



# HISTORICAL SOCIETY of GERMANS from POLAND & VOLHYNIA

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**HSGPV Library will reopen in September 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, until further notice.**  
**by appointment ONLY**  
Please read our new protocols on page 2.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

This is a trying time for all us as we cope with the changes presented to us by the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

Our lives have changed dramatically and so has the way we do business. We are now monitoring HSGPV emails, telephone calls and the website from home. A volunteer has visited the library monthly to make sure all is well and pick up the mail.

We continue to follow the rules and regulations set out by the government, which means minimum gatherings and social distancing. With this in mind we are looking at new ways to keep the library open and keep our patrons safe.

The Board continues to meet on a regular basis using Zoom or in person to discuss this issue and other Society issues. We have postponed the AGM until late Spring 2021, and encourage you to renew your 2020 membership, which remains valid until December 2021.

Please feel free to contact any of the Board members through email at [HSGPV@telus.net](mailto:HSGPV@telus.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

We hope to see you soon.  
Please stay safe.

Barbara Stenzel



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# HSGPV Library Update



Our library has been closed since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are following the Alberta Government and the City of Edmonton’s rules and regulations regarding opening of libraries.

Our landlord, Trinity Lutheran Church, has requirements which we are also following, such as gathering each visitor’s contact information, cleaning of heavily used surfaces, i.e. light switches, doorknobs, etc., and no sharing of food or drinks.

The HSGPV Board discussed safety and comfort levels of our volunteers and patrons. The Board has agreed upon these HSGPV protocols:

- Opening twice a month **but** ONLY by appointment. Contact the library through email or telephone to book an appointment. We cannot comply fully with distancing in our small area.
- A mask **MUST** be worn in the church area and in the HSGPV library. Trinity has masks available, if needed.
- All visitors **MUST** provide contact information for tracing purposes, which HSGPV is required to provide to our landlord at the end of the day.

- Hand sanitizer is available in the library.
- Any material touched by a visitor will be set aside for two weeks for decontamination purposes. Cleaners may damage our materials, so we have chosen this option.
- Further protocols may be implemented and will be posted at the library entrance.

**Please also note:**

- Appointments may be cancelled on short notice, due to lack of library volunteers or unforeseen circumstances.
- Our volunteers may be screening visitors with COVID related questions,
- Public washrooms are available outside of the library, however not monitored by HSGPV volunteers.

**Visitors not wishing to comply with HSGPV protocols will be refused admittance.**

PLEASE do NOT visit the HSGPV Library, if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, as per the Government of Alberta COVID-19 Information: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx#symptoms>

**Thank you in advance for helping us keep our volunteers and visitors as safe as possible.**



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# NEWS



## Conferences of Interest

	<p><b>2020 SGGEE Annual General Meeting: Members Only</b>  <b>Saturday September 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.</b>          Location: Best Western Premier, Calgary Plaza Hotel, 1316-33 Street NE          FORM: <a href="https://f8s.co/24ll">https://f8s.co/24ll</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sggee.org">www.sggee.org</a>  <b><u>Please contact SGGEE prior to attending.</u></b></p>
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<b>Genealogical Illumination Weekend</b>	
<b>September 11-13, 2020 (Friday-Sunday)</b>	<b>On Line ONLY thru <u>Zoom</u></b>
<b>TICKETS: <a href="https://www.german-russians.info">https://www.german-russians.info</a> Contact: <a href="mailto:ahsgr.edmonton@gmail.com">ahsgr.edmonton@gmail.com</a></b>	

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Internet: <https://www.albertaner.ca>

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## Please Renew Your Membership!!!

*Membership Form is available on our website or by contacting our office.*

Yearly membership fee is **\$25.00** and valid between January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Payments are accepted in the form of **cheque** or **cash** (at the library) or **etransfer [NEW!]**, using [hsgpv@telus.net](mailto:hsgpv@telus.net) Password: **Library 2020**.

Membership is open to any person over the age of eighteen years of age.

*Due to Covid19, the 2020 membership will be a 2-year membership to include 2021.*

## HSGPV Member Borrowing Privileges

has been suspended until further notice.

## Library Visits by Appointment Only,

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, except holidays.**

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*HSGPV is happy to help with any genealogical endeavours!*