

MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
Annual General Meeting
Mennonite Heritage Archives, Winnipeg, MB
January 20, 2024

PRESENT: 18

Jake Buhler, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
Gary Dyck, Mennonite Heritage Village
Aileen Friesen, University of Winnipeg
Bert Friesen, (non-member)
Brian Froese, Canadian Mennonite University
Bruce Guenther, Mennonite Historical Society of Canada executive member
Katie Harder, Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta
Laureen Harder-Gissing, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada
Jon Isaak, Canadian Mennonite Brethren Studies
Linda Klassen, Mennonite Historical Society of Canada secretary
Ed Krahn, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society
Henry Paetkau, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
John Reddekopp, Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan
Alf Redekopp, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario
Conrad Stoesz, Mennonite Church Canada
Richard Thiessen, Mennonite Heritage Museum
Jeremy Wiebe, Mennonite Historical Society of Canada, treasurer
Victor Wiebe, (non-member)

1. **Welcome** – Conrad Stoesz opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone.

2. **Approval of agenda** - Request to present Mennonite Heritage Village report first. M: Conrad, S: Jeremy **CARRIED**.

3. **Devotional** – Richard Thiessen read Psalm 103:8-18, which tells of a God of abundant love, compassionate and graciousness. Verses 15-16 remind us that life is temporary, “it is gone, and its place remembers it no more”. In scripture, the worst punishment is to wipe out all memory of a person. The opposite of this is to work to remember the good long afterward. What stories are we keeping? Only the negative or also the positive? Are we cultivating a “garden of memory”? Psalm 103 lists characteristics we can incorporate into our own lives. Could we cultivate a garden of memory if we gave a little more grace, were slow to anger, loving and supportive? Compassion, grace and love are stories we can preserve within our families and churches. Richard led us in prayer.

4. **Minutes** – 7a “village” is misspelled. **MOTION to accept the minutes with one correction:** Linda, S: Aileen **CARRIED**

5. Business arising from the minutes:

6d – MHSS - A clarification: MMHS conducted interviews in the 1970's & 80's and then handed them over to the Regina Archives and MHSS no longer has access to them. The archive wants to charge fees to

gain access to the tapes. They are also citing privacy & confidentiality issues and are insisting that families of the interviewees give permission for the tapes to be used. It's been a struggle to rectify this but things are improving

7f - MAID Management – some searches are difficult, is there a way to improve this?

7g – Gameo - a clarification that incorrect information can be removed from the site and entries can be updated. The original entries are preserved but not on the Gameo website.

6. Ratification of committees for 2024:

- a. Canadian Mennonite Emigration Centenary committee: Jeremy Wiebe (co-chair), Andrea Klassen (co-chair), Dick Braun, Leonard Doell, Aileen Friesen, Conrad Stoesz.
- b. A People of Diversity Committee (book project): Ben Nobbs-Thiessen (chair), Jeremy Wiebe, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Brian Froese, Lucille Marr, Conrad Stoesz, Bruce Guenther.
- c. Archives Committee: Laureen Harder-Gissing (chair), Dave Neufeldt, Conrad Stoesz, Jon Isaak, Dick Braun, Linda Klassen. A Quebec representative will be invited.
- d. Divergent Voices of Canadian Mennonites: Ben Nobbs-Thiessen (chair) Brian Froese, Lucille Marr, Leonard Doell, Laureen Harder-Gissing, Jeremy Wiebe, Bruce Guenther, Ruth Plett.
- e. Genealogy Committee: Bert Friesen (chair) Glenn Penner, Richard Thiessen. (This committee was later dissolved. See #4e.)
- f. MAID Management committee: Conrad Stoesz (chair) Laureen Harder-Gissing, Alf Redekopp, Hannah Keeney, John Thiesen.
- g. MHSC GAMEO committee: Laureen Harder-Gissing (chair), Bert Friesen, Richard Thiessen, Aileen Friesen, Alf Redekopp.
- h. Russlaender Centenary committee: Henry Paetkau (chair), Ingrid Moehlmann (vice-chair), Richard Thiessen, Katie Harder, Gary Friesen, Jake Buhler, Aileen Friesen, Luke Martin, Darryl Loewen, Cheryl Isaac, Harold Thiessen. (This committee was later dissolved. See #12 – Budget.)
- i. Russlaender Documentary Committee: Aileen Friesen (chair) Conrad Stoesz, Richard Thiessen, Jeremy Wiebe, David Y. Neufeld
- j. Website committee: Andrew Klassen Brown (chair), Jeremy Wiebe.

