

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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The 2008 Bullitschek *Family* Reunion will be held in Cedar Rapids Iowa June 1 - 21, 2008.

Some of the things we will be seeing are: The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. *Homelands: The Story of the Czech & Slovak People*. This exhibit tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people from the days of Slavic tribes wandering into Central Europe, through the Velvet Divorce in 1993. We will see various crafts and folk costumes.

We will also be going to the Amana Colonies which are 17 miles from Cedar Rapids. The Amana Colonies have been a landmark in Iowa for over 150 years. We will see historical buildings dating to the 1850's covering German Architectural styles and details of Colonial America.

Highlights of the 2007 Bullitschek Family Association Reunion

The 25th annual reunion of descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek was held on June 21-23, 2007 in Knoxville, Tennessee. There were 38 people in attendance. Those attending the reunion stayed at the Residence Inn in Knoxville.

On Thursday, June 21, registration began at 1:00 at the home of this year's coordinator and host, Bonnie Bolejack, and her husband, Alan Griswold. Co-host for the reunion was Bonnie's sister, Nancy Bolejack Wiman. Following registration, the reunion participants enjoyed a beautiful high tea/luncheon prepared by Bonnie and her family, including her children, Chris and Emily. Everyone had a chance to relax and "catch up" with one another, as well as meet new "cousins" attending for the first time. Those who wished to tour the Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge did so later in the afternoon. At 6:00, the group reconvened at Mimi's Cafe for a lovely dinner and more time to socialize.

Friday morning, everyone met at the Residence Inn and drove to the Museum of Appalachia near Norris, Tennessee. This museum contained an incredible collection of artifacts that painted a picture of life of ordinary people in the Appalachian region. Everyone toured the museum and surrounding grounds and out-buildings on their own until 1:00. The group then drove to Litton's Restaurant in the Fountain City area of Knoxville and gathered in a large dining room for a mouth-watering lunch of "famous" chili dogs, hamburgers or chicken salad platters. All agreed that it was a lunch worth waiting for! Members of the group were on their own after lunch to tour a selection of area attractions or to go back to the hotel and relax. Family members met again at 7:00 for a fabulous home-cooked buffet dinner at Bonnie's house at Turtle Creek Farm. To top off the evening, Roger

Blackburn, a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra, played a beautiful selection of music on his trumpet. Roger is the husband of cousin Marilyn Blackburn. The good food, fellowship and musical entertainment were enjoyed by all.

On Saturday morning, we met at the Episcopal School of Knoxville for a buffet breakfast prepared by Bonnie Bolejack and Alan Griswold. Before breakfast, Bonnie opened with a series of prayers and a tribute to family members who have served or are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces. A list of Bullitschek Family service members from the Francis/Dugger family (B4) and the James McGarvey Bolejack (B2) family is attached. Alan and Nancy Wiman's youngest son, Captain Kevin Wiman, is a 2003 West Point graduate and is currently serving in Afghanistan as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. After this tribute, family members joined together in saying the "Lord's Prayer."

Following the prayer service, everyone enjoyed the wonderful breakfast. After breakfast, Ruble Garner agreed to serve as auctioneer for the annual auction to benefit the upkeep of the family cemetery. Many beautiful items were sold to the highest bidder, and we achieved a record \$624.00 to benefit this worthy cause. Following the auction, the annual business meeting was held. The minutes of the business meeting are attached.

Many of the family members expressed their appreciation to Bonnie and her family for the preparation of wonderful meals and for the built-in opportunities to socialize as a family. Several stated that they really had enjoyed the chance to visit and "catch up" with one another this year. After the meeting adjourned, the group members left to go their separate ways until next year when we will meet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Bullitschek Family Association Reunion
Minutes of Business Meeting, June 23, 2007**

The annual business meeting of the Bullitschek Family Association Reunion was called to order by President Bob Jones. The minutes of the 2006 meeting were approved. Juanita Baker gave the treasurer's report which was approved as presented. Juanita reported that our current balance was \$7,015.99.

