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Winter has arrived, it’s the Holiday season, and as the New Year begins it is typically a time to give some thought to the coming year and activities. As genealogists I think it is safe to say that we are likely never finished with all of our research. We often have hit brick walls during previous activity. However, in this wonderful, modern age of technology we are regularly provided with new tools to make our research more productive and a myriad of new records on a regular basis.

Just looking at the world of German research over the last two years, we can applaud the online images of Lutheran church records from many villages throughout Germany that are now available via www.Archion.de at a very reasonable price with records from additional villages being added on a monthly basis. Within the last six months, there has been the introduction of the online version of Meyers-Orts which converts all entries from the original Gothic script to modern text with many additional features. This wonderful website is available at www.meyersgaz.org . There are also new books available to guide researchers—particularly (Continued on page 5)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

8 Apr  Indiana Chapter Spring Meeting, Dr. Roger Minert, speaker
Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis. Further info on page 4.

22 Apr  Ohio Chapter Spring Seminar, “Beyond the Obvious: German Genealogy”
Columbus Metropolitan Library Auditorium, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH
Further info on page 4.

6 May  Colorado Chapter Spring Seminar, Dr. Fritz Juengling, speaker.
Denver Public Library. Further info on page 5.

6 May  Pennsylvania Chapter Spring Conference.  Academic Forum, Kutztown University,
Kutztown, PA. Further info on page 5.

10-13 May  NGS Family History Conference, “Family History Lives Here.”
Details: conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations

28-29 Jul  IGGP International Conference, Minneapolis, MN
Please see page 9.

30 Aug - Sep 2  FGS Annual Conference, Pittsburg, PA. Further info on page 12.

21 Oct  Ohio Chapter Fall Seminar, CML Library. Details to follow.

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CHIP FROM THE BOARD

- The Board meeting was held via WebEx on January 7, 2017.

- New Membership Benefit to be available within the next three months: GERMAN LIFE magazine has offered members of Palatines to America a special group subscription rate. Details forthcoming in the April Issue of the Palatine Patter.

- Pal-Am will be moving forward with establishing a Facebook presence for the National Organization. (Several chapters already have a Facebook page.) If you have experience with Facebook and an interest in assisting with this project, please contact Diane Nielson at diane@goancestry.com

- Margie Weiler will be resigning as Treasurer effective March 31, 2017. The new Treasurer will be John Stamm. More information on him will be in the April issue of the Patter.

INTERNATIONAL GERMAN GENEALOGY PARTNERSHIP IS NEW NAME OF YOUNG ORGANIZATION, REFLECTS GROWING GLOBAL PARTICIPATION

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—International German Genealogy Partnership is the new name adopted by members of a new and rapidly growing global organization known since its founding less than two years ago as the German-American Genealogical Partnership.

“New member societies are coming into the Partnership from around the world. There is a growing international participation in the Partnership, and our members decided on a new name that better describes the organization’s international presence,” said Kent Cutkomp, a Minneapolis resident and co-founder of the partnership. The Partnership was founded in 2015 by genealogy society leaders in America and Germany. Today, the Partnership joins Germanic societies across America, Germany, Canada, England and other European countries.

“The purpose of the Partnership is to expand cooperation among societies nationally and internationally. It’s a great way individual societies can become more successful in serving their members, and that includes helping their members make personal connections worldwide. We’re delighted to see such interest coming from so many parts of the world,” Cutkomp said.

He said organizations joining the Partnership range from small to large. For instance, the Germany-based Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände, a founding member of the Partnership, comprises more than 65 societies serving 22,000 individual members.

Several major initiatives are being undertaken by the Partnership, including the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference, scheduled for July 28-30, Minneapolis, Minn., and themed “CONNECTIONS: International. Cultural. Personal.”

Other initiatives include sharing of knowledge and resources such as exchanging periodicals, sharing researcher and speaker lists, and creating a list of most valuable references, resources and websites. Communication and connections between Partnership organizations are important parts of the process.

