Our Mission
- to promote interest in the research and study of all German-speaking peoples who migrated to the Americas.
- to exchange and preserve information relating to the history and culture of German-speaking families.
- to provide appropriate methods, tools, and resources to assist members in achieving their research goals.
- to encourage fellowship among members.

Our Vision
- to be recognized as a growing and vibrant family history society that focuses upon researching German-speaking people.

PRESIDENT’S CORNER
Roberta Newcomer
palampresm@gmail.com

Fall is a busy time for Pal-Am and the State Chapters and I am trying to keep up with all the goings on. My September/October calendar is full with German Genealogy activities.

The International German Genealogy Partnership held a Leadership Week-End virtually on Oct. 3 & 4. Our National Representatives were Kent Robinson, Garry Finkell and Tom Gerke. I am pleased that, in addition, representatives from all state chapters attended. Discussions included plans for the 2021 IGGP conference. Watch this space for more information as plans develop in the future.

In September the Pal-Am Governing Board met and decided that we would sign a one-year contract for the current Resource Center site. COVID-19 put us behind and another year will give the Transition Team time to develop and implement a realistic timeline for downsizing.

Kent Robinson and I have completed the three-part series on digitization of records provided by the Ohio Historical Connection. As we move into the downsizing phase, we are going to need volunteers who are willing (Continued on page 8)

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24 Oct  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am Fall Meeting, via ZOOM. Speaker Clair Gebben, Session 1. Further information on page 5.


24 Oct  Sacramento German Genealogy Society Virtual Fall Seminar, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
        Please see page 10.

31 Oct  Ohio Chapter Pal-Am Fall Seminar, Speaker Clair Gebben, Session 2. Please see further information on page 5.

2021

24 Apr  Indiana Chapter Pal-Am Spring Meeting, with Speaker James Beidler. Details to follow.

12-18 Sep  Pal-Am FHL Research Trip - Save the Date! Please see page 9.

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.

WHO’S WHO IN PAL-AM

We are starting a new column to highlight and thank our volunteers. If you know of an outstanding volunteer that you would like to see recognized in this column, please contact Lynn Patterson, Patter Editor, at palampatter@gmail.com.
COLORADO CHAPTER
PAL-AM
FALL SEMINAR via ZOOM
Saturday, October 17, 2020

The CO PAL-AM Fall Seminar, part 2, 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.

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. Register at www.palam.org in the Colorado section.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
You are perfect for this role:

Publicity Chair – Organize and distribute upcoming event information as needed. If interested, contact Roberta Newcomer at palampresrn@gmail.com

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NEW YORK CHAPTER
PAL-AM
FALL MEETING
Saturday, October 17th &
Saturday, October 24th

Dr. Lacopo has been honing his genealogy research skills since 1980 and since 1991 he has pursued it full-time as a profession. He has contributed to numerous periodicals, appeared in USA Today and has lectured at many national and international conferences. His interests and strengths include Mennonite, German, and Swiss research. Topics he will be speaking on are appropriate for beginner and novice genealogists. He is excited to be presenting his updated lectures to us, view him here at https://youtu.be/lPhoiPpPlDc

This conference will be conducted via ZOOM, a link will be emailed to you prior to the meeting start. Times are in Eastern Standard Time (EST).

October 17 AGENDA:
10:45 AM – Moderator opens participant log in
11:00- 11:30 AM – NY chapter membership meeting
11:30 – 12:30 PM – Methods for Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants
12:30 – 1:00 PM- Break
1:00 - 2:00 PM – Finding & Using German Church Records

October 24 AGENDA:
10:45 AM – Moderator opens participant log in
11:00 -12:00 PM – How to overcome brick walls in German American Research
12:00 – 12:30 PM – Break
12:30 – 1:30 PM – The German Immigrant Experience in the 18th Century

There will be time for Q&A after each lecture.

For questions, please email: Palamny@gmail.com

Several days prior to the date(s) you registered for, you will receive via email a link to ZOOM and the handouts.

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OHIO CHAPTER
PAL-AM
FALL SEMINARS via ZOOM
Saturday, October 24, 2020
Saturday, October 31, 2020

WITH SPEAKER CLAIRE GEBBEN
Due to COVID-19 we have made the decision to host our Fall Seminar virtually on two different Saturdays. Cost will be $20 for each day or $35 if you register for both.

