

LENHERT NEWSLETTER

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REUNION 1985 A SUCCESS

33 Lenherts enjoyed each other and the beautiful Colorado weather during the 1985 reunion. Some of the highlights are included in this newsletter, the first of several which will be coming your way during the next several years.

A regular feature of the newsletters will be a column of historical significance (or trivia) compiled by our historian, John Engle. We will also try to include other contemporary information as submitted by members of the family. But we will also include information about the next reunion, currently scheduled for the summer of 1988. Be sure to send us your reactions and opinions, especially when it comes time to respond to specific questions!

LENHERT GENEALOGY PLANNED

At the 1985 reunion a Lenhert Genealogy was commissioned, and Family Historian John Engle will serve as editor. In a future edition of the newsletter, details needed for this publication will be solicited by a questionnaire.

SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN ENGLE

A special thanks to John Engle, who has put all the Lenhert Clan names and addresses on his computer and supplied the newsletter mailing labels. He and David Eshelman have compatible computers, so they will keep the data base current. The enclosed listing of the clan was done by David.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The Business meeting of the 1985 Lenhert Family reunion was opened at 7:05 pm on June 25 in the Mountainside Lodge by President John Engle. The minutes of the 1985 reunion were read and approved.

The prophecies were read. No one correctly predicted the 5 marriages (Bob Beachy, Barbara Lenhert, Esther Heise, Mark Heise and Mike Beachy) and 2 births (Chad Yiengst and Laura Heise). Winnie Brubaker and Jenny Engle came the closest, each predicting 3 marriages and 3 births.

The study group on the reunion consisted of Jess and Fern Heise, Lois and Daryl Climenhaga, Myron and Mary Lady, Dave and Marty Eshelman, Sam and Lucy Brubaker. Their recommendations were:

1. That a 1988 reunion be planned
2. That the President name a nominating committee to nominate President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Al Heise, Myron Lady and Sam Brubaker recommended:

President- David Eshelman
Vice President- Myron Lady
Secretary/Treasurer- Norma Lenhert

Both recommendations were seconded and passed.

The committee also observed that:

1. Early August is the preferred time for the reunion
2. Mountainside is a good place for us, but another part of the country might present more appeal.

Al moved that John Engle be officially named as family historian. This was seconded and passed.

Marty Eshelman made a presentation of a pottery vase to Sam and Lucy Brubaker for their part in orchestrating this reunion. Lucy thanked Fern and Maxine Heise for their assistance in meal planning.

Dave E. took over as president. He observed that he interpreted the job of president as a responsibility not only for organizing the next reunion, but also for fostering friendships. To this end a committee has been organized to put out a newsletter once or twice a year. The members will be (representing Esther Heise's family) Jess and Al Heise; (Harry Lenhert) Norma Lenhert; (Paul Lenhert) Winnie Brubaker; (Ben Lenhert) Janis Staires; (Mary Eshelman) Dave Eshelman; (George Lenhert) Ken Lenhert. In addition, these members will also represent their respective age groups: first generation, middle age, lower middle age and young adult. Sam and Lucy Brubaker are special council to the council. John Engle as historian will also contribute to each newsletter. He will also be putting out a booklet on the Lenhert Clan.

The meeting was closed with communion led by Martha Lady and singing led by Jess Heise. The meeting lasted 39 minutes, alleged to be a record.

Barbara Witmer
Designated Secretary

INLAW INITIATION: A STUDY IN FAMILY HISTORY AND CUSTOM

Winnie Brubaker was designated chair of the inlaw initiation for the 1985 reunion. Three illustrious new members of the Lenhert Clan were duly initiated, and all three passed three tests. The first was KNOWLEDGE: 20 questions were composed, and answers were to be obtained from "at least 15 members of the family, spouses and immediate in-laws not to be used." The instructions included this appropriate statement: "Warning: Different sources may give different answers; your job is to discern which is true and complete." As Martha Lady put it... "It was a learning experience for everyone and of course there were differences of opinions in some cases." (More details on this part of the initiation elsewhere in the Newsletter, and in later issues.)

The second test was a CLEANSING: each initiate had an "egg head wash" (faking breaking an egg on their heads for an egg shampoo).

The third test was ELOCUTION (apparently to see if they could continue the tradition of oral argument): Quoting here from the family letter... Martha Lady writing: "The three new members of the family were good sports last evening. Ken was excused from the last part when Daryl and LaMar had to say 'chubby bunny' with marshmallows in their mouth. Their wives stood behind them feeding them one at a time and each time they had to make their little statement. LaMar had a system and would carefully deposit each one in his cheek and he soon looked like a chipmunk. Daryl was bending over in laughter and gave up."

Quoting now from Aunt Gladys: "We enjoyed the chubby bunny bit so much last night. When I asked Ben how many marshmallows he tho't he could put in his mouth he said he would take out his teeth, meaning he would have more room. Lamar did some mouth stretching exercises before, which was fun to watch."

And quoting from Lucy: "Most of us laughed so hard it hurt! Lamar reached the 5th level of elocution and Daryl 4th (that many marshmallows!)"

OTHER QUOTES:

Martha Lady: "Colorado is a long ways from Ashland Ohio. I left Wenesday afternoon and drove four and a half hours and was tired so got a motel for the night. I had not taken a map along and later realized I had not gone far enough for I had a big day to get to St. Joe. ...I had a restful night with Aunt Norma and we went on down to Myrons the next morning. We again forgot maps and did some extra driving and saw parts of Kansas we didn't need to see. We came on to the park with Myrons on Saturday and had a similar problem which I will not describe."

David E: "Though the size of the group is smaller this year than at the last reunion, the spirit is good. As you know, there is a high level of congeniality in the group, and there is a spirit of sharing that is gratifying. Anyhow, I wish more of the clan could be with us to gain from the experiences."

Jesse: "It has been a good reunion. It seems that all who attended feel good about their having been here. Mountainside Lodge offers so many advantages-climate, a location which offers a wide variety of activities, and central location all help to make it a nearly ideal location for an occasion such as our family reunion. The members of the family who were not able to be with us were mentioned often and with warmth and appreciation."

Maxine: "This has been another great reunion -- with good fellowship and sharing. The pictures have just arrived; the group picture is very good, as are the individual ones. The Lord is so good. We thank Him for the Lenhert Family and for this reunion!"

Sam B: "This has indeed been a mountaintop experience, and we leave here with renewed vigor for the weeks ahead. Without a doubt, the three new inlaws are delightful additions to the family. Besides their many other gifts and talents, Lamar and Daryl are very good pingpong players - I think they did not meet in the tournament, but that would be a good match. Daryl emerged the champion of the tournament."

KNOWLEDGE: FROM THE INLAW INITIATION

1. Name your spouse's Lenhert great-grandparents.
2. Give the names in sequence of birth of their 8 children.
3. Circle any of the following names which represent forebearers of this family. A. Hunsberger; B. Mumaw; C. Gish; D. Engle
4. Who is the keeper of the Lenhert Archives?
5. Who is the oldest of the third generation, and who are their parents?
6. How many are in the fifth generation, and who are their parents?
7. Name the direct lineage of the youngest member of the family for five generations.
8. What couples were distant cousins before marriage?
9. Who is the most recently married and who is the newest in-law?
10. Whose father worked with a Nobel prize winner? What was that work?

--Answers to these and the other questions will be in the next Newsletter--

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