

# ***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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Bolerjack/Bolejack Family Reunion will be held in Branson this year. We have 30 rooms reserved, starting on June 23, 2016, for 3 nights at the: Branson Towers Hotel, 236 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson MO 65616. Family members can make their own reservation by calling (417) 336-4500. They will need to refer to the Bolerjack Family Reunion. **June 9 is the last day that rooms will be held, so your reservation will have to be made before then.**

For those who wish to arrive earlier or depart at a later date to enjoy the many activities that Branson has to offer, the special discounted rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after our reunion dates.

The Rates for the reunion are as follows:

1 Adult	\$69.00	Tax not included
2 Adults	\$69.00	Tax not included
3 Adults	\$76.00	Tax not included
4 Adults	\$83.00	Tax not included

Our rooms are on the 3rd floor around the Valley View Room. The room will hold 50 people and will be available all three days. Continental Breakfast will be served 6:30 am – 9:30 am and is included in the room rate.

We are working on the schedule of events for the reunion and will have things set soon.

Andy Trayler: Cell: 870-307-8940, Home 870-698-2864

## **Bullitschek Family Association 2015 Annual Meeting**

On Saturday, June 27, The Bolerjack Family Association Annual Business Meeting met in the Parker Fine Arts Center on the Southern Nazarene University Campus. Tracey Estell and her musical group played dinner music. President Barbara Frazier opened the meeting and asked Francis Bolerjack to pray.

Cousins from Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, and New York were in attendance. First time attendees, Aaron and Brittany Bolerjack, were introduced. Aaron and Brittany served as volunteer missionaries to Poland and Great Britain for the Church of the Nazarene and just returned to Bethany, Oklahoma last year, where they now reside.

Recognition and prizes were given to the following:

Traveling the farthest: Barbara and Anya Frazier from New York.  
The oldest: Francis Bolerjack from Ohio and Pat Bolerjack from Oklahoma City, with Francis being only 3 days older than Pat.  
The youngest in attendance, Jonas Estell, 1-year-old son of Tracey and Matthew Estell.

Those family members who have gone to be with their maker were recognized with a time of silence. John Thomas Bolerjack Jr., Virginia Bolerjack, Earnest Major, Naomi Emmel, Lloyd Edward Bolejack.

Secretary Barbara Jones read the minutes of the 2014 annual business meeting. Andy Trayler made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Elvina Haney. Motion passed.

Marilyn Blackburn read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Francis Bolerjack. Seconded by Elvina Haney.

Because we no longer have the fundraising auction, concern was expressed as to how we will be able to continue to pay for mailing the Bullitschek Family News Bulletin, maintain the cost of the website, and other expenses, as well as maintain the cemetery fund. It was decided at this time donations would be sufficient. Donors will be recognized in the bulletin unless they request to be anonymous.

There was discussion on accountability for mowing of the cemetery. Members want to have some way to know how often and how much it is costing to mow. Suggestion was made to have Ivalee Elliott ask her daughter, Lori Tibbits, to take pictures of the cemetery. Marilyn Blackburn will follow up to be sure the mowing is being done.

Ruble Garner made a motion to give \$100 to reimburse reunion coordinators for their expenses. The 3 sisters will decide how it is to be divided. Aaron Bolerjack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marilyn Blackburn reported that the winter get together in Florida was canceled. Marilyn Blackburn gave information regarding how the Bullitschek genealogy had been gathered and gave suggestions for keeping family history updated for the next generation. Dr. R.T. Bolerjack was asked to share his life experiences. Dr. Bolerjack, with his wife Pat, pastored for 23 years including churches in Ft. Worth and Hawaii. He was the Vice President of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, CO, and also served at the Nazarene Seminary in Australia. He and his wife Pat now live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and have three adult children and several grandchildren.

It was noted that attendance at the annual reunion has been declining; few new families and the younger generation do not seem interested in attending. To address this issue it was suggested that we discontinue annual reunion or have them bi-annually. It was decided to continue the annual reunion on the traditional dates in June.

