

The Bukovina Society of the Americas

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(This copy of our Newsletter was called The BULLetin when originally published in paper form)

Here it is, the long awaited, and long promised, newsletter from your society. Even though you have not heard from us since the second annual meetings, the society has been active. The board of directors meets monthly to conduct the regular business, deal with a large volume of correspondence, and to plan for future activities. All are volunteers, but get a lot done. This newsletter is being sent to all people on the mailing list, but future distributions will be to members of the society only. If the color of this printing is green, you are paid up. It if is red, send your check for \$10.00 single, \$15.00 family to assure future mailings. Dues cover the printing, mailing, general costs of operation, and the annual meeting expense.

A big thanks to the Hays Convention Visitors Bureau for assisting us in the last two festivals, and their help again for the 1991 assembly.

The first big news is to announce dates for the third annual convention of the society. For those of you attending our last two festivals, it has been a success beyond our dreams and imagination. July 11 to 14, 1991, chaired by Irmgard Ellingson. A special flyer with times, speakers, details, and registration form will be mailed out in about 60 days, along with Newsletter No. 2.

We encourage everyone to bring all their information on family genealogy to the annual meeting. There will be several members with computers at the meetings, and we hope to create a common data base. We have started a computer fund and hope to acquire one for the society before July. Your help with this would be appreciated. We will recognize all people in the next newsletter who assist.

Our 1991 convention is an ideal time to have a family reunion, as last year when we had three of them. We can provide a general announcement through our mail outs, and free facilities. The Erbert family has set this time for a reunion, and we hope many more will take advantage of this opportunity. A separate flyer is enclosed for the Erbert family. More are available from Joe Erbert, Secretary, at the above address.

Our society is now interacting with other historical groups. We receive mailings from the *Dallas Frohsinn Nachrichten*, who had a nice group at our 1990 meeting, and plan to return.

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) in Lincoln, Nebraska, has since our beginnings graciously published our activities in their newsletter and journals. They have promoted our books and created and increased awareness of our society. Many thanks to them.

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society of Canada has ordered our books for resale and thanks to Dr. Carl Buehler, a speaker at our last convention, we are receiving many letters from our cousins and Bukovina country people in Canada. A trip by members of our society is planned for April of 1991 to Canada to promote mutual activities.

The National Liberal Society in Suceava, Romania, a town very close to many of our ancestral villages, has written to Oren Windholz. He had sent a brochure of the Bukovina organizations to his friend in Poiana Micului and it apparently made its way to their Society. They requested books and literature on our people, and some of the board members rounded up two packages of books and materials and sent it on.

The AHSGR published a list of archives in Europe to write to for information in their CLUES 1990 edition, pages 100 and 101. You may want to contact them in your research efforts.

Send the editor any information you would like to include in our newsletters, or requests for information. Items of general interests will be published, and personal requests responded to by letter.

We are frequently asked for a brochure of the Society, and enclosed in this mailing is our first one. It is patterned after the official brochure of our sister society in Germany, the **Landsmannschaft der Buchenlanddeutschen. Dr. Sophie Welisch** translated and adapted it for our use.

A new quilt has been completed and will be donated to the society for the relief fund raising by Julia Honas again this year. It is a white, queen size, hand quilted work of art.

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