

Only Schweitzer Spoken Here Programs 2003-2014

May 25, 2003 Board of Directors meeting: Suggestion to have Only Schweitzer Spoken Here.

Fri May 23, 2003: Martin H. Goering, Maynard Krehbiel, Ozzie Goering. Variety program with a number of people telling stories.

Fri August 8, 2003 Committee: Martin H. Goering, Maynard Krehbiel, Nadine Wedel, Ozzie Goering. Program: John O. Schrag told of his early years and talked about nicknames.

Fri Nov 7, 2003 Martin H. Goering, Oswald H. Goering, Harold Schrag, Neva Kaufman. Maynard Krehbiel will discuss the use of horses on the farm. Marvin Stucky assisted. Geneva Siefker, Nadine Wedel, Sharon Durst sang trio. Schrag sisters sang. 100 attended.

Fri Feb 6, 2004. Harold Schrag, Neva Kaufman, Don Kaufman, Vernell Kaufman. Poem: Ruby Kaufman. Group singing led by Neva Kaufman, Vernell Kaufman pianist. Poem & story by Delbert Goering and Martin H. Goering. Audience participation. Harold Schrag gave the English words and audience responded with German word. Variety show. Approx 60 attended.

Fri May 7, 2004 Don Kaufman, Vernell Kaufman, Anne Schrag, Delbert Goering. Don Kaufman, chr. Fern Goering "Little Red Hen." Vernell Kaufman "The Three Bears." Ellen Durst and Don Kaufman music. Lena Krehbiel stories. Lowell Goering jokes. Delbert Goering trivia.

Fri August 6, 2004 Delbert Goering, Anne Schrag, Lowell Goering, Doris (Ed R.) Stucky. Skits, music, poetry. Lela Mae Sawatzky "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Verna Goering "Snow White." Milo and Anne Schrag and Lowell Goering skit. Toby Goering reflections. Alice Kaufman Gedicht.

Fri Nov 5, 2004 Ben Stucky, Doris (Ed R.) Stucky, Lowell Goering and Vernon D. Goering. Neva Kaufman "Little Red Ridinghood poem. Marvin Stucky shared experiences. Roland Kaufman stories about the farm. Ben Stucky rat killings. Lowell Goering jokes.

Fri Feb 4, 2005 Ben Stucky, Maynard Krehbiel, Geneva Siefker, Vic Goering. Sharing of life stories of growing up on the farm. Maynard Krehbiel stories from newspaper. Jim Stucky taking up electric; Geneva Siefker joke. Bev Stucky snake story; Quartet music by Maynard's group.

Fri May 6, 2005 Vic Goering, Geneva Siefker, Toby Goering, Jim Stucky. Vic Goering opening. Music by Marie Krehbiel and Verna Goering. German school days by Eddie Schrag and Bus Kaufman. Slides by Vic Goering. Jokes by Toby Goering and Lowell Goering.

Fri August 5, 2005 Toby Goering, Jim Stucky, Clyde Goering, Vernon D. Goering. Toby Goering opening. Music by Harry Crabb. Ed R. Stucky on German church services. Stories by Maynard Krehbiel.

Oct 2005 Board of Directors meeting reported: The Schweitzer program at Fall Fest at Bethel is in danger of being discontinued. In order to keep this program in existence, the Fall Fest program be assumed by Schweitzer Only Spoken Here groups adding Maynard Krehbiel, Fern Goering, Clemon Kaufman, and one more member from the Pretty Prairie community;

Fri Nov 4, 2005 Clyde Goering, Vernon D. Goering, Maynard Krehbiel, Marlene Krehbiel, Fern Goering. Clyde Goering opening. Quartet sang. Skit by Lowell Goering. Video planned did not work.

Fri Feb 3, 2006 Fern Goering, Maynard Krehbiel, Marlene Krehbiel, Joe Schrag, Don Kaufman. Program: Martin Goering, Lowell Goering, Edith Ensz, Vic Goering, Maynard Krehbiel (MC).

Fri May 5, 2006 Don Kaufman, Joe Schrag (MC). Marjorie Stucky stories. Edith Entz stories. Toby Goering stories.

Fri Feb 16, 2007 Memorial Home Wellness Center. Richard Stucky, Norvin Schrag(chairman), Lynn Kaufman and Don Kaufman. Participants were Verna Goering, Fern Goering, Lowell Goering, Delmar Voran, Delbert Goering, Martin H. Goering, Evelyn Schrag, Norvin Schrag. 108 attended.

Fri May 25, 2007 Don Kaufman, Lynn Kaufman, Norvin Schrag, Richard Stucky. Maynard Krehbiel – letter from PA. Helen Montgomery poem. Toby Goering and Evelyn Schrag.

Apr 3, 2008 “Only Schweitzer Spoken Here.” Committee: Marvin Stucky, Marg Stucky, Lynn Kaufman, Norvin Schrag (chm), Richard Stucky. Program: Fern Goering told about people living with her. Toby Goering. Edith Entz. Hilda Schrador told about herself. Marg Stucky read a joke and poem.

Fri May 23, 2008 “Only Schweitzer Spoken Here.” Committee: Norvin Schrag, Richard Stucky, Lynn Kaufman, Marvin Stucky. Group singing – Verna Goering piano, Neva Kaufman and Marjorie Stucky song leaders. Maynard Krehbiel – jokes and an Amish story. Marlene Krehbiel – a song and a poem “Footprints in the Sand” and bohne sup un rogge brot. Neva Jane Gehring – a story and intro to Elda Soft and daughter. Elda Soft – poems; daughter story. Levi Krehbiel – a poem about America written by Levi.

