



Frohe Weihnachten und ein Gesundes Neues Jahr 2011!



BLACK HILLS GRHS CHAPTER CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2010

Plan now to attend the Black Hills GRHS Chapter's Christmas potluck luncheon which is scheduled for Sunday, 12 December at 1:00 PM, at Faith Lutheran Church, 17 Indiana Street, Rapid City. Come and enjoy the fellowship, great food, and Christmas carols led by Del and Sharon Beck.

The Refreshment Committee is requesting that members bring a dish to share, along with centerpieces and/or tablecloths to decorate the tables. Dishes, flatware, coffee and tea will be furnished by the chapter.

Please use the Christmas Potluck as an opportunity to invite prospective GRHS members as guests. Since drawings will be held for two memberships in GRHS, your guest may win a full-year's membership to GRHS for 2011. How's that for an early Christmas gift? MMMMMMMM, my mouth is watering already!

Milt Kramer, BH Chapter President

YOUTH ESSAYS SOUGHT FOR 2011 CONTEST

Information about the 2011 Chapter Essay Contest and International Essay Contest will be available at the Christmas Potluck on 12 December 2010. Please help promote the contest by getting this information into the hands of your young relatives and encourage them to explore their ethnic background by writing an essay. Information is also available at:

http://members.rushmore.com/~bhgrhs/essay_contest.htm

Bill Bosch, BH Youth Committee

YOUR OLD PHOTOS WANTED

The Membership Committee is planning to create "pull up banners" (see example) to present German Russian history and culture and to advertise BH Chapter to non-members. Please bring old interesting photos for consideration. Examples are photos of people but especially of early towns, buildings, farm work, women's work.

Ken Voegel, your new Newsletter Editor



9th ANNUAL GERMAN DINNER JUST AROUND THE CORNER

BH Chapter's 9th Annual German Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday February 27, 2011 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, directly across from Canyon Lake. The money raised has enabled us to be actively involved in projects on both the local and International GRHS levels.

In 2010 we served 750 people. Preparing a meal for that many folks is a gargantuan task and could be drudgery. It turns out, however, that it is a truly fun experience. Thanks to the many helping hands, the time flies by quickly. It is an occasion of teamwork, camaraderie and merriment when Chapter members get to know each other more intimately than at meetings. And when it is all over, everyone has a feeling of accomplishment for a job well done.



This is a completely volunteer project so **BH CHAPTER NEEDS YOU!** Please sign up to help with the German Dinner at the Chapter Christmas Potluck. If you cannot attend, you can contact Hilda Sieler, Volunteer Committee Chair, at 342-1030 to ask how your hands and feet can be of use.

Tickets will also be available for pickup at the Christmas Social on the 12th from Ticket Committee Chair Sharon Beck who can be reached at 718-2603 if you aren't able to get tickets at the Potluck or if you run out.

Milt Kramer, BH Chapter President

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BRING GUESTS TO CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The timing of the December 12 membership meeting provides our guests with the opportunity for coming away with full-year memberships. This is the time of year when two names will be drawn to receive a membership for all of 2011. This means also that the guest you invite to the meeting may walk away with a \$50.00 prize. The October meeting brought us a record-setting number of guests. For this to occur again would be truly enjoyable. So, invite those folks you have been thinking about. Let's have another roomful of people. We can all share our enjoyment of singing those good old German carols and increase our membership.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN GRHS

You have probably received your membership renewal notice for 2011. It was mailed out somewhat earlier than usual to avoid its getting lost in stacks of Christmas related mail. We hope that you will send in your renewal check before January 1. This chapter had an excellent renewal rate last year. It would be great to have a 100% retention of members for 2011. The renewal notices for our GRHS 2010 memberships have been mailed from our Society headquarters in Bismarck.

Dues of \$50.00 can be mailed to GRHS headquarters at the following address: **GRHS, 1125 West Turnpike Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501-8115.**

Del Beck, Membership Chair





Germans from Russia Heritage Society Membership Application

Preserving Our Heritage—Enriching Our Lives

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Birth Month (optional): _____

Name(s) _____

Anniversary Date (optional): _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

I would like to volunteer:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership _____

Publicity _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Hospitality _____

Genealogy _____

Chapter Preference: _____ *Black Hills GRHS Chapter* _____

Newsletter _____

Ancestral Names & Villages _____

Photographer _____

Program _____

Scrapbook _____

Attached is my remittance of \$_____. Membership fees are due annually on January 1. Life membership fees may be paid in annual installments of not less than \$130.00.

Youth Program _____

Refreshment _____

Annual Dues: Membership \$50

Fund Raising _____

Life (minimum of \$130 per year) \$650

I would like to receive the Black Hills GRHS Chapter Newsletter _____ by E-mail or _____ by US Mail

Check for payment of GRHS dues should be made to **GRHS**. Please mail membership applications to Rachel Schmidt, GRHS Library & Bookstore, 1125 W. Turnpike Ave., Bismarck ND 58501-8115. Dues can also be paid on line at the GRHS website at www.grhs.org.

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