For information about the Partnership, visit the website of the Minnesota-based Germanic Genealogy Society at www.GGSMN.org, click “German Partnership.” The Partnership’s official website is expected to launch soon.
INDIANA CHAPTER PAL-AM
SPRING MEETING
April 8, 2017

DR. ROGER MINERT, SPEAKER
The Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8 at the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio Street in Indianapolis. The speaker will be Dr. Roger Minert, internationally renowned genealogist and professor of religious education at Brigham Young University. He is widely recognized as one of the preeminent authorities in Germanic genealogy in the United States and this is only the second time that he has given presentations in Indiana in his career. He is the author of more than seventy books and articles on German family history research and German pedagogy. His areas of expertise include German family history research, German language/dialects in old vital records, German and paleography. His areas of research include History of German church records, German immigrants in the United States, deciphering archaic manuscripts, and German Latter-day Saints in World War II. Among books that he has published are German Immigrants in American Church Records, Volume 1, Indiana Protestant. This series now encompasses 19 volumes in 10 states. His most recent book is German Census Records 1816-1916: the When, Where, and How of a Valuable Genealogical Resource. He will give four presentations:

• “Status in German Society 1500-1800 – Where did your ancestors Fit In?”
• “Gazetteers in Germany”
• “Census Records in Germany”
• “Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe”

He will also be available to answer personal research questions. The order of registrations received will be used to determine the order for asking those questions.

For a registration form, visit: /palam_update/resources/2017-04-08-spring-meeting-flyer-final-v5.pdf
If you have questions for Dr. Minert, send an e-mail to indianapalam@gmail.com

OHIO CHAPTER PAL-AM
SPRING SEMINAR
April 22, 2017

"BEYOND THE OBVIOUS: GERMAN GENEALOGY"
Presenting: Fritz Juengling, Ph.D, AG German Research Specialist, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
Topics:
Beyond the Obvious: Beyond Practical and Social Concerns for Emigration to America
Historical Events that Affect German Genealogical Research
The Genealogical Value of German Guild Records: How to Fill the Gaps when Church Records are Missing
German Names: Their Origins, Meanings, and Distribution
Lunch will be provided by Schmidt’s Sausage Haus.
Go to https://oh-palam.org to make reservations.
Advanced registration deadline – April 5, 2017
COLORADO CHAPTER PAL-AM
SPRING SEMINAR
May 6, 2017

Dr. Fritz Juengling will present the following lecture topics:
“German Names: Their Origins, Meanings, and Distribution”
“Germans from Russia: Their History and Resources for Research”
“German Guild Records: Filling in the Gaps When Parish Records do not Exist
“Beyond the Obvious Reasons: Practical and Social Decisions for Emigration to America”

Dr. Fritz Juengling received his B.A. degrees in German Studies and Secondary Education at Western Oregon University, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Germanic Philology, with minors in both English and Linguistics at the University of Minnesota. Germanic Philology is a highly specialized field of study, combining languages, linguistics, paleography, and history. Dr. Juengling is fluent in English, German, Latin, Dutch, and Norwegian. He has also studied many of the ancient Germanic languages such as Anglo-Saxon, Old Norse (Old Icelandic), Old Frisian, and Middle Dutch. He has taught German, English, Latin, and Old English (Anglo-Saxon) at the high school and university levels. He is an Accredited Genealogist (AG) for Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists, and a member of the Verband deutschprachiger Berufsgenealogen. Dr. Jeungling is a German, Dutch, and Scandinavian Research Consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT. He has presented at numerous genealogical conferences and seminars both in the USA and in Europe. He is also a member of the Editorial Review Board for The Palatine Immigrant.

Location: Denver Public Library.

PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER PAL-AM
SPRING CONFERENCE
May 6, 2017

The Pennsylvania Chapter is offering their Spring Conference on May 6, 2017 at the Academic Forum at Kutztown University. Hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. This one day conference will include lunch and the Annual Business meeting.

Speakers are as follows:

Paul Peucker, PhD: “Moravians in America & The Moravian Archives”
Del-Louise Moyer, MM: “Ornamental Arts at Moravian Boarding Schools”
Hal Merz, MBA: “Tightening the Screws, How Pennsylvania’s Loyalists were treated in the Revolutionary Era”
Roy Gehris: “Finding Military Records”

For further information, contact Dennis Carroll at drdc820@yahoo.com
new and intermediate ones—on the path to success. Probably the most recent is Trace Your German Roots Online: a Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites by James M. Beidler. So you can see that the world of German genealogy is ever evolving in ways that can assist us as we strive to find the ancestral home of our German ancestor or crash through those brick walls of some long-standing problem.

Even for those who may feel that they have generally completed their research there are also additional tools that may be of assistance—namely the different forms of DNA testing. This very modern tool can be utilized not only to help confirm that specific individuals are truly our ancestors, but can also lead us to connect with previously unknown living cousins or people otherwise related to us. By expanding our scope or research and casting a wider net we can snag onto a branch of the family perhaps previously unknown. But using such modern technology often requires us to increase our knowledge about the use of DNA or other research technique about which we are unfamiliar.

