

Texas German Society

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ARE YOU READY FOR 2013 CONVENTION?
Galveston & South Belt County Chapters ARE
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TEXAS GERMAN SOCIETY
April 13, 2013

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2415 Winnie

Galveston, TX



Texas German Society 2013 Convention

A message to all who are interested in learning a little more about our German heritage in Texas...

Save the Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

Why? *We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Texas German Society*

Where? *At the First Lutheran Church & the Historic Lyceum Building between 24th & 25th Streets on Winnie (Ave. G) in Galveston, Texas*

Directions? *I45 becomes Broadway (Avenue J) in Galveston. Usually the numbered streets (61st, 26th, 25th, 24th, 23rd, etc) run between the Gulf of Mexico (south side) and Galveston Bay (north side). The lettered streets start from the Galveston Bay with A, then B, then C (Strand), D (Market), E, F, G (Winnie), H (Ball), I (Sealy), J (Broadway), etc toward the Gulf. *The large Texas Heroes Monument is on 25th and Broadway, but no turns are allowed at this intersection. So, to get to First Lutheran you will need to pass the monument and turn left at 24th street.**

Parking? *A map has been provided showing possible parking. Parking is free on the streets around the block of First Lutheran and the Lyceum Building. The entrance to the church is on Winnie (Avenue G).*

Where to Stay? *An updated list of hotels has been provided. Remember you can always ask if the hotel accepts senior discounts, such as AAA, or AARP, or other travel discounts.*

Food? *The Lunch at this convention will, of course, be delicious German food! You can find many fine restaurants in Galveston if you choose to come a day early or stay another day.*

Silent Auction Items? *As extra funding for the scholarship project, we request members to bring items they would like to donate for this project. We would like to know what you are bringing and a stated possible bid, so that we are able to have appropriate table space. You may attach this information to your registration form. We would appreciate receiving this information before March 30th.*

Registration? *The registration fee is \$20 a person.*

Please send in your registration by March 30th so that we will have enough food for all.

Checks should be made payable to: Texas German Society 2013 Convention.

Mail your registration to Gwen Fenner, 11227 Sagevale Lane, Houston, TX 77089.

Program? *We plan on celebrating our German heritage with fellowship, food, music, singing, and having fun learning and listening with others.*

Questions? *E-mail or write:*

Dolores Taylor at dtylr28004@yahoo.com or 4621 Avenue O, Galveston, Texas 77561

Lydia Dozler at ldozler@yahoo.com or 11330 Sageburrow Drive, Houston, Texas 77089

Registration Form
Texas German Society 2013 Convention
Hosted by the Galveston and South Belt Chapters

On Saturday, April 13, 2013
At First Lutheran Church and the Lyceum Building
Located between 24th and 25th Streets on Avenue G
In Galveston, Texas

(Please print the name/names wanted on the name tag/tags.)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number and/or Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

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Questions?

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GALVESTON HOTEL LOCATIONS/RATES *Recommended ** Highly Recommend

The Tremont House

2300 Ships Mechanic Row

Galveston, TX 77550 409-763-0300

Located in the Historic Strand District, The Tremont is known for its historic influence and is just 4 blocks from First Lutheran Church and 1 block from the Strand **

\$179.00 single or double occupancy

Hotel Galvez

2024 Seawall Blvd.

Galveston, TX 77550 409-765-7721

This very historic hotel is a luxurious place to stay with an ocean view and with a 2 night stay a complimentary ghost tour is available on Saturday night. **

\$199 – single or double occupancy with a city view

LaQuinta Inn

1402 Seawall Blvd.

Galveston, TX 77550 409-763-1224

Very hospitable with continental breakfast included. Also next to Denny's. **

#107 per night with 2 night minimum

Country Inn/Suites

2818 Ave. R ½ (half a block off Seawall Blvd.)

Galveston, TX 77550 409-763-5000 or 800-456-4000

\$199 per night

Best Western Beachfront Inn

5914 Seawall Blvd.

Galveston, TX 77551 409-740-1261

\$129-149 per night *

San Louis Hotel

5100 Seawall Blvd

Galveston, TX 77551 409-7444-1500

\$289, standard King

Motel 6 – Galveston- 7404 Ave. J (I-45 feeder rd.)

Located on left side of I-45 coming into Galveston

409-740-3794/800-466-8356/2 queen/non-smoking/79.99

Super 8-Galveston

2825 61st St/800-741-5072

2 queen, 1king,non-smoking \$115/2K,non-smoking \$123

Days Inn-Galveston/409-740-2491

6107 Broadway/I-45 (Broadway) and 61st St.

1 king \$89.95, 2 queen \$99.95

Super 8-League City, TX

102 Hobbs Rd/7753 (behind Cracker Barrel Rest.

1K-\$55 call for details 866-257-5990 www.super8.com

30-45 min to Galveston

Super 8 – LaMarque TX

312 Delaney Rd, LaMarque, TX 77568

Can be seen on right as you approach the exit for the Greyhound Park (dog track)

1 king - \$55 15 minutes from Galveston

LaQuinta – Texas City/1121 Hwy 146 North/77590-6505

409-948-3101/1 king \$65, 2 full size \$75

Driving directions: On I-45 South take Exit #16-FM1764, traveling east 5 mi.

Until you come to Hwy 146. Turn right on service road and it will be there on your right.

Hwy 146 also takes you to I-45 South at Bayou Vista which is about 5 minutes from Galveston\

Mechanic St				Tremont Hotel		
Market St						
Post Office St/Ave. E						
Church St/Ave. F				P 3		
		2				
Winnie St./ Ave. G	→	Park (1)	First Lutheran Church/Lyceum	←		
			P (4)			
Ball St./ Ave. H				Parking (5)		
				Library		
Sealy St. Ave. I						
BROADWAY	27th	↑ 26 th	25th	↑ 24th	23 nd	22 st

Turning on 25th St is illegal. Turn left on 26th or 24th to get to Winnie St..

