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.

My daffodils are blooming! It must be Spring! That means that it is only about eight weeks until we will be meeting face-to-face in Denver for our 2022 National Pal-Am Conference. I am so excited for us to be in the same room listening to expert lectures from Dr. Wolfgang Grams of Germany and Daniel Jones from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The Thursday bus tour of German Denver sounds so interesting that we had to reserve a bigger bus to make room for all who have and would request it. Thursday afternoon there will be an informal time for Chapter leaders to meet and on Thursday evening there will be a casual “Get Acquainted” session so members can get to know each other before the opening session on Friday morning. The committee has planned a lovely Banquet for Friday evening with a local historian as the speaker.

A brief Annual Membership Meeting will be Saturday morning with the business of elections and approval of the budget. After cancelling the 2020 Cincinnati conference and having the 2020 and 2021 Annual Meetings on Zoom, I am really looking forward to holding the final meeting of my presidency in person. I hope to see your smiling face there.

A special “thank you” to Gina Moore and the Colorado Chapter members who have planned our wonderful 2022 National Conference. The conference committee consists of Jean West, Yvonne Schaefer, Chris Paris, Jerry Schaefer, Sandy Ronayne, Sandra Carter-Duff, Sally MacGowan, Katja Davidson, and Tom Hoffman.

It is with a heavy heart that I mention the recent passing of Carol Chafin after a three-year battle with cancer. Carol was a Resource Center volunteer before becoming the Office Manager of the Resource Center for several years after Mary Hess retired. She was an active member of the Ohio Chapter.

Pal-Am sends a big “THANK YOU” to member Hank Jones who has donated his research library and papers to the New York Chapter. The collection will be housed at the Germantown Library in Germantown, NY.

At our March Board Meeting, Treasurer Gary Martzolf reported that we would end the fiscal year in the black. Gratitude to all who made donations when renewing your membership. Your support is appreciated.

See you in Denver!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

9 Apr   Ohio Chapter 2022 German Genealogy Spring Seminar. See page 5.
19 April Pennsylvania Chapter Activities. Please see page 8.
7 May    Indiana Chapter Spring Program. Please see page 6.
14 May   Indiana Chapter Spring Program. Please see page 6.
4 Jun    New York Chapter Spring Meeting. Please see page 7.
16-18 Jun Palatines to America National Conference, to be held in Denver, CO Hosted by the Colorado Chapter. Please see page 3 & 4. Make your Hotel reservations now!
24 Sep   Indiana Chapter Fall Meeting, “Exploring Your German Ancestors in Indiana.” Save the Date!!

IN MEMORIAM
CAROL CHAFIN

With her high attention to detail and accuracy, Carol excelled in her career as a Paralegal in the legal community. She enjoyed searching through the dusty old courthouse books. In her retirement, Carol focused her attention to genealogical research. She enjoyed the hunt. Predictably, her membership with Palatines to America turned into more formal roles with this association. Carol volunteered at the Resource Center, then served as Resource Center Manager after the retirement of Mary Hess, as well as serving as Trustee in the Ohio Chapter from 2016-2019.

She will be remembered and her service is appreciated.
PLAN TO ATTEND THE PAL-AM
2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

Hotel Reservations for
Pal-Am National Conference June 2022
Doubletree Hotel, Denver, Colorado
3203 Quebec Street, Denver CO, 80207, Phone: 303-321-3333
Conference rate - $145/night for nights of June 15-18
Quick and easy booking through link below:

/RLDV-DT-PAL-20220615/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The Palatines to America National Conference will be held in Denver on June 17-18, 2022, with pre-conference activities on June 16. The conference will feature two full days of lectures by Dr. Wolfgang Grams of Oldenburg, Germany and Daniel Jones, AG, German, Swiss and Slavic Research Specialist at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Wolfgang Grams will lecture on:
- Facts and Fiction in the German American Migration Experience
- The Pursuit of Happiness: Faith, Land and Hope
- German Resources to Trace Your Roots I: Archives, Digitization and Online Resources in Germany
- German Resources to Trace Your Roots II: Documents

Daniel Jones will lecture on:
- From the Alps to the Rhein: Beginning Your Swiss Research
- Foreign Language Research: Tools for Reading Genealogical Documents
- Defending the Vaterland: German Military Records
- Solving Complex Genealogical Problems: The Case of Balthasar Weber

Conference registration fee includes:
- All eight lectures
- Lunches on Friday and Saturday
- The Friday evening banquet
- A no-host Get Acquainted event on Thursday evening.