There are numerous opportunities available to us to learn more about these different facets of genealogical research. Perhaps the easiest for us to do would be to register for one of the many online webinars available from a variety of sources. One of the most prolific of which I am aware is the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series. There is generally one session each week on a wide variety of topics. Each webinar is free of charge either by pre-registering or viewing the webinar within about 10 days of presentation. You can view a listing of both upcoming and past webinars at http://familytreewebinars.com. Searching for “German” indicates that there have been ten prior webinars and an additional three already scheduled for 2017. You can preview any of the previous webinars in the series. Viewing an entire webinar older than that requires a yearly subscription to the series—regularly $49.95, but frequently discounted. One can also search www.youtube.com for numerous presentations related to genealogy.

A myriad of other opportunities to increase your knowledge about any aspect of genealogy are available—almost regardless of where one lives. Local, regional, and state societies have an abundance of programs on a regular basis. Perhaps the best place to search for these is the Eastman’s Calendar of Genealogy Events at http://eogn.wikidot.com. Another similar resource is Conference Keeper at http://conferencekeeper.org. Of course the two big national genealogical organizations—National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies each hold a large national conference featuring well-known presenters. But I hope you will not miss the wonderful opportunity to attend what will without a doubt be the largest German genealogy event yet to be held in the U.S.—2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference—Connections: International. Cultural. Personal—from July 28-30 in Minneapolis. This will take the place of Pal-Am’s annual conference this year. I urge all members to seriously consider attending. Further information and details can be found in this edition of the Patter.

Start making plans now so that 2017 becomes a year filled with significant genealogy research success!
Indiana Chapter
Palatines to America
German Genealogical Society

Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 8, 2017

Featured Speaker: Roger Minert
Internationally Renowned Genealogist; Professor of Religious Education at Brigham Young University

IHS Indiana History Center
450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis
Free parking in IHS lot

NOTE: Enter from New York Street (one-way east) off of West Street

Registration 9:00 AM-9:30 AM; Program 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Topic 1—Status in German Society 1500-1800 – Where did your ancestors Fit In?
Topic 2—Gazetteers in Germany
Topic 3—Census Records in Germany
Topic 4—Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe

Dr. Minert will be available to answer personal research questions during breaks; his books will also available to purchase;

NOTE: order of access for presenting a question is based on order that registrations are received

INDIANA CHAPTER — PALATINES TO AMERICA — SPRING 2017 WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 8, 2017 — Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis
Registration: $25 (Pal-Am Member) —or— $35 (non-member of Pal-Am)

NOTE: Registration fee does not include lunch—deadline for box lunch orders is March 31

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Mail registration form to: Kent Robinson, 6610 Latona Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46278
IN MEMORIAM

Rachel L. Zook

Rachel L. Zook was a long time member of Palatines to America and the Ohio Chapter. Rachel volunteered at the Resource Center for several years. She was 83 years old when she passed away October 18, 2016 in Delaware, OH. She was the child of the late George and Margaret Waldron Sheets. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Ronald Zook. She was a long time resident of Clintonville, a suburb of Columbus, OH.

Palatines to America announced that it received a generous donation of $10,000.00 from her estate. We are thankful for her generosity.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Stahl

Mary Stahl became a member of the Ohio and New York Chapters of Palatines to America in 1994 and first volunteered to help move the Resource Center office from Weber Road to the current location. The Pal Am Board asked her to fill the open position as Archivist in 2011. Her many years of experience as a librarian were a perfect match with the skills needed to catalog and file materials. Mary was never too busy to help and could find anything about the history of Pal Am.

Mary organized the National Archives so well the Ohio Chapter in 2012 asked her to become a Board Member as Archivist for the Chapter and in that capacity she set up and coordinated its archives when the chapter moved its files, books and supplies into the Pal Am Resource Center. Mary was always available to give a helping hand to both the National Resource Center and the Ohio Chapter serving on various committees over the years including the Ohio Chapter 40th Anniversary committee, Ohio Chapter Policy and Procedures committee, and committees for National Conferences. She never missed attending functions held at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

A petite, good-natured lady, she had a welcoming smile for everyone who came to the Resource Center office. Although quiet and retiring, she could tell a good story and provide a good laugh. Mary was a pleasure to work with and will be missed ….. it will be hard to replace her.
NOTE: Since Pal-Am is not having an annual conference in 2017, awards will be presented at local chapter spring meetings. Please send any recommendations for awards to your chapter president. DEADLINE FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15TH.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS
Pal-Am grants three different awards. Each recipient of the awards will receive an appropriate certificate which will be presented during the annual National Conference.

HARVEY HARSH AWARD
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.

