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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

17 Sep  Colorado Chapter Pal-Am Seminar via ZOOM. Please see further information on page 4.
19 Sep  Pennsylvania Chapter Pal-Am Meeting, via teleconference. See page 3.
20-27 Sep  Pal-Am Family History Library Trip, Salt Lake City. See further information on pages 7 & 8.
3 Oct   Indiana Chapter Pal-Am Fall Meeting, Speaker Teresa Steinkamp McMillin. Please see page 3.
17 Oct  Colorado Chapter Pal-Am Fall via ZOOM. Please see further information on page 4.
24 Oct  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am Fall Meeting, further information on page 5.

2022!

Jun  Palatines to America National Conference, to be held in Denver, CO
     Date and further information to be announced.

NOTICE:
The Resource Center will remained closed until further notice due to the pandemic.
Check www.palam.org for update of re-opening.

2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE DONATIONS

Following are the members and groups that donated their deposit and/or costs to Palatines to America.

Deb Cyprych  Gary & Pam Martzolf  Carol Swinehart
Kathryn Drexler  Gina Moore  Becky Thornton
Andrea Glenn  Roberta Newcomer  Karen P. Zimmerman
Brian E. Hartzell  Lori Poch  Anonymous
Steve Hollands  Janet Rupert
Werner Margard  Grace A. Saatman
Kay Marica  Marsha Selmer
Ohio Chapter
Pennsylvania Chapter
Pennsylvania Chapter will conduct a teleconference membership meeting on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 1:15 PM

Details will follow in the next issue of Penn Pal, the chapter newsletter.

If you are a member of the Pennsylvania Chapter and have not received recent Penn Pal releases (issued via email, most recently on 19 June 2020), please contact our newsletter editor at thepennpalnewsletter@gmail.com. We want to make sure you receive full benefits of your membership.

We were finalizing plans for our annual conference to be held in October 2020 when COVID-19 hit. We put plans on hold and watched developments, until we sadly concluded that an in-person gathering could not happen this year. We plan to reschedule our program in 2021; I know we all hope that the virus is under control by then, and we can feel safe traveling and congregating.

The Indiana Chapter held our annual business meeting May 25 via Free Conference Call and were able to officially approve minutes and reports from our 2019 business meeting. In the event our spring meeting 2021 will also be a virtual meeting, we are already starting to plan how to handle the official business which will include voting for officers.

We are still planning a Fall Meeting October 3, 2020. This will be our first experience using Zoom (or other online conferencing application) for our meeting. Teresa Steinkamp McMillin will present four topics and also provide opportunities for questions and answers with the attendees.

The topics will be: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of German Military Records; He Took Her Name: Understanding German Farm names; Stymied by Stieglers: Solved Using Indirect Evidence; and So, You've Found Your German Town of Origin, Now What? Paid registrants will be able to access recorded versions of the presentations for five days following the event.

James Beidler will be our presenter for Spring 2021 on April 24, whether physically or virtually.
COLORADO CHAPTER
PAL-AM
FALL SEMINARS via ZOOM
Friday, September 18, 2020
Saturday, October 17, 2020

As the Denver Public Library may not be available for public events this fall due to the COVID-19 crisis, the CO PAL-AM Fall Seminar will be held as virtual presentations via ZOOM, featuring Kent Robinson. Kent Robinson is the past president of the Indiana Chapter, and the immediate past national president of Palatines to America. For the past 15 years he has researched his mother’s paternal ancestry in Germany, tracing them back to about 1530. He has attended the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, plus conducting research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and well as in Germany. He has served on the Executive Committee of the International German Genealogy Partnership and on the Board of Directors of the Indiana German Heritage Society.

Please note the NEW DATE for the FRIDAY presentation. On FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020, Mr. Robinson will present a lecture entitled Extend Your German Research - Websites to Locate Print Resources: WorldCat, Interlibrary Loan, Google Books, Internet Archive, PERSI, and others. This lecture will be FREE, but one must pre-register in order to receive the handouts. Even those without German ancestors would benefit from this presentation.

On SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020, Mr. Robinson will give five presentations on the Key Essentials of German Genealogy: Determining the Village of Origin, (30 min.) and German History and Geography (30 min.) Dies und Das (This and That) - a Variety of Useful Information Resources - Books and Websites Using Records in the Homeland. A complete printed copy of all the Power Point presentations, including an extensive bibliography, will be included in the registration fee and will be sent out to attendees prior to the Seminar. Complete registration information will be available in mid-July, 2020 NOTE: If you signed up for the cancelled Spring 2020 Seminar, your registration fee has been automatically transferred to this fall seminar, but you must re-register. Directions on how to access ZOOM and the lecture times will provided prior to the Seminar dates.

NEW YORK CHAPTER
PAL-AM
FALL MEETING
To Be Announced

The New York State chapter plans to have a fall meeting but in these uncertain times we are not yet ready to announce. We hope to schedule a fall in person meeting with a speaker and our fall-back plan will be to have an online meeting and presentation.

Further information to follow.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PALATINE PATTER - PLEASE READ!

We welcome articles and information related to Palatines to America and German Genealogy Research. Articles must be in one of the following formats: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, Adobe Illustrator, or an RTF file. Please note: many programs will allow you to save a file in an RTF format. JPG format is also acceptable.

PDF files are NOT acceptable. If you send a PDF, the quality will be poor and the type is usually fuzzy and hard to read.

We reserve the right to edit, shorten for space considerations or otherwise alter the articles submitted. We also reserve the right to refuse articles that are not suitable for this publication.
with Speaker Claire Gebben
Four Sessions:

Reading German Handwriting
A Hidden Heritage: German Immigrants to America
Creating a Legacy from Family Papers and Genealogy
For the Record: Writing Memoir and Family Stories

Claire Gebben is the author of a memoir and an historical novel and has had articles published in Your Genealogy Today (formerly Family Chronicle) and German Life magazines, among other publications. Her memoir How We Survive Here (2018) is the story of the discovery of several dozen letters written between 1841-1900 in Old German script by Claire’s ancestors, which propels her on a transatlantic quest to learn the truth about their lives. The memoir was honored as a finalist in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Claire’s novel The Last of the Blacksmiths (2014) is culled from those letters, based on the true story of German immigrant blacksmith Michael Harm, her great-great grandfather and co-owner of Cleveland’s Harm & Schuster Carriage Works. The Last of the Blacksmiths has been named a Notable Book at Cleveland State University’s Michael Schwartz Library, and Book of the Month by the German American Heritage Foundation. Claire worked in desktop publishing, ghostwriting, and communications before quitting her day job to write full time. An adventurer at heart, she enjoys hiking, bicycling, and even on occasion, blacksmithing. Currently, she’s working on an historical novel about Highland Scots immigrants to Ohio. More info at: http://clairegebben.com.

Seminar will be held at Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 Jefferson Ave, US Route 42, Plain City, OH 43064
Fees include syllabus, seminar sessions, vendor showcase, Der Dutchman pastries, coffee and juice for breakfast and full Buffet lunch (Broasted Chicken and Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Noodles, Stuffing, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert).

Questions? Please email Loripoch@yahoo.com

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Use Pay Pal online at the website:
https://oh-palam.org/registernow.php
or make check payable to Ohio Chapter – Pal-Am
and mail with registration form to:

Registration
c/o David Kuhns
115 S. Virginia Lee Road
Columbus, OH 43209

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE – October 1, 2020
PAL-AM MEMBER: $45.00 EACH NON-MEMBER: $55.00 EACH
REGISTRATION AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2020
PAL-AM MEMBER: $55.00 EACH NON MEMBER: $65.00 EACH
No refunds for cancellation after October 15, 2020
NAME: ___________________________________MEMBER#____
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SURNAMES I AM RESEARCHING: PLEASE LIST FOUR SURNAMES:
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Please copy this form to use for additional registrations!
THE HARVEY HARSH AWARD

KENT ROBINSON

The Harvey Harsh Award is the highest award that Pal-Am grants and it is presented for dedication to the high standards set by the late Harvey Harsh, third National President of Pal-Am, 1979 to 1981, who through his many years of devotion, loyalty, and service to our organization set an example of dedication which remains our ideal. The recipient of the 2020 Harvey Harsh Award is Kent Robinson.

