



**DECEMBER 13, 2009 - 1 P.M. - Program at 2
PM ANNUAL SHARING & POT-LUCK**

Please bring yourself and guests, your finds, your brick walls plus an entrée, salad, or dessert to share; utensils, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Ethnic foods are welcome

Program starts at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, CA

IGS WORKSHOPS-2009 Sundays 12 noon to 5 PM

How to use the IGS Library

This year we are having a series of workshops at the Library to acquaint our patrons with various resources, how to use them, and what can be expected from them. These Workshops are YOUR time to research. Presentations and handouts, if any, are to be given at 2 P.M. PLEASE bring YOUR information (charts, clues, brick walls, & all those questions) for our Leader and Staffers to help you

January 10, 2010, Joint Pommern Special Interest Group/IGS Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seasons greetings. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be gone and Christmas will be upon us.

As we approach year end, please consider making a donation for tax purposes. Because overall membership is down, this helps to make up the short fall and cover expenses. Kudo's to the Board and other members who have worked very hard to reduce expenses.

There will be a number of changes occurring in 2010. Chief among them is the reduction in the number of hours and days the Library will be open. For 2010, we will be open on Wednesday from 12AM – 5PM, Saturdays (1st & 3rd) from 10AM – 5PM, Sundays (2nd & 4th) from 12AM to 5PM, except holidays. There will be other days we are open for special visits or events. Please consult the newsletter each month to review hours of operation or call to be sure someone will be here. The Board, after reviewing attendance and the difficulty of obtaining staffing, concluded that

little would be gained by staying open every weekend.

Thank you all for your support and assistance in 2009. Best wishes for the New Year.

Correction from Fall Periodical.

During revisions of the first article in our Fall 2009 German-American Genealogy periodical, the name of the author was inadvertently dropped. Please insert this in the periodical. The author of "Meanwhile at the Zemeck" is **Marilyn Markham Deatherage**.

Many of you have asked why they didn't receive the Spring 2009 German-American Genealogy periodical. Don't worry, there was none. We hope that there will be enough interest in writing articles for the periodical that one can be published in the Spring. Editor

KALENDER

November 25 and 28	CLOSED
December 13	-Annual Pot Luck
December 23-31	CLOSED
Saturday January 5	Open
January 10	Joint PSIG/IGS Workshop
Sunday January 13	Open
Saturday January 19	Open
Sunday January 27	Open
March 14	Arlene Eakle SAVE THE DATE!
	Open all Wednesdays

For a website that can help on emigration and historical biographical research in Germany go to <<http://www.roots-in-germany.de/>> You will find there links to some regional and local databases. For fee services, there are links to German tourist organizations as well as research and travel. *German Genealogy Group*, #135, Oct

For a website to the National Archives for Data Files

Relating to the Immigration of Germans to the United States documenting the time period 1850 to 1897 go to <<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/fielded-search.jsp?dt=2102&cat=GP44&tf=F&bc=,sl>> *German Genealogy Group*, #135, Oct

Are you aware that there is a German-American Day in the United States? It is celebrated on October 6th. On that date in 1683, 13 German families from Krefeld near the Rhine landed in Philadelphia. The families became the settlers of Germantown, PA. In 2008 we commemorated the 400th anniversary of Germans coming to America. The first Germans came to English and Dutch settlements among others. The source of this information is The German-American Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C. *German Genealogy Group*, #135, Oct

At the April Seminar of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society

Kory Meyerink, was speaker and the following information is from his syllabus. He says that these states or Prussian provinces have excellent coverage of parishes in the Family History Library German Church Record Collections: Baden, Hesse Darmstadt, Lippe, Mecklenburg, Wuerttemberg, Hohenzollern, Bremen and Lubeck. With a good coverage are: Alsace-Lorraine, Bavaria (Phalz), East Prussia, Posen, Rhineland, Westphalia and West Prussia. With fair coverage are: Oldenburg, Hanover, Hesse-Nassau, Saxony (province) and Schleswig-Holstein. With poor coverage are: Anhalt, Bavaria (modern), Brunswick, Saxony (Kingdom), Schaumberg, Thuringia, Waldeck, Brandenburg, Pomerania, Silesia and Hamburg. I think we all owe a debt of gratitude to this gentleman for putting this together. If you have to look in any of the poorly covered areas, now you won't be so frustrated when you can't find what you need. *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGs, V. 27, No. 1: July, August, September 2009

