

HFFA NEWS

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Start Thinking HFFA Reunion in 2000

Youth have den to call their own

By Lisa Graybeal Staff Writer, Chambersburg, PA - Morning Herald - Hagerstown, MD

Chambersburg, PA - Chambersburg youth can no longer say they have no place to go and nothing to do.

The Wolf Den, a club for youth ages 15 to 21, opened its doors at 3 PM Monday on the corner of South Fourth Street and Stanley Avenue just in time to catch the after-school crowd.

"I want this to be an exclusive under-21 club - a classy club - someplace where they (teens) can be proud to be," said Dan Fry, who operates the club with his wife, Donna.

Dan, who grew up in Chambersburg, said a local teen club has been desperately needed for some time.

"Everybody knows there's nothing for them to do, but nobody wants to take action," Donna said.

The couple aimed to create a club that would fit the changing moods of its customers.

Decorated with a wolf motif, the Fry's wanted the club's first floor to have a grown-up feel, yet remain hip enough for teens to want to hang out and blow off steam.

At the same time, the owners want the teens to feel like they can spread out

their books and papers on the tables to do their homework. They also want the Wolf Den to become the meeting place for members of school clubs and committees.

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A place has already been designated for a big-screen television and a recreation room downstairs has video games, pool tables and a jukebox.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the only nights the teens have to pay a \$5 cover charge, the club will feature dancing with Dan working as the disc jockey.

"I would like, 20 years from now, for the kids to look back and say, 'Remember the Wolf Den?'"

As enthusiastic as the Fry's are to create the ultimate teen hangout, their rules are strict.

"This isn't the second-chance club," Dan said, adding that police will be called and charges will be

pressed against those who go against the club rules.

On dance nights, teens will have to pass through a metal detector and if they leave, they won't be allowed back in without paying again, Dan said.

"We will run a tight ship," Donna added.

Though wary of the teen club, most neighbors are willing to give the idea the benefit of the doubt, at least for now.

"I can't imagine those teenagers being quiet. They wouldn't be normal ones if they were. But I wish them well. We'll just have to wait and see," said Pat Weagley, who's lived in her home next door to the building, followed by GJ's Sports Lounge, which closed in March 1996.

Paul Pettry, who lives just a few doors down from the club, said he'll support the establishment as long as the owners can keep things under control.

"It can't be any worse than what was there before," Pettry said, referring to the noisy, rowdy crowd who frequented the building when it was GJ's Sports Lounge.

"I hope it does work out for the kids," he added.

Chambersburg Police Chief Michael DeFrank

said the teen club could be a benefit to the community as long as it's operated for the right reasons.

But the moment it starts to become a problem, police will be there to control it and any violations of the law will be dealt with accordingly, he said.

The three-story building now occupied by the Wolf Den was built by Edith "Edie" and Charles "Shorty" Osterman, who operated the Osterman House restaurant there until 1980.

P.T. Nasty's restaurant then occupied the building, followed by GJ's Sports Lounge, which closed in March 1996.

"I'm happy. An empty building is like a person with no friends. It just goes downhill. I think the owners will really brighten the place up," Edith Osterman said.

The Wolf Den is open from 3 to 11 PM Monday through Thursday and from 3 PM to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Submitted by Jeanne Jeffrey

News From The Treasurer

Greetings Cousins:

A little information from your treasurer. As you no doubt noticed on the back of the last Newsletter, the HFFA dues have been raised to \$20.00 per year. The members that attended the general meeting at the Tennessee Reunion voted to raise the dues to twenty dollars.

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Your Treasurer,

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Editor's comment:

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The Lighter Side of Genealogy

QUOTES

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid.

-- Benjamin Franklin

If I keep this column in the Newsletter I am definitely going to need submissions to put in it. Anyone having a funny story or joke please send it to me.

Snail mail:

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Hank Adams submitted this one.

FIRE: WHAT TO DO

During a recent ecumenical gathering a secretary rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"

The METHODISTS gathered in the corner and prayed.

The BAPTISTS cried, "Where is the water?"

The QUAKERS quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The LUTHERANS posted a notice on the door declaring that fire was evil.

The ROMAN CATHOLICS passed the plate to cover the damages.

The JEWS posted symbols on the doors hoping the fire would pass.

The CONGREGATIONALISTS shouted, "Every man for himself!"

The FUNDAMENTALISTS proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The EPISCOPALIANS formed a procession and marched out.

The CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS concluded that there was no fire.

The PRESBYTERIANS appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

The top ten indicators that you've become a Gene-aholic....

By Mary H. Harris

10. You introduce your daughter as your descendant.

9. You've never met any of the people you send e-mail to, even though you are related.

8. You can recite your lineage back 8 generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.

7. You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.

6. You have taken a tape recorder and/or notebook to a family reunion.

5. You have not only read the latest Gedcom standards, you understand it.

4. The local genealogy society borrows books from you.

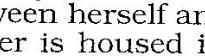
3. The only film you have seen in the last year was the 1880 census index.