Kent is a person of many skills and selfless dedication, both on a personal and organizational level. After several years as an active member on the National Governing Board of Palatines to America German Genealogical Society, he is presently serving as Past President of the National Governing Board.

Previously, as President of the Board, Kent took immediate action to organize a retreat for all Board members in Columbus, OH, August 26-28, 2016. For this he arranged a professional facilitator to consider the Mission Statement and the Vision for Pal-Am. Kent, as his schedule allowed, visited a chapter meeting of all but one and encouraged their work as part of the overall organization. He also has initiated Governing Board meetings to be held by tele-conferencing, allowing participation to a fuller extent without travel restrictions.

In addition to his Board presidency, Kent served as the Pal-Am representative in the formation of the International German Genealogical Partnership (IGGP, formerly GAGP). He was a leader in planning the first IGGP Conference held in July 2017, in Minneapolis, MN, and he continues to serve as the Pal-Am Representative to IGGP. Kent is also an active member of the Indiana German Heritage Society, Indiana Genealogical Society, Indiana Historical Society and Genealogical Society of Marion County (IN).

To improve his German genealogy skills, Kent has taken courses at Salt Lake City, Chicago, and participated in submersive German studies at the Göthe Institut in Schwäbisch Hall, Baden-Württemberg. He applies the knowledge he gained by helping others learn more about their German speaking ancestors. Kent regularly attends conferences offered by IGGP, NGS, FGS and Midwestern Roots (sponsored by Indiana Historical Society). He can usually be found at the Pal-Am vendor table answering questions about German ancestors for conference attendees.

While a major portion of Kent’s time is given to National Pal-Am concerns, he remains an integral part of the Indiana Chapter. He has served as president and is currently membership chair and editor of the newsletter, Indiana Palatines. He has recently instituted the chapter’s new Collaborative Learnings Series of workshops.

In conclusion, we believe that Kent Robinson has not only the ability to always add a positive presence to current issues for Pal-Am but to also envision an important future role for the National Society in the years to come. His work as chair of the recently appointed Transition Team serves as an example of his continuing service. Kent is a most humble and deserving recipient of the Harvey Harsh Award.

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PALATINES TO AMERICA
NATIONAL AWARDS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

JEAN WEST (COLORADO CHAPTER): MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Colorado Chapter has nominated Jean West for a Meritorious Service Award.
Jean joined the Colorado Chapter Board of Directors as an At Large member in 2015 and then became Vice President and Program Chair in 2016. For the past four years, Jean has done a fabulous job organizing the twice yearly seminars and occasional additional programming. She handles all communication with the speaker, from the initial contact through the final send off at the airport following the seminar. Jean coordinates all logistical details with the seminar venue, from room layout and seating to A/V, as well as all hotel, meals and transportation arrangements for the speaker. She prepares the registration flyers and handles numerous other task, large and small. Through it all, Jean has a keen attention to detail and makes it all look easy.

In addition to her program chair duties, Jean is responsible for mailing the Chapter newsletter twice a year to those who request a paper copy, and she is in regular contact with the member who does all of our electronic communications and eblasts, as well as our membership registrar, to make sure our mail and electronic distribution lists stay current.
Colorado Chapter could not have functioned without Jean’s loyalty and hard work over the last five years and her service to the Chapter has truly been “meritorious”.

JAYNE DAVIS (OHIO CHAPTER): MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Jayne has been a speaker with the Ohio Chapter’s Speakers Bureau from its beginning. She has lectured to organizations on the average of four a year. Although she receives a nominal fee, she has gone out of her way to travel all over Ohio and has given up family time whenever needed.

Jayne has appeared on panels to explain the Pal-Am organization. Jayne is always ready to promote the organization and help sell our books when asked. She has gained a reputation over the state from her lectures and assisted in helping the Ohio Chapter membership grow.