May 1, 2009 Marvin and Marjorie Stucky, Lynn Kaufman, Fern Goering, Jim Stucky (MC). Fern had sentences written out, Jim read them, and then we had Marlene (High German), Verna (Schweitzer), Tina Ediger (Low German), and Laura Schrag (Pennsylvania Dutch) say the same sentence. Maynard gave a talk in Schweitzer. Anne Schrag, Neva Kaufman and Marjorie Stucky sang “Merr sinn trei schvestere gores uf the farm. Written by Ruth Wedel, Esther Schrag and Ethel Juhnke.

Fri Sept 4, 2009 2:00 (The Schweitzer program not at Fall Fest this year.) Marvin and Marjorie Stucky (chm), Lynn Kaufman, Jim Stucky, Fern Goering. Marjorie chaired the program and read “Petey, der schlang (Petey, the Snake). Don Kaufman told some family memories. Alice Suderman read a story about a family on Sat & Sun, what the parents and children did, etc. Jim Stucky told about the time Maynard put a large turtle in his tractor cab. Verna played piano and Marjorie led some German songs that the group sang.

Fri March 12, 2010 2:00 Jim Stucky (chm), Fern Goering, Maynard and Marlene Krehbiel, Toby Goering. Victor and Jake Goering shared about planting time of the year for both garden seeds as well as farm seeds and also how farming was done in early days. Loreta Regier shared her encounter with a skunk some years ago. Fern Goering did alphabets and some numbers in German with audience. Maynard had a joke.

June 18, 2010 Maynard and Marlene Krehbiel, Wilbert Goering (chm), Vickie Kaufman, Neva Kaufman. Maynard story. Waneta Schrag music. Marlene Krehbiel German word quiz. Wilbert use of apron. Maynard joke. Wilbert flag story.

Feb 4, 2011 Maynard and Marlene Krehbiel, Wilbert Goering, Vickie Kaufman, Howard and Neva Kaufman. Program: Wilbert Goering, chair. Repeat of a video of a program done in the 98’s at Fall Fest.

May 13, 2011 Maynard & Marlene Krehbiel, Wilbert Goering, Vickie Kaufman, Howard and Neva Kaufman. Program: Wilbert Goering, chair. Special guest Dr. Michael Putnum from Penn St. University was here for information on Schweitzer speaking people. He shared his study on various dialects including our Schweitzer dialect. Many people understand the Schweitzer dialect but cannot speak it. What is the future of the Schweitzer Dialect? He also shared his background. He could speak German quite well. He commented he learned a lot being here; he also met with some privately. We also asked questions in English and had audience answer in German, sang German songs, and jokes by Maynard and Toby.

Friday, Oct 21, 2011, Neva and Howard Kaufman, Vicki Kaufman, Ben Stucky, Norvin Schrag. Program: Stories: Edyth Entz, Monologue by Bessie Huxman. Songs: Ach, du :Lieber Augustine, Du Du Liegst Mir Im Herzen, Mein Han Ist Dod, Gott Ist Die Liebe, Grosser Got, Wir Loben Dich, So Nimm Denn Meine Hande. After the first song, someone asked, "what did we just sing?" Guest speaker: Gary Waltner introduced by Alice Suderman. He was also the speaker for SMCHA Banquet on Oct 20, 2011 at West Zion Church. Refreshments.

Friday, Feb 17, 2012 Neva and Howard Kaufman, Vicki Kaufman, Ben Stucky, Norvin & Evelyn Schrag. Program: Ben Stucky, chair. Toby Goering told a fishing story about his family and Hibble Andreas family when they were growing up. Evelyn Schrag had two musical numbers, original, also read a joke. Clemon Kaufman from Pretty Prairie – family life, growing up on a farm, etc. Refreshments.

August 31, 2012 Neva and Howard Kaufman, Vicki Kaufman, Ben & Jan Stucky, Norvin & Evelyn Schrag. Program. Norvin Schrag, chair. Alice Suderman – Poem – played part of "Unsere Leit" by J.O. Schrag and Art Goering C.D. Verlene Kaufman – two short stories from childhood. Stan Saner – Memories of growing up. Refreshments.

Oct 13, 2012 Vic Goering, chair. Group singing led by Elvera Schrag. Reminiscing "The Good Old Days." Dialogue – Vi Graber and Bessie Huxman. Monologue – Clemon Kaufman.

June 7, 2013 We sang six German songs: *Ach, Du Lieber Augustine, Du,Du, Liegst Mir Im Herzen; Mein Han Ist Tod; Gott Ist Die Liebe; Grosser Got, Wir Loben Dich* and *So Nimm Denn Meine Hande*. Thanks to Evelyn Schrag, Neva Kaufman and Michael Putnam, the songs were translated into English for those who didn't understand the German. Dr. Michael Putnam from Penn State University, was in this area to interview Schweitzer-speaking people. He also shared at the meeting about various German dialects. Putnam was also in Moundridge in 2011 and interviewed 23 Schweitzer-speaking people, and now in 2013 he interviewed nine individuals. Several of the 23 had already passed away; we are slowly losing our Schweitzer-speaking people. What is the future of Schweitzer dialect?

Fri, Sept 19, 2014 Enjoyed speaking and hearing the Schweitzer language. A CD from "Speaking Amish" (the language of many of our ancestors) was played and similarities noted between that and Schweitzer. Stories were told by Maynard Krehbiel, Norvin Schrag, Leona Graber, Stan Saner and Ben Stucky. The group sang "Holy God we praise thy name" in German.