

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #704
JUNE 23, 2015

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BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

WILSON	Ursula, wife of Sam - 80	June 23, 1935
CAMERON	Lynn, wife of Tony	June 23, 1943
WETZEL	Gene & Rosie – 26 Yrs	June 23, 1989
GEIGLEY	Lloyd	June 24, 1942
SORENSEN	Dona, wife of Grant	June 24, 1944
SHIVES	William	June 25, 1939
HAYWOOD	Daniel	June 25, 1943
MORRISSON	Bob	June 26, 1946
ALLEY	Donald & Bonnie – 33 Yrs	June 26, 1982
BROCK	Dick & Leslie – 33 Yrs	June 26, 1982
BLACKMON, JR.	Hurley - 80	June 27, 1935
LYNCH	Richard - 80	June 27, 1935
NORWOOD	Richard 'Calvin'	June 27, 1942
ATWOOD	Karen, wife of Ron	June 27, 1944
BECKHAM	Gilbert & Mary – 56 Yrs	June 27, 1959
MIKLOICHE	Tom & Inga – 48 Yrs	June 27, 1967
STANFIELD	Jerry & Cha-hee – 45 Yrs	June 27, 1970
ALEXANDER	Jim & Susan – 12 Yrs	June 28, 2003
RUPPRECHT	Jerri, wife of Harry - 82	June 29, 1933
FARRIS	Charles	June 29, 1940
KIELBANIA	Ken	June 29, 1942
MONTIE	Len & Karin	June 29, 1990

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REGISTERING FOR REUNION PAST WEEK – WALT & SHIRLEY MURCH.

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (55) – Jim & Susan Alexander (TX), Mike & Ursula Assenmacher (MI), Jim & Gert Berry (WI), Gary & Sandy Cherpes (MI), Bill & Marcia Combs (MI), Barbara Davino (FL), Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Mel & Ilse Hamill (DE), Dan Holden & Guest Mike Boggs (KY), Jay & Sherri Kallas (TN), Dolores Kessler & Guest Kathleen Delaney (OH), Ken & Gay Kielbania (FL), Greg & Sandy Krcma (WI), Tom & Inga Mikloiche (CT), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Walt & Shirley Murch (CA), Steve & Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), Miles & Janice Nelson (MO), Claude & Susanne Niebuhr (MS), Margit Norwood (TX), John & Aggie Pace (GA), Rosie Queen (DE), Don Riverkamp (TX), Phil Ruth (VA), Dan & Carol Scanny (CA), Rod & Brigitte Schwandt (IL), Jerry & Ruth Smeal & Guest Beth West (CO), Claude Spicer & Mary Richardson (KS), and Charles Shockley (IN).

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

FLYBY LIST: None Reported this Past Week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None Reported this Past Week.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY - SATURDAY - JULY 4, 2015

Independence Day, known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches, ceremonies, various other public, and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.

TO ALL OUR HRA MEMBERS, SPOUSES, FAMILY, RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS, WE WISH YOU A VERY SAFE, AND MEMORABLE INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEK. ENJOY THE HOLIDAY, AND IF TRAVELING, REMEMBER ALL THE SAFETY RULES, AND BE CAREFUL.

HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event that eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York

abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No; Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

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FISHER	Paul & Marianne – 59 Yrs	June 30, 1956
GEIGLEY	Lloyd & Lorna – 25 Yrs	June 30, 1990
ROWE	Robert	July 1, 1942
MURCH	Shirley, wife of 2nd VP Walt	July 1, 1943
SCHNEIDER	Al & Veronica – 43 Yrs	July 1, 1972
LARSON	James	July 2, 1942
SPAETH	Timothy & Sandy – 33 Yrs	July 2, 1982
HENSLEY	Jerry & Penny – 27 Yrs	July 2, 1988
SELF	Hannelore, wife of Allen	July 4, 1941
CHANEY	Bill	July 5, 1946
SCHUETY	Ramon & Elfriede – 58 Yrs	July 6, 1957

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2015 JULY HOF CONNECTION NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter publisher David Sallinger has notified us that the 2015 July Hof Connection Newsletters are completed and will be mailed via US Post Office, 1st Class Mail, this week. Be on lookout for your copy.

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GREAT WOLF LODGE ROOM RESERVATIONS – Per our HRA contract with the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, the standard suites are **\$79 per night, plus tax and resort fee. The resort fee for our HRA attendees is **\$9.99 per night**, however, when making room reservations, the registration computer automatically charges the normal \$19.99 per night, BUT, when you actually check into the lodge in September, they will adjust it to the \$9.99 per night so don't panic when you are making room reservations. The number for room reservations is **(866) 962-9653** and **Code is 1509HOF**. The room rate (ALL SUITES) is also for good for 3 nights prior and 3 nights after reunion for HRA members/guests **BASED ON AVAILABILITY**. Room upgrades are also available at a higher room rate per night.**

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CALL FOR DOOR PRIZES – 2015 TRAVERSE CITY REUNION

Fellow Hofers and Crafters – Before you know it, once again we will be together at the 2015 HRA Reunion. There is still time to make a donation for the 2015 Door Prize Program. In the past years, our Auction & Door Prize Program has been very popular. Phil Murray and Jerry Middendorf will be co-chairmen of the committee. The HRA membership is loaded with many talented members and spouses, and the door prizes will add that little extra touch to make the 2015 Traverse City Reunion a successful one. Our thanks to all that donated items (110 donations) and participated in the 2014 Colorado Springs Reunion door prize/live & silent auction.

The committee is looking for donations such as craft items, art work, books, gizmos, etc. that can be presented as door prizes or for auction items. At previous reunions, items included crochet doilies, wood carvings, hand crafted quilts, embroidered table runners, dirndls, oil paintings, decorated handmade jewelry, puzzles, German bier steins, German/Austrian musical CD's, USAFSS hat pins, collector plates, and many other items.

Let your imagination be the only limitation as to what you would like to donate and bring with you to Traverse City. However, PLEASE give Phil Murray and/or Jerry Middendorf a heads-up via email, telephone call, or snail mail informing them of what you plan on bringing as a donation.

One request for documenting your donation(s) – IF you have the capability, please take a photo of your donation, download to your computer, and email to Phil & Jerry. If you don't have the capability of doing this, just forget the request and bring the item(s) with you to the reunion. Thanks!

The committee encourages wide spread participation with the door prize donation initiative, but if you are unable to attend the reunion and would like to donate an item, find someone living close to you that is attending

the reunion, and have them bring it to Traverse City. DO NOT snail mail any items to the HRA Adjutant or Door Prize Committee.

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UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Roger Gentilini renewed his membership thru 2019 (FY19).

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH: FROM ADJUTANT MEL HAMILL

Video explaining ALZHEIMER'S, short, informative and to the point.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_kO6c2NfmE&feature=player_embedded

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