

FEEFHS/SGGEE

Super Conference 2009

"A Journey of Discovery"



July 24 and 25, 2009

Radisson Milwaukee North Shore

7065 North Port Washington Road

Milwaukee, WI 52317

Registration details at www.feefhs.org

You are Invited to.....

Super Conference 2009

The Federation of East European Family History Societies and the Society of German Genealogy in Eastern Europe are co-sponsoring a 2009 Super Conference – “A Journey of Discovery” – in Milwaukee.

The conference will be held Friday and Saturday, July 24th and July 25th at the Radisson Milwaukee North Shore, 7065 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee WI 53217.

Everyone with roots in Central and Eastern Europe is invited to attend!

The conference will feature presentations focusing on family history research in present-day Poland, Ukraine, Romania, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia, as well as the interpretation of records from the Russian, Austro-Hungarian, and German Empires.

Presentations will cover research, procedures, records, language, and scripts used to mine genealogical content. Computer genealogy, Wisconsin immigration, and general research principles will also be addressed.

We have a superb program with several expert speakers, including:

Ceil Wendt Jensen, a certified genealogist from Michigan, will tell us about the ancestry of Wilhelm Boeing – a man whose name is found on many of the commercial aircraft around the world. She will also speak on strategies for locating ancestral villages, and the work of immigration agents.

Thomas Kent Edlund, a specialist in East European languages and manuscripts and a Professor of Family and Local History at Brigham Young University will bring us up to date on the filming efforts of the Family History Library in Eastern Europe. Thom's presentation will be part of our banquet on Friday evening.

Joe Everett from The Generations Network will explain how to use the databases available on *Ancestry.com* to advance your family history research in Eastern Europe.

Thomas Krahn of Family Tree DNA will discuss the value of DNA research in tracing families.

Larry Jensen, one of the leading experts on German genealogy, will offer three presentations designed to help you to identify and understand the best family history resources available.

- **The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe will bring its research room and library to the conference, with scores of resources offering information on ancestors in Germany, Poland and Ukraine, including:**
 - **Access to our various databases** containing over 450,000 names from Poland and Volhynia, many of which were extracted from Polish church books and which are not available in any other database.
 - **Birth, Marriage and confirmation records** from 1920-1944 for eastern Volhynia.
 - **Gazetteers and maps** to locate ancestral villages.
 - Karl Stump **village record lists** of settlers in various eastern Volhynian villages. And More.

Full Early Bird registration costs are \$125 for the full conference (including Saturday lunch) until June 15, 2009, and \$35.00 for the Friday night banquet. Registration from June 16th on will be \$140.00. **Pre-registration is encouraged – please complete the attached form and mail now!**

NOTE: Dollar amounts are USD and are payable online at <http://feefhs.org> with PayPal (credit card) or by mail with check or money order.

Daily registration is also available. The registration fee for Friday (six sessions, lunch on your own) is \$65.00. Saturday (six sessions plus lunch) is \$85.00. Walk-ins are welcome and the Registration Desk will be open to accommodate your needs.

Mail Registration Form (attached) and Payment to:
FEEFHS, P.O. Box 510898, Salt Lake City, Utah 84151-0898

*There will be a **cancellation fee of \$20.00** if cancellation is made after **June 30 2009**.*

Room reservations with the Milwaukee Radisson North Shore are separate. A limited number of rooms are available for the low rate of \$109.00 + tax per night for the nights of July 24 and 25. The Radisson website is www.radisson.com/milwaukeeewi_north.

Reservations: (888) 201-1718 **Telephone:** (414) 351-6960 **Fax:** (414) 351-5194
 When making your reservation, ask for the FEEFHS or SGEE conference rate.

Conference participants may plan their trip to enjoy **Milwaukee's annual German Fest** (July 23rd-26th) and explore the city's many cultural attractions, including the extensive map collection of the American Geographical Society Library, located on the nearby University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee campus.

Please join us on July 24 & 25. FEEFHS and SGEE are doing their best to make this conference worth your trip to Milwaukee!!

FEEFHS/SGGEE Joint Conference 2009 Milwaukee

Program Outline

We will offer two concurrent sessions for most of the conference. Attendees will also have access to the SGGEE research room from 8 AM to 10: PM Friday and Saturday and from 6 PM to 10 PM on Thursday for early arrivals.

Friday, July 24

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS

MORNING SESSIONS

8:30 a.m.