First Lutheran Church is on the corner of 25th and Winnie. The Lyceum (old church) is on the corner of 24th and Winnie but in the same block as the church

Parking is free on streets surrounding the church. Parking lots are marked on map.

(1) is owned by the Travel Agency in that block and gives us permission for parking.

(2) Owned by Our Daily Bread and gives us permission to park on weekends

(3) lot owned by church for parking

(4) Owned by Quick Kopy /gave permission for parking)

(5) Behind Library generally for public use



The President's Corner

Wie Gehts Ya'll!

Hallo allerseits und Wie Gehts Y'all! The 2013 State Convention is coming soon in Galveston. Galveston has a very rich German history and many of our forefathers (such as my Gerstenberger Family) came through this port on their migration from Germany and other parts of Europe. Casey Greene of the Galveston and Texas History Center of Rosenberg Library will be the keynote speaker. Some of the special music will be provided by the Lutheran Music Academy Children's Choir, the combined choir of the Houston Liederkrantz/Houston Sangerbund, and the Shanty Chor. At press time, the German Consul General Klaus-Jochen Guhlcke will be attending. I hope you can attend as this will be a very good Convention. See the information included in this issue of the TGS Reporter. You can also view and print information at www.texasgermansociety.com. Please send in your registration as soon as possible.

It seems that Texas Germans have a very good reputation all over the world. That happens to include Australia! One of the producers for the Australia Broadcasting Corporation came across some articles about Texas German and invited yours truly to be interviewed on their "RN Drive" program, which is broadcast across Australia by the ABC's Radio National. The producer, Helene Hofman, said she has a soft spot for stories about unique dialects of languages having grown up in Ireland learning Gaelic. I at first thought someone was pulling a prank on me, but this turned out to be real. Helene called me all the way from "somewhere down under" and a short ten minute interview was arranged to talk about our Texas German language and culture and our attempts to preserve it. I opted for the February 10th 10:30 p.m. recorded interview instead of the 2:00 a.m. live version! Barbara Reinhardt (Bluebonnet Chapter) helped with the recording of a short conversation of two Texas Germans that was sent to Helene in advance. The interview went well and I even managed to squeeze in some Texas German accordion music on the Aussies with our popular folk tune "Oh, Susanna". They really liked it when I greeted, "Wie Gehts Y'all!?" Here is the link to the interview:

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/drive/27wie-geht27s2c-y27all2127---texas-germans27-battle-to-s/4512774>

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Austin County

July 30, 2012 the pot luck dinner at Das Haus here in Schoenau on Sunday, July 22 was made up of so many delicious dishes of food that it was impossible to sample every one. The number in attendance was also satisfactory since this chapter of the Texas German Society is a small group. Those members in attendance were Ken and Joy Mathis, Gladys Oakley, Verena Aeschbacher, Ann Aschenbeck, Sanford and Mannie Schmid, Dorothy Mittanck, Deanna Pope, Wayne Lessmann, and Geraldine Luetge. Two new members welcomed into the group were Kay and Eddie Marx. Since the local chapter of the Texas German Society began in New Ulm a number of years ago, it was good to have the two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Marx, who live in New Ulm. Other residents of New Ulm would be most welcome. The meeting of the chapter in New Ulm was changed to the Schoenau community when the New Ulm group was very small, and a new chapter was begun here in Shelby. Since there was no other chapter in Austin County at that time, the local chapter decided to call themselves the Austin County Chapter. They met at Kalkhake's Cafe for awhile. About that same time, Sanford Schmid and his mother, gave the Witte/ Schmid house to the State organization of the German Society, and the local meetings and state meetings are held in what is now our museum here in Schoenau. In more

recent years, a new chapter has been organized in the Bellville/Sealy area. Eddie Marx was born in Germany, and he told the chapter about life as a young boy during the Hitler regime, and the following years during World War II. In spite of all of the bombings, most of the cathedrals in Cologne were spared. He remembers how some of his Jewish neighbors disappeared overnight, and how his father helped some escape. At one time the family was evacuated to Belgium, at one time they saved themselves by hiding under the Rhine River bridge. He is very thankful to the U. S. army for saving them. He even saw Generals Eisenhower and Bradley when they came to the hotel where he was working at the time. He began working there at the age of 15, and continued in the hotel business here in the U.S. Mrs. Marx's father was in the army, and her family lived in Germany. She met Mr. Marx in 1957, and they came to America in 1958. This, being an unplanned program, turned out to be one of the best, and we have had some really good programs. The next occasion at Das Haus will be the Christmas program on the first Sunday in December. The next meeting will be in January, possibly in New Ulm. Visitors are always welcome.

Bastrop County

New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact our president Mikki Meyer at (512) 253-1111 or vice-president Rebecca Bernhard at (512) 818-1022.

Bluebonnet Chapter

September 26, 2012 - President Herbert Schumann welcomed members and guests in German and English. The minutes of the July meeting were read & approved. Treasurer Ray Ledbetter gave the treasurer's report and it was approved & filed for audit. The other committee reports were given. Herbert & Laura Schumann were our speakers & gave a very interesting program on their trip to Sweden, Denmark & Norway.