MOTION to accept the committee rosters as presented: Conrad S: Laureen. **CARRIED**

7. **President's Report** – Conrad extended a thank you to the board for its work. He encouraged us that what we do matters and that we are constructing monuments of meaning and understanding that encourage the question “why is this here?”

8. **Reports from Provincial societies** – each society was asked to share one or two accomplishments and one or two challenges.

(Institutional report moved here)

11h. **Mennonite Heritage Village**– Gary Dyck. Mennonite Heritage Village had a good year with attendance reaching 40,000. The winter day camp was a big success with lots of outdoor activity. They received over \$500,000 in grants for maintenance and to address other planned projects, which include building a trail from Steinbach to the Museum entrance for greater safety, building a new gallery and replacing their 30-year-old meeting space. This year marks MHV's 60th anniversary as well as the 150th

anniversary of Mennonites in Manitoba. A challenge is a \$200,000 debt which needs to be addressed. They also want to build up their endowment fund. Andrea Klassen going on maternity leave in March for 18 months and they need someone with curatorial experience to fill in.

a. **Quebec** – no one from Quebec was present to report, however they appreciate the support of MHSC. The traditional Mennonite community in Quebec is shrinking, there is a transition to a new kind of Mennonite. Newcomers have different stories. We are all going to face this; we are on the cusp of big changes.

b. **Ontario** – Henry Paetkau – An accomplishment was the opportunity to commemorate the Russlaender settlement in Canada in 2023. A challenge is how to connect with and support the regions in which these people settled. The Montreal River Alternative Service plaque is to be installed in September 2024.

Q: The plaque has been in progress for a few years now, why so long? A: The Government is slowing things down; the process is cumbersome.

c. **Manitoba** - Ed Krahn. Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society celebrated the release of the 100th Issue of *Heritage Posting* this year. Glenn Klassen is mentoring others to take over his position as editor of the magazine. Andrew Klassen Brown and Graham Schellenberg have updated the website and Facebook page. MMHS was involved with the Russlaender 100 Tour, providing support and funding for the Saengerfest. They are working with Dale Hildebrand on a documentary of the 150th anniversary of Mennonites in Manitoba. The Plett Foundation provided funding for a book by Ralph Friese *Prosperity Ever – Depression Never: Steinbach in the 1930's*. Work continues on the Post Road Trail in the West Reserve and the Peace Trail in the East Reserve. They are looking at producing an atlas of the West Reserve. Their main challenge is the need to build a new generation of volunteers. They are looking at new ways to attract larger attendance at annual conferences.

d. **Saskatchewan** - John Reddekopp. Accomplishments: *Coming and Going* events were really positive with lots of people involved. The *Leaving Canada* exhibit was featured at the Saskatchewan River Valley Museum in Hague. A twin piano concert was given two nights in a row for the Russlaender 100 Tour with 700 people attending. The project of interviewing seniors has finished for now. There are challenges of churches closing. MHSS is getting lots of records from these churches but they have less space to process them. They are hoping to extend their lease to 10 years.

e. **Alberta** –Katie Harder. Accomplishments include the three years of planning for the Russlaender 100 Tour, which they feel was successful with good attendance at events. Response has been good to the Heritage Village display in Tabor. GAMEO has accepted a story about Henry Goertzen but it isn't published yet. The Deutsch Wymlysche conference in Edmonton was successful, but history is sometimes uncomfortable. The board is planning to visit LaCrete in June as some members live there. They received two new computers via a Plett Foundation grant. Two challenges are that Brent Wiebe moved to Winnipeg, but they are hoping to continue working with him. The Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta is basically an MC group and isn't attracting material from MB sources.

f. **British Columbia** – Richard Thiessen. The Russlaender 100 Tour was a highlight for the Mennonite Historical Society of BC and included a concert and a meeting with the local Sumas First Nations, which was a very meaningful time. A challenge is what are the next steps? How do we relate to our indigenous

neighbours and tell the story? Another highlight is that Bruce Guenther is making progress on a book about Mennonites in British Columbia. He has traveled to remote areas of the province and isn't only telling the Fraser Valley story. There are more conservative groups whose stories aren't being told. Another challenge is changes in how they do their public events which are no longer attracting the numbers of past years. They must focus on smaller events and their intended audience.

