

SGGEE Electronic Newsletter

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1. Plans for SGGEEs **2004 Convention** are moving ahead steadily. The site chosen for this years convention is in Calgary, Alberta at the Coast Plaza Hotel on the 5th through 8th of August. Details regarding speakers, accommodation and registration costs will soon be posted on the SGGEE web site Home Page under Convention News

2. Under the guidance of Carol Burns of New York with the assistance of Virginia Less of Illinois, the **Publicity Committee** is making huge advances in making SGGEEs presence known by other genealogical groups, church organizations and libraries throughout Canada and the United States particularly.

Assistance is sought for mailing publicity information in Canada. It is less expensive if the mail for Canada is mailed in that country as is also the case in the US for American postal mail. If you would care to assist in this worthwhile task or would like more information, please contact Carol at ckburns@nyc.rr.com

One of the libraries contacted in this publicity campaign is the New York Public Library (NYPL) where the following books of interest to Germans from Russia were being promoted. They are;

Russia Engages the World, 1453 1825 - a collaborative authored book edited by Cynthia Hyla Whittaker and Gulag: A History written by Anne Applebaum.

3. At last years convention in Edmonton someone may have inadvertently picked up a 30 page Volhynian map index with a white cerlox binding belonging to Jerry Frank. While he is not concerned over the loss of a simple index, this one is marked on the outside cover as Corrections Copy and contains notes and other information very important to him. The index pertains to the Volhynian map Jerry published a couple of years ago. The return of the index would be greatly appreciated.

4. The SGGEE logo contest will be closed on 30 May 2004. Several logo submissions have already been received, however if you have an artistic bent, why not see what you can come up with. A distinct, relatively simple and easily recognized logo that can be used on correspondence and for promotional purposes is the objective. Please send your entry to John Marsch at SGGEEs Calgary address before the end of May. An impartial panel from the Board of Directors will choose the winner.

5. **From the Research Corner** - Rose Ingram

Recently, I have been in contact with the new Coordinator of Genealogical Society of Utah. This is the organization which contracts with various Archives around the world and arranges for the microfilming of records. After inquiring whether the GSU is returning to various Archives to complete the microfilming of records previously missed,

I was advised they would do this. To expedite matters they have asked for a list of parishes with known records in the Archives and the years that need microfilming. We already have a wish list prepared, but will take further suggestions at databases@sggee.org I do not know how soon they will get back into Poland to do the filming or when these new filmings will appear on the LDS Library Catalog.

Help Wanted:

This past year we have had several volunteers step forward and offer help in many areas. Our thanks goes out to all these people.

A priority at this particular time is transferring (retyping) data from spreadsheet into a Genealogy Program. We would like some help from 2 or 3 people. This project is short term, anywhere from 3 months to a year depending on your time and circumstances. If you are interested please send an email to databases@sggee.org

6. Other Genealogical and Cultural Events

The small town of Leader, Saskatchewan is hosting a German cultural event in June of this year. A similar smaller, but also enjoyable event previously held there was attended by Howard Krushel and John Marsch to promote SGGEE. Have a look at the following web site for more information. The event is highly recommended.

<http://town.leader.sk.ca/germanrussian.htm>

The United Polish Genealogical Societies are holding their biennial conference April 16-19 in Salt Lake City at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. The hotel is only a few yards from FHL. The Polish Genealogical Society of California is hosting the conference. For more information visit the following web sites www.pgscsa.org or www.pgssa.org or email President@pgsca.org