It was decided that we would decorate a pickup truck for the Austin County Fair parade and State President will ride on it. Other riders are needed. President Schumann said this year is the tenth anniversary of the Bluebonnet Chapter. He said nineteen souls met to start the Chapter. He recognized Doris and Glenn Guettler, Sanford and Mannie Schmid, and Dorothy Leyendecker. Laura Schumann was the first president. Evelyn Kieke, Gene Remmert, Dorothy Leyendecker and Sanford Schmidt spoke briefly. Robert Herridge played his accordion. Then everyone sang Happy Birthday to Egon Schackmann.

November 28th. meeting was the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Hill Center. President Herbert Schumann gave the blessing, after which everyone enjoyed the meal.

Allene Porter led the pledge to the U.S. flag. President Schumann told members that we lost one of our members, Woodrow Woehst. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Woodrow. Herbert then welcomed 48 members and 6 guests, Harvey and Lyndell Aschenbeck, Ron and Shirley Brune, Julie Andrews and Jackie Brandes, in German and in English. New members are Gary and Linda Knesek. The reports were given and the speaker at the January 2013 meeting will be Judge Karl Micklitz. The meeting was adjourned, after which members were entertained by the Concordia Gesang Verein.

Colorado County

The Colorado County Chapter met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the EMS Building. President Elsie Kahlden, asked for a moment of silence in memory of Colleen Willrodt. She was secretary of our organization for many years. We had one guest, David Joseph, grandson of David and Elvira Kahlich. Our program was presented by member, David Kahlich, about German immigrant, Lothar M. Galle, grandson of Johann Gottfried Galle who discovered Neptune in 1846 when he was employed at the Berlin Observatory. Lothar lived in Weimar and David met him in 1935. He was instrumental in David's life and interest in the Galaxy. Members enjoyed ice cream and cookies at the conclusion of our meeting.

Our October 27, 2011, meeting was held at the Kuhn Cafe in Glidden. President Elsie Kahlden, asked for a moment of silence in memory of Crockett Leyendecker. We had three visitors, Mary Otto and Patrick and Kathleen Dunne. Also joining us for the evening was our State President, Robert Herridge. Our program was presented by member, Ursula Keierleber, entitled "The History of Oktoberfest". This began as a wedding celebration October 12, 1810, with the marriage of Prince Ludwig and Princess Theresa. It is held each year outside of Munich. She gave a complete history of the celebration as well as the story of the Prince and Princess throughout their lives. After the meeting we enjoyed a time of singing German songs along with the music by Robert Herridge on the violin and accordion accompanied by Elena Holub on the keyboard.

On December 13, 2011, our chapter met at Pilsner's Place for our annual Christmas Party. In attendance were our State President, Robert Herridge and his wife Marie and one visitor, Janet Walters. Melvin and Mary Otto became members of our organization this evening. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal of pork loin, green beans, cauliflower, dressing, cranberries and dessert.

Our regularly scheduled August meeting was held on August 23, 2012. President, Elsie Kahlden, welcomed guest, Stacy Henson with the International Student Exchange who brought with her three exchange students who attend school in Columbus. One is from Brazil, another from Thailand and another from Germany. The student from Germany especially enjoyed speaking with some of our members. Elsie next welcomed our speaker for the evening, Roger Wade and his wife, Marilyn. Roger spoke about the World War II German POW's and their impact after their move to the states. There were several POW camps in and around our area at that time. Roger and Marilyn also brought their new book "Around Columbus" which was offered for sale. A committee of Doug Lilie, Harvey Frers and Ron Frnka was asked to purchase two oak trees and get them planted at the Zimmerscheidt School site in memory of Crockett Leyendecker.

Our Annual June Picnic Meeting was cancelled due to the extreme heat. It was scheduled at the Zimmerscheidt School site and air conditioning was not available at this time.

The October meeting met on October 25, 2012. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Jim Kearney who was recently awarded his Doctorate from the University of Texas. He has authored two books - "Nassau Plantation: The Evolution of a Texas German Slave Plantation" and "Friedrichsburg: Colony of the German Furstenverein." The second book, "Friedrichsburg" written originally by Friedrich Armand Strubberg has been translated, annotated and illustrated by Dr. Kearney. He spoke primarily about the second book and the great historical value as the author was actually in Fredericksburg during its founding years and he served as a man in charge.

On November 25, 2012, the dedication ceremony of two oak trees planted at the Zimmerscheidt School in memory of Crockett Leyendecker was held in conjunction with Friends of Zimmerscheidt Historical School. In attendance were a large number of Colorado County Chapter members of the Texas German Society, Friends of Zimmerscheidt Historical School and family members and friends.

December 12, 2012, Colorado County Chapter, Texas German Society held their annual Christmas Party at Pilsner's Place. Robert Herridge and Marie were our special guests tonight. Robert along with a new member, Texas German Society Reporter

Russell Prause, entertained us with German polkas and waltzes along with Christmas music. Russell is a noted local keyboard player and he along with Robert playing accordion and violin performed some great music. After a delicious meal of turkey and dressing, we enjoyed music by our own Unser Deutsche Sangers accompanied by Elena Holub on the keyboard and Robert Herridge on violin and accordion. New members joining us are John Holub and Russell Prause. Ron Frnka reported that the German Promotion Committee will be meeting with the German students at CISD on December 20th for a short program and cookies and punch.

Fort Bend County

The Fort Bend Chapter of the Texas German Society meets on the second Tuesday of every other month at the Albert George Library Meeting Room in Needville at 7 PM. The plans for 2013 are as follows:

January 8 – Planning for 2013

March – No meeting

April 13 – TGS Convention in Galveston

May 14 – Washington on the Brazos, Brenham, and Blue Bell Creamery Tour

July 9 – Ice Cream Social

September 17 – “Das Haus” Picnic

November 12 – German Meal

January 14, 2014 - Planning

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact President Cathy Hanzik by telephone at 281-342-8243 or by email at cathyhanzik@gmail.com.



