

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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2012 Bullitschek Family Reunion Lititz, Pennsylvania June 21, 22, 23, 24

Highlights of the 2011 Bullitschek Family Reunion

The 28th annual reunion of the descendents of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek was held June 23-25, 2011 at the Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills in Branson, Missouri. The coordinator of the reunion was Susan Bolerjack. A total of 34 were in attendance from ten states.

Family members were welcomed in the Hospitality Suite Thursday afternoon. The suite was available for visiting during the reunion. Everyone was given a packet of information about the many shows and other attractions in and around Branson.

Many of the attendees met at 5:30 to go to the Golden Corral to eat and then to attend a tremendous retelling of the story of NOAH at the Sight and Sound Theater. The production had a cast of 50 and used an on-stage ark, live animals and vivid set design.

On Friday, people were free to attend shows, shop, or visit some of the many other attractions in and around Branson. That evening the family members gathered for a meal at the Lone Star Restaurant, which was within walking distance of the hotel.

The group then returned to the Hospitality Suite at the Comfort Inn to participate in the annual auction. David Bland did a wonderful job as auctioneer, and approximately \$800 was raised. This money is used for the upkeep of the Bullitschek/Bolejack cemetery in North Carolina where Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek and many of his descendants are buried.

On Saturday morning we had breakfast at the hotel and later assembled for the Bullitschek business meeting. The annual photograph was taken immediately

after the meeting. Then everyone said their good-byes, and plan to see each other in Lititz next year.

Bullitschek Family Association Reunion Minutes of Business Meeting, June 25, 2011

The annual business meeting of the Bullitschek Family Association Reunion was called to order by President Bob Jones. He welcomed everyone and commented that he was reminded of the words in the first chapter of Philippians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." He pointed out that we are blessed to get to know each other.

Secretary Mary Anne Templeton read the minutes of the June 26, 2010 business meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Gerald Bolerjack presented the Treasurer's Report which was also approved as presented. (A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be included in the compilation of minutes). Gerald also reported that approximately \$800 was made at the Friday night auction. Applause was given to David Bland for his role of auctioneer.

Newsletter Gerald reported that 113 copies of the Bullitschek Newsletter are sent out via email, and 169 copies are sent by US Postage. Only 50 to 60 people pay dues each year, so the cost of the postage is a large part of the budget. Ten to twelve newsletters are returned as undeliverable each time. Gerald has been spending many hours trying to track down the addresses of these people. It was decided that from now on, the newsletter editor should not have to spend time trying to locate the names of those on the returned newsletters. Those names should be dropped from the mailing list. It is up to the newsletter recipients to report any change in address.

Reunion A vote of appreciation was given to Susan and Gerald Bolerjack for their fine job of coordinating the reunion and for their work on the newsletter.

The officers proposed Lititz, PA as the site for the next Family Reunion. Bob Jones had contacted family members, Jack and Ginny Lykins who live in Lititz. They agreed to serve as coordinators for the reunion.

Since the attendance at the reunion has declined over the years, Bob said the officers asked that there be discussion on whether or not we want to continue having the reunion every year, change to every other year, or if the reunion had run its course and should be discontinued.

During the discussion, Barbara Frazer pointed out that there have been some new attendees each year and that we might be in a transition stage. David Bland stated that there is potential for an influx of family members who are interested in the Bullitschek history. He mentioned that Francis Bolerjack's grandson had written his graduate thesis on the Bolerjack family. It was agreed to have the reunion next year and revisit this issue then.

It was suggested that the days of the reunion be changed to either Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; or to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in order to give ministers and others with Sunday obligations an opportunity to attend. This might also result in obtaining less expensive hotel rates and air fares. Most of the people attending are retirees; however having the reunion on week days might make it hard for those still working to come.

Janis Estell pointed out that attending the Moravian Church on Sunday morning has been a meaningful part of our former reunions in Lititz, so we should consider doing that in 2012.

Ruble Garner moved that the 2012 Family Reunion be held in Lititz, PA on Thursday to Sunday, June 21,22,23 and 24. Susan Bolerjack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Suggestions made to increase the appeal of the family reunion were: to have a time on Thursday nights for introduction and sharing of family pictures and pictures from previous reunions, to reinstate talent shows such as were held at the early reunions, to pursue more outreach via electronic means such as Facebook, and to continue to encourage children and grandchildren to attend.

Bob Jones said that these are good suggestions, but we need people to do them. Janice Estell said she would see if her sister could set up a Facebook Group for our family.

Officers The following slate of officers was presented :

President—Janice Estell
Vice-President—Virginia (Ginny) Bryant
Treasurer—Gerald Bolerjack
Secretary—Mary Anne Templeton
Newsletter Editor—Gerald and Susan Bolerjack
Historian—Marilyn Blackburn
Archivist—Richard Soash
Coordinator Jack and Ginny Lykins

Elvina Haney moved the slate of officers be accepted. Joan Bland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In 2010, Gerald agreed to continue in the office of Treasurer for one more year. No one stepped up to take his place this year, so Gerald graciously agreed to do this job another, but someone who has computer/accounting skills is needed to become treasurer next year. The database is in Access and the financial records are in Quicken. Gerald deserves a respite, especially since he is also the Newsletter Editor.

