
LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the December edition of the Lewis Family Newsletter. You will see this is a totally new format for our Newsletter. I recently installed Windows 95 on my computer and the DOS program used in the prior editions doesn't work to well with this Windows system. Hope the new format meets with your approval. As we get used to the new program we will try different graphics, etc. Please bear with us.

Hope you had a happy, safe, and turkey filled Thanksgiving. We here in the Rollo household had turkey with all the trimmings. We had my sister Betty & Bill Wolfe, nephew & wife, Jim & Sue Clark, and my late sister's husband, Jack Palmer. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dinner and we had a good fellowship together.

Joyce Nelson is spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Valdosta, Georgia with Betty & "Duffy" Duffield and family.

CEMETERY REPORT

The Robinson Point Cemetery continues to be maintained in a satisfactory manner by Mr. Mike Pendleton. We continue to pay for the services of Mike and also a water bill to Bagdad Water System. As was reported in the May 1997 issue of this newsletter we are paying \$7.00 per month for water usage. Since April thru October 1997 we have paid the Bagdad Water System a total of \$56.00 and have

only used a total of 200 gallons of water. Dr. Smith, our Trustees and I are meeting with the Bagdad Water System Board on December 11 to discuss this matter with them. We are going to ask for a waiver of the minimum charge. If the Board will not agree to waive the charge, we think it would be prudent for us to discontinue using Bagdad Water System and simple run a PVC pipe and connect to Dr. Smith's existing water line. As you all know Dr. Smith owns the adjacent property and he has agreed to allow us to tap into his line. If there came a time when we used a lot of water we could reimburse Dr. Smith for the usage.

Since our last newsletter we have purchased one load of fill dirt, had it delivered, and Mike Pendleton has spread it to fill in some of the low spots on the down slope of the lot. These expenditures were approved at our last Board meeting.

Contributions to RPC Maintenance Fund since our last newsletter have been received from Victoria Davis and Rudolph Parker. Thanks!

We are pleased to announce the birth of RACHEL DENISE HOBBS on Sep. 9, 1997. Rachel is the daughter of the late Thomas Asa "Bubba" Hobbs and his wife Tonya. Rachel is the



Granddaughter of Sara Lewis Hobbs; Great Granddaughter of the late Asa E. Lewis, Sr; GGG Granddaughter Grover Cleveland Lewis; the GGG

Granddaughter of Henry Jackson Lewis, and the GGGG Granddaughter of our own Jesse Lewis.

Rachel, we welcome you into the great family of the descendants of Jesse & Nancy Cobb Lewis. We only regret that your Daddy "Bubba" did not live long enough to welcome you personally.

REUNION PLANS

Betty, Joyce, Ann and I have briefly discussed the plans for our July 24 & 25 reunion. We are agreeable to do just about anything you suggest as to what, when, how, and where you would like to have activities.

Last July we had a Dutch treat breakfast on Friday at 8:30 which the 20 or so of us enjoyed. It gave us one more opportunity to get better acquainted with kin, which is what reunions are all about. LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT A BREAKFAST.

We have had tours on two occasions which seemed to be well received. You may or may not be interested in a tour this year. PLEASE LET US KNOW

In the past we have had catered dinners on Friday night in a private hall and we have had dinner in a restaurant where each one ordered from a menu. Each has its good as well as not so good features.

In a restaurant we may be subjected to having to dine with others in the same room. This may or may not be a problem to you. PLEASE LET US KNOW.

In a private hall we will probably have additional expenses for the rent. This may or may not be a problem to you. PLEASE LET US KNOW

We have had entertainment on two occasions and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The time we ate at a restaurant we did not have entertainment. Everyone seemed to enjoy that also. It may or may not matter to you. PLEASE LET US KNOW.

.Did you enjoy last year's Saturday picnic at Arcadia or had you rather have it at Carpenter's Park? As you know the park costs \$35 and Arcadia is free. We have the funds to rent the park if that is your wish. LET US KNOW.

Without your input we will be forced to make the decisions for you, however we would like your opinion. Please drop us a line, give us a call, Fax us, or send an e-mail but please have a say in your reunion plans.

TEE SHIRTS

You will recall we voted at our last reunion to purchase T-shirts and sell them to you as follows: Small to X Large \$12 and XX Large \$13 each, including all postage. From this amount we are able to donate \$2 to RPC Maintenance. To date we have sold 12 shirts and have one order pending. The shirt shop we use here in Milton will not print an order for less than 10 to 12 shirts, so if you want to order please send your check to us at the address on this newsletter. Order now and you will have them to wear at our reunion in July.

BOOKKEEPER

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter we continue to pay for maintenance of RPC as well as a water bill. The fill dirt which was mentioned earlier costs us \$32.10 and eight hours of Mike's time to level the dirt for a total of \$72.10.

Our bank balance as of November 29, 1997 is \$464.17. The Maintenance fund has \$320.29 and Reunion account \$143.88. While this sum will see us through the remainder of this year (until the July reunion) we all need to be mindful of our obligation to the Robinson Point Cemetery.

Now that we have gotten most of the important information covered we will we will go on to other topics.

Received an e-mail from our cousin Donna Buchanan in Tampa. She sent along two pages of one liners. Thanks Donna, Ann & I love them.

Here are a few of them: "Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm" "Intend to live forever - so far so good" "The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese" "If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something" "When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane" "For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain" "Two wrongs don't make a right, but two wrights made an airplane" "It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere" and "If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees".

I mentioned in our last newsletter that I had been advised by my heart doctor that I must lose from 255 down to 200 pounds or not make any long range plans. Since he explained my options in such a way even I could understand, I have gone from two or more servings per meal to only one. I am also working out three times a week at the local Health Club. I am now riding the bicycle about 6 miles, walking one mile, and doing other exercises. I feel fine and my weight as of last week was 218. The battle is being won! When you come to the reunion in July you will see me in the trousers I wore before my hospitalization.

I know several of you have access to the Internet and have an e-mail address. Please send me an e-mail and let me know if you would like to receive other cousin's address. Maybe we can get us a network together in case we need to make contact on short notice.

It has been suggested that we may want to get together a sort of "Yellow Pages" directory of those of us who have or work for businesses around the country. Possibly when we travel we could be in touch or maybe make purchases from your business by mail.

We could extend this thought even further and come up with an "Address Book" for the many Lewis family members around the country.

If you think this is something you would like please let me know and I will be delighted to try and get it together

FLASH!! FLASH!! FLASH!!

I just learned yesterday, Dec. 9, that Lucille Fraas is in the hospital where she has undergone bypass surgery. I spoke with her husband and he said she had one bypass and another two arteries had to be "cleaned out". Lucille is in CCU and will be there for several days. Robert told me her prognosis looks good.

You will want to remember Lucille and family in your thoughts and prayers. Her address is Lucille Fraas 38120 Boulder Creek Drive, Palm Desert, CA. 92260.

You all know Lucille was the moving force behind our recovery of the Robinson Point Cemetery and also the Lewis Reunion.

Lucille we all wish you a speedy and full recovery.

It is time to bring this newsletter to a close by wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a very good New Year.

Til next time,

Rodney & Ann