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## SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE

The Fall Conference of the Ohio Chapter PAL-AM will be held Saturday, September 23, in Mansfield Ohio at the LIEDERKRANZ, 1212 Silver Lane. This is near the new Ohio Genealogical Society library which will be kept open until 9PM Friday evening for the benefit of those wishing to do some research.

Program chairman Ernest Thode announces the speaker will be ARLENE H. EAKLE, Ph.d., Shewas born in Salt Lake City and received her education from Weber State College and the University of Utah. Her maiden name was HASLAM. She is married to Alma D. EAKLE, JR., and has four children, and among her German surname interests are ECKEL and BRINKERHOFF. She has served as a nurse, genealogical researcher, and editor, as well as a genealogical author and lecturer, and as a consultant on genealogical matters to the National Enguiner and the Bureau of the Census.

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## HAROLD A. BETSCH

We are saddened to learn of the passing on June 21st of Harold A. Betsch of Columbus at the age of 80. Hal was President of the Ohio Chapter for three years, 1980-1982, good years for the chapter. Harold and his wife Leora had been ailing for several years. Leora preceded her husband in death, succumbing April 26, this year. Hal was a Mason (Scottish Rite and Shriner) and was a veteran of World War II. He often spoke of his experiences in the Philippines. Harold retired after 49 years on the staff of the Columbus Dispatch newspaper. At one time he was the principal cartoonist, and a good one.

He served the Palatines To America in many ways. He installed the first shelving in our library at Capital University. Hal applied his graphic skills, creating the Certificate of Merit, which is used to award deserving members each year at the National Convention. He designed the cover for the Palatine Immigrant, our National Journal. He authored the early By-laws for the Ohio Chapter.

Harold was always cheery and had a big smile for everyone. It was during his administration that Palatines To America established its national headquarters in Columbus on the campus of Capital University.

The last PAL-AM affair he was able to attend was the National Meeting in 1985. Mr. Betsch was a loyal PAL-AM member. We miss him, and Leora too. *Robert Rudy*

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Robert F. Schnetzer was elected President of the Ohio Chapter of Palatines To America at our annual meeting last May. Mr. Schnetzer is a native of Columbus, now living on the northwest outskirts of the city of his birth. Bob and his wife Jeanetta have been members for more than nine years and are active supporters of the Chapter and the National Society. He comes from German and Swiss heritage. His father's family were from the town of Eglisau in the Canton of Zurich. His mother's family name was Kirch and were from Volkach am Main. The family home in Volkach is 200 years old and still in the Kirch family. Bob visited there as a youngster in 1939 and again, two years ago, visited with cousins still living in the house. Bob has been able to trace the Kirch family back to the early Eighteenth Century but the The Schnetzer family history has eluded him.

A former civilian employee of the Air Force He helped with two national meetings which were held here, served on several nominating committees, on the budget committee, the ByLaws revision committee and was 2nd Vice President before that position was eliminated

Besides his interest in Palatines To America, he is active in the Dublin Kiwanis, The Northwest Franklin County Historical Society and St. Brendan's Church.

## A SPONSOR BY ANY OTHER NAME

by Ken Smith

One has the right to expect, I suppose, that when he is working in German church records he should encounter primarily German words. In an earlier article I discussed the fact that this is not commonly the case. I would like to expand on this topic some more at this time.. with the possible exception of expressions pertaining to the date, probably the most common place to encounter "foreign" words in German church records is in the listing of the child's sponsor(s).

The situation is bad enough to begin with, since there is more than one German word for those filling this role. Most people are familiar with Gevatter(in), the "-in" suffix being used when the sponsor is a woman, and Taufzeuge or Taufzeugin are seen with some regularity. Pate/Patin also occur and may be even seen as Taufpate/Taufpaten. So far as I have been able to determine, there is no denotative or connotative difference between these words.

Moreover, some pastors seem particularly given to using Latin words for "sponsor." As with German there is more than one word that can be used, and again there seems to be no difference between them. Since the Latin forms can change somewhat in form from singular to plural and as feminines, these are given in tabular form below:

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>	<u>Feminine</u>
propater	propatres	propatrix
sponsor	sponsors	sponsor
susceptor	susceptres	susceptrix
compater	compatres	compatrix

Although I have never actually seen it used, theoretically one could find the plural of the feminine forms (e.g. susceptrices) when there was more than one sponsor and all were women.