On Tuesday, September 18, 2012, members of the Fort Bend Chapter of the Texas German Society took a trip to Galveston to visit the Lone Star Flight Museum and take a harbor tour boat ride in Galveston Harbor.

The group enjoyed lunch at the Mosquito Cafe.

Pictured on the boat are: Ora Dell Strieder, Irene Bohac, Winona Luedeke, Marcella Hackstedt, Cathy Hanzik, Dolores Kueck, Raymond Schmidt, Carol Niemann, Rev. Tom Schwartz, Evelyn Schmidt, Darlene Mensik, Delbert Niemann



The Texas German Society was present at the 175th Birthday of Richmond, Texas, on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Thanks to all who helped make this happen: Robert Herridge for the canopy and materials to hand out, Glenn Guettler for the banner, the Sells from the Bluebonnet Chapter, Aaron Schindeworf from the North Harris County Chapter, Winona Luedeke, Jeannette

Winter 2013

Matthews and Marcella Hackstedt from the Fort Bend County Chapter for manning the booth. This was a great opportunity to tell the community about the Texas German Society.

Pictured are Winona Luedeke, Jeannette Matthews, and Marcella Hackstedt



On Tuesday, November 13, 2012, members of the Fort Bend Chapter of the Texas German Society went out to eat for its annual "eat at a German Restaurant" event. This year King's Biergarten & Restaurant in Pearland was chosen. This restaurant was voted as the best German Restaurant in America. The restaurant's slogan is "Where It's Oktoberfest All Year Round". The food was excellent. It was a wonderful outing for the group, getting a taste of Germany without leaving Texas.

Those attending were
Front Row: Frank Strieder, Ora Dell Strieder

Middle Row: Irene Bohac, Theresa Schultz, Walter Todd, Juanita Todd,

Back Row: Loyce Anderson, Winona Luedeke, Evelyn Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Rev. Dr. Tom Schwartz, Carol Niemann, Delbert Niemann, Cathy Hanzik

Galveston Chapter

Preparing for our 2013 Convention in Galveston on April 13, 2013 in conjunction with the South Belt chapter.

Golden Crescent Chapter

Oct 04, 2012 -Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Robert Meyer, President. Robert said a prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. He invited everyone to eat before we listened to our speaker.

Program: Our speaker for the evening was Henry Wolff and his topic was "Wild Men and Women". Henry presented some very interesting data concerning different persons who ran wild in our county and surrounding counties during late 1800's and early 1900's. As he mentioned it had nothing to do with German Culture or history, but it was a very interesting topic just the same.

Robert introduced our newest member, Bret Baldwin, an independent running for US Congress. He speaks German and is very excited to be joining our group and looking forward to future meetings.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was read and approved. Minutes: Minutes from the August 02, 2012 were read and approved.

Old Business: Robert mentioned the Rosemarie Meyer Bammert data he was going to borrow did not work out yet due to the sisters disagreeing on sharing the data. This is a real shame as Rosemarie's wonderful data will not live on as she originally intended it to.

Robert passed out samples of the web site he is working on for our society. So far he has been able to get all this done free, no money out of our pocket, just Robert's hard work. This is very exciting to have a web site, hopefully it will bring in some new membership.

Ann Heinrich announced she was able to get copies of James Kearney's books purchased and donated to the Victoria College Library. Dennis Boehm made a nice bookmark for the books noting it was a donation from our society.

New Business: Ann Heinrich announced our Christmas Party will be on December 07, 2012, 5:30pm social and eat at 6:30pm; it will be catered by Werner's. Members will bring the desserts. Ann asked everyone who could to come that morning about 10am to assist with decorating Wesley Hall. She suggested we invite guests who might wish to join our society. Meal will be \$12.00 per person and our dues will be due at the same time \$10.00 per member. Mary Belle Meitzen will be in charge of the music again this year. After some discussion it was decided we wanted to sing German songs again this year.

Dorothy Boehm suggested we have a "no bake bake sale" in other words we would donate what it would cost us to make a baked item therefore not having to bake. Patsy Hand made a motion and it was seconded. This will take the place of our usual silent auction.

Ann Henrich presented the idea of having a Membership Directory for each member. This would be helpful when committee chairmen need to contact members. After some discussion it was decided this would be a good idea.

After some discussion about having some kind of membership drive next year. Patsy Hand suggested that we might put a booth in "Boot Fest" next year. It was also suggested to look into putting a booth in some of the market days held in surrounding counties. Various members are going to check out our options.

Attendance: 33 members were in attendance, along with seven guests. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

December 07, 2012 - We did not have a formal meeting this month instead we had our annual Christmas Party.

Thanks to the board members and our hostesses who came at 10am and decorated Wesley Hall, the hall was decorated very festive and looked wonderful.

Hostesses and board members began arriving about 4:30pm and guests began arriving shortly thereafter. Everyone had a great time visiting until our food arrived. Our meal was catered by Werner's Bar B Q from Shiner, Texas. Robert Meyer, our President, said a blessing for our food and everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal. The members brought desserts and we had a huge selection to choose from.

Robert also announced to be sure and add a donation to the "No Bake, Bake Sale" bucket. He also reminded us today was Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Program: Our program for the evening was Mary Belle Meitzen along with her helpers leading us in singing German Christmas songs. Mary Belle played the songs on the piano while we all sang along with the guidance of several of our members who spoke German. Thanks to Erika Reithmeier for reading the songs for us in German, so we could hear how they were supposed to sound. Thanks to Mary Belle for the song books, they were helpful, although I doubt we are going to be invited to sing at any functions anytime soon.

