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## Special points of interest:

- Annual Spring Meeting Information and registration.
- New By-Laws
- Bios of those running for the board.
- Morgan's Raid Claims will continue in June.

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## Von den Präsidentinnentisch

Winter is in full swing in the state of Ohio and the holidays are behind us for another year. I hope everyone had a grand holiday visiting with friends and family. The holidays are always a time for a lot of reminiscing. *Drop the newsletter editor a short piece on a story about past holiday memories.* We all enjoy reading a good story.

The chapter board meeting was held on January 17, and it was an all day meeting. Planning for the year 2009 and reviewing 2008 took up most of the meeting.

But, ideas are in the planning stages for a great year for the Ohio Chapter. Many changes of the National organization has taken place, but the Ohio Chapter will attempt to bring you latest information on research in our workshops, seminars, discussion groups and web site. ([www.oh-palam.org](http://www.oh-palam.org))

With the loss of the library within Pal Am headquarters, we hope to work with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to assist you in doing research with the books that you were familiar using and the CML contributions to German genealogy collection for research. The head of the department has guaranteed their support in helping with our research. If you are not a member of the CML go to their web site and become a member, it doesn't cost a thing and you don't need to be an Ohio resident. They have much to offer the researcher online and in house. The Pal Am research staff is available for your use.

As always there is a need for volunteers to get the word out and to help serve the chapter and its members. Please say "yes" when you fill out the survey in the "Members Only" section of our web site. If you get a survey in the mail don't file 13 it, fill it out and return with your response today. There is a need in all areas, such as development committee, newsletter staff, programs, publicity, membership, governing board members.

I hope you take time to read this newsletter and continue to read each and every page in this issue. We will be voting on changes to our by-laws, at the April Meeting. The reason for the changes is to get our chapter up-to-date with current workings of the time. Take time (even though it can be boring) and consider what we are requesting the National Board to accept and confirm our requests.

*Mary Hess*

Chapter President

# Wilkommen

We had to say good-bye to Darlene Yeager-Torre who has been doing a grand job in continuing to bring our newsletter into the 21st century. However, she had to resign for personal reasons. We thank you Darlene for all your hard work. We welcome **Rich Uhrick**. Rich is well qualified to continue the work that Joanne Ryder and Darlene have started. In future, please send all your remarks and articles to RUhrick@otterbein.edu.

The number of individual members in the OH Chapter is **394**

The following new members have been added to the Ohio Chapter membership roster.

Gundert, Melinda  
Gundert, Stephen  
McNichols, Patricia  
McNichols, Roger  
Reimer, Laura

Gahanna, OH  
Gahanna, OH  
Ottawa Hills, OH  
Ottawa Hills, OH  
Newark, OH



## “MY ANCESTORS HOME TOWN”

We would like to highlight a **hometown in forthcoming issues of the Heritage**. Send us your short story about your ancestors' hometown or community in 250 words or less. Please print or type the article. Photographs would be great. Towns can either be in Ohio, or where

they settled or even in Germany. Send to the editor either my snail mail (Box 302 Worthington, OH 43085) or e-mail. RUhrick@otterbein.edu

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either to PO Box 302  
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ruhric@otterbein.edu

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**Send an OH gift certificate for membership to Pal-Am.  
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## FREE OHIO CHAPTER WORKSHOPS

The purpose of these workshops is to let members and future members know what we offer in researching their German-Speaking Ancestors as an outreach to those who cannot make it to the annual meeting.

*If you think your local library might be interested in hosting a Free Workshop or if you would like the chapter to come into your area or organization contact Roberta Newcomer (see chapters index of board members).*

**March 28, 2009**

**Park Branch of the Clark County Public Library**

**1119 Bechtle Avenue**

**Springfield, OH 45504**

**937-322-2498**

## German Genealogical Research

**Featured Speaker - Robert C. Rau**

Robert (Bob) Rau has been interested in genealogy for almost thirty years, and has been researching his and his wife's ancestral lines, all of which go back into Germany and Alsace-Lorraine. He has done extensive research in the microfilmed LDS records, and has been a non-member librarian, specializing in German research, at the LDS Family History Center in Cincinnati for over twenty years. He has made numerous trips to Germany and to Salt Lake City to further his research, and has made presentations on various aspects of German genealogy and Cincinnati and Southeastern Indiana German church history to adult education classes and local, state and national genealogical societies. He was active in the microfilming of German Lutheran and Evangelical church records from Cincinnati and Southeastern Indiana, and is a member of numerous genealogical societies.