Track 1. Dave Obee: *Genealogy 101* **or**

Track 2. Sigrid Pohl-Perry: *How to Decipher Cyrillic Lettering*

9:45 a.m.

Track 1. Irmgard Hein Ellingson: *Researching the Habsburg Empire Part 1* **or**

Track 2. Gary Warner: *A Quick Guide to using SGGEE's Resources*

11:00 a.m.

Track 1) Irmgard Hein Ellingson: *Researching the Habsburg Empire Part 2* **or**

Track 2) Ceil Wendt Jensen: *Strategies for Locating Ancestral Villages*

Lunch Break -- On Your Own

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30 p.m.

Track 1. Jerry Frank: *The Road to Mokro Niemieckie (Using Maps for Genealogy)*

Track 2. Ceil Wendt Jensen: *Immigration Agents at Work*

2:45 p.m.

Track 1. Larry Jensen: *Identifying and Using Records in Addition to Parish and Vital Records* **or**

Track 2. Thomas Krahn: *Genealogical Use of DNA*

4:00 p.m.

Track 1. Larry Jensen: *Searching compiled genealogies to prevent duplication of research* **or**

Joe Everett: *Resources for Tracing Your Germanic Heritage on Ancestry.com*

6:00 p.m. Evening Banquet:

Speaker: Thom Edlund: *FamilySearch Filming in Eastern Europe*

Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS

MORNING SESSIONS

8:30 a.m.

Track 1. Irmgard Hein Ellingson: *Pommern in Wisconsin* **or**

Track 2. Thomas Krahn: *Using DNA as an Anthropological Tool*

9:45 a.m.

Track 1. Larry Jensen: *Understanding the Historical and Cultural Background of the Area of Research* **or**

Track 2. Cindy Jacobson: *Writing about Family History*

11:00 a.m.

Track 1. Joe Everett: *Resources for Tracing Your Eastern European Heritage on Ancestry.com* **or**

Track 2. Jerry Frank: *Bug Hollender in Siberia*

Lunch --Included in Registration

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30 p.m.

Track 1. Bill Remus: *Migration of Germans into Poland and Volhynia* **or**

Track 2. Ceil Wendt Jensen: *Seeking Wilhelm Boeing*

2:45 p.m.

Track 1. Bill Remus: *Using DNA in Your Research* **or**

Track 2. Karla Walters: *German Migration into Wisconsin*

4:00 p.m.

Track 1. SGGEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **or**

Track 2. Thom Edlund: *Jewish Research*

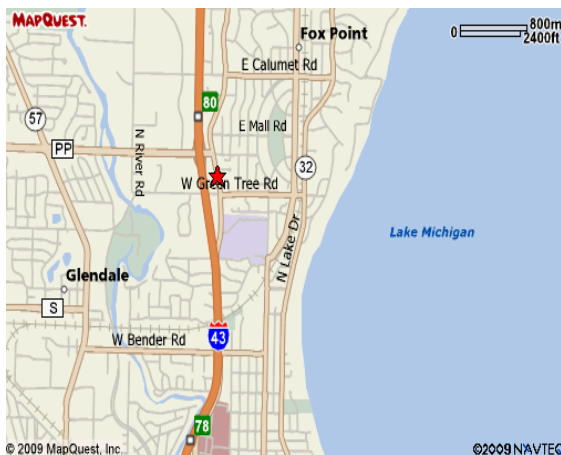
CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

The Radisson North Shore Milwaukee: Getting There

The Milwaukee North Shore Hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle transportation, convenient access to the shores of Lake Michigan, downtown Milwaukee business and theater districts. Its warm hospitality, inviting atmosphere and professional service are sure to please Conference goers.

Free shuttle service to and from the airport available 7am-10:30pm (with advance notice).

Guest rooms feature complimentary Wireless HI Speed Internet access, spacious work desk with ergonomic chairs, coffeemaker, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, sleep number bed available in select rooms, and patio available in select rooms.



Location:

Radisson Milwaukee North Shore

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A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the special conference rate of **\$109.00 + tax** at the Radisson Milwaukee North Shore. Early reservations are encouraged!

Ask for the FEEFHS or SGEE special conference rate.

Special Activities in Milwaukee

Milwaukee GermanFest. The Milwaukee German Fest is the largest German cultural event in the USA. Milwaukee is a unique city with a strong German heritage. Enjoy German food, polka music, dancing or shopping for German treasures. . July 23 – July 26, 2009, concurrent with the Conference.

American Geographical Society Library. Located on the nearby University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Campus, the AGS Library is one of North America's foremost geography and map collections.