

## Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Speakers at Banquets 1980-2018

- **Aug 21, 1980** fellowship dinner at First Mennonite of McPherson. Rueben Goertz from Freeman speaker.
- **Aug 19, 1981** 6:30 Banquet at Eden. Welcome by president Milton W. Goering. Music by men's quartet of Maynard Krehbiel, Bob Krehbiel, James Stucky, and Gib Kaufman. Music by Pretty Prairie Church. Special feature was song written by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Graber, Pretty Prairie. Speaker Dr. John O. Schrag on history and anecdotes of our people. Two \$500 scholarships were presented to Mark Stucky and Bernice Kaufman, students at AMBS. Over 200 tickets sold.
- **Aug 10, 1982** Banquet at First Mennonite, Pretty Prairie. Speaker Rueben Goertz, Freeman SD. Approximately 200 people.
- **Oct 29, 1983** Banquet at Eden. 5:30 tapes music by the Golden Wheat Chapter Choir given at Wichita 1982. Quartet: Homer Gehring, Jay Kaufman, Larry Stucky, Harold Zerger. Art Walter "Our Centennial, 1984". Dr. Oswald H. Goering toastmaster. Quartet from Pretty Prairie. Speaker: Arthur E. Flegel, pres of American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Quartet from Moundridge. Admission \$10. Based on membership, each church may send up to four representatives to the annual meeting. Members are elected to the Board of Trustees which in turn elects the officers. Those who have served as SMCHA president are: Harley J. Stucky, Milo Goering, Milton W. Goering, and Oswald H. Goering.
- **Aug 18, 1984** at Moundridge Middle School at 6:00 p.m. Pork barbecue. Leann Schrag Toews's play "To Keep The Faith."
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- **Aug 31, 1986** Banquet at Eden. Dr. D.V. Preheim speaker. Admission \$10.
- **Oct 29, 1987** 6:30 Banquet at Eden with "Music and the History of the Alta Mill" by the Stucky Family. \$10 includes meal and membership.
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- **Oct 19, 1989** Banquet 6:30 at Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston. 149 attended. Welcome by President Delbert Goering, Devotions by Ralph Graber. Music by Wanita Schrag. Program: "Yours, Mine, and Ours: Personal Experience Stories Among Swiss-Volhynian Mennonites" by John McCabe Juhnke.
- **Oct 16 1990** 6:30 Banquet at Crosswinds Conference Center, Hesston: Welcome by Vic Krehbiel. Devotions by Willard Unruh. Music by Omer & Rachel Rupp. Speaker Martin Goering on "History of Elyria." 200 persons served roast turkey..
- **Oct 1, 1991** Banquet at Crosswind Conference Center, Hesston KS 6:30 p.m. Dialogue Art J. Goering, Ed Krehbiel, Erwin Goering. Dr. Norman Saul spoke on "The Kansas Miracle." Beef roast @ \$7.80, 120 served.
- **Nov 12, 1992** Banquet at Schultz Student Center, Bethel College 7:00 p.m. Quartet from Eden. "303 Years of Amish Mennonite Symbiosis" by Levi Miller. Beef stroganoff for \$8.00 each for 115, \$85 room use.