Those who have died this past year were remembered at the reunion

Phyllis Cox – cousin of Bob Jones and Virginia Logan

Mattie Humfleet – Maxine Jones' mother.

Labon Adelma (Dutch) Trayler – Brother of Andy Trayler and cousin of Elvina Haney

Pauline Wells – Mother of Laura Soash (Richard), David Wells, Don Wells, Susie Brun, and Buffy Wagoner

Mary Elizabeth Tekell – cousin of Wilma Shepard, Margie Jameson, Phyllis Bagby and Mary Anne Templeton went to be with the Lord on August 14, 2010

Elizabeth Francis – mother of Ginny Lykins

Mary Louise (Bolejack) (Wilson) Kinnaman – mother of Shirley Langloys, Sharlen Mathis and Sharman Hauserman

Roger Dale Dodson – Husband of Lou Anne Dodson and son-in-law of Ruby (Bolejack) Boyles and the late Howard Boyles.

Jetty Frances Boyles Wymore – wife of Tom Wynnes and daughter of Ruby (Bolejack) Boyles and the late Howard Boyles

Eunice Shafer – daughter of the late Francis Otto and Bertha Cordelia Bolerjack and aunt of Janice Estell.

Cards

Cards were signed to Arlene Bolerjack, Juanita Baker and Marilyn Blackburn.

Recognition and Appreciation

Anya Frazier and Taryn Boyland were recognized as the youngest attendees.

Susan Bolerjack was thanked for coordinating the reunion. The association voted reimbursed her for expenses of \$42 dollars and voted to give Susan and Gerald \$100.00 as a token of the group's appreciation.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Faith of our Fathers" and "Faith of our Mothers".

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Templeton, Secretary

BULLITSCHEK FAMILY REUNION 2011

Persons Attending:

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| Phyllis Bagby | Centralia, IL |
| Joan & David Bland | Independence, MO |
| Bill & Dottie Bolerjack | Mountain View, MO |
| Cliff Bolerjack | Smyrna, TN |
| Gerald & Susan Bolerjack | Broken Arrow, OK |
| Virginia (Ginny) Bryant | Norris City, IL |
| Janice & Troy Estell | Mustang, OK |
| Barbara & Anya Frazier | New York, NY |
| Myrna & Ruble Garner & Taryn Boyland | Oklahoma City, OK |
| Nicole Gibson & Connie Teters & James Fresumra | Seligman, MO |
| Elvina Haney | Springfield, MO |
| Nancy Heron | Marietta, IL |
| Margie Jamerson | Joliet, IL |
| Robert & Maxine Jones | Louisville, KY |
| Dorothy & Ray Lindquist | Waterville, KS |
| Virginia & Joe Logan | Lexington, KY |
| Angela Munson | Coffee Springs, AL |

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| Jean & Tom Nealis | Enid, OK |
| Wilma Shepherd | Norris City, IL |
| Mary Ann Templeton | Warrenton, VA |
| Andrew Trayler | Cushman, AR |

Marriages

Martha Blackburn married Jack Williams on April 25, 2009 and lives in Findley Ohio. Marilyn also stated that Martha broke her neck in a sledding accident the day after Christmas 2010 and had surgery on January 11 and will have another surgery on April 11.

Roger is retiring and the end of orchestra season (September 2011)

Reported by Marilyn Blackburn in March.

Mathew Estell Married Tracey Schroeder on April 23, 2011. He is the grandson of Reba Bolerjack Wright and son of Troy & Janice Estell.

Reported by Janice Estell

Birth

Johannal Beth Shamblin was born on December 10, 2010.

She is the granddaughter of Reba Bolerjack Wright. Parents are Dr. Laura and Clay Shamblin.

Janice Estell, grandma will get to babysit her Monday – Thursday while mommy is at work as a pediatrician.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Barbara and Kenneth Jones will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday August 13 in a come and go reception from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK.

Bullitschek Family Officers 2011-2012

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TIME TO PAY YOUR 2012 DUES \$8.00

Do not duplicate your dues. If dues are duplicated they will be put in the cemetery fund where Joseph Bullitschek is buried in North Carolina.

It was decided in the business meeting at the reunion that the newsletter editor should not have to spend time trying to locate the names of those on the returned newsletters. We will no longer try to find you if the newsletter is returned. It is your responsibility to let the editor know if you have moved or changed email address.

If you do not pay your dues you will be dropped from future newsletters. If you are unable to pay your dues but still want to receive the newsletter we will continue at the present. If you do not pay dues or respond to this you will be dropped.

If you have received this information by "Snail Mail" We do not have your proper email address. Please let me know when you change your email address. I would like to receive the information by email as I am sometimes unable to decipher some writing. geraldbjack@aol.com

NAME: _____

Use Bullitschek descendant's name

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

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