CHARLENE LOISEAU (PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER): MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Charlene is Recording Secretary of the Pennsylvania Chapter. For more than a year, Charlene was the one person who held the Chapter together. In 2018-2019, when the chapter had no president and no vice president, Charlene stepped in to over some of the duties of these position when necessary.

Charlene first joined the Chapter Board in 2012 as Membership Registrar, a position she held until 2017 when she became Recording Secretary. Throughout her tenure on the Board Charlene has stepped into whatever gaps developed. She served as acting editor for the Penn Pal newsletter for about five years, soliciting articles about Pennsylvania German research, fraktur, traditions, and culture; formatting the material into an interesting and appealing document that benefited Chapter members. She worked with the National web gurus to learn how to post material in the Chapter’s section on the National website and kept their information updated. Charlene also took preliminary steps to create an online presence for the Chapter, securing a domain name and creating a placeholder website. For several years she worked closely with the committee that planned our annual Chapter meetings and conferences.

Most importantly, during the previous year when the Chapter was without a president or vice president, Charlene kept the Chapter going. She initiated communications about issues that required action or decision and conducted Board votes via e-mail. She reminded the officers about deadlines and reports that were due. Without her commitment and behind the scenes organizing, the Chapter might have folded.

Charlene’s dedication to the Chapter and hard work on its behalf deserve recognition and acknowledgment.

BRUCE ROMANCHAK (NEW YORK CHAPTER): MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Bruce is the President-Elect of the New York Chapter. He has developed a great expertise in the area of DNA, and he has used his knowledge to create a Facebook page called Palatinate German DNA and Ancestry. This Facebook page enables members to use their DNA results on GEDMatch to potentially connect with other members who all share 17th and 18th century Palatine ancestry, mostly in New York and Pennsylvania. This page has 1,861 pages and is constantly growing. It has opened incredible opportunities for communication and connections among descendants of those immigrants to America. Bruce has devoted incredible time and energy to provide this amazing forum to Palatine descendants and we thank Bruce with this award.
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**PALATINES TO AMERICA**  
**NATIONAL AWARDS**  

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

**Dr. Donald Heinrich Tolzmann**

Dr. Tolzmann is an author and editor of numerous books on German-American history and culture. He served as Curator of the German-Americana Collection and Director of German-American Studies at the University of Cincinnati.

For 20 years Dr. Tolzmann has been on the editorial review board for the *Palatine Immigrant*. He has written many articles about German Americans, German places of interest, and German culture. He willingly shares his expertise on Cincinnati Germans and landmarks. He is available as a speaker; in fact he was scheduled to speak at the 2020 National Conference! We are proud to claim him as a member and we thank him for all he does for Palatines to America.

**Garry Finkell**  
**Gina Moore**  
**Grace Saatman**

Gary, Gina and Grace received Certificates of Appreciation for their service as members of the National Board.

**Thomas Gerke**

Tom Gerke received his Certificate of Appreciation for chairing the 2020 Nominating Committee.

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**KOCHERTHAL CIRCLE**

The Kocherthal Circle recognized Ron Planck, who has adhered to the high standards of genealogical proof for seven ancestors who were with the 1710 German immigrants:

- Johanis Engel  
- George Saltsman  
- John Philipp Peter Wagner  
- John Nicholas Hornich  
- Jacob Bast  
- Johan Jost Laux  
- John Jacob Caputcher.

In addition to these seven, Mr. Planck has also completed applications for 38 other settlers arriving in the 1710 era. Mr. Planck has received a certificate for each of these ancestors. Congratulations on your hard work!
**PRESIDENT'S CORNER** Continued

The Pal-Am Annual Membership Meeting which was slated to be held during the Conference was changed to a virtual meeting using FreeConferenceCall.com. On Saturday, May 23, about 50 members braved the unknown and joined our meeting. Gary Martzolf, Pal-Am Treasurer, presented the 2020 budget which the membership passed. Thomas Gerke, presented the slate of officers to be elected. There were no nominations from the floor. The results of the election were Roberta Newcomer, President; Susan Spangler, Corresponding Secretary; and Kay Mariea, Director-at-Large. All are two-year terms. I am looking forward to my second and final term now that I think I know what my role is!