**No other mailings on this seminar will be forthcoming.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!**

### Agenda

9:00 am Doors Open (9:25 am Welcome & Introduction)

9:30 am Session I - **Introductory German Genealogy**

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Session II - **Reading German Church and Civil Records**

11:45 am Questions & Answers

12:30 pm Adjourn

### Directions to Park Branch of the Clark County Public Library

From I-70 take Exit 52 (on the west side of Springfield) toward Urbana. Turn onto Rte. 68 north. Go 3.4 miles on Rte. 68. Turn right onto Rte. 41 toward Springfield. Go a short distance, and then turn right onto Bechtle Ave. Park Branch is in a shopping center with plenty of parking spaces.

*Ohio Chapter of Palatines to America presents this free seminar as a public service.*

**N.B. All proposed changes and corrections are either strikethrough or Italicized and underlined****BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO CHAPTER  
PALATINES TO AMERICA****A non-profit organization****ARTICLE I – NAME**

**Section 1** The name of the organization shall be the OHIO CHAPTER OF THE PALATINES TO AMERICA  
(~~therein after hereinafter called OHIO CHAPTER~~)

~~Section 2 see article X~~

~~Section 3 see article X~~

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

**Section 1** The purpose of the OHIO CHAPTER shall be:

- a. To promote interest and study of the immigration of the “Palatines” and other German speaking peoples to North America.
- b. To exchange information relating to the life, times and society of the Palatine emigrants and other German speaking peoples and their descendants.
- c. To encourage fellowship among the members.
- d. To receive, hold and invest monies, dues, sales, interest etc. and to hold and administer property for the benefit of the OHIO CHAPTER and for the educational purposes as provided in Section 501( c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2 see article XI

Section 3 See article XI

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**Section 1** Membership shall be open to all interested in the purposes of the OHIO CHAPTER

Types of membership available

- a. Individual, ~~Library, Society~~
- b. Family, two (2) people at a single address
- ~~c. Foreign~~
- ~~d. Contributing~~
- e. Life

**Section 2** The amount of dues and method of payment shall be determined by the National Board.

**Section 3** The membership year shall be 1 October to 30 September. The fiscal year shall be 1 April to 31 March.

**Section 4** Any member paying dues during the membership year shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the OHIO CHAPTER.

**ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

**Section 1** The elected officers of the OHIO CHAPTER shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Membership Registrar and Treasurer. These officers shall perform duties prescribed in these By-Laws, by the authority of the Operating Policy and parliamentary procedure adopted by the OHIO CHAPTER.

**Section 2** All officers shall be elected to serve two (2) years, or until a successor is elected; and their term of office

shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

The President and Vice President shall not be eligible to serve more than two successive elected terms in the same office.

**Section 3** Vacancies to any office other than President shall be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board

The Vice President succeeds to the vacant office of the President.

#### **ARTICLE V – GOVERNING BOARD**

**Section 1** The elected officers, the immediate Past-President and nine (9) trustees elected from the Membership at the Annual (spring) Meeting shall constitute the Governing Board. The trustee terms shall be three (3) years and shall be staggered so that only three (3) are elected each year. Wide geographical distribution of the Trustees is preferable.

**Section 2** The Board shall:

- a. Hold at least three (3) meetings per year to conduct the general business of the OHIO CHAPTER.
- b. Perform other duties as specified in the By-Laws and Operating Policy.
- c. Determine the amount of bond for the Treasurer and pay for such bond from OHIO CHAPTER funds.

**Section 3** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by any five (5) members of the Board. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which must be publicized at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Meetings may be conducted by telephone conference, video conference or other electronic communication methods.

**Section 4** A quorum for the Board meetings shall consist of five (5) members.

**Section 5** Board meetings and the minutes of such meetings shall be open to the general membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

**Section 1** There shall be an Annual Meeting of the OHIO CHAPTER to be held no later than 30 June at a time and place determined by the Board.

**Section 2** Recommendations of the Board shall be acted upon; officers shall be elected, budget for the coming year shall be adopted; and reports of officers and committees shall be submitted.

**Section 3** Special meetings of the OHIO CHAPTER shall be held when request~~ed~~<sup>ed</sup> by five (5) members of the Board or by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) members. The purpose of such meeting shall be stated and must be mailed to all members thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 4** A quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5 Upon approval of the Governing Board, voting for the election of officers, adoption of the budget or other special elections may be by ballot sent to members in good standing and returned by Postal Service mail. The deadline for the return of ballots shall be stated in the text of the ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

**Section 1** The President shall appoint the Chairperson of the Standing Committees, with the approval of the Board. The chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall be voting members of the Board.