Elvina Haney continued an annual tradition by reading an inspiring "Letter from Joseph Bullitschek," as written by Areline Bolerjack, who could not be with us this year. In this letter, Joseph tells us that "I took as a commandment that I was to teach my family the ways of God when I was sitting in my house, lying on my bed, and when I was walking by the way. I accepted His promise that if I did these things, my family would be blessed to the third and fourth generations. I see today that God has been faithful to fulfill that promise—not just to the third and fourth generation, but to the seventh and eighth."

A letter from Dorothy Lindquist was read to the reunion participants. She and Ray had hoped to attend the reunion, but Ray was starting another series of chemo for his bladder cancer which prevented the trip. She shared that Ray is doing well and that they have moved to a new home. They hope to see everyone next year. Their address is:
P.O. Box 423, Waterville, KS 66548-0423.

Old Business:

At the 2006 family meeting, it was suggested that the minutes of all recorded past years' meetings be made available for sale. Richard Soash, who was attending a conference in Washington, DC and could

not be with us this year, has agreed to scan the minutes and put them on a CD which would be available to those who wish to purchase them. An additional suggestion was made to place all available family newsletters on the CD along with the minutes. This was agreeable to everyone, and Richard will be contacted to follow through with this plan.

New Business:

- 1) **Site for next year's reunion:** President Bob Jones pointed out that the reunion has been held in eastern sites for the past two years, and it would seem appropriate that we consider moving west for next year's reunion. After an extended discussion of possible sites for the reunion, the group voted to hold next year's reunion on June 19-21, 2008 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. David and Joan Bland pointed out that Cedar Rapids has a large Moravian/Czech community and a large museum that would be of interest. In addition, Elvina Haney said that the nearby Amana Colony would be an interesting place to visit. Elvina will check on the possibility of having a relative help with the on-site planning of the reunion. Bonnie Bolejack and Nancy Wiman agreed to help coordinate the event via the internet.
- 2) **Bob Jones announced that Juanita Baker will be giving up the Treasurer's position which she has held since 1982. Juanita was given a standing ovation, and the group will recognize her contribution and dedication to the Bullitschek Family Association in a more formal way at the 2008 family meeting.**
- 3) **The slate of officers for 2008 presented by the executive committee was approved by the group as follows:**
 - **President—Bonnie Bolejack**
 - **Vice-President—Ginny Bryant**
 - **Secretary—Nancy Bolejack Wiman**
 - **Treasurer—Gerald Bolerjack**
 - **Newsletter—Gerald and Susan Bolerjack**
 - **Historian—Marilyn Blackburn**
 - **Archivist/Website—Richard Soash**
- 4) **Newcomers to the reunion were recognized and welcomed:**
 - **Paula, Chuck and Barton Gruber of Delavan, Wisconsin**
 - **Jessie Ritzline of Deputy, Indiana**
 - **Bonnie Bolejack's husband, Alan Griswold, and children, Christopher and Emily Griswold, Knoxville, Tennessee**
 - **Nancy Wiman's husband, Alan Wiman, Tabernacle, NJ**
- 5) **Those who have died this past year were recognized:**
 - **Raleigh Johnson, brother-in-law of Elvina Haney**
 - **Eugene Greenland, Elvina's first cousin from Edmonton, Canada, who attended the 2005 family reunion**
 - **Betty Bolerjack, Smith Bolerjack's mother**
 - **Addie Edwards, aunt of Bob Jones and Virginia Logan**
 - **Anna Frazier's grandfather, grandmother and little brother**
- 6) **Cards were signed by the group and will be sent to:**

Areline Bolejack; Earl Bolejack; Francis and Virginia Bolerjack; Margaret Bolejack; Smith and Wanda Bolerjack; Ruby Boyles; Dorothy and Ray Lindquist; Mary and Mark McDaniel; Peggy and Archie Moore; Tom and Jean Nealis; and Richard and Laura Soash.