At the conclusion of the Annual Membership Meeting, Kent Robinson received the Harvey Harsh Award in acknowledgement of all his achievements and service to Pal-Am. I am so grateful for Kent’s input and insight during my first term as President. Thanks to Mary Hess for chairing the 2020 Awards. The names of all those honored with awards during the meeting appear on pages 6-8.

Our 45th Anniversary Fund Drive continues under the leadership of Board Member John Harder with the help of Corresponding Secretary Susan Spangler. Check out the list of donors on page 4. If your name is not there, it can be added for the October Patter by making a $45 donation to Pal-Am before September 15.

Two state Chapters have new Presidents elected this spring. Chris Paris became President of Colorado Chapter in April and Bruce Romanchak became President of New York Chapter in May. A big “thank you” to outgoing Presidents Gina Moore and Garry Finkell. Three Chapters – Colorado, Indiana and New York have decided to hold virtual meetings for their Fall seminars in October.

The Transition Team under the leadership of Kent Robinson continues to pursue affordable office space in the Columbus area for the Resource Center and our holdings. Our goal is to vacate the present site by December. If you have suggestions regarding a potential site, please contact Kent at nekero@aol.com

Just a reminder that our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Membership Registrar Karen Zimmerman began accepting 2021 memberships on began July 1. The new address for memberships is P.O. Box 531096, Indianapolis, IN 46253.

Stay healthy!

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**RESOURCE CENTER - TRANSITION TEAM REPORT**

In the last issue of *The Palatine Patter* there was an article announcing the Transition Team to assess the possibility of either downsizing the current Resource Center (office of the national headquarters) or closing it and also creating a plan to deal with all of the paper files that have been accumulated over our 45 year history.

In mid-June, we attended a webinar hosted by the Ohio History Connection regarding digitization projects. This was the first of a four-part series that will conclude in late August. On June 24, the contents of each individual file folder were reviewed. These had been previously inventoried only by title. Contents of the file folders were not consistent with the labeling and numerous papers had not been filed - even some dating back 20 years. Unfortunately what was discovered caused a reevaluation of the entire digitization project. It seems appropriate to review all of the individual file folders to organize them both in content and chronological order prior to fully implement a digitization project. This recommendation will be presented to the Transition Team for approval and will also be compared with guidelines presented in the upcoming session presented by the Ohio History Connection.

Another group has begun a search for alternative office space and storage space to hopefully meet our needs but also save a significant amount of money. Several locations have already been viewed and there are plans to view others.

All this activity will be coordinated and completed within the next six months as our current lease expires on December 31. Wish us luck!

Submitted by Kent Robinson, Transition Team coordinator
Includes 7 nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (Sun. thru Sat.)—adjacent to the Family History Library. Travel to and from Salt Lake City is at each registrant’s arrangement and expense.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday-Saturday: 8 AM – 9 PM  
Sunday: 1 PM – 5 PM (first floor only)
The International Desk has a staff of experts in German genealogy who can assist with reading microfilmed or digitized German records. Orientation, library classes, daily guidance and sharing with group members, and more.

Nearby restaurants, large shopping mall, specialty shops, historic sites, Temple Square, et. al.

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**Registration:**
Deluxe Double Queen: $495 per person [includes taxes]  
Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: $915 [includes taxes]  
Standard King: $835 [includes taxes]  
*Non-members of Pal-Am: add $50 per person to above rates*

**Hotel block of rooms is limited; first come, first served.**
Deposits refunded in full until June 15; $50 service fee afterwards.

**Balance due July 31.** Fees do not include parking at the hotel, meals, or transportation costs. Written confirmation, with additional information will be sent to registrants.

