\_

Village Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteers

**Volunteers are needed in all venues.** Consider helping the host committee for at least two hours or for an entire morning or afternoon. Indicate below where you would like to work and the day and time you can work. **See Volunteer Coordinator for time schedule and job assignment when you register for the convention. Thank you for your help.**

\_\_\_\_ Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Bookstore \_\_\_\_\_ Information \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Computer workshop  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop Host \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Raffle \_\_\_\_\_ Wherever I'm needed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Village Area Gathering and/or Village Discussion Groups (see schedule.)

**Hours available to work:** Work assignments will be made in 2-hour shifts. Please specify day and/or time.

Day	Preferred Time	Day	Preferred Time	Day	Preferred Time
Monday a.m.		Wednesday a.m.		Friday a.m.	
Monday p.m.		Wednesday p.m.		Friday p.m.	
Tuesday a.m.		Thursday a.m.		Saturday a.m.	
Tuesday p.m.		Thursday p.m.		Saturday p.m.	

### Silent Auction

The silent auction helps to support the work of the Society. Help to make it a success. If you donate food items, be sure they are non-perishable. Fill out this form and return it with your registration or bring it to the convention. If you do not plan to attend the convention, send the form and items to: AHSGR, 631 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-1199. **Items must arrive by July 1, 2016.** Do not send items to the convention hotel.

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address including zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Does this item require a minimum bid? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what is the dollar amount? \_\_\_\_\_

# QUILT DRAWING

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AHSGR 47<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention Quilt Drawing July 16, 2016

Chrysanthemum Splendor, 72" x 83"



Pieced and quilted by Betty Weibert, member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of AHSGR. Drawing tickets are available through your Chapter President/Representative, or at the 2016 Convention in Concord, California. For further information contact:

Larry Stumpf  
21128 Vandenberg Ave, Riverside, CA 92518  
(951)567-5368

\$1 = 1 ticket

\$5 = 6 tickets

\$10 = 12 tickets



**Don't Forget**



The PICNIC



Jun 25, 2016

Summer picnic

@ Bob Freeman's house

More information to follow

GR SO CAL  
PO Box 3371  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274



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