President Bob Jones thanked Bonnie Bolejack for all of her efforts in coordinating and hosting this year's reunion, and he thanked her family for all of their help. He stated that the executive committee had voted to reimburse Bonnie in the amount of \$550.00 for all that she spent on food preparation for the reunion.

Everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable reunion, and we look forward to next year's reunion on June 19-21, 2008 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The meeting concluded with the traditional singing of "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Faith of Our Mothers." The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Bolejack Wiman, Secretary, 6/24/07

Knoxville Reunion, 38 Attended from 12 States

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| B2C2F5A1 | Nancy & Alan Wiman | Tabernacle, NJ |
| B2C2F5A2 | Bonnie (Bolejack) & Alan Griswold | Knoxville, TN |
| B2C2F5A2A | Chris Griswold | |
| B2C2F5A2B | Emily Griswold | |
| B2E1A3B1 | Barbara Frazier | New York, NY |
| B2E1A3B1A | Anna Frazier | |
| B2E2B6B1 | Marilyn & Roger Blackburn | Haddonfield, NJ |
| B2E2D5C | Wilma Shepherd | Norris City, IL |
| B2E2D5CA | Virginia Bryant | Norris City, IL |
| B2E2D5D | Margie Jamerson | Joliet, IL |
| B2E2D7A1 | Paula & Charles Gruber | Delavan, WI |
| B2E2D7A1C | Barton Gruber | |
| B2E2D10A | Phyllis Bagby | Centralia, IL |
| B2E2D10C | Mary Anne Templeton | Warrenton, VA |
| B2F4C1C1 | Barbara & Kenneth Jones, | Meeker, OK |
| B2F4C1C3 | Janice Estell | Mustang, OK |
| B2F4C1E1 | Myrna & Ruble Garner, | Oklahoma City, OK |
| B2F4C4B | Juanita Baker | Frisco, TX |
| B2F4C12B | Elvina Haney | Springfield, MO |
| B2F11E1A | Gerald & Susan Bolerjack | Broken Arrow, OK |
| B4B10I5 | Ginny & Jack Lykins | Litiz, PA |
| B4B2E5B | Virginia & Joe Logan | Lexington, KY |
| B4B2E5C | Bob & Maxine Jones | Louisville, KY |
| B4B10I3 | Paul & Dorothy Francis | Somerset, KY |
| B5A1B1B2 | Joan & David Bland | Independence, MO |
| B5A1C3D1 | Jessie Ritzline | Deputy, IN |

Juanita Baker 🌹😊

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WHO'S NEWS in EDUCATION

"KAREN INGERSOL of Mount Vernon was recently inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The organization recognizes scholarship and commitment in nursing excellence. INGERSOL received her Master of Science degree from Otterbein College on June 9, 2007. She teaches nursing at Knox County Career Center.

She is the wife of Chris Ingersol, and the daughter of Francis and Virginia Bolerjack of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Aaron Bolerjack graduated this Spring from Southern Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Summa cum Laude). His major was history. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Bolerjack and the grandson of Francis and Virginia Bolerjack.

DEATHS

Lester Rowlett

Born: January 20, 1916, Died: February 19, 2007

He was born the son of Charles Rowlett and Margarite Francis Bolerjack in Trask, MO.

We would like to recognize someone who has been very faithful to our Bullitschek Family for many years. This wonderful lady has been the treasurer since the reunion was formed in 1981. She has attended every reunion and has been on the board as the treasurer of the reunion without complaining, always has a smile and is willing to help anyone. Juanita Bolerjack Baker is a real treasure Thank you Juanita for the job you have done!!!

Currently Serving in the Armed Services

Member of the Bolejack-Wiman Family (B2)

Captain Kevin Christopher Wiman, Black Hawk Helicopter pilot, 82nd Airborne, stationed at Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, NC, currently deployed in Afghanistan.

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