

December 1, 2008 ... E-mail from Brian Lenius to Ed Rozylowicz:

Also, before the trip I had emailed to Werner Kraus, who has been our only real voice in Germany with other descendants. He, himself, does not have any roots (known) in Muzylowice but has been a great proponent of the project. As you know, they have a meeting of the German Catholic colonies every September in Ostrau, Germany (near Halle) and he has always presented our documents and solicited a portion of the meeting donations for the project. Well, this time, I told him about the dire condition we were in and that I did not want to have to spend nearly 4,000 on the project with the increase (including the amount I have already donated). This was before you and I had agreed to split that shortfall (at least in the short term - hopefully). I emailed him as a friend back in July and assumed it would be confidential, but in fact he read my email out to the meeting. He also suggested that each man there with roots in Münchenthal should personally donate at least 50 Euros (remember Ed we are dealing with former East Germans here that are not as bad off as Ukraine, but not as well off as western Germany either).

Not only did he make an issue of the project at the meeting but he took the initiative of putting a notice in the newspaper "Das Hilige Band" (a Catholic German Galician paper). The net result of the meeting combined with the donations from the newspaper article is 350 Euros at last count. I am not happy that it made me look like the one that would be the only one out of pocket when in fact it is both of us. But as I said the initial email to him was before you and I had made the agreement. In any case, I think it is great news that we have raised that amount from them and when all is completed I am sure we will put an article in that paper, not to mention the "Zeitweiser der Galiziendeutschen" that will accurately reflect your involvement and mine as well as the efforts of others.

On the **Bruckenthal** web site (<http://www.bruckenthal.de>) Werner Kraus' report on the latest meeting of Germans of Galician descent at Ostrau near Halle in September 2008 (in German) made the following statement:

5th paragraph ... Herr Werner Kraus informierte dann über die aktuellen Beschlüsse des Hilfskomitees und einige die Heimat- und Familienforschung betreffende Fragen. Er konnte berichten, dass die Gedenktafel für die Kirche in Wiesenberg an ihrem Bestimmungsort angekommen ist. (Sie wurde im Heft Juli/August des Heiligen Bandes vorgestellt). Der im Septemberheft des Heiligen Bandes veröffentlichte Spendenaufruf für das Denkmal auf dem Friedhof in Münchenthal wurde in eindringlicher Form wiederholt, weil durch einen dramatischen Anstieg der Preise für die Steinmetzarbeiten in der Ukraine mehr als 4000 Dollar fehlen, die der Initiator Brian Lenius aus Kanada vorläufig aus seinen Ersparnissen gezahlt hat.

Translated ... Mister W. Kraus informed us afterwards about the present decisions of the assistance committee and about some questions relating the family and home region research. He reported that the commemorating plate for the church in Wiesbaden came already at its destination. (It has been introduced in July/August number of Holy Volume). In the September number of Holy Volumen there had been published once more in urgent form a collection exhortation for the monument on the cemetery in Münchenthal because due to the dramatic rise in prices for the stonework in Ukraine more than 4000 Dollars are lacking/missing which the initiator from Canada had paid from his savings - for the time being.

For the record ... no funds were missing. However, due to the increase in the cost of engraving the monument panels, the partnership was in a severe shortfall, not the \$4,000 indicated. To expedite the engraving process the two principals (Lenius – Rozylowicz) contributed the amount of the shortfall, with the intent of a partial recovery of their contribution through a subsequent fundraiser. Brian Lenius was not singularly depleting his savings to salvage this project. The fundraiser was never initiated ... no partial recovery of the contribution ever materialized.

9th paragraph ... Das Ergebnis der Geldsammlung betrug 450 Euro. Dazu wurde bekannt gegeben, dass 100 Euro für die notwendigen Auslagen zur Vorbereitung und Durchführung des Treffens verwendet werden müssen. Es blieb aber genug übrig, um 150 Euro für die Arbeit des Hilfskomitees und 200 Euro für das Projekt Friedhof Münchenthal zu spenden.

Translated ... The result of the money collection was 450 Euro. It was announced that 100 Euro have to be spent for necessary expenses connected with preparation and realization of the meeting. Though there is still enough money left to spend 150 Euro for the activities of the assistance committee and 200 Euro for the project Cemetery Münchenthal.