Questions? Contact: Group Leader, Kent Robinson at nekero@aol.com  
Make checks payable to Palatines to America.
Mail to: Karen Zimmerman, 7427 Bramblewood Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46254

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IN MEMORIAM
CLARA HICKOX HARSH

Clara May Hickox Harsh, 101, b. October 1, 1918 in Oxford, Ohio, died June 24, 2020, in Monroe, North Carolina, surrounded by her family and with the assistance of Hospice. She was the second of four children to Jay G. Hickox and Lura G. Morrow. She received her Bachelors Degree from Hiram College and a degree in Medical Technology from The Ohio State University. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Robert C. Harsh MD and a son, Robert C. Harsh Jr., her brothers Charles H. Hickox and Elmer J. Hickox, and a sister Emma Hickox Crawford. She is survived by 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

Clara and Robert were members of First Congregational Church in Columbus for many years, where they established a music fund. In Beaufort, South Carolina, they were members of First Presbyterian Church. In Cincinnati, Clara joined Knox Presbyterian Church.

Clara and Robert found great joy in genealogy, and joined and became involved with many organizations to assist in that pursuit, including Palatines to America, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sacramento German Genealogy Society, Ohio Genealogy Society, National Genealogy Society, the Society for German American Studies, Max Kade Institute, Ohio Historical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, New England Historic Genealogy Society. She particularly enjoyed the Palatines to America trips to Salt Lake City to research in the Family History Center there.

For Palatines to America, her contributions were many and varied. She served on National Conference Committees in 1981, 1985, 1993, 1999, 2003, 2008, and 2014. In 1993 she was the Program Chair of the National Conference held at the Fawcett Center in Columbus.

1981 Speaker at the Nat'l Conference
1991 and 1992 Received the National Citation Award
1994 Clara and Husband Robert Received Harvey Harsh Award
2000 Instigated the Harsh Library Fund
2002 Certificate of Appreciation
2006 Award for 18 years of Dedicated Service.
She was President of Pal-Am in 2000-2002.

She instituted the very successful Kocherthal Circle, a lineage group for the descendants of the 1710 immigrants arriving in America.

She was an avid reader, and wrote book reviews for over 35 years for The Palatine Immigrant, the juried journal for Palatines to America.

She and her husband Robert contributed over 300 books and records to the Palatines to America Library over a period of years, including a full set of the Pennsylvania Archives.

During the mid 1990's, Clara and Robert held free monthly workshops at various libraries, Capital University, Grandview Heights Library and Columbus Metro Library.

She was an avid supporter of her family and friends, and encouraged each one to pursue their dreams.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in her name to Hospice of Union County, (700 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110) or the charity of your choice. Memorial donations may be sent to Palatines to America, PO Box 141260, Columbus, OH 43214.
2021 IGGP CONFERENCE IN CINCINNATI CANCELLED

In a mailing list message sent on June 4, it was announced that “the 2021 International German Genealogy Conference, originally scheduled to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, next July, is being canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.”

The board of the International German Genealogy Partnership, as well as that of the host Hamilton County Genealogical Society, shares the disappointment felt by all. The list of projected speakers and programs, along with other activities in a city known for its German heritage, promised to provide an outstanding weekend for participants.

The decision was driven by the uncertain health, economic and travel conditions likely to continue into next year.

Given that uncertainty, the financial risks of planning a major international conference were too great to continue. About 1,000 people were expected to attend.

There was discussion about turning the 2021 conference into a virtual event, but that was not deemed logistically feasible for an all-volunteer organization, especially when added to the desire to continue the previous theme of “Connections” with an in-person conference.

IGGP previously held international conferences in 2017 and 2019. It will now look to 2023, when it is hoped progress against the pandemic will provide more certainty for planning and a greater comfort level for participants. An announcement will be made at the appropriate time.

This decision was based on circumstances specific to the IGGC; partner societies are encouraged to evaluate their own plans for 2021 based on what is appropriate in their area at that time.

This announcement was followed over the next few days by numerous comments from liaisons of partner societies indicating that they felt 2023 was too long to wait and questioned why a conference could not be held in 2022. On June 8 a clarification regarding the cancellation was disseminated providing additional context around the challenges of planning an in-person conference in a pandemic world. Those included financial, economic, travel, and health issues.

In regard to the feasibility of providing that conference as a virtual event, the statement indicated that “We all recognize that gaining experience with virtual tools is a must. But one of the appeals of the IGGP conference, mentioned repeatedly, is the opportunity to make connections outside the presentation room. We need to learn how to reproduce that experience in a virtual world.”