Generally Speaking, none of the various forms should give you too much trouble, since they invariably precede the final list of names in a "typical" baptismal record. If you are aware that a variety of words can be used, they will give you even less trouble.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report to you on the more temporal aspects of our SOCIETY. First, the National Board Meetings. As your elected president, I am simultaneously elevated to the National Society Board, as are all chapter presidents. This board meets four times a year, two of these meetings take place just prior to and following each National Conference.

Of particular importance to Ohio was the acceptance of our revised ByLaws in the initial Board Meeting. This should enable the Ohio Chapter to comply with IRS requirements that we might secure non tax status. The principle discussion of the second Board Meeting was an earlier topic whether to combine the two SOCIETY publications *IMMIGRANT* and *PATTER* (defeated). Mention should be made of three of our Ohio members who have brought honor to themselves and to our Chapter through their service. George Munsch of his own accord initiated the Ancestor Chart Matching Project matching names on the Chart with those seeking information. This resulted in the sale of over \$1300 of Ancestor Charts. Congratulations George! Jean Hall and Richard Beery spent many hours completing the set-up of the computer in the national office. This was not manual labor, it was brain labor requiring "hands-on" experience. Well done, Jean Hall and Dick Beery! These three were honored by the National Society and received Citation Awards which were presented by President George Evans.

The Ohio Chapter Board meeting was well attended. I was particularly pleased to see four of the appointed area representatives (from the four corners of the state) and to hear one of these speak of her success in publicizing our Society which yielded a prospect for membership. Great work Alice Shaffer!

I am pleased to announce that Ira (Bill) Simons (past president) has accepted the editorship of our Ohio publication, *HERITAGE*. Support Bill with articles about or pertaining our heritage. You need not be a writer, "just get the facts", send these to Dr. J.T. Golden, 2609 Summit St., Columbus, OH 43202-2432. Terry will edit your copy and send them to Bill for publication.

Program Chairman Ernest Thode, assisted by Carolyn Heidinger reported the Fall Confernece is scheduled 23 September in Mansfield, Ohio at the Liederkrantz. There will be a Board Meeting following the Conference and you are most cordially invited to attend not only this meeting but all Board Meetings.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members as reported by our Registrar, Florence Beck. From Ohio we have: KAREN J. PFAHL, Columbus; WILLIAM B. MOREHART, Columbus; AMY LEE DAVIS, Dayton; ELNORA J. RANSAW, Doylestown; ROBERT W. ROOSE, Monroe; VERNA MAE TRAYER, McConnelsville. From out of state we welcome MRS. JACK L. FINCHUM, Oak Ridge TN and LOWELL E. & PATRICIA MILLER, Trenton IL. LEHIGH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Allentown, PA.

**CORRECTION:** Two new members listed in May 89 issue had their last names incorrectly spelled. A horror for anyone but monstrous for a genealogist. Sorry! These members are; PAULINE MCNEAL ASHLEMAN, mistakenly entered as "Ashelbaum", and WILLIAM H. PICKARD who was listed as "Pickars". Our apologies!

## Members at Work

Dr. Terry Golden will give a talk on German genealogy to the Richland Shelby County Chapter of O.G.S. Thursday December 7, 1989 at the First Federal Bank on S.R. 39 south of Shelby, Ohio at George Hawk Rd. The meeting is open to the public. Drop Terry a note for more details. Too late for this issue but Terry gave a talk on German research in Lorain County August 5th.

## Library Donations

The PAL-AM Library continues to grow with donations for which we all thank the generous donors. The following new books have been received:

In Search of Your Canadian Roots, Angus Baxter. Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc. Donor; Julie Overton

Ohio Valley Genealogies, Charles A. Hanna, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Donor; Julie Overton

List of Inhabitants of Colonial New York, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Donor; Julie Overton

Rev. John W. Stoeckle/Steckle (JJJ4) 1802-1879; From Stambach To Berlin (Ontario) and the Descendents of: Compiled, edited & published by: Eldon D. Weber (JJJ4695). Donor: Eldon D. Weber

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Bloody Run, PA, Church Book No. 1 Compiled, edited & indexed by Joyce Sheckler Heiss. Donor; Joyce Sheckler Heiss

Five Year Index-Illinois Chapter Newsletters, Indexed by Carol Gustafson. Donor; Illinois Chapter

Wittekindland, Essays on the history, culture Herford Published by Kreisheimatverein Herford. D. J. Thompson  
St. Clair County History Curtis Media Corporation.