Other conference highlights:
- Bus tour of “German Denver” with lunch at Helga’s German Restaurant
- Opportunity for complimentary translation service
- Opportunity for a complimentary research consultation.

Numerous books, maps and other research materials will be for sale!

❖ Online registration open NOW!
MINING THE PAST
2022 NATIONAL PALATINES TO AMERICA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
June 16-18, 2022, Denver, Colorado
Deadline for Registration: June 3, 2022

To register and pay online, go to https://www.copalam.us and click on Pal-Am National Conference Online Registration Form.
Or, make checks payable to COPalAm and mail completed form and payment to: Palatines to America, PO Box 51186, Colorado Springs CO 80949.

NAME ____________________________________ Membership # ________________ Nonmember _____
NAME ____________________________________ Membership # ________________ Nonmember _____
ADDRESS _______________________________________ CITY _____________________ STATE _____
ZIP ____________ Cell Phone _(____)_____-____________ E-mail ________________________________

Conference Registration* Earlybird Standard Number Total
Fri, June 17, & Sat, June 18 (by3/31/22) (by 6/3/22) Attending $$
Member $230 $275 _______  ________
Nonmember $275 $320 _______  ________
Tour of German Denver $65 $65  _______  ________
Thurs., June 16
Printed copy of syllabus $10 $10  _______  ________
Add’l Fri. Night Banquet (non-registered guest) $70 $70  _______  ________
Additional Fri. Lunch (non-registered guest) $50 $50  _______  ________
Additional Sat. Lunch (non-registered guest) $50 $50  _______  ________
If you have specific dietary restrictions, please note them here: ___________________________________________________

Conference Fee Total ______

(*Conference Registration fee includes: Thursday evening Get Acquainted meeting; all Friday and Saturday sessions, emailed electronic syllabus, Friday and Saturday lunches, and the Friday Banquet.)

Conference registration forms must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2022, to receive the earlybird conference rate. Registrations after June 3, 2022, cannot be guaranteed meals.
You must be a member of Pal-Am at the time of registration to receive the member discounted rate. The member rate for the conference will apply to anyone joining Pal-Am with their registration.
YES! I/We want to be a member of Pal-Am: Individual at $40, Family at $45
Select one chapter (CO, IN, OH, PA, NC, NY) ______

TOTAL PAYMENT: ______

We are considering having special interest tables at lunch one day. What time periods and places of origins might you be interested in exploring in such a group? ___________________________________________________

Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. To make hotel reservations, go to https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/RLDV-DT-PAL-20220615/index.jsp?WT.mc_id=POG or call(303) 321-3333, group name: Palatines to America Convention.
The Conference will follow Colorado health protocols in effect in June 2022.
Questions about registration? Contact Yvonne Schaefer at PalAmDenver2022@gmail.com.

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OHIO CHAPTER PAL-AM  
2022 SPRING SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9th  

With Speakers  
Roger Minert and Stephen Wendt

Stephen Wendt -  
Searching for Your Elusive Prussian Ancestors: A Case Study  
Prussia once controlled parts of what are now modern Germany and Poland. Gain a better understanding of historical Prussia in the pursuit of records with numerous examples and resources. Covering Prussian Culture, Prussian Genealogy basics and a case study. Exploring German Emigration Records You will gain a better understanding of the historical ports used for German emigration and the value of German emigration records. Covering the basics in German emigration history, German emigration genealogy, and a Prussian emigration case study.

Roger Minert -  
Cemeteries in Central Europe  
The customs associated with funerals and burials in German-language regions of Europe are substantially different from corresponding rituals in the United States. The layout and maintenance of cemeteries in also quite different. In this presentation, images are used to illustrate cemetery conditions and cultural customs associated with funerals and burials. The presenter demonstrates how the individual or family grave and its appearance are of great concern to Europeans. The question of death and burial records - often asked by North American researchers - is also discussed in detail. This presentation has been updated during Prof. Minert's current stay in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Addressing "BRICK WALLS" in German Genealogy  
Mr. Minert's presentation will cover accessing German documents and traveling to/in Germany at this time. For a different twist, Dr. Minert is willing to help several individuals with brick walls in researching German ancestors in this Q&A session. Please submit your Brick Wall question with details ASAP to Tom Fishbaugh at tom@fishbaugh.com. The cutoff for submitted questions is April 6, 2022. These will forwarded to Dr. Minert for his consideration.

