

**SWISS (VOLHYNIAN) MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
SPRING BANQUET**

Tuesday, June 3, 2003, 6:30 PM
Memorial Home Activity/Wellness Center

There were 153 in attendance. Wayne Goering served as toastmaster and read from Dr. R. C. Kaufman's report on the noted differences between the Schweitzers and Molotschna as students at Bethel College from "A Critical Evaluation of Ourselves", *75th Anniversary of the Swiss Mennonites in America*.

Music was provided by Connie Graber, Lou Fensky, Diane Knight with Judy Goering accompanying them on the piano.

The Joe C. Goering Family was the featured family and Margie Dyck shared memories of her grandfather, Joe C. Goering, ("Dicke Joe") stating incidents of his dedication to family, church, and community. A table of memorabilia from this family was set up for all to enjoy.

Jerry Stahly, the featured speaker, shared his research on the chronology of Mennonites and Amish identities among the Swiss Volhynians in Europe, confirming that we were Amish when we came to America and remained Amish for a short time after arriving in America. He discussed events and reasons for the Swiss Mennonites abandoning the Amish way of life once they came to America.

Arnold Wedel requested members to let him know of any corrections that needed to be made to the cemetery directory .

A Swiss Mennonite ethnic meal was provided by Vern Demel of the Country Kitchen, Moundridge, Kansas and served by the social committee of the First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, Kansas. The meal cost was \$7.85/meal.

Waneta Goering, Recorder