Donor; Joyce Thompson

Some Descendants Of John George Kilmer (Johannes Jurrian Kuhlmann/Kuhlmer) and their Families. Margaret & Harold L. Brown Donor; Harold L. Brown

Emerick Family Research (notebook)

Donor; Gerald & Jerry Emerick

Fernsprechbuch (Phonebooks) 1978-1980 AREAS: Be-reiche, Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Heidelberg. Marianne Miller

Library Continued.

South Central Pa. Genealogical Society. Vol. 1 Family Records from Bibles. Special Publications #37 Book 6. #38 Jan/Apr. 1989-The GAR by Alfreda Patton

Donor; R. Craig Bailey

Palatine Emigrants From Edenkober to North America 1833 thru 1906 Compilers; Hans Kuby & Leo Wartler

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Becker 7 pages of research on George Phillip Becker

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The Enders Genealogy By Sylvester William Baker

Donor; Dr. Cecil P. E. Potteiger

The Frederick and Christina Roose Family Heritage in America. (selected documents) 1750-1988

Donor Robert & Gretchen Roose

Neues Verzeichnis der Kirkenbuecher der Ehemaligen Rhein-provinz Edited by Anton Kruewick

Donor; Henning Schroede

## Library News

A new PAL-AM member, the Lehigh County Historical Society, sends us some information about its Library. The Scott Andrew Trexler II Memorial Library, is used primarily for genealogical research. It contains church baptismal, marriage, burial records for LeHigh County, also some for Berks, Carbon, Bucks, Northampton Counties. It also contains census records for the years 1790 through 1910; approximately 500 genealogies; county and city directories; file of marriages and deaths extracted from German language newspapers, 1812-1860. They do limited research for correspondents, \$10.00 per hour, limit of two hours. Photocopies are 25 cents each, postage \$1.00 7 up. Their address is: Old court House, Hamilton at 5th. P.O. box 1548, Allentown, PA. 18105.

For those of you who missed it in the May issue of Heritage our own Library hours now include every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 (previously it was closed on the fifth Wednesday of the month) Saturday hours are still being explored. Information on library hours & location is on the last page of the newsletter. We encourage you to use the Library and to donate books to it.

## From Our Readers

From Arta Johnson: Clearfield Company is a newly-formed publisher and book seller, specializing in reprints and remainders, selling these at greatly reduced prices. They have acquired a number of titles and rights to others, from the Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. among others. For their brochure, write with SASE to: Clearfield Company, 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore MD 21202.

## Submit Articles

We thank those who have sent in items of interest especially Ken Smith who has contributed two recent articles. If you have news or items of genealogical interest share them with us.

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(Approach meeting via Route 30 N, Turn at the PAL-AM sign)

**Schedule of Events**

- 8:30 - 9:00      Doors open; Registration, Coffee, Tea, Juice, & Donuts, Book Browsing
- 9:00 - 9:15      Ohio Chapter President Robert Schnetzer, Business, Announcements, introductions.
- 9:15 - 10:15     ARLENE EAKLE, Pennsylvania German Family Trees
- 10:15 - 10:45    INTERMISSION
- 10:45 - 11:45    ARLENE EAKLE, Early Ohio Research (to 1840)
- 12:00 - 1:00     LUNCHEON BUFFET: Sliced turkey, roast beef, German potato salad, cucumber salad, macaroni salad, relish tray, dark & light bread, butter strudel, coffee other beverages available at extra charge.
- 1:15 - 2:15      ARLENE EAKLE, German Research for Those Who Do Not Speak German
- 2:15 - 2:30      INTERMISSION
- 2:30 - 3:30      ARLENE EAKLE, Dusting off the Family Skeletons

**Please note: NO recordings will be permitted at this conference.**

**Ms. Eakle will provide handouts**

**The Ohio Genealogical Society in Mansfield has made special arrangements to remain open until 9:00 on Friday evening, September 22, for our members**

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**Mrs. Russell Hall, 181 Heischman Ave., Worthington, OH 43085**

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#### **Mansfield Accomodations**

Early reservations are advisable, as race drivers and their families, crews and friends will be staying in the area.

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for Ohio PAL-AM at the TRAVELODGE (419) 592-5142. This is about 2 blocks from the new Ohio Genealogical Society headquarters.

Other lodging in the area: HOLIDAY INN (419) 525-6000  
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