This is the highest award Pal-Am grants. Any member of Pal-Am is eligible for this award, including an elected or appointed officer of the National Society who has been a member of the Society for at least five years. A married couple may share in this award in a case where both are active participants in the national organization, and both have made, or are making, substantial contributions. It is limited to one award per year, but it is not necessarily awarded every year.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
Presented to a member in recognition of outstanding and continuing service either to the national organization or to any of the chapters during the course of the preceding year or two. More than one award may be presented each year.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
Presented to either a member of Pal-Am or a nonmember in recognition of that person’s contribution to Pal-Am within the preceding year or two. It may also be presented for a significant contribution such as a large monetary sum or as an expression of thanks for services performed in an exemplary and outstanding manner. Several of these awards may be presented each year.

THE KOCHERTHAL CIRCLE
If you are a descendant of a German immigrant who came to America between 1708 and 1711, you may be eligible to become a member of the Kocherthal Circle. Full information is on the Pal-Am website, including copies of application forms to be filled out.

Joshua Kocherthal was a Lutheran pastor who led a group of Germans to New York and helped them settle in upstate New York under the authority and with the assistance of Queen Anne of England. Henry Z Jones, Jr. has spent years researching this group, and his books have a wealth of information about the people and their origins.

Pal-Am members who are eligible to join can find further information on our website.
Registration for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference (Connections: International, Cultural, Personal) to be held in Minneapolis from July 28-30 will open on February 1. At that time you should be able to register and pay online at the upcoming IGGP website <www.IGGPartner.org> or view a full conference brochure, print a registration form and submit your registration via mail. Please note that this website is not currently active, but should become so during the last week in January.

As sort of a preview, there are 66 presentation sessions scheduled to be given by 39 different speakers. There will be 5 speakers from Germany and 1 from Australia. To give you an idea of the wide-breadth of presenters, I have only heard 11 of these speakers give presentations in my many years of attending local, state, regional, and national conferences. Specific events include a Biergarten in St. Paul on Thursday evening, a Friday evening event with some German appetizers, and a banquet on Saturday evening. In addition to the traditional vendor area, attendees can take advantage of special areas to obtain assistance in translations, research guidance in a variety of specific regions of German-speaking citizens, and assistance with computerized research. There will also be opportunities for individuals to schedule “Connections” sessions with others researching either specific regions, surnames, or a specific interest. A number of partner societies will also schedule hospitality events during the conference. Aside from these specific activities, it will simply be an excellent opportunity to be among individuals with similar research interests. There will likely be some surprises during the conference as well. Who knows—you may actually discover a cousin or break through a long-standing brick wall!

As previously indicated this will replace the 2017 Pal-Am National Conference as we are providing our full support for this event. We strongly urge you to consider attending this important conference. Remember when registering to indicate that you are a member of Pal-Am. The reduced registration fee for partnership members ends on March 31. Starting on April 1, the registration fee increases by $74—so register early!

All rooms at the conference hotel (Minneapolis Marriott Northwest) have been sold out. The conference committee has arranged additional rooms at 4 additional hotels within close driving distance from the conference hotel. The special rates at these hotels are good through May 31. If you need information about these hotels, please see: http://ggsmn.org/cpage.php?pt=83 now or the IGGP website after February 1.
NOTICE TO ALL PAL-AM MEMBERS

Beginning with Issue 156, a digital copy of the Palatine Patter has been sent to all Chapter Presidents and Contacts. We encouraged them to send a copy along to you, our members. While the Patter is still posted online for any to see, we felt that this would be a faster way for you to see what is going on in your organization.

Just check the publishing deadlines posted in this publication, and if you do not receive a digital copy, let your Chapter President know.

Thank you to all members!
Family History Library Research Trip

September 17–24, 2017
Salt Lake City, Utah

Includes 7 nights at the Plaza Hotel, next to the Family History Library.
Limited number of deluxe rooms available (handicapped or table to work plus two sinks)
Library classes, daily guidance and sharing with other group members.
Library’s 5 floors open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon, 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Tues–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sat
Staffed by experts in German genealogy and reading of microfilmed German church records
Nearby restaurants, large shopping mall, specialty shops, historic sites, including Temple Square

Early bird registrations with a $100 deposit BEFORE June 1:
Regular Room Fees: Double room $400 each person – Single room $750
Deluxe Room Fees: Double room $435 each person – Single room $820

Registrations AFTER June 1:
Regular Room Fees: Double room $425 each person – Single room $775
Deluxe Room Fees: double room $460 each person – Single room $850
Non-Members add $50 per person

Balance due July 31. Fees do not include parking at the hotel, meals or transportation costs.
Hotel block of rooms is limited; First come, first served.
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Written confirmation, with additional information, will be sent to registrants.
Questions? Contact Group Leaders Becky Thornton rthornton07@gmail.com or Margie Weiler at mweiler@tds.net
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