Register today!  
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:  
c/o Jill Filo, 2999 Kendall Road, Copley, OH 44321-2544  

REGISTRATION AFTER-April 6, 2022  
Any Pal-Am MEMBER: $45.00 EACH  
NON-MEMBER: $55.00 EACH  

Questions? Please email Tom Fishbaugh at tfish@fishbaugh.com
INDIANA CHAPTER PAL-AM
SPRING MEETING
SATURDAYS, MAY 7 & 14 via Zoom

A History of Germany before 1800
Special Featured Speaker:
Dr. Frank Kleinehagenbrock
Managing Director of the Research Center of the Commission for Contemporary History in Bonn, Germany

The Spring Meeting will focus on a group of presentations providing a look into the early history of our ancestral homeland by a presenter in Germany with an extensive background in German history. Come learn about important historical events in the homeland of your ancestors from an expert in German history. All presentations in English.

SATURDAY, MAY 7
Topic 1 - Holy Roman Empire (Heiliges Römisches Reich)
Topic 2 - The Reformation (Die Reformation)

SATURDAY, MAY 14
Topic 3 - Thirty Years’ War (Dreißigjähriger Krieg)
Topic 4 - Village Regulations (Dorfordnungen)

<All presentations are in English and will be recorded>

Registration: $25 Pal-Am Member until Apr 23); $35 (Non Pal-Am member & Pal-Am Member after Apr 23)
Online Member: https://square.link/u/HgmIXJWi Online Non-member: https://square.link/u/UVH2wbMS

NAME(S): ___________________________________________________ # ATTENDING: ___
ADDRESS: __________________________________ CITY, STATE, ZIP: __________________________
TELEPHONE: ___________________ E-MAIL: __________________________

[ ] LEU Certificate needed: __________________________ Library

TOTAL amount enclosed: $__________

Check payable to: Indiana Chapter Pal-Am. Questions: indianapalam@gmail.com
Mail registration form to: Angela Guntz, 211 Kinser Ct., Fishers, IN 46038
NEW YORK CHAPTER
SPRING MEETING
JUNE 4, 2022

Germantown Library
31 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown, NY 12526

The focus of this conference is the Henry Z Jones Jr. Palatine Research Center, co-owned by New York Palatines to America and Germantown Library. Through the efforts of the members of the New York chapter of Palatines to America and donations by many people we were able to acquire the personal research library of Hank Jones and drive it from San Diego (thank you, Tom Shannon!) to the Germantown Library where it is now accessible to the public.

Our spring meeting will be at the Germantown Library, where attendees will be able to see the collection firsthand. Following a short business meeting, Hank Jones will join us via live video to introduce the collection. We will also hear from Tom Shannon, Town Historian of Germantown and Vice-president of NY Pal-Am, about the specifics of the collection and plans for making it as widely accessible as possible for research.

We will then share some information of the Palatine Germans who are buried at the Cheviot, First Reformed, and First Lutheran cemeteries located in the early Palatine settlement areas of Germantown.

Following that presentation, weather permitting, we will have a field trip to the Cheviot cemetery where our fellow member Christopher White will do a gravestone cleaning workshop.

Christopher White, a life-long genealogist and gravestone conservator for nine years, will demonstrate a hands-on approach to the proper methods and materials used to correctly clean a gravestone. White is a recent graduate of the Boston University Certificate in Genealogical Research program, currently he is enrolled in the ProGen Study Group. He also holds a Bachelors and Masters degree in History from the University at Albany.

Following the meeting members are encouraged to take the opportunity to utilize the great collection of Palatine German genealogical materials now available at the Germantown Library.

We are looking forward to having this meeting in person but also plan to offer it in a live stream to those unable to attend in person.