An interesting article about the German language spoken in Switzerland says that a German speaking his native tongue in Switzerland probably wouldn't be understood, even in the area where he should be understood easily. The German spoken in Switzerland is Schweizdeutsch or Schwyterdutsch, the German and Swiss German spellings, respectively. Switzerland had four national languages. They are, Romansch from the vulgar Latin, French, Italian and Schwyz-erdutsch, or Swiss German. It is referred to as the "secret Sprache" because it can't be understood by a foreigner. It is not just different from German spoken in Germany or Austria, but very different. Swiss German and written German are different enough to be almost a foreign language. Here is the rub. Schwyzerdutsch is not a written language and the official language is distinct from the spoken language, which is a dialect. Swiss German has its own grammar, its own

pronunciation and many words that are different. To be blunt, there is no official Swiss German language although maps may declare that "German is the most widely spoken language in Switzerland". The following are the days of the week in Swiss German with variations perhaps occurring by region: Sunntig, Mantig or Mentig, Tsischtig, Mittwoch, Donnscchtig, Fritig, and Samschtig. *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGs, V. 27, No. 1: July, August, September 2009

Member Kathy Barker donated the book "Google Your Family Tree"

by author Daniel M. Lynch, to our library. A handy insert gives as "The most basic element of success for an online search is your selection of one or more meaningful keywords. When using Google to hunt for information about your ancestors, you will achieve the best results when using keywords selected from the following categories:" Surname, Given Names, Place Name, Date Range or Date Types such as Census, Passenger List, birth record or obituary, etc. Don't use genealogy because it will yield too many results. You may use a persons full name along with a place and the word genealogy at the end. You may leave out words such as "the" and "of" as in "the statue of liberty". I found the census of my first husband's grandfather two days ago by only putting in his last name followed by an asterisk for the 1930 Census. First I put in the county name with no found results. Then I took out the county and left the state and there he was. I had not remembered the correct county name and couldn't remember the name of the town where the family lived. The person helping me at the LDS in Simi, CA saw there was a WWII Draft Card for him with his signature and then he found him on the Passenger List when he came in 1901. It was the first day I had ever looked for this family as I worked through each ancestor on both sides of his family. L.S.

I have heard variations on the following, but don't think I ever heard it more aptly put. "The colonists who settled into the Moor area in northern Germany, in order to mine the huge fields of peat in the 17th century, famously stated the pattern of immigration that became brutally apparent to them. This pattern could be applicable for many immigrants worldwide today: Den Ersten sien dood. Den Tweeden sien Nood. Den Darden sien Brood. (Note the end-rhymes). Translation: "Death for the first generation; poverty for the second generation; bread for the third generation." *Der Blumenbaum*, SGGs, V. 27, No. 1: July, August, September 2009

The Five Communist Paradoxes

- 1- Everybody works
- 2- Even though nothing gets produced
- 3- Nothing gets produced, but production quotas were met 110%
- 4- Production quotas were met 110%, but stores had nothing to sell

"California's AB 130 bill"...recently passed and has been sent to Governor Schwarzenegger. This bill affects the inclusion of mother's maiden name on marriage records and reduces marriage indices to names of the parties and date only. As of this writing, the bill has not yet been signed by the governor. Now is the time to write, call or fax: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814. Phone: 916-445-2841 or fax: 916-558-3160. Or go to: <<http://govnews.ca.gov/govmail/webmail.php>> to send a e-mail. Please take a minute to notify Governor Schwarzenegger of the need for this bill to be vetoed". *California State Genealogical Alliance, Newsletter, V. 27, No. 5, September-October 2009*

We send a note of thanks to member Gordon Seyffert who sent an e-mail message referencing our Newsletter 308 with information he thought might be of interest to other members. "This may be of interest to those who had immigrant (or other) ancestors in north St. Louis or north St. Louis County in 1864-65. In the last year of the Civil War, President Lincoln called for several additional draft quotas to be filled so as to prosecute the war to a conclusion. Aliens were exempt from the draft(s), but those seeking citizenship were quickly registered for it! However, many men paid bounties to other men to serve as their substitute" Within the past year, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has transferred its Record Group 110-Provost Marshal General Bureau materials for Missouri to the Central Plains Region branch in Kansas City. Using these materials, I have created a database of 1,714 substitutes from the northern parts of the city and county (First District) with another 1,714 names of men who engaged their services—often from the city and county as well, but almost as often from "out-of-state"... This database covers enrollments beginning in the Spring of 1864 and so will not cover those who joined up earlier—unless they were veterans who were signing up a second time. South St. Louis and South St. Louis County were in another district. The database will be made available in the near future through the St. Louis Genealogical Society <<http://www.stlgs.org>> and the NARA Central Plains Region <<http://www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city/>>. The St. LGS will also feature an article on the database (and the records from which it was constructed) in an upcoming issue of their Quarterly." The example Seyffert sent includes: Muster date--640827 (1864 August 27); Recruit name, Soystman, Franz (This man would appear to be German, but surnames are frequently open-to-question); Regt. Selected – Co. H. 1st Regt. Mo. Cav.; Accepted? –Acpt; Substitute name—Becker, Frederick (Given names were routinely Anglicized in these records—this could be Friedrich!); Substitute from—Sixth Ward (of St. Louis); and Recruit description—age 32 (Height will be given in the database if the man was over 5'10" or under 5'4", but descriptions of eyes, hair and complexion have not been included here.) For those seeking German ancestors it may take some "sleuthing" to arrive at a clearer picture...just bear in mind that spellings may vary widely. Seyffert includes a website you may want to search. It is the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors

System <<http://www.itd.mps.gov/cwss/index.html>> for any ancestors you think might have been engaged to fight. Gordon Seyffert, IGS member in Kansas City, Missouri

This message is to anyone who is about to give up on an ancestor. My first husband died not knowing where his Italian ancestors came from. My son went with me last year to the NARA office in Denver and found his great-grandfather on a Passenger List with the name of the town—regretfully, there are two towns in Italy with the name. More research will have to be done. This past week, I went to the Simi Valley, CA LDS Stake office where I had a gentleman help me. I wanted to find the 1930 Census with the Janecko family in PA. After that, he found him on a Passenger List. On this list he gives his ethnicity/nationality as Osterreich (Austrian). On the Registration Card in 1942 for the Draft, he gives the name of the place of birth and country as Czechoslovakia and they said Czechoslovakia when I met them. Today we went on Google and found a map of the town and extensive information about the area. Spis Castle nearby was built in the 12th Century. So keep at it. L.S.

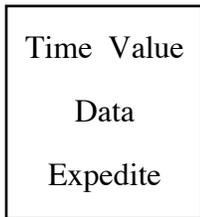
This information from our Microsoft MS-DOS User's Guide and Reference gives the following for putting in Umlaut' for a, e, i, o, u, and y. Hold down Alt key as you type in the following numbers: ä 132; ë 137; ï 139; ö 148; ü 129; ý 152. For capital Ä 142 and Ö 153, I don't know what you would do if you have an Apple. L.S.

The new re-opening of the LDS Genealogy Library in West Los Angeles has a new projected date. I inquired when I was at the Simi Valley, CA Stake this week and they have been informed it is now anticipated to re-open in the spring of 2010 instead of the fall of this year. L.S.

Are you one of the people who is doing scrapbooking or wants to do it and hasn't gotten started. An interesting article by Maureen Taylor in my DAR magazine tells about photo albums in the digital age. "...archiving your pictures in a scrapbook is a great way to guarantee that they will last a lifetime....Services like Inkubook offer a creative way to organize your pictures....Simply visit the Web site, upload your pictures and start building your personal memory book. Want to create a book for your child's wedding? Inkubook offers personalized backgrounds and page layouts to suit your taste. Plus, friends and family members can log into your account and write personal messages about the event. Printed on 100-pound archival-quality silk paper, your book is sure to stand the test of time. For more information, visit <www.inkubook.com> *American Spirit*—May/June 2009

Do you have a favorite Web site that you use and would like us to pass on to other members? We are always interested in what works for you. We try to find as much information as we can that we think will help you in your research. Send your information to Linda Stone <warrenstone@sbcglobal.net>

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The Week in Germany Nov 13, 2009

To see in full go to this site

<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/newsletter/The__Week__in__Germany/TWIG__091113,variant=issue.html>

to hear programs go to this site

<http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/__PR/P__Wash/2009/11/02__WTOP__PR.html>

Merkel, Gorbachev Retrace Steps of First East Berliners to Cross Wall - As Berlin celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Berlin Wall, Chancellor Angela Merkel walked across the bridge where it all began on November 9, 2009 with Mikhail Gorbachev, Lech Walesa and East German civil rights activists. Böse Brücke

Ambassador Scharioth Talks About His Memories of the Fall of the Wall - "At that time, I was at the United Nations in New York," Ambassador Scharioth said of November 9, 1989. "I watched the images of the fall of the wall together with my family that night on television – we were overjoyed and hugged each other."

Maine Governor Proclaims November 9 "Freedom Without Walls" Day - Maine Governor John E. Baldacci as issued an official proclamation declaring November 9, 2009 "Freedom Without Walls" Day in commemoration of the fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago on November 9th, 1989.

"We were there" - When the Wall Came down at the Böse Bridge in Berlin - It was the border crossing point at Bornholmer Straße where East German border guards, overwhelmed by the crowd of East Berliners hoping to enter West Berlin, stopped checking passports and effectively opened the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.

Foreign Policy - Continuity and New Focuses - Continuity in foreign policy is a tradition in German Governments, and one which Foreign Minister

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Westerwelle intends to follow. In his speech to the Bundestag, Westerwelle voiced a firm commitment to the transatlantic partnership.

Giving Germany New Strength - The new German government intends to kick off with a ruthlessly honest analysis of the serious economic and financial crisis. "And then we will draw the right consequences," Chancellor Merkel said in announcing a five-point plan to this end.

Jülich Neutron Scientists Inaugurate Unique Device in the USA - A unique large-scale research device from Germany's Forschungszentrum Jülich has just gone into operation in the United States.