



SWOPE NEWS



2009 Reunion July 11

A.E. Swope
1870-1955

Kate Swope
1870-1939



Mayme
1890-1953



Ralph
1892-1948



Elnora
1894-1997



Laura
1900-1991



Kathryn
1903-1981



Alice
1905-1985



Isabel
1908-

Year 2008

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TOUGH TIMES

"Tough times never last. Tough people do" was the theme recently of the "Hour of Power" preacher in the beautiful Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. Bill and I attended it one Sunday years ago. It's been one of my favorites ever since.

America is experiencing tough times again. Will we be tough enough to pull through? I lived through the Depression of the 30's. Many then living didn't. Having lost everything in worldly goods, they gave up the one precious gift they had...life! My father, A.E. Swope was one of the tough ones. he lost all he had in bank holdings, but he still had family, his home, his farm. He pulled through.

Fresh out of college, I sent resumes out, hoping to get a teaching job close by. No responses. Desperate, I finally took a job in a little "one horse town" in Fulton, Ohio. It wasn't anything like I had dreamed of. It consisted of a wooden building that housed grades 1 through 11, the high school had two rooms! But it was a job! I was paid a handsome \$100 a month from which I had to pay room and board, transportation, clothes and any other incidentals I needed. I boarded with the post mistress who worked across the street.

I walked to school only a few blocks away. Evenings I spent preparing lessons and listening

to Rudy Valle, Fibber Magee and Molly and Amos and Andy. They don't make them that good anymore!

With only two rooms for high school, I had the History, English and Latin. Beginning Latin I could handle, but Caesar I had to study. Fortunately I had a "pony" so I could keep ahead of the assignments.

The other room and grades were taught by men. The first reminded me of Ichabod Crane. He lasted a year. The second wasn't much better. The third and final was a family man I could respect. To make things more interesting, one time I coached a play using students and a few local people as the cast. We performed in the local Masonic Hall.

Since there was no recreation in town, I dated a few local men even though I was unofficially engaged to G.G. One even offered me a diamond ring, a reject from a failed engagement!

Once I accidentally dropped one of Guy's letters to me. I didn't realize it until at school, I found a rather endearing portion of his letter written on the blackboard! Embarrassed, I had everyone go to the board for some assignment or other. It was erased!

I had a girl friend my age, but since she was engaged I didn't get to be with her as much as I'd like. When we could, we walked the few blocks

out of town beyond the railroad where we enjoyed pure country air and the delightful sounds of frogs and crickets.

I stuck it out for four long years, but I'd had enough. I quit my job, and though Guy had had only temporary jobs, we decided to marry anyway. We married on faith and love!! But then to the rescue came the great FDR. But that's another story!

Anne Isabelle

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

I am recovering well from a surgery last month for a hiatal hernia. From the doctor's report, about 2/3rds of the stomach was ABOVE the diaphragm. This I'm sure accounted for my being so uncomfortable after eating a very small amount! Otherwise I am doing well.

Soon will be celebrating 2 years at the new duplex at Hoosier Village Retirement Center. I volunteer occasionally at the health center, and the resident's building, otherwise sure do enjoy no yard work, or much house keeping--and no home repairs!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Lois France

FROM CROSS ROADS TEXAS!

We had frost this morning! First time this season! I sure don't like winter, that's why I moved to Texas!

Richard and I are doing fine. Richard is still horse shoeing and driving a bus for the local school district. Ric (Richard's eldest) is working security for a company that sends him all over the US. Mainly in areas of natural disasters so he sees the hurricane and tornado areas first hand. Tim (Richard's youngest) is in Washington State working as an Army recruiter. He is recruiting nurses and doctors and is based across the river from Portland, Oregon.

I'm still plugging away at web site designing and maintenance as well as working with horses. One of my young horses was bucking and kicking at feeding time and caught me in my left arm. It was very painful for a while and has left a large bump and lots of bruising. I am a lot more careful now at feeding time!

We celebrated Dad's 80th birthday October and I got to see a lot of the family again. Vicki (my sister that lives in Texas) came up with me and she hadn't been in Indiana since Mom's funeral in 2000. The whole family was there and we had a grand time! Thanks to everyone that helped make Dad's 80th birthday a success.

I'm staying home for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Tim is supposed to be home for both and we are looking forward to both holidays with a full house.

Safe & Happy Holidays to each of you!

Paula Sue Swope & Richard Ratley

FROM ROBINSON TEXAS

Exciting times right here in river city. Our "Brazos Belle" (poor ole Brazos Belle is a "steam boat" that has never had steam) is being demolished (thank goodness since it hasn't floated anywhere and done nothing but fill up with water the last three years.)

We are eagerly awaiting all the people to show up at the campsite since we are holding our services there again this year. We are blessed with wonderful family and friends and it brings much comfort.

