

LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Today, Saturday May 15 is one of the better Spring days we are having here in Milton. The sun is bright, temperature about 70, the wind out of the Northeast at about 5 mph, and humidity low. All in all we could not have better weather.

Just returned from Robinson Point Cemetery (RPC) where I found Lucille Fraas, Niece Harrison, Dot Pierce, and Mike Pendleton hard at work trimming, pruning, mowing, pulling weeds, etc. I watched all this activity as long as I could and decided it would be better for me to come home and write you all about what was going on at RPC.

Lucille came in last Tuesday for a few days to visit with Niece. We met Lucille, Niece, and Dot Pierce, Niece's daughter from S. Carolina at Reggics for lunch Wednesday. They worked at RPC on Thursday and went to visit Lucille's and Niece's sister Emma Smith in Marianna Friday. When they got to Marianna they found out Emma had fallen, suffered a broken hip, and was in the hospital in Tallahassee. Emma will undergo surgery tomorrow, Sunday. Don't have any details or prognosis at this time. We can only remember Emma in our prayers and hope for a speedy and complete recovery.

Since our last newsletter we have had a visit from Ina Holifield. Enjoyed spending an afternoon with her, her daughter Alice Walker and grand daughter Lori Knapp, and Sarah Hobbs. All are doing well.

Betty and Duffy Duffield were in town a while back to visit with Joyce Nelson. We couldn't get together

because both Ann and I were down with some kind of cold or flu, running temperatures, laryngitis, and just plain feeling yucky. We did speak with them on the phone. All is well with them. Ann and I are over our flu and back to full battery.

We continue to be in touch with those of you who have internet access and have sent us your e-mail address. We exchange jokes, and notes often. If you have not given us your e-mail address please do so. We enjoy keeping in touch.

Betty & Bill Wolfe finally joined the cyberspace crowd. They are now on line and are having fun learning to use their new toy. Their e-mail address is BandBWOLFE@aol.com and I know they would like to hear from you.

We received a call the other week from Henry and June McLeod in Perry. They have ordered a 24 X 18 inch Brass Plaque listing all of the known burials in RPC. The plaque should be completed by reunion time and Henry and June will bring it with them. We are planning to place the plaque in RPC on Friday July 23 following our Dutch treat breakfast. Henry and June insisted that they wanted to pay the entire cost of the plaque. For this we all owe them a great big **THANK YOU!!** We are so fortunate to have Lewis Family members who are so concerned about our RPC!!

We wish to recognize the following who made contributions to RPC since our last newsletter:
Scarlett and Glenn Ehler, Damon Satornino, Lillian

Richburg, Mabel Weekley, Mary and Ralph Hebb, Karen England, Vicki Davis, David and Luanne Wright and Helen Hebb in memory of their Aunt Thelma Cox. Others making contributions were Laurie and Jeff Jordan, Robert Fraas, Lucille Fraas, Fred and Edith Bonifay, and Donna Buchanan. We thank each of them for their most generous contributions. We hope to list your name in our next newsletter.

Financial Report

Thanks to all of you who have contributed we were able to purchase a \$1100 CD. With this purchase we now have five (5) CDs totaling \$3847.86, with the interest earned from these CDs credited quarterly to the checking account. Following the purchase of the new CD we now have \$297.97 in the Checking Account and \$312.72 in the Savings Account. While we are doing well financially, we must press on with our goal of accumulating sufficient funds in CDs to provide us with monthly interest to meet expenses for RPC maintenance. The amount needed for the goal is approximately \$6500 - \$7000. If a few family units would get together like Scarlett Ehler and her family did we would soon have the funds for the remaining CDs. With your continued support we will meet this goal in the near future.

