

# LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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**T**he 2001 Lewis Family Reunion has come and gone. While the number of those attending was not as large as hoped for, we had a great visit together. Maybe more of you will make plans to attend next year. I ask in all seriousness, if there is some reason you do not like the reunion, the cost is too much, if the program does not meet your expectations, etc. PLEASE LET ME KNOW. We can make changes to meet the wishes of the group.

At 8:30 on July 27, fourteen of us had our Reunion Breakfast at Reggies. Sharing breakfast were DONNA BUCHANAN, BETTY & DUFFY DUFFIELD, JOYCE NELSON, WARREN WEEKES, BETTY & BILL WOLFE, LILLIAN RICHBURG, MARY & RALPH HEBB, SCARLETT & GLENN EHLERS, and ANN & RODNEY ROLLO. Everyone enjoyed their breakfast in spite of some mixup in orders. Believe me, we had some heavy t-storms and rain, a real "frog strangler" or as some say a "lightered-knot floater" that kept us from visiting RPC.

The evening found us at the Country Road Buffet in Pace for a delicious dinner. Attending the dinner were LILLIAN, SCARLETT & GLENN, MARY & RALPH, BILL & BETTY, DONNA, RODNEY & ANN, JIM & SUE CLARK and son JOEY,

MARGARET LEWIS, VERNON COBB, RIP & SUSAN COBB, and GLADYS & HORACE BAKER. GEORGE & JOY LEE came by the restaurant but George was not feeling well, so they returned home to Biloxi. Heard the next day that GEORGE was OK.

On Saturday we met at Navarre Pavilion and had a beautiful day with loads of great food, fun, and fellowship. Attending this event were, ROBERT & CONNIE SMITH, NICIE HARRISON, INA HOLIFIELD and Daughter ALICE WALKER, JERRY & ANN LEWIS, LAMAR & SUSAN LEWIS, SARAH HOBBS, CHUCK & LORRIE ( ALICE'S DAUGHTER) KNAPP and DAUGHTER LINDSEY, STUART & JUDY GRAYDON & THEIR CHILDREN SUZANNE, MARY DENISE, KAREN, CRYSTAL, STUART III, THOMAS, AND NOAH. The Graydon family is related to Joe Holifield, INA's late husband. Also attending were RODNEY & ANN, BETTY & BILL, JIM & SUE AND JOEY.

I did this list from memory, so please forgive me if I have overlooked anyone.

We were honored to have four generations of the Ina Lewis Holifield family present: *INA, daughter ALICE, granddaughter LORRIE, and*

great great-granddaughter LINDSEY. I believe this is a first at the Lewis Reunion. Wanted to include a picture but couldn't get one to come out good enough.

There are 63 names listed above or 21 at each of the three events at this year's reunion. We have a mailing list of 101 Lewis Families with a readership of approximately 250 at least. Those of us who attended had an enjoyable time together and we will continue the reunions. Our only disappointment is that others do not join us at these family get-togethers.

**Remember that we will have another Lewis Family Reunion on the weekend of July 26 & 27, 2002. We hope you will you make plans to join us in 2002. Without you, our reunion is not complete.**

## CEMETERY REPORT

**W**e continue to do well financially in our ongoing maintenance of Robinson Point Cemetery. As you all know we pay \$25 per month for RPC maintenance. That keeps the grounds presentable but not kept like a golf green. The plantings are doing nicely and in the spring time the place is just beautiful.

We have a new landowner of the adjacent property now that Dr. Smith sold his property to Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Downey. I had the pleasure of meeting Harrell and he is aware of the ramifications of having a cemetery on his property. He will be a very good neighbor and is anxious to meet some of our family. Harrell

is a Financial Planner with offices in Pensacola and Mobile and is involved in the Assembly of God Church and its mission field. We look forward to a long and rewarding association with the Downey family. We are looking forward to Lucille's visit in September. She, as you all know, is the moving force behind our RPC activities.

## FINANCES

**Y**ou will recall that I reported in the June newsletter that we had to transfer \$50 from Savings to Checking to cover expenses until the July interest was received. Well, instead of taking from the savings, Ann & I paid for printing and mailing the June newsletter and therefore we DID NOT take money from Savings.

At this years reunion we collected \$700 that were deposited to Savings. On August 24 Dr. Smith and I purchased a \$900 CD paying interest of 3.75% with the interest being credited quarterly to the CD. This will give us an effective rate of 3.80%. We now have a total of \$9,410 in CDs. Let's just hope that when they mature in September 2002 that we can get a sufficient interest to cover our expenses.

Thanks to the following for contributing: Ina HOLIFIELD, LAMAR & SUSAN LEWIS, JERRY & ANN LEWIS, LUCILLE FRAAS, DONNA BUCHANAN, MARY & RALPH HEBB, and LEWIS FUNERAL HOME for advertising in our newsletter.

To recap our finances, we have \$9410 in CDs, \$100 in Savings, and \$177.94 in Checking as of August 26, 2001.

Our routine expenses are \$25 per month for RPC maintenance or \$300 annually; It costs \$196 annually to print and mail 4 quarterly issues of the Newsletter to 102 LEWIS families; and \$38 to rent the Navarre Pavilion for the Reunion. These expenses total \$534 annually.

We receive approximately \$134 quarterly in interest from the CDs for an annual interest of \$536. It is anyone's guess as to what interest we will earn when our CD matures in September 2002. If the interest rates remain about the same, we will have a serious shortfall in income to worry about.

I am not trying to alarm you, only keeping you up to date on our financial situation.

That is about it for this time so will sign off with an explanation of the "Democrat Tax Cut" that I received from a friend of mine.

Rodney & Ann.

*"The Democrats' Tax Cut"*

*If you don't understand the Democrats' version of tax cuts (and you are not alone), here is an example:*

*50,000 people go to a baseball game, but the game was rained out. A refund was then due. The team was about to send out refunds when*

*the Democrats stopped them and suggested that they send out refund amounts based on the Democrats' interpretation of fairness. After all, if the refunds were made based on the price each person paid for the tickets, most of the money would go to the richest people. That would be unconscionable.*

*The Democrats' plan is thus:*

*People in the \$10 seats will get back \$15, because they have less money to spend.*

*People in the \$15 seats will get back \$15, because that's only fair.*

*People in the \$25 seats will get back \$1, because they already make a lot of money and don't need a refund.*

*People in the \$50 luxury seats will have to pay another \$50, because they have way too much to spend.*

*The people driving by the stadium who couldn't afford to attend the game will get \$10 each, even though they didn't pay anything at all, because they need the most help.*

*Now do you understand?*