



# Frohe Weihnachten und ein Gesundes Neues Jahr 2012!



## Notice: Black Hills Chapter Christmas Social Time Change

Black Hills Chapter's Christmas Social will be held at 2 pm **Sunday 18 December 2011** at **Faith Lutheran Church, 17 Indiana Street, Rapid City**, rather than at the usual 1 pm time. 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. There will be drawings for three poinsettias

Please use the Christmas Potluck as an opportunity to invite prospective GRHS members as guests.

*Milt Kramer, BH Chapter President*



## YOUTH ESSAYS SOUGHT FOR 2012

Information about the 2012 Chapter Essay Contest and International Essay Contest will be available at the Christmas Potluck on 18 December 2011. Please help promote the contests by getting this information into the hands of your young relatives, and encourage them to explore their ethnic background by writing an essay. One of the ways your grandkids or great grandkids can get to know you and your German Russian heritage better is to suggest that they interview you. Their record of your and/or other relatives' lives will likely become a family treasure, even if the essay doesn't win a prize. More information is available at: [http://members.rushmore.com/~bhgrhs/essay\\_contest.htm](http://members.rushmore.com/~bhgrhs/essay_contest.htm).

*Bill Bosch, BH Chapter Youth Committee*

## 10th ANNUAL GERMAN DINNER JUST AROUND THE CORNER

BH Chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual German Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 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 2011 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

For the 2012 Dinner, free tickets will be available to those volunteers who wish to avail themselves of them.

*Milt Kramer, BH Chapter President*

## GUESTS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

2011 has been a banner year for guests at Black Hills Chapter meetings. Guests represent our largest source of new members. So, invite those folks you have been thinking about. Let's have another roomful of people. We can all share our great food, our congeniality and the enjoyment of singing those good old German carols. Be sure to take the time to welcome and chat with all our guests.

*Del Beck, Membership Committee Chair*



Segue uns alle  
diese  
Weihnachtzeit\*

## Please Renew Your GRHS Membership Soon

You have probably received your GRHS membership renewal notice for 2012. Please support our Chapter and the international GRHS by mailing a check for \$50.00 to GRHS headquarters at the following address: **GRHS, 1125 West Turnpike Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501-8115.**



\*(Bless Us All This Christmastime)



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Publicity \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ *Black Hills GRHS Chapter* \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestral Names & Villages \_\_\_\_\_

Genealogy \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Scrapbook \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Program \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$200.00.

Refreshment \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: Membership \$50  
Life (minimum of \$200 per year) \$1000

Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.grhs.org).

## Black Hills GRHS Chapter News

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