Treasurer Report: No report was read. Minutes: No minutes were read.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed. New Business: No New Business was discussed.

Attendance: 68 persons signed up for the party, 57 persons actually arrived

Party adjourned about 9:00pm, many thanks to the members who helped us take the decorations down and put the tables and chairs back where they belonged before leaving.

January 7, 2013 Meeting was called to order by our President, Robert Meyer, at 7:00pm. Robert gave our prayer for the evening and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He then invited us all to get in line for eating. After eating, Robert asked Doris Obsta to introduce our speaker for the evening as she had invited her to come speak to us.

Program: Our speaker for tonight was Brenda Lincke Fisseler, Head Librarian for the French Simpson Library in Hallettsville, she presented a very enjoyable report on the cemetery she had found and has been researching. Sandy Gate Cemetery near DeWitt/Gonzales county line where Brenda's ancestors are buried, she actually owns a small portion of the cemetery through her gg grandfather. After several years of research she has put together a book which she sells for \$25 and all the proceeds goes to the cemetery association for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Treasurer Report: Dorothy Boehm gave the treasurer's report. We have \$5981.61 in our regular checking account and \$6,526.86 in our scholarship account. Report was approved and accepted.

Minutes: Patricia Patterson-Williams read the minutes from our Christmas Party in December 2012. Minutes were approved and accepted.

Old Business: Dorothy Albrecht gave us a report on her scholarship program. She also had forms ready for anyone who wanted to take one for a student they might know. Dorothy also reminded everyone that donations can be made to the scholarship fund as memorials for deceased loved ones. It is an excellent way to add more funds to our account.

Christmas Party was discussed and it was decided to just keep doing it the same way we always have. The only exception is to decide whether to have a Silent Auction or a "No Bake Bake Sale" for our fund raiser.

Robert went over our newly set up web site (www.tsgvictoria.org) and he brought copies of what the site looked like. Our site is up and running thanks to all the hard work of our newest member, Bret Baldwin with Robert Meyer as his student. Robert has gotten our site linked to the VCGS site and he is attempting to get it linked to the Texas German state web site. We have already had about 195 hits and everyone was encouraged to visit the site. We are very pleased to have a site which is actually affordable; hopefully this might bring us some new members.

Robert also went over a budget which he made for the coming year.

New Business: Robert asked the members for suggestions for the coming year to improve our membership. He would like some ideas for membership drives as well as ideas for bringing in income to cover our expenses.

Robert asked if there was any other business to be brought up.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Attendance: 24 persons were in attendance.

Harris County Chapter

Heart of Texas Chapter

Katy Tri-County Chapter

In May we celebrated Memorial Day, its origin and meaning. Originally called "Decoration Day" in 1868, Memorial Day started when the widows of the Confederate Army decorated their deceased husband's graves. Our members related stories of what this day meant to them and their family members who served in the armed forces.

Our member, Ed Raines, presented a wonderful June program on the history of our American flag. He had full sized flags from every phase of it's origin to present day. Ed was also joined by Ginny Evans who portrayed Betsy Ross and gave an interesting account in the first person of the life of Betsy Ross and her part in the flag as we know it today.

Our president, Linda Phillips, went to the Passion Play in Munich last year and showed a DVD of the play and her trip during our July meeting.

In September our Katy Mayor, Don Elder, talked to our members about future plans for the City of Katy and surrounding areas. There are a lot of new businesses coming into the Katy area.

We celebrated Octoberfest during our October meeting by enjoying a good German meal at Carls on the River in the Richmond area.

December brought a Christmas celebration and a visit from TGS president Robert Herridge and his wife, Marie. We enjoyed Robert's music and leading us in singing Christmas songs in German and English.

January of this new year, we met and elected officers for the coming 2013-2014 period. The officers will be: President-Linda Phillips; Vice-Pres.-Norman Wied; Secretary-Peggy Schulin; Treasurer-Helga Miller; Hospitality-Omega Wied; and Historian-Roberta Rylander.

Lavaca/DeWitt County

Lee County

The Lee County Chapter meets the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at First National Bank meeting room, and we enjoy a snack supper.

North Harris County

Southbelt Chapter

We meet at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale every third Thursday at 5:30 pm. Our meetings begin with food and fellowship. They are also working on the 2013 Convention in Galveston along with the Galveston Chapter.

Tarrant County

Washington County

January 8, 2013-After our group's field trip to Shiner in June, we took our usual two months of vacation during the summer months of July and August.

Resuming in September we devoted our program to a "Show and Tell" session with members sharing various German items they owned with history and interesting stories behind each. Although not a member, at least not at this time, Cathy Bell, our librarian at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library here in Brenham, was invited to attend. She shared with us several books dealing with Germany available in the library for checkout. In October we had our annual celebration for Oktoberfest with German music and a potluck supper. In November we continued the sharing begun in September. Al Fischer, President, showed a DVD of the Fall of the Berlin Wall and shared an article entitled "County Losing German Heritage" in a recent issue of Brenham's Banner Press. Our annual Christmas Party was held once again at the Burton Café owned by two of our members, Georg and Lucia Zaranovich. Our chapter has been fortunate to receive a collection of traditional German clothing from the family of Ann and Ed Wachholz,, charter members and both now deceased. Our Brenham Heritage Museum has accepted this collection from us to put on display.



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Texas German Society 2013 State Convention

The 2013 TGS State Convention will be hosted by the Galveston County & South Belt TGS in Galveston, Texas on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, 2012. Activities on Friday will include several places to visit in the area. Friday evening is on your own. On Saturday, there will be some great entertainment and speakers throughout the day. There will be a silent auction throughout the day. A light breakfast including coffee and juice will be served Saturday morning. There will be a German lunch served.