**Section 2** The Standing Committees to be considered:

- a. Programs
- b. Finance and Budget
- c. Publicity
- d. Publications

**Section 3** Special Committees shall be named by the President with the approval of the Board unless the Method of selection is regulated by these By-Laws or the act of creating the committee. The Chairpersons of Special Committees, who are not Trustees or Officers, shall not be voting members of the Board. The Special committees shall be, but not limited to the following:

**Auditing Committee.** The Auditing Committee shall examine the OHIO CHAPTER'S accounts at the end of the fiscal year and submit a report to the Board in a timely fashion.

**Nominating Committee.** ~~Two (2) members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall not be members of the Governing Board. At the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting, the~~ The President shall appoint the chairperson of the Nominating Committee ~~from the Governing Board~~ with the approval of the Board.

**Other committees** shall be appointed by the President as the general membership or the Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the OHIO CHAPTER.

**Section 4** The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Auditing and Nominating Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1** The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern the OHIO CHAPTER in all cases to which they apply and are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION**

**Section 1.**

- a. To the fullest extent not prohibited by Ohio law, the OHIO CHAPTER shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the OHIO CHAPTER to procure a judgment in its favor, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of or a volunteer of the OHIO CHAPTER, or is or was serving at the request of the OHIO CHAPTER as a director, officer, employee, member, manager, or agent of or a volunteer of another domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation or business corporation, a limited liability company or a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorney's fees, actually and reasonably incurred by the person in conjunction with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the OHIO CHAPTER.
- b. Each request or case of or on behalf of any person who is or may be entitled to indemnification for reason other than by being or having been a director or officer of the OHIO CHAPTER shall be reviewed by the Board, and indemnification of such person shall be authorized by the Board only if it is determined by the Board that indemnification is proper in the specific case, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Code, no person shall be indemnified to the extent, if any, it is determined by the Board or by written opinion of legal counsel designated by the Board for such purpose that indemnification is contrary to applicable law.

**ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

**Section 1** These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the membership of the OHIO CHAPTER by a two-thirds (2/3) vote *of those attending*, providing such amendment has been submitted in to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 2** Alternately, a proposed amendment to the By-Laws with a ballot may be mailed to all members in good standing. All original ballots received by the Secretary within forty-five (45) days from mailing shall be counted; the returned ballots must total at least *(ten percent (10%)* of the; a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the returned ballots, excluding blanks and abstentions, is required to attend *amend*.

**ARTICLE XI – RESTRICTIONS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE OHIO CHAPTER**

**Section 1** The OHIO CHAPTER is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and historical purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Section 2** No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. ~~No~~ substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (A) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (B) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

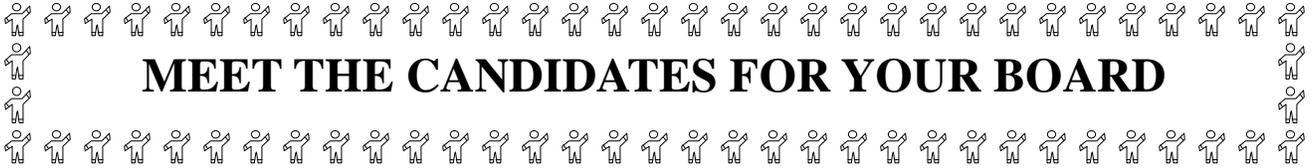
**Section 3** *In the event of dissolution, all funds and property of the CHAPTER shall be remitted to the National Society of the Palatines to America, German Genealogy Society.*

**Section 4** *In the event of the prior dissolution of the National Society of the Palatines to America, German Genealogy Society, the CHAPTER shall obtain the proper charter to continue its existence.*

**Section 5** *In the event of dissolution of the CHAPTER and succeeding the dissolution of the National society, all funds and property of the OHIO CHAPTER shall be disposed of in such a manner and to such organizations organized and operated exclusively with charitable, educational or historical purposes as shall qualify at the time as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.*

June 2009





## MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR YOUR BOARD

### For PRESIDENT



**ROBERTA NEWCOMER** has been a member of Pal-Am for 9 years researching the surnames Neukommet/Newcomer, Gochenour/Coughenour, Hirtzel/Hartzell, and Brandt. Currently she is Vice President of Pal-Am's Ohio Chapter. She is a member of the Pioneer Families of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio Genealogical Society, Franklin County (OH) Genealogical Society, Darke County (OH) Genealogical Society and Fayette County (PA) Genealogical Society. In addition to the Pal-Am library, she has conducted family research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Family History Library at Salt Lake City, the Pennsylvania Archives in Harrisburg and the Ohio Historical Society Archives in Columbus. A retired arts educator, she is a member of the Ohio Music Education Association and past president of the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, the Ohio Theatre Alliance and Ohio Very Special Arts. She has two daughters and five grandchildren.