OCTOBER 24th:
Reading German Handwriting
A Hidden Heritage: German Immigrants to America

OCTOBER 31st:
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.

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https://oh-palam.org/registernow.php
The Colorado Chapter of Pal-Am continues to adapt to the challenges of our times. As with so many other genealogical societies, our meetings and seminars have moved to virtual venues. Our Spring Seminar was completely cancelled as COVID began to explode in March. We moved the Annual Meeting scheduled for that seminar, our May board meeting and all other subsequent meetings and presentations to Zoom for the foreseeable future. It was fortuitous that the national organization recently subscribed to its own Zoom system and our chapter was the first to use the system for our Fall Seminar. The seminar was rescheduled into two parts, separated by one month, to prevent virtual overload by the attendees.

Kent Robinson was our fall speaker for Part 1 - a two-hour session on September 18 about “Using Websites to Locate Print Resources”. Seventy-six participants attended. Kent was particularly helpful, as was our web host Jerry Schaefer (CO Pal-Am treasurer), in learning to use the system and navigating the technical aspects of live virtual broadcasting. Using the virtual format allowed many participants from other parts of Colorado and other states to attend that normally would not have been able to do so, had it been an in-person venue. Post-seminar comments were virtually all positive.

Kent will also be the speaker for Part 2 of the Fall Seminar on Saturday, October 17 (9:30 AM - 12 Noon and 2:00 - 4:00 PM MDT). Those wishing to register for Part 2 may do so using links in the Colorado Chapter section of the Pal-Am website.

It is with sadness that we report the impending retirement of James Jeffrey, Genealogy Collection Specialist in the Genealogy and Western History Department of the Denver Public Library (DPL). James has had a long relationship with numerous genealogical organizations and genealogical researchers in Denver and the Front Range of Colorado, including the Colorado Chapter of Pal-Am. Our chapter has donated books, journals and newsletters to DPL in consultation with James over several decades, notably two multi-volume book series by Kevan Hansen of church parish maps from Germany (59 volumes) and Switzerland (14 volumes) and a complete set (28 volumes) of German Immigrants in American Church Records edited by Roger Minert. CO Pal-Am is proud to have contributed to the development of the DPL German genealogy collection that has helped make Denver Public Library the top genealogy research library between St. Louis and the West Coast. James will be sorely missed as a regional genealogical resource and colleague.

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We are pleased to announce two new board members for the Indiana Chapter. Stephen Van Bibber is taking over the position of Newsletter Editor. He is from and currently lives in Evansville, Indiana and has a BA in German and French and an MA in Applied Linguistics. He recently received the PLCGS (Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies) from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies in Toronto and is now developing the skills necessary for receiving certification as a genealogist.

Pat Rogers is joining our board as a new Director-At-Large. Pat has been an active member of the Wabash Valley (IN) Genealogy Society since 2004. She is currently co-chair of the Program and Education Committee for the Society. She is also a member of the Indiana Genealogical Society, Vigo County (IN) Historical Museum, Kentucky Historical Society, Nelson County (KY) Genealogy Society, Dubois County (IN) Genealogy Society and the Germanic Genealogy Society. She has been a helpful volunteer at Indiana Chapter meetings and we look forward to her participation on our board.

We can finally report that our new chapter website is now live at https://inpalam.org. It is still in early stages of development and we plan to add to the content over the next several months.

Our fall meeting with Teresa Steinkamp McMillin October 3 was our first experience using Zoom. We have decided that our spring meeting April 24 with James Beidler will also be a virtual meeting.

PALATINES TO AMERICA DONATIONS & GIFTS
The following people have made a donation to Pal-Am in memory of Clara H. Harsh
Bonnie Everhart
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Becky Thornton

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.
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to be trained to scan files and/or index the contents of the digitized files. Let me know if you’d like to help.

As you know our 2020-2021 membership year has kicked off and Karen Zimmerman reported to the Board that renewals are flowing in. Thanks to those who renewed for your continued support and loyalty to Pal-Am. I encourage those who have not renewed to do so now so you will not miss any of our upcoming publications. To all, remember to help us celebrate our 45th Anniversary with a donation.