In light of all of the feedback indicating a desire to hold an IGGP conference in 2022, the IGGP board is taking that under consideration and has asked member societies for ideas and input. The next conference calls in the U.S. are on July 16 and September 17. Knowing the amount of planning involved in having a successful conference, I would expect a firm decision to be made no later than the September meeting.

A GENTLE REMINDER:

As of July 1, we are entering our membership renewal season. It would be extremely helpful if current members renew sooner rather than later to minimize the cost (and energy) of sending multiple notices. You can either mail in a print copy of the membership form [on page 16] or renew online. New members who join now receive the benefits of membership through September 30, 2021. If you would like printed membership brochures to hand out to prospective members, let me know. –Karen Zimmerman, membership@palam.org
IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES ROBERT "BOB" DELAHUNT

Charles Robert "Bob" Delahunt, 93, of Galesburg, Illinois, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, after a short illness.

Bob was a long-time member of Palatines to America and he and his wife Mary Lou led many research trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Bob was always a friendly face on those trips.

He was born August 1, 1926, in Fowlkes, Tennessee, the son of William Marcus and Olive Margaret "Sue" (Myers) Delahunt. Bob came to Avon upon the death of his father to live with his maternal grandfather, Frank P. Myers, and graduated from Avon High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy (USNR) from 1944 to 1946 during World War II, assigned to the USS Watseka, Harbor Tug in Saipan, being promoted from seaman to coxswain.

Bob returned to Avon, post military service, before enrolling in Western Illinois University, first to receive a bachelor's degree in history and biology (1950), followed with a master's degree in education, and finally a Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) Administration Degree. Starting in 1950, he taught school in Bushnell for one year, Avon for five years, and then served as the principal at Abingdon Grade School for the next 23 years, retiring in 1979, to begin raising cattle and farming full time for another 23 years, before truly retiring by moving to Galesburg. He was also active in local sports leagues, an avid sportsman, and was a school sports official for football and basketball.

Bob married Mary Lou Kington on Dec. 27, 1965, in Roseville. They discovered they enjoyed researching their ancestry, which led them to traveling to historic sites in the USA and abroad. He was a life member of Illinois Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Abingdon American Legion, Galesburg Veterans Foreign Wars, National Education Association, Avon Federated Church and Avon Harmony Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Lou; one son, grandson, and brother. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, daughter, brother, and sister.

Memorials may be made to Abingdon-Avon Public Schools Foundation in care of Jim Davis, treasurer, 500 W. Latimer St., Abingdon, IL 61410. Memorial donations may also be sent to Palatines to America, PO Box 141260, Columbus, OH 43214. Online condolences may be made at www.h-p-w.com.
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BOHNEN-SALAT MIT SPECK
BEAN SALAD WITH BACON

1-1/2 lbs Green Beans
2 Onions, diced
2 oz. Bacon
3 T. Oil
4 T. Vinegar
Salt & Pepper

Wash, clean and chop the beans. Boil in a saucepan with salted water for 10 minutes. Lightly fry the bacon, remove and add diced onions to the bacon fat and cook until translucent. Place the beans and bacon in a bowl. Add the onions to the bowl, pour oil and vinegar over them and season with salt and pepper.

Source: "Pfalz, Sehenswertes, Dialekt und Rezepte", a gift from Professor Dr. Karl H. Danner to Becky Thornton, Palatine Immigrant Editor.

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GURKEN-SALAT
GERMAN CUCUMBER SALAD

2 large Cucumbers, sliced thin
1/2 Onion, sliced thin
1 t. salt
1/2 c. sour cream
2 T. sugar
2 T. white vinegar
1 t. dried dill
1 t. dried parsley
1 t. paprika

Spread sliced cucumbers and onions on a platter; season with salt and let rest for 30 minutes. Squeeze excess moisture from cucumbers.

Stir together sour cream, sugar, vinegar, dill, and parsley in a large bowl. Fold cucumber and onion slices into the sour cream mixture. Refrigerate 8 hours to overnight; garnish with paprika to serve.
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