- **Nov 12, 1993** Banquet at Schultz Student Center at Bethel College 7:00 p.m. Gordon K, Schrag devotions. Dr. James Juhnke spoke on “Life and Times of E.G. Kaufman.” 82 meals @ \$6.00. Steak.
- **Oct 25, 1994** Banquet 7:00 p.m. at Bethel College. Opening Waldo Waltner, Devotional: Rev. Loris Habegger. Quartet Sounds of Joy. Speaker: Ozzie Goering on “Search for Roots.” Room rental \$85; prof \$15, food at 6.25 = \$975.
- **Nov 7, 1996** Banquet, 6:30 at Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church. Devotions by Rev. Wahl. Ham meal. Mixed octette sang German songs. Richard Ratzlaff speaker on the history of Pretty Prairie.
- **Nov 13, 1997** Banquet with Jacob D. Goering speaker.
- **Nov 5, 1998** banquet at Bethel College Student Center, 7:30. A \$15 membership includes admission to the banquet. Program: panel will recall tales of growing up Schweitzer.
- **Oct 26, 6:30 1999** Fall Banquet at Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church. \$15 membership includes admission to the banquet. Ralph Lehman speaker. “Swiss Volhynians, their Amish roots and Hutterite Connection.” Jeanette Wedel’s quartet will provide music. Planning committee was Elmer Schrag, Harold Schrag, Glenn Stucky and Vernell Kaufman.,
- **Oct 26, 2000** Fall banquet at First Mennonite, McPherson. Baked steak. Quartet Maynard Krehbiel, Homer Goering, Del Kaufman, Bob Krehbiel. Speaker Marion Bontrager talked about the Old Order Amish. Meal catered by Porky’s. Ladies of the church provided cakes. \$15 membership fee includes admission to the banquet.
- **Oct 29, 2001** Banquet at Eden Mennonite. William Keel – “Kannst du Deutsch Schmetze?” – German dialects of Kansas. Ticket \$10, nonmember \$20. Doug & Jude Krehbiel music. Meal served by Eden Dorcas Society. About 150 attended.
- **Oct 31, 2002** Banquet at Eden Mennonite Church. Address by James Krehbiel “Pioneer Days in Dakota and Kansas: A Difference”. Comments about Andrew Schrag and picture/artifacts table set to honor him. Noted death of Dale Stucky. Toastmaster Ben Stucky. Special music: Alice and John Suderman, LaVera Schrag, Myron Voran. \$10 members, \$20 nonmembers on ticket. Meal served by Mary Martha Society: German sausage.
- **June 3, 2003:** Banquet at Memorial Home Wellness Center. Joe C. (Dickie Joe) Goering featured family by Margie Dyck. Wayne Goering toastmaster. Jerry Stahly speaker on Mennonites/Amish identity – “Mennonites and Amish Identities among the Swiss Volhynians in Europe.” 153 attended. Music: Connie Graber, Lou Fensky, Diane Knight with Judy Goering acc. Cost \$20 included \$10 membership. Vern Demel catering – pork roast.
- **June 7, 2004:** Banquet at Bethel College: Speaker Dr. John Ruth – “Under the Cross...Like a Rose Among Thorns”. Annie Sieber welcome. 155 attended.
- **May 19, 2005 Banquet:** Thursday, 6:30 at Bethel College. Kirsten Zerger “Our Swiss Mennonite Heritage: Cheese-Makers and Wheat Growers, Peace-Builders and People of Courage—Becoming Relevant and Useful in the Coming World.”