The State Chapters have planned wonderful seminars for this Fall and I hope you have been able to, or are registered to, attend one or more of these learning opportunities. All the Chapters plus National have ZOOM capabilities, thanks to Kent Robinson and Vern Erickson. The benefit is that, no matter where you live, you can attend a Chapter event!

In other Chapter news:

- Colorado Chapter was the first to host a Zoom webinar in September. Treasurer Jerry Shaefer and Secretary Gina Moore spent time and effort to ensure smooth sailing for speaker Kent Robinson.
- Indiana Chapter has developed a website. Check it out at inpalam.org.
- Ohio Chapter has a new President. Vice President Lori Poch assumed the presidency after Linda Dietrich’s resignation due to health reasons. Linda is featured in our first “Who’s Who in Pal-Am” column below.
- Pennsylvania Chapter held elections at the Annual Membership Meeting in September. The results are Janet Rupert, President; Diane Nielson, Vice President; Charlene Louseau, Secretary; Marsha Deisbach Falconer, Stanley Yon and Ken Shuck; Members-At-Large.

Stay safe and well! I hope to see you at future seminars and meetings.

**WHO'S WHO IN PAL-AM**

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“The Queen of Everything from the Queen City”

Just about everybody in Pal-Am knows or has heard of Linda Dietrich. She has played so many roles in this organization in the past ten years that there was hardly a time when she was not in charge of something. You probably know her from her most recent role as co-chair of the ill-fated 2020 National Pal-Am Conference slated for her hometown of Cincinnati.

But previously, as Treasurer of Ohio Chapter, she ran the Bookstore, schlepping books to the vendor tables of genealogical societies all over Ohio and beyond. When a member shared an idea for T-shirt with a German map and the wording, “My ancestors lived here,” Linda found a place to make the T-shirts and she added them to the vendor table. She also found time to edit the works of Pal-Am founder Arta Johnson, Ernie Thode and others, creating “An Eight Step Self-Study Course in German Genealogy Research” series as a fund-raiser. Of course, these were added to the vendor table.

When the International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP) was founded, Linda was there at their first conference in Minneapolis and brought the vendor table to the second IGGP conference in Sacramento.

In the meantime, Linda was Secretary for the Pal-Am National Board for four years. She also served as Vice President and President of Ohio Chapter in more recent years. Using her background in acting to spice up meetings, she wore a golden crown to seminars, becoming known as “The Queen of Everything.”

Hats off to Linda for being volunteer extraordinaire!
2021 PAL-AM FHL RESEARCH TRIP - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Pal-Am Family History Library Research Trip tentatively will be September 12-18, 2021. This year’s trip was obviously a casualty of COVID-19. As the pandemic started in mid-March there were a few people who had already signed up and paid for the trip. Another made a deposit in mid-April. However, there weren’t any additional registrants afterwards. Over a period of time each cancelled with the exception of the one who had only paid a deposit. He was informed on August 1 that this year’s trip was cancelled, although that would have been the ultimate outcome since the library is still not open.

Here’s hoping that all of this pandemic will be history a year from now. We will all look forward to spending many hours looking at microfilm and other genealogy resources in Salt Lake City and many other archives after being mostly homebound for possibly a year or more.

Details will appear in the January 2021 issue of The Palatine Patter.

RESOURCE CENTER – TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

Since the last report we have looked at about five different potential offices in a desire to downsize our space and save money on rent. Our current lease that expires at the end of the year requires us to give the landlord a 90 day notice of intent to not renew. The Transition Team met in mid-September via Zoom to discuss our options - remain in the current Resource Center or move to one of two offices that seemed to present the best opportunity.

In the weeks prior to this our treasurer had contacted the landlord to at least let her know that we were considering a move and to see if she would be willing to lower our rent for the upcoming year. She did offer us a one-year lease at a rather substantial reduction in rent.

So after evaluating and comparing the costs of the three spaces based on rent plus utilities, paying double rent for three months, and the cost to move, it turned out to be financially more expedient to remain at the current Resource Center through 2021. The process of going through each of the many file folders in the filing cabinets and organizing them is nearing completion.