Linda Klassen reported that MHSBC archives had a very productive year. New volunteers and increased activity brought to light some challenges of a growing department. This requires re-evaluating and updating their policies and procedures to strengthen their department and create greater efficiency.

9. MHSC Award of Excellence. The MHSC Award of Excellence for 2024 was presented to Ken Reddig, an archivist, historian, educator, and visionary who began his career in archives in 1979. His list of accomplishments is long and varied. Ken Reddig is a creative thinker who has a passion for history and storytelling that he has used to the benefit of the Mennonite Historical Society and the wider Mennonite constituency. Ken commented that "one of the funnest things I ever did was be an archivist." He was a mentor to both Conrad Stoesz and Aileen Friesen, something he is very proud of.

4. Committee Reports

a. **Canadian Mennonite Emigration Centenary 1922 Migration Commemoration committee** - Jeremy Wiebe. This committee was established a few years ago to commemorate the move to Mexico by Canadian Mennonites in 1922. A travelling exhibit was developed and Andea Klassen produced a lot of information for it. The exhibit has been in six galleries in four provinces. The event at the museum in Hague was well attended. They haven't heard as much feedback as expected but the reports they have received have been positive. The work of the committee will be considered complete when the *Leaving Canada* tour is over.

Q: what happens to the display when the showings are done? A: It is owned by MHV and will be stored there. It could possibly be dismantled in future.

Q: How is the community responding? A: There is no sense of response from Mexican Mennonites, but feedback from LaCrete is that it was done in a respectful, meaningful and thought-provoking way.

Q: Could it go to the Manitoba Museum? A: Unsure? It was well received by MHV patrons. The Human Rights museum was not interested.

Q: Will it live digitally somewhere? A: The panels are already digital files so it could happen. That decision would be made by MHV.

b. **A People of Diversity** - Brian Froese. The book covers the years 1970-2020, not 1970-2000. It is supported by DVCM IV. There is a total of \$29,000 available for research costs. Laureen has created a chapter on Indigenous-Mennonite relations and Brian is working on chapters on memory and on politics.

c. **Archives committee** – Laureen. The Archives committee is a good news story, with positive connection between the MHSC societies. A challenge is that we don't have a searchable place for large scanned document files, audio recordings, etc. A major point is how do we make digital stuff more accessible?

d. **Divergent Voices of Canadian Mennonites (DVCM)** – Jeremy. There was a plan for a *Mennonites, Policing, Prisons, and Reform* conference, but due to timing issues, the funds for this conference were

given to the Russlaender 100 Tour instead. The conference is still set to happen at a later date. A surplus of \$5,000 for *MCC at 100* was moved to APOD, bringing that fund to \$19,000.

Q: MAID - What kind of resources are required for digital documents? A: Open-source platforms are available and are already in use at one archive. Purchasing a platform could be substantial financial outlay. We may consider fee for access (subscription) as we will need a steady funding source.

e. **Genealogy** – Bert Friesen. Bert summarized GRANDMA'S history. Ken Ratzlaff from the GRANDMA Committee has been creating links from the GRANDMA Online database to both primary and secondary sources. The committee has decided to give this over to the GRANDMA committee. We have fulfilled the mandate of making accessible the original source material. We should have representation on the GRANDMA project and we will need to think about how best to do that in order to maintain connection to the group. Formalizing the relationship with GRANDMA is still a work in progress.

MOTION: that the genealogy committee be dissolved, with thanks for your work. M: Bert S: Alf.
CARRIED.

A second recommendation is that the financial and management responsibilities of maintaining the website www.mennonite.genealogy.com be transferred to the GRANDMA Committee.

