



Germans from Russia Heritage Society
47th Annual International Convention
July 12-16, 2017

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center Bismarck, ND

Hosted by Dakota Pioneer Chapter of Germans from Russia Heritage Society

GRHS in the 21st Century

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM **GRHS Headquarters**, Bookstore & Library/Research Center Open at GRHS 1125 W. Turnpike Ave. Bismarck. www.grhs.org Free shuttle bus provided
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Convention Registration** at the Ramkota Inn 800 South 3rd Street

Explore Your German Heritage at the ND Heritage Center Located on the ND State Capital Grounds
<http://history.nd.gov>

ND Heritage Center Schedule of events: Free Admission

8:00 AM to 7:30 PM The Heritage Center/Museum exhibits and the Tri-County Tourism Alliance display, "**Women Behind the Plow**".

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM The State Archives open at the ND Heritage Center.

1:00 PM & 3:00 PM Heritage Center Staff are presenting **free workshops** on how to access and search the ND State Archives. **Archive will also be open Saturday July 16th 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

5:30 PM **Enjoy a genuine "homemade" German dinner** of Knoephla and Sausage with or without Sauerkraut and Kuchen hosted by the Dakota Pioneer GRHS Chapter. The dinner is in the Missouri River Center (inside west entrance) of the Heritage Center. **Please pre-register for the German meal on the convention registration form so adequate preparations can be made**

7:30 PM **The World Premiere of the new Prairie Public Documentary - "Das Gute Essen: Good Eating in German-Russian Country"**. Producers of the documentary are Prairie Public Broadcasting and the Tri-County Tourism Alliance. This will be shown in the Heritage Center Russell Reid Auditorium

Free Shuttle Transportation is available to GRHS Headquarters and the ND Heritage Center departing from the Ramkota Hotel Conference Center Lamborn Room. City maps are available at Hotels and Convention Registration.

Thursday, July 13, 2017

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Convention Registration Ramkota Inn
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Bookstore & Library/Research at GRHS Headquarters, 1125 W. Turnpike Ave., Bismarck Free shuttle bus provided
9:00 AM - 10:15AM Official Convention Opening Ceremony & Welcoming by Dignitaries.
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Workshops & Regional Interest Group (RIG) Meetings
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Lunch: Life Membership Certificate Presentations & Board Candidate Speeches
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Workshops and RIG Meetings

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Kuchen break: Lamborn Room, seating and tables provided
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Sing- A-Long & Social hour (Songbooks Provided)
6:30 PM -	Dinner: Board Candidate Speeches
	Entertainment: Hungry Five Band

Thursday Workshops:

Lives of Ethnic Germans in Soviet Exile During & After WWII - Nancy & Alex Herzog
 Great Humorous Stories and Jokes of Our German Relatives - Chuck Weisser
 Websites for Genealogical Research with Emphasis on the LDS Site - Ken Messmer
 My Parent's Story of Soviet Exile & Finding a New Life in Canada - Louise Wiens
 GR Farmers in Hutchinson County, SD Test 1st Amendment in WWI - Allyn Brosz
 German Russian Farming Before GMOs - Mark Halverson
 Letters from the Volga to Pauline (Schlegel) Lehl, 1913-1937 - Eric Schmaltz
 Ethnic Germans of Chortitza: Trading Identity for Survival - Erica Weidemann
 Beresan District Odessa Regional Interest Group Meeting - Valerie Stewart
 Bessarabia Regional Interest Group Meeting - Bernice Kimball
 Crimea Regional Interest Group Meeting - Matt Klee
 Germans from Prussia-Poland to Russia Regional Interest Group Meeting-Tom Stangl
 Grossliebental District Odessa Regional Group Meeting- Valerie Stewart
 Hoffnungstal Odessa Parish Regional Interest Group Meeting - Melvin Bender
 Kutschurgan (KRIG) Regional Interest Group Meeting - Dennis Roth
 Glückstal Colonies Research Association Annual Meeting - Duane Stabler

Friday, July 14, 2017

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Convention Registration Ramkota Inn
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Bookstore & Library/Research at GRHS Headquarters, 1125 W. Turnpike Ave., Bismarck (shuttle bus provided)
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Workshops & RIG Meetings
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	GRHS General Business Meeting, Election of Board of Directors
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch: Essay Awards
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Kuchen break: Lamborn Room, seating and tables provided,
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Sing- A-Long & Social hour, (songbooks provided)
6:30 PM -	Dinner: Height Literary Award and Lane Alton Nusz Awards: Live Portrayal of Martin Luther by Rev. Marv Mutzenburger