Cemetery Report

The RPC continues to be maintained by Mike Pendleton and is in good condition. We continue to strive to stay on top of the maintenance and prevent problems before they happen. We now have one large tree that is dead and must be taken down. The tree is located in a place where if it falls it probably will fall on property belonging to Mr. Anderson, our neighbor on the North side of RPC. We will be contacting a tree removal company to do the work. It is our opinion that it is too risky for Mike to undertake considering the possibility of the tree falling on Mr. Anderson's property and us maybe having a legal problem. We will keep you posted on the expenses incurred in this job. This is one of those things that

come up from time to time which costs us extra. We are looking forward to your visit in July, and we will have a time set aside for a trip to RPC for the dedication of the Brass Plaque donated by the McLeods.

Reunion Plans

Now comes what you all have been waiting for - the **final plans for our Annual Reunion July 23 & 24 1999:**

We will start the events with a Dutch treat breakfast at on Friday morning beginning a 8:30 AM at Reggies just East of Milton on U.S. 90. Please fill in the clip out and let us know if you plan on attending and how many will be in your party. This way we can alert Reggie as to how many tables to set up for us.

Following breakfast we will visit Railroad Museum in Milton at the L&N Depot. There you will find many artifacts from the early days of railroading with a complete ticket office and a working telegraph system. There is a gift shop with railroad memorabilia. We know you will enjoy this visit.

Following our museum visit we will proceed to RPC for the dedication of the Memorial Plaque and a few minutes of reflection and remembrances. This will give you an insight into where your donations are going.

The remainder of the day will be free time until:

Friday evening beginning about 5:30 PM we will gather at the Milton Garden Center, 100 Alabama St, Milton for our catered dinner. We will eat about 6 PM. We have not decided on a menu yet, but as you know from last year the caterer, Rose Bowl, will do a good job for us. The cost will be \$10 per person, with children under 5 eating free. Please use the clip out printed elsewhere in this newsletter to make your reservations. Remember this is one of those dinners where you **MUST** have a reservation. We will order meals **ONLY** for those who have made

RESERVATIONS. Please plan on attending and send in your completed clip out along with your check made payable to Robinson Point Cemetery Memorial.

We have engaged the "Navarre Kitchen Band" to perform from 7 to about 8 PM. This a local group of performers who play a number of instruments, from the wash board, wash tub bass, guitars, mandolins, fiddles, etc. They are well known around the county and we look forward to their visit.

On Saturday June 24 we will gather at the Navarre Pavilion, Highway U.S. 98 in Navarre, (same place as last year). Please bring a covered dish, your favorite beverage, and a lawn chair if you have one. There is a Winn Dixie that has a deli counter located in Navarre across the highway from the Pavilion. We will begin gathering about 10:30 AM and serve dinner about 12 Noon.

MOTELS

We now have at least three motels in the Milton area:

Comfort Inn 4962 SR 87 South. Exit 10 on I-10 7 SR 87 S. Ph: 800 228-5150

Emerald Sands 6436 Hwy 90 Milton. Formerly Hospitality Inn. Ph: 850 623-3821

Ashbury Suite & Inn Gateway Plaza Hwy 90 Milton Next to Waffle House. Ph: 850 623-2296

Comfort Inn 8680 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre near the Navarre Pavilion. Ph 800 222-5150

Barnhill's Bed & Breakfast 5347 Stewart Street Milton. Downtown Milton. 850 623-8412

All of these are very nice places with reasonable rates.

Make you plans now to attend the Seventh Annual Lewis Reunion. Let us know when you get in town. We welcome your visit.

Rodney & Ann

CLIP OUT

I/we plan to attend the Dutch treat breakfast at Reggies on July 23 at 8:30 AM. There will be _____ in our party.

I/we plan to attend the Friday July 23 dinner at the Milton Garden Club beginning at 5:30 PM. There will be _____ Adults and _____ Children under age 5 in our party. Enclosed is my check payable to Robinson Point Cemetery Memorial to cover the cost of _____ Adults at \$10 each.

Please list the names of those in your party so we may have name badges prepared for each of you.

BREAKFAST	DINNER
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Mail to Lewis Family Reunion 5924 Starlite Ln Milton, FL 32570.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY:

JULY 19, 1999

PLEASE RESPOND EARLY AND SAVE THIS OLD BOY SOME STRESS.

Hope to see you in July.

Rodney