Discussion: Nothing will change as Richard Thiessen is in charge of GRANDMA but MHSC will no longer pay for it. Payment will come through the GRANDMA committee, which becomes www.mennonite.genealogy.com

MOTION to accept the second recommendation: Bert S: Jeremy **CARRIED**

Break for Lunch

f. **MAID Management** – Conrad. The MAID committee accepted its 16th partner from Neuland Paraguay and we are seeing continued growth. The Metadata committee has been very active this past year, working to clean up the system by reviewing the MAID manual and doing some data cleanup. Alf is an admin of MAID and has done lots of “fixing of low-hanging fruit”.

g. **MHSC GAMEO** – Lauren. She is the representative to the Gameo management board. She met with Elizabeth Miller, the new member replacing John Roth. There has been a re-evaluation of how Gameo does biographies. Lauren did a review of indigenous terms, and Aileen works with students to update entries. It seems like a longer list of additions than last year but no statistics are available.

h. **Russlaender Centenary Committee** – Henry Paetkau. Someone has suggested when we remember particular experiences over time, we remember one lowlight and one highlight. There were many highlights of the Russlaender 100 Tour, but not many lowlights. It's not an experience that is easy to replicate and it was a much bigger undertaking than anticipated. It became a ¼ to ½ time job for some committee members. However, it was a very moving experience. It was worth doing because its important to remember.

Discussion: Katie Harder thanked Henry for his leadership. She noted that Alberta's role in the tour was omitted from the report. This oversight was acknowledged and an apology given.

Richard: a big thank you for Henry's leadership. Aileen did a huge amount of work, especially in selecting students to go on the tour, and a big thanks goes to her as well. We came close to recreating the Reiseschuld. We made ourselves vulnerable in some of the commitments we made. There was a scramble to raise funds to fill seats. We would need to think through how we would do anything remotely close to this again in the future. As a word of caution, we need to look at our bylaws so we don't end up in a problematic situation again.

We found ourselves in a predicament when we had to pay Tourmagination for 60 seats on Via Rail and there were nowhere near 60 seats sold close to the deadline. There was some miscommunication/misunderstanding on this point. We were short of funds; we called in favours and did fundraising to fill the seats. Aileen spent a lot of time tracking expenses and there would have been overspending without that vigilance. This made us vulnerable. We paid \$275,000 to Tourmagination.

Q: Perhaps we need to plan ahead for other big events? A: We could edit our bylaws to show that big expenditures need to be passed by the board, however this extra step could slow things down.

MOTION of thanks to the committee and those who worked and laboured to achieve this wonderful and historic event: Ed Krahn, S: Jeremy **CARRIED.**

i. **Website Committee** – Jeremy. The website has been in maintenance phase and they have been making updates requested by the executive and committees. The website highlighted the Russlaender 100 Tour events & the *Leaving Canada* exhibit. There are no specific plans for 2024 but they will continue to respond to web updates.

j. **Russlaender Documentary Committee** – Aileen. They are hoping the documentary will happen. Andrew Wall was recently in New Zealand interviewing James Urry and was able to collect some footage for the documentary. CTMS has committed \$15,000 to the documentary. They are waiting/hoping for a grant from Commemorate Canada.

11. Institutional Reports – chaired by Laureen.

a. **Mennonite Archives of Ontario & Mennonite Church Eastern Canada** – Laureen highlighted that the *"Russlaender Immigrants to Ontario: Sources & Stories"* registry is online, and people can follow families as they moved around Southern Ontario. There are numerous registries in one place. Laureen received a Bible published in 1531 and a family has provided funding to conserve the bible. The extra level of busyness in the past few months has been challenging and makes it harder to think long term.

b. **Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies / Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren** – Jon Isaak. CMBS received the Isaak Warkentin collection: six large photo albums including the photo in his report. He and two volunteers are processing about 100 photographs every two weeks. A challenge is that the two volunteers are older. Jon says that "there is nothing more fun than giving an identity to someone." He has been adding obituaries to authority records. They continue to publish the *Mennonite Historian*, and Jon notes that there is great synergy between the Mennonite Heritage Archives and CMBS. Their challenges include churches being asked to leave the Mennonite Brethren conference and the movement between MC & MB conferences. There is a difference between the leadership and the "rank & file" Mennonite Brethren. There is concern that the MB Church and this archive are going extinct. There is talk of changing the Mennonite Brethren name. MB's are not interested if there's an ethnic connection. We will not get support from our executive leaders and there will be more extinction events.