Mark your calendars **NOW for APRIL 12 and APRIL 13, 2013**. This will be an event you won't want to miss! There will be more information to come. Galveston and South Belt chapters, TGS, is looking forward to and working hard on the next State convention to be held **April 13, 2013**, in Galveston at the First Lutheran Church. Get the forms out of this newsletter & mail in your registration!

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Texas German Trails Project

Texas German Trails project is underway to identify and locate on a state map or in a guide all of the more significant communities and towns that were settled by German immigrants. If you would like to see your area represented and are willing to help or would like additional information, please contact Van Massirer at (254) 486-2366 or vmassirer@yahoo.com as soon as possible. We hope to begin work on the project in mid-June. Electronic mail capability will be a necessity.

Tomball Citizen of the Year

Grady and Sandra Martin are used to historical events in Tomball as co chairs of the Tomball German Heritage Festival. But on Dec. 13, they made history when they were the first couple selected as the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Citizen of the Year recipients.

The award team, including the Citizen of the Year Selection Committee along with Chamber staff, paid a surprise visit to the Martins at the Tomball Community Center where a City of Tomball Christmas Party for city staff was being held. Sandra Martin has been with the city for 16 years and is the Public Works Senior Administrative Assistant. Grady Martin is a semi-retired roofing contractor.

With balloons and flowers in hand Mary Whitaker, the 2011 Citizen of the Year, presented the award to the pair. Grady Martin just happened to be in the building thinking he was helping his wife with keys locked in her car.

Although not all the titles of the organizations they serve are shared, those who know them best say the Martins are indeed a special two-for-one deal.

“If you have Grady heading up a project, you know you have Sandra as well,” GTACC President Bruce Hillegeist said. “They are a remarkable couple, close and almost always together, and they are extraordinarily dedicated to their volunteer work.”

In addition to co-chairing the Tomball German Heritage Festival, Grady Martin has served as president of the Tomball Sister City Organization since 2002. Established in 2000, the Tomball Sister City Organization supports and promotes cultural, business, educational and diplomatic exchanges with Tomball’s sister city, Telgte, Germany. Grady Martin is also chair of the Tomball German Christmas Market. The Martins are members of the Texas German Society and the North Harris County Chapter of the Texas German Society. Grady Martin was named the 2009 Community Builder by the Tomball Masonic Lodge. The Martins were also named the Mayor’s Citizens of the Year in January 2012.

With this recent award Grady and Sandra Martin were cited by the Chamber for their tireless work over the past 12 years, promoting German heritage in Tomball. Through the Tomball German Heritage Festival they took on the task of organizing and developing the Tomball German Christmas Market when asked by Mayor Gretchen Fagan in 2009.

“The Martins came forward and said they would take care of it, when the Christmas market came up in conversation,” Mayor Fagan said. “That is the kind of people they are. They are so dedicated to our community and our German heritage. And, they are so deserving of this recognition. The work they are doing is incredible.”

The two events, the festival in March and the Christmas market in December, bring approximately 35,000 visitors each to Tomball. With no end in sight for their volunteerism — they office the festival and the market from their home year-round — the Martins say they will continue to carry on these Tomball traditions.

On the day it was presented Sandra Martin thought her husband, alone, was to receive the award. She was stunned to hear “Citizens of the Year, the first husband and wife ever selected.” Grady Martin said is it was a shock for both of them.

“It was a wonderful surprise and we are truly honored,” Grady Martin said. “Just thinking about all the people in Tomball who have received this award is humbling.”

The Greater Tomball Area Citizen of the Year is selected by a group of community leaders including past Citizen of the Year recipients. The award is Tomball’s highest community honor and is reserved for those who are very involved through their profession, civic clubs, church and other activities that keep Tomball thriving. The Citizen of the Year is recognized annually at the GTACC Chairman’s Ball, which will be Friday, Feb. 8, at Tin Hall in Cypress.

Oma’s Choice Moving from Schulenburg to La Grange

By JEFF WICK & LOUANN ADCOX
The Fayette County Record

Oma’s Choice has made a worldwide name for itself selling jerky, sausage and home-style canned and baked goods all over the globe.

Now owner Stanley Ohnheiser is moving Oma’s operations cross-county – from Schulenburg into the old Designer Accents building at 427 West Travis St. in La Grange.

That building, just a block off the courthouse square, also formerly housed the Bohot-Todd car dealership.

Ohnheiser said he’s already

using the building’s warehouse space to run Oma’s Choice mail-order business with a storefront retail expansion coming in the next few weeks for people to buy individual products off the shelves.

Currently the production plant for Oma’s Choice is in Frelsburg, but Ohnheiser said he’s considering moving that to La Grange as well.

Ohnheiser said he’s moved the business to La Grange because he and his wife recently moved to town themselves from Weimar.

“We’re very excited,” to



This building at 427 West Travis Street in La Grange is the new home of Oma’s Choice.

Photo by LouAnn Adcox

have this business moving into La Grange,” said La Grange

Community and Economic Development Director Scott Byler.

“This is a win for the city of La Grange.”

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The Twelve Days of Christmas

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

This week, I found out.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

-The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

-Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

-Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

-Four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

-Five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

-Six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

-Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

-Eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

-Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

-Ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

-Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

-Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol...so pass it on if you wish.'

Be sure to submit any activities in your area. The next newsletter will be in **June** so start submitting your articles and information now. The deadline for the **June 2013** newsletter is **May 27, 2013**.