After discussing our goal with a variety of groups that have sound experience in such processes, a strategy and plan will be finalized for the beginning of the digitization process. Over the coming months, we will evaluate the office supplies and equipment that will no longer be needed and find appropriate ways to dispose of them.
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VIRTUAL FALL SEMINAR
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Daniel Jones, Germany: Historical Geography
Fritz Juengling, Resources on FamilySearch for German Research & Getting Help

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Get ready for the Holidays!
Yield: 3 dozen cookies

1/2 c. molasses
1/4 c. honey
1/4 c. shortening
1/4 c. margarine
2 large eggs
4 c. all purpose flour
3/4 c. white sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
1-1/2 t. ground cardamom
1 t. ground nutmeg
1 t. ground cloves
1 t. ground ginger
2 t. anise extract
2 t. ground cinnamon
1-1/2 t. baking soda
1 t. ground pepper
1/2 t. salt
1 c. confectioners’ sugar for dusting.

1. Stir together molasses, honey, shortening, and margarine in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir until creamy. Remove from heat and allow to cool to room temperature. Stir in eggs.
2. Combine the flour, white sugar, brown sugar, cardamom, cloves, ginger, anise, cinnamon, baking soda, pepper, and salt in a large bowl. Add the molasses mixture and stir until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
3. Preheat oven to 325°. Roll the dough into acorn-sized balls. Arrange on baking sheets at least 1 inch apart.
4. Bake in pre-heated oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Move to rack to cool. Dust cooled cookies with confectioners’ sugar.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Thanks to the many members who have already renewed! We are now in our new membership year and would like to remind the rest of you to send in your dues for 2021 in order to continue receiving The Palatine Patter, The Palatine Immigrant as well as state chapter publications and notices. Remember that adding another chapter membership to your current membership is only $8.00 for each chapter - a real bargain! With several chapters offering online webinars in the coming year, you will have plenty of opportunity to expand your German genealogy research and analysis skills.
IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT G. SUHR

Bob Suhr, Greenfield, Indiana passed away on July 20, 2020 after a courageous eighteen month long battle with cancer. Bob was well-known to those who attended Indiana chapter meetings over the past six years. He served our chapter initially as recording secretary prior to serving two terms as president. During his tenure as president, he was dedicated to providing numerous outreach opportunities to publicize our chapter at venues throughout the state. Additionally, he created our chapter’s Immigrant Ancestor Map which is always an attention-getter and conversation starter at meetings. His interest in his German genealogy continued even to his final days. We will miss his energetic interest and support of our chapter.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 23, 1944 to John and Madeleine (Langraff) Suhr. He graduated from Valley Stream Central High School in 1962 in Valley Stream, NY. Robert received his Bachelors in Organic Chemistry in 1966 from Clarkson University and in 1969 he received his Masters in Organic Chemistry from the University of Vermont and he also earned his Law Degree from Indiana University School of Law. Robert married Meryl J. (Schneider) on August 6, 1966 in Valley Stream, New York.

He was a research chemist for Eli Lilly in Greenfield and DOW Elanco in Indianapolis. Robert was Past President of the Indianapolis Palatine Society and enjoyed volunteering at the Hancock County Public Library and Hancock County Senior Services.

Robert is survived by his wife, three daughters, six grandchildren, and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Hancock Health Foundation, Cancer Center, 801 N. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140, P.A.W.S, 1547 N. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140, or Hancock County Senior Services, 1870 Fields Blvd., Greenfield, IN 46140. Friends may share a memory or condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.
CONTRIBUTORS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Palatines to America was founded in 1975. In recognition of Pal-Am’s 45th Anniversary, the Board of Directors created the 45th Anniversary Fund. The Fund was set up to help ensure that Pal-Am continues to be a great resource for people conducting genealogy research on German-speaking ancestors for many years. As of September 15, 2020, sixty-two people have contributed $3,230 to the Fund; their names are listed below in alphabetical order. The Board is very appreciative for each contributor. If you have made a contribution but your name is not on the list, please inform John Harder of the oversight at johnharder@aol.com.

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