- It was noted that BC contains 63% of Canadian Mennonite Brethren and numbers across the country are dropping. There are massive changes afoot that will impact the MB church.

c. **Mennonite Heritage Archives / Mennonite Church Canada** – Conrad. Highlights include working with staff and volunteers in translation, data entry, scanning and advice giving. Digital files of the *Steinbach Post 1913-1971* as well *CMC Yearbook*, and *CMBC Alumni Bulletin* are now available to the public. Challenges are in managing volunteers; there's work and also a social aspect that requires attention. Government funding and managing grants are also challenging.

d. **Canadian Mennonite University** – Brian. The *Mennonites in Canada* course is connected to our *A People of Diversity* book. The university has gone through curricular changes but Brian was able to keep the Anabaptist courses. There is an upcoming course *1525, Anabaptism at 500*. There are challenges with a changing demographic; only 35% of students are Mennonite so do we deemphasize "Mennonite"? Change is part of our business. History is in the background at CMU.

e. **Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies at Conrad Grebel** – Lauren made remarks on the IAMS report submitted by David Y. Neufeld, as she is also an IAMS member. She remarked on the pleasure IAMS members take in working with individual students on special Mennonite-related projects. The current provincial funding model for public universities is a challenge, and has an effect on some of IAMS' activities.

f. **Chair in Mennonite Studies** – Aileen reported on behalf of Ben Nobbs-Thiessen. The Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies (CTMS) had a great conference for the Russlaender 100 Tour, the most well attended conference they have ever had. Some challenges are labour and lots of demands to find time to follow through with all the projects they are involved in. Volunteer labour is harder to sustain, some of those jobs are transferring to institutions.

g. **D.F. Plett Foundation** – Aileen. *Preservings* featured two Russlaender themed issues. The foundation continues to give out grants. The Board was recently in Belize engaging with that part of the Mennonite story.

Q: What did you see in Belize? A: the whole of their Mennonite experience. There are both very conservative and also modern lifestyles. They are dealing with how to tell their history; young people don't know their history.

i. **Mennonite Heritage Museum** – Richard. MHM opened their housebarn in April, 2023. It's challenging to have enough staff and volunteers to book and run tours. A highlight was their annual Christmas market, which did well. There were 400 people per day for five days with good sales. The movie events are well attended and they surpassed their 2019 visitor numbers. A big challenge is Mary Ann Quiring's retirement and the need to replace her. They need more intentional work with current staff for better work flow. The Café has been really popular and even made money a few months this year.

12. **Review of financial statements** – Jeremy. The updated financial statements and budget were handed out as well as *Guidelines on reimbursement for Travel*. Jeremy noted that the annual meeting cost is the difference between the amount paid by MHSC and the amounts reimbursed by each society. The higher donation amount is due to the Russlaender 100 Tour. The operating fund shows \$5,000 owing to MHV for the *Leaving Canada* exhibit.

MOTION to accept the financial statements: Jeremy, S: Jake **CARRIED**

Q: The genealogy committee is dissolved but its fund currently has a small balance. Where does the remaining portion go? A: It should go back to operating fund.

Budget – Jeremy. The draft budget to October 31, 2024 was presented. Member fees are unchanged. There is a large GST rebate due from costs for the Russlaender 100 Tour. Donations include \$8,000 to DVCM.

- Estimated expenditures for the current AGM are \$7,000 less reimbursements of approximately \$1,900 for a net total of \$5,100.
- MAID will transfer \$2,400 to the partners, which is the amount collected from photograph sales.
- As noted above, \$5,000 is budgeted for CMECC (Leaving Canada exhibit).
- The payment to APOD is the last of \$10,000 committed in Montreal in 2020.
- The remaining funds from Russlaender 100 Tour (\$785) is to go to the Russlaender Documentary fund

MOTION to accept the budget: Jeremy S: John Reddekopp. **CARRIED**

Amendment #1 to motion: that we move the Russlaender 100 surplus to the documentary fund.
Friendly amendment by Aileen, approved by Jeremy & John.

A line will be added to the draft budget to transfer the remaining balance of the genealogy fund to the operation fund. – Jeremy.