Jared is on A-B honor roll and so excited for himself that no one else has to be. He has already told me what I should be telling Santa (at that he winks at me) that he wants. It scares me at times that he might be smarter than we are.

We have actually got to travel a little this year although still staying in the state of Texas. Manfred is hoping that next year we will be able to go back home and Cumberland, Maryland since his boy is up there.

Our church held their annual food drive and it was a roaring success with over 9,000 lbs of food and over 4,500. worth of cash donated for us to continue feeding the needy. It is really wonderful that at times like this people continue to reach out and help. Makes you feel all good inside. Hi everyone hope you had a nice Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Jo (Sosbe) and Manfred Schlottmann and Jared Mykael Macias.

THE FLORIDA McCUTCHANS

Thanksgiving day 2008



FROM JACKSONVILLE, FL

Charlie has had a hard few months suffering with sciatica back pain. Finally that has eased somewhat and in Nov. we managed to travel to Ft Lauderdale to be at a Philanthropic Luncheon that honored our 16 year old grandson Ben who was named the Youth Philanthropist of the Year in Broward County. It was a grand affair with over 700 important dignitaries attending and tables costing \$600! (Ours was free because of Ben!) There were 6 adults and their organizations also honored. We and his Mom Cindy and Dad Gregg were very proud of our Ben.

Cindy (our daughter) has recently been named Regional Strategic Marketing Manager with the Sun Sentinel. She now divides her time between both Ft Lauderdale and Orlando. She and her sister Kelly have enjoyed getting together often when she is in Orlando.

Our other grandson Josh is in his fourth year now at Albany School of Pharmacy and will be home soon for 4 weeks for Winter Break.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving in Orlando with Kelly, Rick and Sarah, who was home from college for the holiday. Since Sarah is in college, Kelly has joined up with an old co-worker who now has his own Conference Management business. Kelly loves her job as Senior Marketing Manager, doing the same type

work organizing conferences as she did years ago at the Peabody Hotel and Disney.

Sarah is loving her college life at Point Park as a Musical Theatre major.

She has many opportunities there and has been accepted to be in the musical HIGH SCHOOL at one of the theatres in Pittsburgh.

We will be going to see Mother in early December, staying with brother Don and Charlie's sister Sara Mac. As you can see by her letter, Mother is doing well for a 100 plus year old! We are all very proud of her continued positive attitude.

We wish you all a most happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Gyanne and Charlie Smith

FROM CLIPPINGER ROAD

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is just around the corner.

I had a good thanksgiving. Had a house full, Karen, John, Megan and Will spent most of the day here. Managed to eat too much and watch a couple of DVD movies. John brought a sack full of movies so we could pick a couple.

On October the 25th the kids had an 80th birthday party for me at the McCutchanville church. Had a lot of people there, some that I

hadn't seen for a long time. The kids gave me a surround sound as a birthday present. Still have wires running all around the living room. I also still have the old speakers and stereo amplifier sitting in the garage that I don't know what to do with.

I have been getting along well, no health problems, other than aches and pains that go along with being 80. Mom used to say "it is hell getting old". I'm not quite to the point of saying that yet. As you know every birthday you have means you are not laying under the grass yet.

Trying to stay busy. There is always things needing done at the Church, work on this news letter, do a monthly news letter for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Also several web sites to keep up. We have monthly meetings of the Reitz 1946 reunion committee which I belong to. Then they elected me president of the McCutchanville Cemetery board of directors. As I said, trying to stay busy.

That's about all from here on Clippinger Road near McCutchanville.

Every one have a good new year.

Paul Swope

FROM NEW YORK CITY

Hello family! Life in the Big Apple continues to be energetic and exciting. The city still offers a variety of things to do and see, so there is never a dull moment. I am still teaching at a middle school in the Bronx. Last year I said goodbye to my group of 8th graders. We were together for 3 years (4 periods everyday) and had developed into quite a tight family unit. They are all doing really well so far in high school and I have great hopes for where their futures will lead them.

I spent the summer training new teachers in the Teach for America organization (the program I am a part of). It was a great experience and I have signed up again for the upcoming summer. In my school this I was promoted to Lead Teacher/Data Specialist, which means I collate and analyze student data for our building and offer suggestions to the administration as to curriculum focuses, materials acquisition, and programs our school should bring into the building for students. Additionally, I spend time developing professional development workshops

for our teachers on lesson planning, classroom management techniques, and variety of other "teacher tactics." With the additional responsibilities I now only teach one class 2 periods a day. It has been a change, but I am definitely kept quite busy throughout the day.