### For CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



**ANN MILLER SCOTT** has been an Ohio Chapter member since 1993. Many of our members will know her best as Palam's paid National Librarian from 1998 to 2008. Though she was born in southwest Wisconsin, all four of Ann's grandparents had rural Ohio ancestors with ties to at least sixteen scattered counties. In addition to her personal research, Ann's years with Palam have provided many opportunities to broaden her knowledge of Ohio history. Ann looks forward to corresponding with members and other genealogists—a service she also enjoyed frequently as National Librarian.



**For TRUSTEES**

**ANN BRADFORD** Since the age of 13 when I asked my Grandmother, "Who were your Mom & Dad?," I was hooked by the genealogy bug. By age 24, with college over, children here & working full time, I began the never finished genealogical quest. I joined Pal Am many years ago, was treasurer 1 year & have done as much research & attended genealogy meetings as possible with a nursing career & seven children.

With time constraints decreasing now, I can be more active in Pal Am and help where needed. I have accepted this trustee nomination, and if elected will do my best to further Pal Am goals.

**DANIEL E. MCDONOUGH** is running for his second term as Trustee with the OH Chapter Board. He has been working on his family tree for the past 25 years. He has traveled throughout the US doing research.

Dan has held positions with the Springfield Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc, Cub Scout Pack 350 and currently president of the Cardinal Squares Square Dance Club in Springfield, Ohio.

Dan is retired from the Sate Health Department where he served in administrative and fiscal positions in Dayton and Columbus. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University in Social Science and Financial Adm. from Wright State University.

Dan lives with his wife and children in Springfield.

**PHILIP R. BELTZ** is returning to a more active role with the Palatines. Mentored by Bob Rudy, he was the original "book guy" back about 1980 when we started with one shelf, half full. This included schlepping consigned books to conferences for sale.. Because books were becoming more relevant he joined the Ohio Board. He eventually became Ohio Chapter President for two terms, 1991-1993. Being a financial planner, he was active in major gifting, first for the Ohio Chapter, then for National. He cultivated our first benefactor, Preston Wolfe. Phil arranged for the Pontius Library fund gift to be our first account at The Columbus Foundation. Later, he arranged for past President Geart Droege's gift of books. He is currently the major gifts fund raiser for the National Board. Since 1635 along the French/German border, his Beltz family have operated mills: grist, saw, flour, brick, tile, paper, steel, rubber and machinery. The BELTZ FLOURING MILL CO machinery may soon be installed in the RockMill in Fairfield Co.

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**Dr. Arta Johnson Publications for German-American Research:**

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**2009 Pal Am National Conference**

*at the*

*Allen Co. (IN) Public Library*

**June 18 – 20, 2009**

*Speakers:* Pal Am member experts **Annette Burgert, Robert Rau, and James Feit** will discuss the various aspects of German genealogy. "Ft. Wayne' library genealogy staff will talk about genealogy principles, their collection and how to use it effectively.

*Lectures* will take place in the new library facility. Time to do private research has been built into the program. Pal Am's **Ernie Thode, Kenny Burck, Robert Rau and Ken Smith** will be available for free consultation.

*Watch for more details* in your chapter newsletter, in the conference brochure (mailed in the spring) and on our website ([www.palam.org](http://www.palam.org))

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Membership in chapter is optional)

Figure your annual dues:

Individual (includes choice of 1 chapter) Name Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Family (2 people at one address/ choice of 1 chapter) Name Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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CO IL IN OH NY PA WV #of chapters: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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2009 Spring Meeting  
**INFORMATION EXCHANGE**  
**On German-Speaking Genealogy Topics**

**25 April 2009**

**Der Dutchman Restaurant**

445 S. Jefferson Ave. on US Rte. 42

Plain City, Ohio 43064

Parking is in the rear of the building. Use "Banquet Entrance."

Five simultaneous break-out groups on specific topics will be facilitated. Choose two discussion topics and come prepared to share and learn in interactive sessions with knowledgeable peers.

**Topics**

**1. German Church Records – Ken Smith, Facilitator**

Session will deal with German church records. Bring an example from your family research for the group to look at and help you decipher.

**2. Using Gazetteers and Maps to Locate European Places – Ernest Thode, Facilitator**

Session will focus on sources for locating places found in genealogical documents.

Bring a photocopy of your source of information. If in German script, a full page or more would be helpful to get a handwriting sample.

**3. Planning Your Research Trip to Germany – Kenny Burck and Deb Cyprych**

Session will provide tips to help you plan a successful research trip to Germany – what to do before you leave and what to do when you get there. Bring your questions for a lively discussion!