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Bluebonnet Chapter of Texas German Society & the Bellville Lions Club

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For additional information call:

Laura Schumann 979-865-3804 or Robert Herridge 979-865-0935

IN MEMORIUM



Vernelle Norvella Edna (Muenzler) Vanek, 80, of La Grange, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 01, 2012 at Seton Medical Center in Austin, Texas.

Vernelle was born in Willow Springs, Texas on August 11, 1931, the daughter of the late Ernst and Carrie (Finck) Muenzler. She was baptized at home and was confirmed on August 29, 1943. On April 10, 1954, she married Charles F. Vanek at Industry United Methodist Church.

Vernelle attended school in Fayetteville. She was a member of Industry United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School. She then joined Travis Street United Methodist Church which is now First United Methodist Church where she sang in the church choir starting at the age of 16 through the age of 75. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and Friendship Sunday School Class. Vernelle was an organist for over 25 years. She was employed by Fayette Soil & Water Conservation District for 42 years, worked with 4-H, and with the Girl and Boy Scouts.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlene Baker of La Grange; two sons: Douglas Vanek and friend, Melisa

Thames, of Beaumont, and David L. Vanek of La Grange; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Schultz and friend, Dan Lynd, of Nederland; three grandchildren: Alyson and Austen Vanek of Nederland, and Andrew Baker of La Grange; and numerous relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles F. Vanek, in January 1999; her sister, Evangeline Muenzler; and son-in-law, Larry Baker, in October 2011.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 3, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange. Family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held at First United Methodist Church in La Grange, Texas at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2012. Burial will follow at La Grange City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 89, La Grange, TX 78945 or American Cancer Society, Central Texas Region, 2433 Ridgepoint Drive B, Austin, TX 78754.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home 208 W. Pearl, La Grange, Texas. Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at www.lagrangefunerals.com.



Leona M. (Coufal) Wied, 100, of the Haw Creek Community of east Fayette County died of cancer on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at Jefferson Place Assisted Living in La Grange where she had resided for the last three and a half years.

Leona was born in Willow Springs on November 14, 1911, the daughter of the late Frank and Marie (Bubela) Coufal and grew up on Cummins Creek at what is now State Highway 159 in a hard-working farming family in which everyone learned to play a musical instrument and there was time for art lessons and summer sessions at the Huss School in Temple.

She rode her horse "Daisy" through the creek to school at Willow Springs which had a stable for student transportation. After completing the eight grades offered, her father bought a used touring car for her to commute to school in Fayetteville with the Voelkel brothers, who rode horse-back from Shelby in Austin County to Cummins Creek and later purchased the car and picked her up. She recalled a schoolmate from Frelsburg in Colorado County who boarded at the Zapp (now Country Place Hotel) during the school week. She wrote compositions in the tenth grade for evaluation in certifying Fayetteville High School for grades 11 and 12, earning an academic scholarship to Blinn College, which she never utilized.

She married Alex W. Wied in 1934 on the day of his graduation from Abilene Christian University and nourished and raised five sons as her husband worked as a school administrator, teacher, and evangelist in Fayette, Austin, Bastrop, Colorado, Wharton, Grimes and Comal counties and farmed and ranched on Cummins Creek. She was a founding member of the Fayetteville Church of Christ and was always a faithful Christian in thought, word and deed.

She is survived by three sons: Alex F. Wied and wife, Melba, John W. Wied and wife, Joyce, and Larry L. Wied; fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law: Jay A. and Susan Wied and J. Perry and Dorothy Wied and her sister, Theresa Ross.

The family extends special thanks to Lana, Buster, and the kind staff at Jefferson Place Assisted Living; to the caring staff of Hospice Brazos Valley; and to Gloria, NaKisha, Felisha, Regina, and TaShina, caregivers in her hours of greatest need. www.lagrangefunerals.com

Delores Gummelt

Born in Burton, Texas on Jan. 30, 1933 Departed on Sep. 22, 2012 and resided in Brenham, TX.

Visitation: Tuesday, Sep. 25, 2012 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Service:** Wednesday, Sep. 26, 2012 2:00 pm

Cemetery: Prairie Lea Cemetery

Funeral services for Delores Gummelt are scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at Memorial Oaks Chapel, with burial to follow in Jaeger-Witte Cemetery. Rev. Rich Nelson will officiate. Delores passed away Sept. 22, 2012 in Bryan, at the age of 79. The family will receive friends and relatives Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at Memorial Oaks Chapel.

Delores was born January 30, 1933 in Burton to Henry Claude and Lillie Meta Neumann Jaeger. On December 27, 1950, she was married to Delvin "Jack" Gummelt, who preceded her in death on May 17, 1982. Delores was employed as an archivist at the Briscoe Center of American History at Winedale. A manager of the Winedale German Singers, she was also a member of the Washington Co. Texas German Society.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Kathy Gummelt; daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Mike Byrd; granddaughters Kellie and Christopher Kulow, Sr., and Leigh Ann and Adam Seilheimer; grandsons: Chris Byrd and special friend, Andi Day, and Kevin and Kristina Byrd; great-grandchildren: Kay Lynn, Christopher, Jr., and Cameron Kulow, and Adalynn Seilheimer; brothers and sisters-in-law Jerry and Paulette Jaeger, and Larry and Ruth Jaeger; sisters Jeanette Zemanek, Edith and Earl Featherston; sister-in-law Sarah Jaeger, as well as special family members, Linda Bartels and Joyce Dube. Delores was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Gummelt; parents, Henry and Lillie Jaeger and parents-in-law Norman and Lydia Gummelt; brothers Bernhardt Jaeger, Melvern Jaeger, Wilburn Jaeger, and Lanis "Blitz" Jaeger; sisters-in-law Lois Jaeger and Thresa Jaeger; brother-in-law Robert Zemanek, and son-in-law, Zohn Adams.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Winedale Historical Center c/o Briscoe Center for American History, Arno

Nowotny Bldg., 1 University Station D1100, Austin, Tx. 78712-0335 or to the Winedale German Singers.