2. More than half of your CD collection is made up of marriage records or pedigrees.

1. Your elusive ancestors have been spotted in more places than Elvis.

Inquiries to All

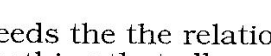
HFFA Members



Inquiries is a column in the Newsletter where requests for information will be posted. Any letters or correspondence from anyone seeking information can be mailed to me or to Jeanne Jeffrey for it to be included in the next Newsletter.

The following was received to include in the Newsletter for this quarter.

INQUIRY CLOSED FOR THIS ISSUE



The inquiry section is closed this inquiry to include. If anyone has are researching please send them to very beneficial section in the cluded in each issue.

issue because I didn't receive any me to include. I think this is a Newsletter and needs to be in-

Frey to Fry

A Three Hundred Year History

HFFA member Tommy Wiggins, my second cousin (Elizabeth Frye and Henry Ewalt), found the above entitled book in the Dallas Public Library. Tommy spends much time researching in libraries, and he is very generous in sharing his findings with me. I never seem to have the time to conduct a lot of research.

The book was assembled by a Judy Fry of Ohio. The author's notes state that this book was the result of combined efforts between herself and a Jon Fry, also of Ohio.

This is not a bound book, but rather is housed in a folder, and contains 38 pages on regular 8.5 X 11 inch paper. The public library stamp on the folder has the date of September 23, 1991 and is marked "Reference Use Only" There is no indication anywhere of a copyright. It contains an index, documentation, pictures, and hand drawn maps. I have not had time to read it over thoroughly yet, but if appears to contain a lot of good information.

I would be interested in hearing from any of our members who have read this book or who have any knowledge of it.

If anyone is interested in a copy, I will provide copies for the price of the copies and the necessary postage.

Henderson (Hank) Adams is still needs the relationship of all members who have not responded to his request. This is something that all members might be interested in having when he finishes. He wrote me to say that his son mailed him a packet of 6 and he has answered all of them. If you have responded, and he has not replied then he did not receive it so send it to him again.

Hank also has the Levering book for anyone who wants it. See page

Book available on the Levering Family:

Levering Family; or, A Genealogical Account of Wigard Levering and Gerhard Levering; By Jones, H. UMI Books on Demand

Henderson (Hank) Adams has copies of this book for sale for anyone interested in purchasing it. The copy I just received looks very interesting, but I only got it today so I haven't had time to read it yet. Hank's address is: 1008 Beachview Dr., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547. Cost is \$35.00, and would make a good Christmas gift.

WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING ROOM

October 5, 1998
German-American Day, 1998

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

From the time our republic was born, German-Americans have enriched our national life and culture. Many, seeking religious freedom, first settled in and around Philadelphia more than 300 years ago, and to this day, one of the largest neighborhoods in that city is called Germantown. Throughout the colonial period, more Germans arrived on these shores and made their homes throughout the Thirteen Colonies. Today, almost a quarter of the American people can trace their roots back to Germany.

German-Americans have had an important and lasting impact not only on the growth of our nation, but also on the formation of many of our deepest values. As skilled and industrious farmers, German Americans have shared their love for the land and a strong sense of family and community. With a deep respect for education and the arts, they have broadened the cultural life of the communities in which they live. And, from their earliest days in this country, Germans and German-Americans have revered freedom, as epitomized by the services of General Friedrich von Steuben during America's struggle for independence and by the dedication of the entirety of German American Provost Corps, which under the command of Major Bartholomew von Beer, served as General Washington's personal guard unit during the Revolutionary War.

All of us can take pride in the accomplishments of German Americans-- as soldiers and statesmen, scientists and musicians, artisans and educators. It is fitting that we set aside this special day to remember and celebrate how much German Americans have done to preserve our ideals, enrich our culture, and strengthen our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the President, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 5, 1998, as German-American Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize and celebrate the many gifts that millions of people of German descent have brought to this Nation and that have enriched the lives of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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Submitted by Harry Morrison

Membership List

If you have any ideas or thoughts you would like contribute on the list of members please contact Harry Morrison, Ron Frye, Jeanne Jeffrey, Kay Nelson or me. We have some thoughts of sending a current membership list with the Newsletter on a one time basis. This will satisfy the HFFA requirement to provide members with a current membership directory.

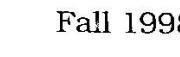
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Lynn Vitasek, Editor

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



HFFA Reunion

June 2000

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The plans are already being made for the Y2K (Year 2000) reunion in Philadelphia. It sounds from what I am hearing that this will be a great reunion. Any ideas as to side trips should be submitted now so they will have plenty of time to check them out and make necessary reservations.

We had an excellent turn out in Gallatin, but would like to see everyone in Philadelphia so please try and if possible make your plans early to attend. For those of you have not attended a reunion, it is a lot of fun and interesting. Besides getting to meet new "cousins" you get to renew friendships with others you don't see often. Catch up on your family history and news, and find out a lot you didn't know.

Harry Morrison is coordinating the reunion so get in touch with him for any thing you need to know or wish to request. Charles Burgess is making plans for side trips already so you can contact him also. From the rumors I have heard some great side trips are being planned.

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