**4. Dealing with Dead Ends – Ann Scott, Facilitator**

Does a frustrating obstacle have your research derailed? Come explore strategies and sources for dealing with challenges such as common names, rare names, immigrants who died soon after arrival or left little paper trail. Prepare to describe your dead ends, and we'll brainstorm potential detours.

**5. DNA – The "Gene" in Genealogy – Debra Dunbar Nowell, Facilitator**

Discuss how utilizing the latest tool for genealogist can take your research to the next level. Learn the basics of Genetic Genealogy, how to confirm two males with the same surname or variant share a common paternal ancestor, prove or disprove a research theory, plus much more. Whether you've already tested or considering testing, our discussion can help navigate you through this new science.

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NOTE: If you are paying online be sure you receive a confirmation. If you do not receive one, please contact Carol F. Swinehart at [ckfs@ckfswebservices.com](mailto:ckfs@ckfswebservices.com) to confirm your registration.

Palatines to America – Ohio Chapter  
2009 Annual Spring Membership Meeting  
“Information Exchange”  
April 25, 2009

**Directions to Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 S Jefferson Ave, Plain City, OH**

**From the North:** Take I-71 south toward Columbus  
Take Exit 119B to merge onto I-270 West toward Dayton  
Take Exit 17B for State Route 161/US 33 toward Marysville  
Merge onto US 33 West  
Take the exit toward Plain City  
In Plain City, turn left onto US 42  
Restaurant is on the left side of US 42

**From the South:** Take I-71 north toward Columbus  
Take Exit 75 for OH 38 toward Bloomington/Midway  
Turn left on Border Street/OH 38  
Continue to follow OH 38 about 13 miles  
Continue on Midway Street  
Turn right at W High Street/ US 42  
Continue on US 42 for 19 miles  
Restaurant will be on the right  
OR  
Take I-71 north toward Columbus  
Take I-270 west toward Dayton  
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Merge onto US 33 West  
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**From the East:** Take I-70 west toward Columbus  
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Take the exit toward Plain City  
In Plain City, turn left onto US 42  
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**From the West:** Take I-70 east toward Columbus  
Take exit 79 toward Plain City  
Turn left onto London-Delaware Road/ US 42  
Continue on US 42 for 12 miles  
Restaurant will be on the right

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION ===== APRIL 15, 2009**

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Ohio Chapter Meeting  
Election of Officers
- 10:30 a.m. First Break-out Discussion
- Noon Buffet
- 1:15 p.m. Second Break-out Discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Summary Session
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Fee: \$20.00 includes Information Exchange, lunch buffet and gratuity.**

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**INFORMATION EXCHANGE – April 25, 2009**

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We plan to participate in the following break-out discussions:

Topic 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Topic 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Topic 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose check to OH Chapter Pal-Am for \$20.00 per person.**

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# COMING EVENTS



- February 28, 2009** OH Chapter German Community Forum Series - Columbus Metropolitan Library  
**March 28, 2009** OH Chapter German Community Forum Series - Columbus Metropolitan Library  
**March 28, 2009** **FREE SEMINAR** Park Branch of the Clark County Public Library in Springfield, OH  
Speaker is Robert Rau on German Genealogical Research
- April 2, 3, 4, 2009** OGS Annual Spring Conference - Saw Mill Creek in Huron, OH April 18, 2009 - Hamilton & Clermont County OH Genealogy Societies, Speaker John Phillip Colletta , [www.hcgsohio.org](http://www.hcgsohio.org)  
April 18, 2009 Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Meeting in Hagerstown, [www.magsgen.com](http://www.magsgen.com)  
**April 25, 2009** Ohio Chapter Annual Spring Meeting - der Dutchman restaurant  
Plain City, OH Round Table Discussions on various topics.
- May 1/2 -14/15, 2009** Germany Tour with The Rev. Dr. Cecil P.E. Pottieger. Tour to the Palatinate and south Germany.  
More information contact Dr. Pottieger at 1.843.216.5494.
- May 3, 2009** NY Chapter spring meeting at Ft. Plain Museum. Speaker Richard Brown and Wayne Lenig. Lunch following
- May 13-16, 2009** National Genealogical Society Conference in Raleigh, NC  
**May 23, 2009** OH Chapter German Community Forum Series - Columbus Metropolitan Library  
**June 18,19,20, 2009** Palatines to America National Conference - Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN  
**Sept. 2-5, 2009** Federation of Genealogical Societies, Little Rock, AR  
**Sept. 13-20, 2009** Family History Library Tour, Salt Lake City, Utah. More information forthcoming.



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