Exact times and registration information to follow.
The Pennsylvania Chapter initiated our Third Tuesday Zoom series on March 15th with the inaugural presentation of Genealogy Moments (GM). Board member and newsletter editor, Marcia Dreisbach Falconer introduced the GM concept: an individual offers a brief (15-20 minutes) description of a genealogical discovery, research experience, brick wall challenge, or shares an interesting story related to a Pennsylvania German ancestor, tradition, locality, etc. After the presentation, the other attendees are invited to ask questions or offer comments. During our first session, Marcia described how she and her sister discovered a book at the Northampton County archives which solved a centuries-old mystery related to their Dreisbach forebear. We plan to have GM sessions about once a quarter, and we invite members to actively participate and offer to share their own stories. The next GM is scheduled for June 21st and we’d love to have a member volunteer to tell their tale. Contact Marcia at thepennpal-newsletter@gmail.com if you are interested.

Other Third Tuesday programs will offer different types of content. The April 19 session will provide an overview of our new Chapter website. We have been working hard for many months to create an informative and helpful Chapter website, and we are excited to announce that it will go live in early April. Members should look for an email announcement in the first or second week of April with the website address, information about creating a profile and accessing “Members Only” content, and a link to register for the April 19th Zoom session.

On May 17, Aaron McWilliams, head of the Public Services Section at the Pennsylvania State Archives, is our Third Tuesday speaker. He will talk about How to Navigate the Pennsylvania State Archives’ Online Resources, offering a detailed overview of the Archives’ finding aids, research guides, and online records. He will also provide an update on the Archives’ scheduled move to new space later this year. Members will receive an email with the Zoom registration link in late April or early May.

We had a couple of Zoom glitches with our first Third Tuesday session, and a few folks who registered could not get connected. We also heard from some members who would like to have attended but had other commitments that evening. The “Members Only” section of our new website will include links to recordings of the Third Tuesday sessions, as well as to last fall’s annual business meeting with Keith Brintzenhoff’s presentation on those Pennsylvania Deitsch, and to our Pennsylvania Land Records webinar from March 2021. We hope our members will find these sessions interesting and enjoyable.
COLORADO CHAPTER
PAL-AM REPORT

This has been a busy start to 2022 for the Colorado Chapter of Pal-Am with both quarterly Zoom meetings for our chapter board and frequent board meetings in preparation for our hosting of the National Conference in Denver, June 16-18. Plans and information about the conference are being finalized. Contracts with our conference speakers (Dr. Wolfgang Grams and Daniel Jones) and the conference venue (Denver Doubletree Hotel) have been signed. Arrangements for the Historic Denver bus tour and the Friday banquet speaker James Jeffrey have been finalized. A number of former board members will attend the banquet, honoring them as part of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Colorado Chapter. Early-bird conference registration has just ended. Registration for the conference and lodging are still open and in progress.

The CO Pal-Am Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom April 21 from 7:00-8:00 PM. After a relaxed social half hour, the half hour business meeting (7:30 – 8:00 PM) will include the election of CO Pal-Am board members for the 2022 – 2024 term. Open board officer positions include the president, recording secretary, and members-at-large. President Chris Paris is stepping down and a replacement candidate is currently being sought. Gina Moore has agreed to continue as recording secretary for another term. CO Pal-Am currently has three members-at-large on the board who have terms ending in 2023. Sandy Carter-Duff has agreed to return to the board as a member-at-large. She will be resuming duties as membership chair. She brings a great knowledge of the history of CO Pal-Am and our membership. Kay Mariea, having served two excellent decades as newsletter editor, as well as serving as our chapter delegate to the Pal-Am National organization and on the planning committee for the National Conference, has agreed to continue on the board as a member-at-large. Earlier this month, Tony and Teri Hjelmstad volunteered to replace Kay as co-editors of the newsletter.

Following the Annual Meeting, the board will have its regular quarterly board meeting at 8:00 PM. Of course, hosting the Pal-Am National Conference in Denver this June is our biggest current focus, but plans for a Fall Seminar in October are solidifying.