Friday Workshops:

Cooking the Traditional Sauerkraut and Knoephla Dinner – Marlene Adolf
 Growing Up German (Without Realizing It!) – Merv Weiss
 Using Maps to Enhance Your Genealogical Story – Susi Wickman
 Harper's Weekly, 1896: A Snapshot into GR Cultural Customs – Ann Braaten
 Date with Kate: Behind the Silk Curtains of Catherine the Great – Milt Ost
 Demographic Patterns Among the Bessarabian Germans – Burk Huey
 German Settlements in Dobrudscha – Allen Konrad
 GRHS 101-Who We Are/What We Do – Valerie Stewart
 Introduction to Genealogy – Suzi Wickman
 German-Russian History: An Overview – Bill Bosch
 Lives of Ethnic Germans in Soviet Exile During & After WWII – Nancy & Alex Herzog
 Ethnic Germans of Chortitza: Trading Identity for Survival – Erica Weidemann
 Voices of the Future Essay Readings – Cameron Nickolaus
 HFGR Annual & Informational Session – Ted Becker
 Kherson, Ekaterinoslav, Taurida (KET) Regional Interest Group Meeting

Arrive on Wednesday, do ancestry research at GRHS Headquarters, attend the activities at the ND Heritage Center, research the ND State Archives, eat a homemade German dinner, and view premier showing of "Das Gute Essen: Good Eating in German-Russian Country".

Friday Dinner
 Join us for the
 Live Portrayal of
 Martin Luther by
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Saturday, July 15, 2017

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Bookstore & Library/Research at GRHS Headquarters, 1125 W. Turnpike Ave., Bismarck (shuttle bus provided)
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Workshops & RIG Meetings
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Workshops & RIG Meetings
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch: Family History and Other Awards
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Kuchen break: Lamborn Room, seating and tables provided
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Workshops and RIG Meetings
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Sing- A-Long & Social hour (songbooks provided)
6:30 PM -	Dinner: Installation of Officers and Board of Directors
	Silent Auction Successful Bidders
	Keynote Speaker: Monsignor James P. Shea, President University of Mary

Saturday Workshops:

The Art of Making Plachinda - Myron Fischer
The Art of Making Kuchen - Marlene Adolf
GR Farmers in Hutchinson County, SD Test 1st Amendment in WWI - Allyn Brosz
My Parent's Story of Soviet Exile & Finding a New Life in Canada - Louise Wiens
Bergseite Kirche: Lifeblood of Volga German Colonies - Dr. LaVern Rippley
Experiencing the History of My Ancestors in the Kutschurgan Colonies - Father Bitz
Great Humorous Stories and Jokes of Our German Relatives - Chuck Weisser
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Town Hall Meeting - Valerie Stewart

Saturday Dinner
Our Keynote Speaker
Monsignor
James P. Shea
President of the
University of Mary

Workshop schedules are subject to change, check the www.grhs.org web site for changes and look for GRHS on [Facebook](#). The final schedule will be published in the Program Booklet available at registration.

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Prelude Music
9:00 AM	Memorial Service
	Passing of the Convention Torch
	Closing Remarks by GRHS President

Convention Meals

Thursday, July 13th

Lunch Menu Ramkota Deli Roast Beef - Tender sliced roast beef topped with cheddar, lettuce, tomato, served on a tavern bun, pickle spear and pasta salad, fresh fruit garnish, served with coffee/herbal teas.

Thursday, July 13th

Dinner Menu Chicken Cordon Bleu - Panko breaded chicken breast filled with ham and Swiss cheese, baked and topped with alfredo sauce, garden salad, rice pilaf, popover, bourbon glazed baby carrots, petite assorted gourmet cheesecakes, served with coffee/herbal teas.

Friday, July 14th

Lunch Menu Croissant Sandwich - Shaved black oak ham and Swiss cheese with lettuce and tomato on a buttery fresh croissant, pickle spear, fresh fruit garnish, and potato salad, served with coffee/herbal teas.

Friday, July 14th

Dinner Menu Ramkota Deli Roast Beef - Tender thin-sliced beef topped with our bordelaise sauce, popover, august salad, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetable, assorted cream pies, served with coffee/herbal teas.

Saturday, July 15th

Lunch Menu Grilled Chicken Sandwich - Marinated grilled chicken breast topped with Swiss cheese on a fresh tavern bun with lettuce, tomato and red onion, pickle spear and pasta salad, fresh fruit garnish, served with coffee/herbal teas.