- **Monday, October 16, 2006** Banquet at First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, 6:30 p.m. Speaker James W. Krehbiel “The Story of the Schweitzers Who Stayed Behind (Ukraine) in 1874.” Dinner tickets \$15.
- **Sat, Oct 13, 2007** 5:30 Banquet. Speaker Virgil W. Dean of Kansas State Historical Society on “Governor Walter A. Huxman—Leading by Example.” Dinner cost \$15 members and \$20 nonmembers. Jerry Moran was invited but could not attend.
- **Thurs, Nov 6, 2008**, 6:00 Banquet: at Eden Mennonite Church. Speaker S. Roy Kauffman, pastor of Salem Mennonite Church of Freeman SD, “From Swiss Volhynian Amish to South Dakota Mennonite: an Unexpected Transformation?”. Music Jon Schrag. Tickets \$15. Alice Suderman toastmistress. Roast beef. 131 attended.
- **Thurs, Sept 17, 2009** 6:00 p.m. Banquet at Eden Mennonite. Speaker Norman Hofer from South Dakota, “Ich Bin a Schweizer.” On overlap of Hutterites and Swiss Mennonites. Roast beef dinner prepared by Eden Women’s organization. Music: Jon Schrag. Toastmistress Kathy Goering. Attendance 164. Tickets \$15.
- **Thurs, Sept 23, 2010** 6:00 p.m. Banquet at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS. Speaker Brian D. Stucky “Filling in the Gaps of Swiss History”. Invocation Pastor Ruth Harder from Bethel College Church. Music: Janet Ediger and Jim Yoder, Karen Loucks, acc. Evelyn Lehman read about “The Wedding Dress.” Catered by Bread Basket (verenike w/gravy, sauerkraut, ham, sausage, fried potatoes, zweibach w/apple butter, bohne berrogi. Served by Mission Circle, Faith Mennonite Church. Welcome: LaVern Stucky.
- **Thurs, Oct 20, 2011**, 6:00 p.m. Banquet at West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge KS. Speaker Gary J. Waltner, curator of the library and archives at the Mennonite Historical Society of Germany in Weierhof – “History of the European Roots of Kansas and South Dakota Schweitzers before the Russian Sojourn.” Jesse Graber music. Natalie Stucky read poem “Our Swiss Mennonites” written by her great grandma Olga Laura Stucky. President LaVern Stucky M.C. West Zion members served German sausage, gourmet potatoes, green beans, applesauce, French bread, and poppyseed cake. Geneva Wedel in charge. 167 were served. Beautiful table decorations by Bonnie Kaufman and Amy Bachman. Rob Burdette gave invocation. Homestead maps were exhibited.
- **Thursday, October 18, 2012**, at 6:00 at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, KS. Speaker Richard Preheim, Goshen IN, “Three Kingdoms: Origins of the Schweitzer Missionary Impulse.” Special music by Voran Family Ensemble directed by Marles Preheim. Report on dedication of Catlin Cemetery Memorial Stone by Brian Stucky. Smoked ham, green beans, potatoes, cabbage slaw, wheat bread, kuchen prepared by Claude and Brenda Turner and served by the Women’s Fellowship of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Attendance @ 160. Cost \$15/plate.
- **Thursday, August 29, 2013**, 6:00 pm, Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, Kansas. Speaker: David E. Ortman. “What Research Possibilities?” Dinner cost \$20. Smoked turkey, fried potatoes, lettuce salad, bohne berrogi, poppyseed cake and karevei (baked by Jeanette Wedel). John Sharp shared the history of Whitestone Mennonite Church. Helen Nachtigal gave highlights of the Heritage Tour. Kathy Goering read the history of Garden Community Church.

- **Thursday, November 11, 2014**, 6:00 at Water's Edge, Hesston KS. Jeff Killer speaker. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, green salad, dessert (made by Jeanette Wedel).
- **Thursday, October 29, 2015**, 6:00 at Eden Mennonite Church. Program: "Common Threads: Anabaptist and African-American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope" by Tony Brown, John Sharp and Ken Rodgers.
- **Thursday, September 22, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Susan K. Goering, speaker. "From the Prairie to the East Coast: One Mennonite Woman's Journey for Race Equity and Justice." Devotions: Paul Schrag. Ham and sausage, verenika with ham gravy, fried potatoes, green beans, bona beroggi, cherry moos, sauerkraut and sausage, zwieback catered by Newton's Bread Basket. History of Faith Mennonite by Janet Ediger.
- **Thursday, October 26, 2017**, 6:00 pm, Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge KS. Speaker Dale Schrag – "Searching for a Usable Past." Glen Goering gave history of Eden. Music: Just Friends. German Sausage, green beans, Bohne Beroggi, scalloped potatoes, sauerkraut, relishes, poppyseed cake. \$20/plate. Devotions: Pastor Derek King. Pd Eden Women \$100.
- **Thursday, October 18, 2018**, at 6:00 at Bethel College Memorial Hall. Catered by Bethel College. Don and Joanne Hess Siegrist, speakers. "Anabaptist History – Trachselwald Castle and Other Events in the Emmental." Kip Wedel welcomed. Music: Woven and Open Road (Bethel College choral ensembles. Grilled chicken breast, oven roasted potato, vegetables, green beans, Caesar salad, desserts.

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