Drawing for door prizes began and there was a lot of laughter over those who won and some moaning from those who didn't. Door prizes were provided by Iva Lee Elliott, Janice Estell, and Barbara Jones.

James Bolerjack, son of the late Areline Bolerjack, read a letter from Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek.

President Barbara Frazier presented the slate of officers.  
President - Barbara Frazier

Vice President – Marilyn Blackburn

Secretary - Barbara Jones

Treasurer - Mark Bolerjack, 6712 Randi Rd, OKC 73132. email [mwbolerjack@gmail.com](mailto:mwbolerjack@gmail.com)

Database /newsletter, – James Bolerjack

Historian - Aaron Bolerjack

Archivist Richard Soash

2016 Reunion Coordinators - Andy Trayler, Elvina Haney, and Cheryl Trayler

Motion to accept by \_\_\_\_\_. Janice Estell seconded. Everyone being in agreement; the slate was unanimously approved.

James will work with Gerald Bolerjack and Marilyn Blackburn to update family database and help Gerald with sending Family Association Bulletin.

The next reunion will be in Branson MO, on June 23, 24, and 25. Suggestions for the reunion can be sent to reunion coordinators.

No further business.

Anya Frazier passed out the music and we concluded by singing Faith of Our Mothers and Faith of Our Fathers, and Give Me That Old Time Religion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Wright Jones Secretary

## **OTHER NEWS**

Gerald,

Due to the fact that we no longer have an auction at our reunions, we are especially appreciative of donations made beyond the membership dues. Our expenses are the upkeep of the Bullitschek cemetery in NC, website maintenance, distribution of the newsletter, and reunion coordinating costs.

### **ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Those that have made donations between the 2014 and 2015 reunions are:

- Margie Jamerson
- Joe Jamerson
- Bonnie Bolejack
- Marilyn Bolerjack Blackburn
- K. Craig Bolerjack
- Donna K. Miller
- Karen Ingersol
- Elvina Haney
- Janice Wright Estell
- Andrew N. Trayler

### **DEATHS AND OBITUARIES**

Duane Francis Bolejack--Born: Feb. 25, 1922 and Death: July 5, 2005 in Falls City, NE. Duane was the oldest brother of my husband, Jean "Bole" Edward Bolejack (Feb. 23, 1926-Mar. 28,

2007) Duane and Bole had 3 younger sisters, June Elaine Bolejack Miller (June 18, 1929-April 25, 2014), Betty L. Bolejack Bird (Falls City, NE) and Mary Joan Bolejack Martin (Oxnard, CA).  
submitted by Colleen E. Bolejack, Whitsett, NC.

Mary Belle (Bolerjack) Jones died on Feb. 25, 2015 in Elgin, IL. She was born in Mt. Vernon, IL and was the sister of James H. Bolerjack of Huntley, IL and Judy Jenkins.  
- -submitted by James Bolerjack

Lois Bolerjack Funkhouser, 91, of Enfield, IL passed away on Mar. 24, 2015 in Carmi, IL. She was born on Sept. 6, 1923 in Enfield, the daughter of James Ellis and Lula May Bolerjack. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Oscar Funkhouser, and two brothers, Virgil I. and J. Raymond Bolerjack. Lois is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Carl and Kathy Funkhouser of Carmi. –  
--submitted by Marilyn Bolerjack Blackburn

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**If you have not paid dues in the last three years this may be the last Bulletin you will receive.**

Expenses for upkeep of the Association have been more than the dues coming in. The people attending the reunion had been holding an auction in the past to help with the expenses to pay for the mowing of the cemetery which costs \$ 350 per year. The other costs include the printing, stamps, coordinator expenses and appreciation for hosting the reunion. It's time for everyone to help keep the association going.

**TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL 2016 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.

NAME: _____ Use Bullitschek descendant's name
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Spouse: _____ Email: _____
<b>Make Check to: BULLITSCHEK FAMILY ASSOCIATION</b>
<b>Mail to: Mark Bolerjack, 6712 Rand RD, Oklahoma City, OK 73112</b>