Q: should the portion of the GST rebate pertaining to the Russlaender tour expenditures go to the documentary fund? A: Yes, that's reasonable. The portion of the GST rebate derived from Russlaender tour expenditures would be about \$4,200.

Amendment #2 – that \$4,000 of the GST rebate go to the documentary fund from the operating fund.

MOTION to appoint Hans Werner to review the financial statements for next year: Jeremy, S: Alf **CARRIED.**

MOTION: I move that the Russlaender 100 Tour committee be dissolved: Henry 2: Aileen **CARRIED**

13. Nominations committee – chaired by Jon Isaak.

1. President – Conrad Stoesz
2. Vice President: Laureen Harder-Gissing
3. Secretary Linda Klassen
4. Treasurer Jeremy Wiebe
5. Fifth Member Bruce Guenther

MOTION to cease nominations: Ed S: Richard **CARRIED**

MOTION that Richard Thiessen and Jon Isaak be appointed to the nominating committee: Aileen S: Ed **CARRIED**

14. **Other business** – chaired by Laureen.

There was a recurring theme throughout the meeting of changes happening within our Mennonite denominations, organizations and historical societies. All of these thoughts and comments have been collected here. Our concerns surrounding these changes and the future of all of our institutions produced the following comments and questions:

- We are in transition. How do we bring in newcomers? How do we share the space? We can't keep going the way we are when the constituency is changing and there is both a secular and faith aspect.
- BC has a number of Chinese churches, some that have existed for years. Their stories are not being incorporated. There are 35 denominations of Mennonites in BC.
- All provincial societies need to be proactive; we are not telling the story of certain groups. IE: MCBC is declining and will cease to exist in a few years. Churches are closing, small non-cultural Mennonite groups are lasting the longest.

What will this society look in in 20 years if we want it to survive?

- People are looking for their stories and for connection, ie: The Facebook page *Mennonite Genealogy and History*;
- How do we capture those people who are on the sidelines and/or are searching for identity?
- We are capturing the non-religious segment of our community as they attend Mennonite themed conferences etc. How do we include other Mennonite groups?
- We're telling our story, are they telling theirs? How do they participate around the table? Instead of them hearing our story, how do we hear their story so that it becomes part of ours?
- Can we include other Mennonite groups via the 500th anniversary celebrations?
- How do we graft in the faith stories of these other groups?
- People like finding their roots but will they join a historical society? People in the MG&H Facebook group come to take information, but they don't give back. They want the information from us but don't contribute.
- At MHSBC, secular Mennonites come to find their roots but are not interested in the faith side.
- There are ethnic Mennonites with no faith and there are Mennonites by faith with no ethnic connection;
- It's more realistic to reach out and be comprehensive in telling the story. Listeners may or may not engage but we do our best to be proactive about telling the whole story.
- There are many ways to connect to our community, we need to work with our strengths.
- We need to actually undertake specific projects and make it happen.
- Many traditional groups are underrepresented.
- People like sharing their stories and like to be asked about it.
- How do we find the balance between including others while not losing our own identity?
- It's good to be aware but harder to take meaningful steps.
- There is sadness connected to change.
- A story was told of a day of sharing our stories with another group and hearing their stories over a shared meal.
- There could be a joint gathering with a focus on Christian faith.
- If there's a will - just do it!

- How do we speak to a new generation whose world is very different from our own?
- We can strike a new committee. Aileen is willing to participate to think up a project that would start a conversation with some group. Perhaps the additional \$4,000 for the documentary fund could be used here instead.

MOTION: To strike a committee to study the question of identification and preservation of a greater range of Mennonite stories in Canada M: Aileen S: Brian **CARRIED**

The committee will consist of: Aileen, Brian, Jeremy, Bruce, and David Y. Neufeld. MHSS would like to contribute.

15. Next meeting and meeting schedule: next year our AGM will be held in Ontario, Jan 16-18, 2025. Information will go out in early fall.

Some thoughts on possibly adjusting the schedule include adding a virtual meeting every few years, utilizing larger constituencies more often than smaller ones and exploring a hybrid model next year, as MAO has the equipment to facilitate hybrid meeting.

16. Adjournment M: Brian

Minutes submitted by
Linda Klassen