



# Sunflower Chapter News

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**NEXT**  
*Meeting*  
**12:30 Summer Picnic**  
**August 28, 2005**  
**Munjoy Parish Hall**

*The chapter will provide the meal for our annual summer picnic. It will consist of fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fresh veggies, coffee, tea, and a surprise dessert. We will also have time to play cards or do genealogy.*

*Please send your RSVPs to Kevin via e-mail at [krupp@ruraltel.net](mailto:krupp@ruraltel.net), or call Betty Pfannenstiel at 625-6441. We need to know how much chicken we will need!*

**WANTED!**  
Someone to write about your experiences at the national convention. See the editor's message on this page.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We usually don't do a newsletter before our August Picnic, but I thought perhaps I would say a few things and let you know about the picnic. In the past we have always grilled hamburgers. When it's 110 degrees in Kansas, you can almost grill them on the hood of your car, so we decided to try something different this year. Chicken! Yep, that's right—fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and all the trimmings. This simpler meal will also give us time to play some cards and perhaps for some of you do some genealogy.

Because our picnic will be just about a week after the national convention, we hope to have a report from some of the people who have gone. I will bring the most recent books I have of Schoenchen, Wittmann, and Katharienstadt for you to look over.

If you missed our last meeting, you probably missed one of our best programs. Leona Pfeifer gave a talk on the dialects from this area and explained their origin in Germany. This talk was most interesting. Thanks, Leona! Sister Alice Ann will have more about Leona's talk in the next newsletter. Our *big* fund-raiser is coming up very soon—Sunday, September 11. I will have breakfast tickets available at our picnic meeting, so please come willing to take some tickets and *sell, sell, sell!* See you on August 28.

Kevin Rupp

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hi, all. I would really have loved to do a full-blown newsletter this time around, but time does not allow. I will be spending the months of July and August attending sisters' meetings in Wisconsin and summer school in Maine, so I won't see you again until the October meeting.

I am so glad I went to our last chapter meeting. I finally learned why that one German word we food lovers always use is spelled *k-u-c-h-e-n*, but in our dialect is pronounced a lot like the English word *cougar*, only without the *r* at the end. (In the dialect we tend to drop final consonants.) So I will back up Kevin's comment that Leona gave a great program.

I want to thank Frank Jacobs, Kevin Rupp, and Ed Pfannenstiel for sending me items that can be printed in our next newsletter. Now I have just one more request. Would a few of you attending the national convention in Oklahoma City please write up a description of the parts you liked best? Just write up your impressions and send them to me, by e-mail or snail mail, by September 15. Thanks.

We have just learned of the death of a giant who walked among us, Lawrence Weigel, who spent a lifetime educating others about our Ellis County Volga German heritage. More about his life and achievements will be said in our next newsletter, so stay tuned.

Sister Alice Ann Pfeifer CSA

# A grand time awaits you in Oklahoma City

Do consider attending the national AHSGR convention coming up in Oklahoma City August 14-21. If you have never been to one before, you probably will want to be present for the final few days, when a full array of presentations and programs will be sure to educate, entertain, and inspire you. At this annual event you really *do* hear and see things related to your heritage that you cannot take in on any other occasion at any other time or place.



Quite often the convention is held in distant cities and states, but this year it's right next door to us here in Kansas. You can hardly ask for a more convenient location than Oklahoma City—so head 'em up and move 'em out! You'll be glad you did.

For a complete daily schedule of convention events, visit <http://hometown.aol.com/ahsgrokc/myhomepage/business.html>

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### COMING UP...

**AUG. 14-21** • AHSGR  
Convention in Oklahoma City

**AUG. 28** • Summer Picnic in  
Munjor

**SEP. 1** • Talk on Mother  
Agnes, CSA Founder, in Hays

**SEP. 3-4** • Centennial  
Celebration in Antonino

**SEP. 4** • Old St. A's Historical  
Marker Dedication in Hays