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.
INDIANA CHAPTER REPORT

Please notice our flyer on p. 6 for our upcoming spring meeting to be held on two consecutive Saturdays. Our speaker will be Dr. Frank Kleinehagenbrock, the Managing Director of the Research Center of the Commission for Contemporary History in Bonn. May 7 presentations will cover the topics "Holy Roman Empire" and "The Reformation." May 14 presentations will include topics "Thirty Years' War" and "Village Regulations." These sessions will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:45 PM EDT on each Saturday. Immediately following the final session on May 14, we will conduct our annual chapter business meeting.

Mark your calendars for our fall meeting to be held virtually Saturday September 24. We will have several speakers presenting sessions on the topic "Exploring Your German Ancestors in Indiana."

NEW PAL-AM WEBSITE

By John Harder

Several members have told me that Pal-Am needs a New National Website. Most members of Pal-Am have used or tried to use the current website. Some have had good or acceptable experiences. Others see the need for significant modifications or total revision of the website. Talented individuals established the current website many years ago. However, technology improvements offer features which will result in major changes to our website.

Among the most important aspects of the New Website is security. We need to keep malicious hackers from damaging the website. We need to protect the Bookstore/Shopping Cart so no one’s financial information is compromised.

We will be forming a committee to develop the New National Website. Your input is needed to help the committee address the issues most important to the membership. Please share your comments about what features the New Website should have by completing the following survey. To access the survey, type the characters below in the URL line on your computer.

https://tinyurl.com/yc7sk7xf

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Send all articles & events to: palampatter@gmail.com
PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES
To be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting
At the National Conference in Denver

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS
Section 1. The elected officers of this Society shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and three (3) Directors-at-Large. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, the Board Policy Manual, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Section 2. Terms and limits:
  b. Only three or four offices shall be filled in any given year. In even numbered years, the President, Corresponding Secretary and two (2) Directors-at-Large shall be elected. In odd numbered years, the Vice President, the Recording Secretary and one (1) Director-at-Large shall be elected.

Items in RED (underlined if in Black & White print) indicate changes. The current By-Laws call for 2 (two) Directors-at-Large. The rationale is increase the number of Directors from 2 to 3 is to have an additional voice representing the membership at the Governing Board Meetings. The Directors are charged with representing the membership as a whole, not individual Chapters. Each Director has one vote. Chapter Presidents are also members of the Governing Board and each Chapter has one vote.

THE 1950 CENSUS RECORDS WILL BE RELEASED APRIL 1, 2022

On April 1, 2022, the 1950 Census will be released, and users will be able to access it for free through a dedicated website. A link to the website will be available here starting on April 1. This population census is the 17th decennial census of the United States. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has digitized and will provide free online access to the 1950 Census population schedules for U.S. states and territories, enumeration district maps, and enumeration district descriptions.

Go to: archives.gov
TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

Progress continues to be made with regard to the Project PANDA scanning. Various items have taken some time away from scanning on the trips to Columbus, including a revision of the digital filing system. Many of the remaining records are single or few pages that require more time than multi-page documents.

Phase One scanning is currently over 95% completed. The images have been backed up in a cloud account and also on an external SSD which will ultimately be stored in a safe deposit box. The documents remaining to be scanned are: (1) remainder of Ohio chapter records; (2) records for all former chapters; (3) and a group of various National records. Once Phase One scanning is completed, a review of all of the images will be done for completeness and image clarity. Once that has been completed most of the original paper documents will be discarded.

Phase Two dealing with documents that were in 3-ring binders (Annual Membership Meetings, Chapter Newsletters starting in 1991, and Board Meetings) is moving forward as well. The scanning of the first two of these has been completed and also awaits review of the images.

Phase Three (genealogy material in filing cabinets) will start soon.

— submitted by Kent Robinson

SCGS is a Pal-Am sister organization.

German Influence Everywhere! Photographed in Covington, KY
Everyone studying or researching Germans who migrated from the Palatinate during the colonial period has referenced books written by Hank Jones or saw him speak at genealogy conferences. Hank has been researching 18th century Palatines since 1960. He is the author of *The Palatine Families of Ireland, The Palatine Families of New York – 1710* and a recent *supplement*. Much of his research was done on-site, village-to-village in collaboration with Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck. Together they documented over 600 of the ancestral origins of the 847 families who arrived in New York in 1710. During his research, Hank assembled quite a collection of reference books. To be more specific, approximately 850 book volumes, 1970 thru 2020 issues of *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record* and filing cabinets full of Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck’s many reports. He used these resources to do his own research to document and share information about the colonial period Palatines.