Funeral arrangements for Delores Gummelt are entrusted to Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 W. Main, Brenham.

To post a tribute to the family, visit www.memorialoakschapel.com. This Memorial Obituary provided by [Memorial Oaks Chapel](#)



Dorothy Bittner Brooks

Dorothy Bittner Brooks, 87, passed away December 21, 2012, in Columbus, Texas.

She was born in Holman, Texas on December 17, 1925, to Charles O. and Mathilda "Tillie" Bittner. Dorothy grew up on the family farm and attended Holman and Weimar schools. She married M. Forrest Brooks of Columbus on June 5, 1948, and they made their home in Columbus. Dorothy was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and was active in numerous community volunteer activities. She worked part-time for a few years as St. Paul Lutheran Church secretary and then for many years at the First State Bank until her retirement in 1991.

Dorothy is survived by her four daughters: Sharon Sronce and husband Don of Westhoff, Janet Garrett and husband Bob of Danbury, Kathy Salguero and husband Hugo of Columbus, and Diane Brooks of San Antonio. She is survived by four grandchildren: Alison (Sronce) Curtner and husband Steve of Pearland, Matthew Sronce of Westhoff, Travis Sronce of Columbus, Lauren Salguero of San Antonio and two great granddaughters Ava and Erin Curtner. She is also survived by sister-in-law Eunice Bittner of Weimar.

She is preceded in death by her husband Forrest, her parents, her brother Charles L. "Buck" Bittner, and special friend Eldin Wied of Garwood.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, December 24th at 10:00 AM at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Jeffrey Marsh officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday, December 23rd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Interment will follow at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Pallbearers are Don Sronce, Hugo Salguero, Matt Sronce, Travis Sronce, Steve Curtner, and Bob Garrett.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 267, Columbus, TX 78934; or the charity of your choice.



Elvera (Rudloff) Nelson Weiser, 92, passed away December 8, 2012, in Ganado, Texas. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday December, 12, 2012 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Shelby with Pastor Linda Mosley officiating. Burial will follow in Shelby Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives Tuesday at Memorial Oaks Chapel from 6 until 8 p.m.

Elvera was born October 31, 1920 in Haw Creek to Harry and Otila (Stork) Rudloff. She was baptized February 13, 1921 at Haw Creek Church and confirmed there Sept. 9, 1934. On October 22, 1942, she married Claud Nelson in Houston. He preceded her in death on March 14, 1977. While living in Houston, Elvera was in charge of setting up the first cafeteria at Lutheran High School. She also embroidered and designed baby blankets for Three Weavers in Houston, which were sold at Neiman Marcus stores. Elvera married Alton Weiser on January 28, 1984 in Shelby, and they made their home in the Shelby area for many years.

A kind, generous, and outgoing person, Elvera was a friend to many, as well as being very active serving her community. She was a member of the Women of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby, the Sons of Herman, German Heritage Society, German Singers of Winedale, and Central Texas Sounds Fan Club. She also served as past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion of Shelby.

Family and friends were always welcome in her home, where they were served delicious meals, with scrumptious pies for dessert. Children never left her home without a homemade treat, and no guest ever left her home hungry. A talented seamstress, she sewed wedding dresses for her nieces, prom dresses for her daughter and granddaughter, and beautiful quilts for various family members. She spent many hours in her yard, lovingly tending flowerbeds, and canning jellies, jams and vegetables from her huge garden. She always said: "Fresh is much better than store bought."

Attending area dances and stopping by the Welcome Store were favorite pastimes, as well as trips to Coushatta. She traveled to Germany several times to visit her close friends there. Elvera hosted several members of the Musikkapelle Markt Erkheim band from Germany for their trips to Texas over a 25 year period. The band came to Texas to play for her 80th and 90th birthday parties.

Survivors include her husband, Al Weiser; daughter, Gloria Hahn; granddaughter Rebecca Gutierrez and husband Mark; great-grandson, Corbin Gutierrez; sister, Pearl Torrence; sister-in-law Corrine Rudloff; step-son Mickey Weiser, step-daughter, Judy Kingston, step-daughter-in-law Ladonna Weiser, and 11 step grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Claud Nelson, parents Harry and Otilia Stork Rudloff; brothers Marvin and Kermit Rudloff, sisters Lydia Ehrigson and Idella Weber; son-in-law Kenneth Hahn and stepson, Billy Bob Weiser.

Serving as pallbearers are Mark Gutierrez, Terry Rudloff, Warren Meischen, Delfred Gaskamp, Sammy Hale, and Don Steinbach. Corbin Gutierrez will be an honorary pallbearer. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby.



Calendar of Events 2013

MARCH

March 22, 23, 24 13th Annual Tomball German Heritage Festival www.tomballsistercity.org

APRIL

April 12 & 13 – Texas German Society Convention, Galveston, TX at First Lutheran Church. Hosted by Galveston & South Belt chapters.

April 28- 11th Annual Frühling Saengerfest, sponsored by Bluebonnet Chapter of TGS & Bellville Lions Club, Bellville, Concordia Hall, 936 S Tesch, Bellville 11 am.

MAY

May 3 -5 – Brenham Maifest, Washington County Chapter, Brenham, TX

DECEMBER

December 1 – Das Haus Christmas Party - all members welcomed

December TBD- German Christmas Market “Weihnachtsmarkt Texas Style”, Tomball, TX The Market is sponsored by the City of Tomball, Tomball Sister City, and German Heritage Festival

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