Saturday, July 15th

Dinner Menu Marsala Pork Loin - 8oz slow roasted herb crusted pork loin topped with mushroom Marsala sauce, seasoned roasted red potatoes, popover, august salad, green peas, German chocolate cake, served with coffee/herbal teas.

Bismarck Hotel/Motel Listing

The Ramkota Best Western is GRHS Convention Headquarters

Special rates at the Ramkota Hotel are **\$99.00 per room**. When making reservations, please indicate you will be attending the GRHS Convention. **A block of rooms will be held until June 16, 2017.**

Lodging	Address	Room Price	Phone#
Ramkota Hotel Best Western	800 South 3 Street	\$99.00	701-258-7700

Motels within walking distance to convention headquarters

Expressway Suites	180 E. Bismarck Expressway	\$86.00	701-222-3311
Expressway Inn	200 E. Bismarck Expressway	\$86.00	701-222-2900
Fairfield Inn & Suites Bismarck South	135 Ivy Avenue		701-223-9293

Motels located south of I94

Americas Best Value Inn and Suites	1505 Interchange Avenue		701-223-8060
Budget Inn Express	122 E. Thayer Ave.		701-255-1450
Days Inn	1300 Capitol Avenue		701-223-9151
Hampton Inn & Suites	2020 Schafer St.		701-751-5656
Kelly Inn	1800 N. 12th Street		701-223-8001
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	2240 N. 12 th St.		701-751-3313
Radisson Hotel Bismarck	605 E. Broadway Ave.		701-255-6000
Ramada Bismarck	1400 E. Interchange Ave.		701-258-7000
Super 8 Motel Bismarck	1124 E. Capitol Avenue		701-255-1314

There are numerous other hotels. If you have a favorite please contact them directly

Campgrounds:

Bismarck KOA Campground -	3720 Centennial Road (north of Bismarck)	701-222-2662
Gen. Sibley Campground -	4 miles south of Bismarck	701-222-1844
Hillcrest Campground -	1½ miles east of Bismarck on County Rd. 10	701-255-4334
Ft. Lincoln State Park -	8 miles south of Mandan, ND, 4480 Fort Lincoln Road	701-667-6340

Parking of self-contained campers is available in the Ramkota Hotel NW parking lot. **701-258-7700**

There is a daily charge for electric hookup. Check at the hotel desk for more information

Bring your items for the Silent Auction. All auction proceeds go to the GRHS Endowment Fund.

The silent auction will be open for bids Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Successful bidders will be announced on Saturday evening.

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Registration Form

Please complete and mail the registration form with your check or credit card information for registration and meals to:

GRHS 2017 Convention
1125 West Turnpike Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58501-8115

Make checks payable to:
GRHS 2017 Convention
(US Funds only, please)

Meals must be selected with the registration form and cannot be selected for late registrants at the registration desk.

Pre-registration deadline is June 23, 2017. No refunds will be given after July 10, 2017.

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No registration fee is required for youths age 18 and under. Meals for youth are the same price.

Spouses of members pay member prices.

Please list each person separately. All children attending must also be listed. This information is needed for name badges. **Please Print Clearly.**

(1) Member _____ Life member paid in full _____ Non-member _____

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Ancestral Village: _____

Complete Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Chapter: _____

(2) Member _____ Life member paid in full _____ Non-member _____

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Ancestral Village: _____

Complete Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Chapter: _____

Note: Only the names and addresses of convention attendees pre-registering will be printed in the annual committee report booklet.

Volunteers: Please indicate where and when you want to volunteer: _____

Registration _____ Shuttle _____ Other _____ Day _____ Time _____

	Per Person		Number		Total Amount
Pre-registration (Members)	\$60.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Members)	\$70.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration (Non-members)	\$75.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Non-members)	\$80.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Thursday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Friday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Saturday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Wednesday German Dinner	\$15.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Lunch	\$13.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$26.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$13.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$26.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$13.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner	\$26.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed					\$ _____

Payment method: _____ Check (U.S. Funds only) _____ Credit Card (Master Card or Visa only)

 (Card Account Number) (Exp. Date) (Card verification number)

 (Names as it appears on the card) (Billing address if different than address given on registration)

 (Authorized signature)

If you have any special dietary needs or accessibility needs at the Ramkota Hotel, please indicate them below.

Please check your completed registration form for accuracy, make a copy for your own records, and mail your registration with payment to the address at the top of this form. Questions contact GRHS HQ at 701-223-6167.