Hank contacted Pal-Am NY Chapter indicating he would like to donate his collection to us for public use. The Pal-Am NY Chapter Leadership team was challenged with finding a new home as well as the task of packing up and transporting the collection from San Diego, CA. Tom Shannon, VP quickly stepped up to the plate, made arrangements with the Germantown Library and volunteered to go to San Diego himself to pack up the collection and drive it back to Germantown. Tom shares the following words with us about his journey:

“When plans to have a moving company transport Henry Z Jones, Jr’s personal research library to its new home at Germantown (NY) Library fell through, I jumped at the chance to transport it all myself. It was a great adventure! A much-needed respite from the tedium of a second COVID winter. I couldn’t talk anyone into driving me to JFK airport in the middle of the night to catch a 7 AM flight but I did manage to bum a ride to the Poughkeepsie train station the night before. A long subway ride, a half-mile walk through Jamaica, Queens, and another subway ride brought me to JFK with a few hours to spare.

Once on the ground in San Diego, I rented a minivan and headed over to Hank and Bonnie Jones’ house. They were extremely gracious hosts, providing a spare bedroom for me after a long night and morning of traveling and loading up Hank’s books. We had many great conversations about the Palatines, the places they settled, and the glories and pitfalls of genealogy.”
Packing the last few boxes into the van (there was very little unused space), I hit the road, taking I-8 across California and on into Arizona where I stayed with Rev. David Jay Webber and his wife, Carol, for the night. Jay, a native of Germantown, and I shared stories about our hometown well into the evening.

The following two days were very long – I made it to Amarillo, TX, the next night and Jackson, TN, the following night. My last day on the road would be the longest - starting in Jackson and pulling into Germantown very late at night. The weather was perfect! No rain, ice, or snow. The only traffic of any note was a brief slowdown in Knoxville, TN.

When I took the van over to the Germantown Library the following day, Christopher White of NY Chapter Pal-Am, Martin, Kathy, and Devin Overington of Germantown Library, and Richard Coons of the Germantown History Department helped me unload all of the boxes into the Library. Kathy and Devin un-boxed and shelved everything later that day. Over the following week, Richard and I cataloged all of the books. We are still working on cataloging the many periodicals and letters that Hank donated to us. We hope that you will make a trip to Germantown, NY sometime soon to make use of this great resource that Hank has graciously made available to everyone!”

Thank you Hank Jones - what a wonderful gift you have made!!

Thank you to the Pal-Am NY Chapter Leadership team for quickly coming together to make the arrangements to ensure the Hank Z Jones, Jr. Palatine collection is safely preserved and available to the public.

Special thank you to Thomas Shannon, NY Chapter VP, for volunteering to do the yeoman’s work in bringing the collection to Germantown.

Thank you to the Germantown, NY Library for accepting this collection and agreeing to make it available to the public.

Last but not least, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED money towards this project. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Hank Jones’ Collection

Tom Shannon
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

PALATINES TO AMERICA

MARCH 19, 2022

OFFICE CURRENT PROPOSED NOMINATION
President Roberta Newcomer (2018-2020, 2020-2022) John Harder
Director-At-Large Tom Gerke (2020-2022) Tom Gerke
Director-At-Large John Harder Thomas Shannon
Corresponding Secretary Susanne Spangler (2020-2022) Susanne Spangler

Respectfully submitted,
Nominations Committee: Tom Gerke, John Harder, Karen Zimmerman (chair)

John and his wife Mildred live in Independence, Missouri. They have been members of Pal-Am for over 12 years, belonging to New York, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania chapters. Additionally, John is a member of the Kocherthal Circle. He currently serves on the Pal-Am National Board as a Director-At-Large. John has a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering as well as an M.B.A. He and his wife have traveled to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City with the Pal-Am group many times, as well as attending other conferences. They belong to several local historical societies. They were able to visit John’s ancestral village (Klosterkumbd) in the Rhineland Pfalz where they met two of his eighth cousins.

Susanne has been engaged in family research for about 30 years. During that time she has focused on the following surnames: Spangler/Spengler, Hauenstein, Rapp, Steuer, and Roney. She has conducted research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne and the State Archives of Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. She attended the inaugural conferences of the International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP) in Minneapolis and also the Sacramento conference.

Tom Gerke was appointed in 2020 to the Pal-Am board as Director-At-Large, and is on the ballot to serve a second term in that position. A Life Member of Pal-Am Tom previously served as president of Ohio Chapter Pal-Am 2015-2019. From 2019 to the present Tom has served on the Pal-Am nominations committee from 2019-2021. In the 1970s Tom researched all his ancestral lines back to villages in the Osnabrueck area of Germany and has taken groups there eight times to show them where their ancestors once lived. Tom is a retired high school mathematics teacher and is a church organist.

Thomas Shannon is an avid local historian with a particular interest in the 1709-10 Palatine migration to New York. He is the Town Historian of Germantown, NY, Vice-president of the NY chapter of Pal-Am, Treasurer of the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club, and on the Park Commission and Waterfront Advisory Committee for Germantown, NY. He has written for Hudson River Zeitgeist, the Columbia Paper, several municipal park kiosks, and other outlets. He also regularly lectures on Germantown, NY history. You can follow his work at: http://linktr.ee/germantownhistory
PALATINES TO AMERICA  
German Genealogy Society  
FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH TRIP  
SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 2022  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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 – 5 PM (as of January 1)  
The International Desk has a staff of experts in German genealogy who can assist with reading microfilmed or digitized German records.  
Orientation, FHL classes as scheduled, sharing with group members, and more.  
Ability to digitize many kinds of media at no charge  
Nearby restaurants, large shopping mall, specialty shops, historic sites, Temple Square, et. al.

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Early bird registration with a $100 deposit BEFORE June 1:  
Deluxe Double Queen: $475 per person [includes taxes]  
Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: $900 [includes taxes]  
Standard King: $820 [includes taxes]

Registration AFTER June 1:  
Deluxe Double Queen: $500 per person [includes taxes]  
Deluxe Double Queen as a Single: $925 [includes taxes]  
Standard King: $845 [includes taxes]

*Non-members of Pal-Am: add $50 per person to above rates*

Hotel block of rooms is limited; first come, first served.

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.

Full refunds provided for cancellations prior to August 24

Questions? Contact Tour Organizer, Kent Robinson at nekero@aol.com
Mail to: Gary Martzolf, Treasurer; 3971 Lindbergh Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44718-2869

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Enclose form below with deposit or full payment----------------------

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________
Roommate (if any)_______________________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone________________________________ E-mail__________________________________________
Check Enclosed $_____________ Room type (please circle): Deluxe Dbl Queen - or - King
**PALATINES TO AMERICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Membership Year: 01 October 2021 to 30 September 2022**

Your member number can be found on the mailing label of any publication.  
New members will be assigned their member number.

Name (1) _______________________________  Member # _______________________________  
Name (2) _______________________________  Member # _______________________________

Street Address ________________________________________________________________  
City/State ________________________________________________________________  
Zip ___________ Phone ____________________________________________________________  
E-mail (1) ________________________________  E-mail (2) ________________________________

**US Annual Dues** (Includes membership in one chapter):  
- Individual + Chapter $40  
- Family + Chapter $45  
- Life + Chapter $875  

**Canada/Mexico Annual Dues:**  
- Individual + Chapter $53  
- Family + Chapter $58  
- Life + Chapter $875  

**Other Countries Annual Dues:**  
- Individual $60  
- Family $65  

**Annual Dues:** __________

**Additional Chapter Memberships** (Do not select chapter chosen above.)  
- CO  IN  NC  NY  OH  PA  None  

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# of Chapters ___ x $8.00 (US) = $ ________  

Canada/Mexico ___ x $9.00  
Other Countries ___ x $13.00  

**Additional Chapters:** __________

**National Pal-Am Patter Newsletter**  
Online at www.palam.org = No Charge  
Printed mailed copies = $10.00  
Printed Patter Option: __________

**Donations:**  
- Chapter:  CO  IN  NC  NY  OH  PA  __________  
- National: __________  

**Total Donations:** __________

**Total Enclosed:** __________

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