Our school became partners with Keep A Child Alive, a foundation sponsored by Alicia Keys, a non-profit organization that raises money and awareness to support children in Africa suffering from AIDS. Our students spent weeks learning about Africa and the AIDS epidemic in all of their subject areas. They learned about the history of the continent, graphed the number of AIDS cases in particular countries, and wrote poetry about their feelings. It was a great project which culminated in a school-wide Africa celebration. Every floor of building was transformed into an aspect of the continent - the marketplace, the fashions, foods, sounds, and artwork. It was a wonderful day were our school community came together to show support for a wonderful cause. We honored to have one of students selected to attend a summit at New York University, where he was able to meet Alicia Keys herself.

Although its been 6 years that I have been in New York City, I still find I learn something new about this city all the time. One of my best friends from high school recently moved to New Jersey, so it has been nice to explore new parts of the city with a friend. I am looking forward to a new Broadway season that has "Guys and Dolls" back on stage, "West Side Story" running, and "Shrek" to ring in the New Year.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and the Christmas season brings you lots of lights and stockings!

Sarah Sosbe

FROM FLORIDA

Time goes so quickly! December already!!!! It's been cool in Fl, but usally warms up during the day. We'll be coming home for Christmas and will enjoy the Purdue Christmas Show. Quite a tradition for us - since 1969. Lauren sings in the Purduetts and Levi graduated from the Glee Club a year and a half ago.

We will have 33 of family at our place on the 21st for Christmas. Levi who sings with the

brand new school!! He seems to really like it there. Aimee is a nurse and works in a doctor's office. When they are not working, they are mom and dad to their 15 month old, Asa.

As for me, I am preparing to take a trip south, to Florida, to be with them during their Christmas break. I hope there will be plenty of warm weather while I am there so that JP and I can hit some golf balls!!!!!! And I can't wait to see my grandson again!

Until next time, have a very merry Christmas.

John Swope

NANCY GLACKMAN

Nancy started having problems with her left knee 12/3, another infection, that evening they operated on it. Drained and flushed it with antibiotics. They also fixed some other problems with that knee while they were in there. On Saturday the 6th they took her to the Heritage nursing home for recovery and therapy.

FROM THE EDITOR

REUNION

The 2008 reunion is past and all seemed to have a good time. There were 42 people present and everyone seemed to stay and visit for a while.

The date and place for 2009 reunion set for Saturday July 11 at McCutchanville Church.

Remember the shirt colors, those that observed the colors had a good time with them.

See the web page at www.swopes.org/reunion.htm there are pictures from the 2008 reunion on this web site. If you would like to print some pictures ask me for a CD of the pictures.

ADDRESS

We have been trying to keep all the addresses up to date. The latest list I have is attached to this News Letter. Please try and keep the list up to date. If any of your family needs to be added let me know.

EMAIL

All of the family that is on the email list gets an up-to-date email list by email. There have been some bad addresses, if you have email and have not been getting updates, get your email address to me.

ACCOUNTING

There is a page attached showing the reunion account. Anyone wishing to audit the account is welcome.

NEWS LETTER

We are still on a three a year news letter cycle. They go out April, August and December. I always need articles of family interest to fill the space. Please get them to me in a timely fashion. We can have up to eight pages without additional postage required.

*Schlottmann Trucking and
Manfred and Jo Schlottmann
send Christmas Greetings to
one and all and wish each and
everyone only the best in the
coming year!*

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



ACCOUNTING from July 2007 to July 2008 --- SWOPE REUNION

(Physical year starts with the reunion, ends day before next reunion.)

Date	Item	Who Spent	Amount	
	Cash Brought Forward from 2007			\$873.63
July-2007	Ice	Church Ice Mach		
July-2007	Roll Table Cover	stock		
July-2007	Glue Pen, Tape	stock		
July-2007	Name Bages 30@41/2c each	Paul Check #519	(\$1.35)	
July-2007	Cups	stock		
July-2007	Streamers			
July-2007	Napkins	stock		
July-2007	Plastic Forks & Knives	stock		
July-2007	Bread	Paul		
July-2007	Lemonade & Tea	Evelyn France		
July-2007	Paper Plates & Bowls	stock		
July-2007	Decorations	Nancy& Evelyn		
July-2007	Church for Meeting Hall	Check #518	(\$50.00)	
Aug-2007	8 Pages x 62 = 504	Paul Check # 519	(\$49.39)	
	504 x \$0.05 = \$25.20			
	59 Stamps @ 0.41 = \$24.19			
Dec-2007	9 Pages x 62 = 558	Paul Check #520	(\$52.09)	
	558 x \$0.05 = \$27.90			
	59 Stamps @ \$0.41 = \$24.19			
Apr-2008	8 Pages x 63 = 504	Paul Check #521	(\$52.50)	
	504 x \$0.05 = \$27.90			
	60 Stamps @ \$0.41 = \$24.60			
	News letter budget			
	set for 9 pages @ 5c			
	and a 41c stamp=86c each			
	x 62 = \$53.32			
		Total Spent	(\$205.33)	(\$205.33)
	Donations from reunion 2007			\$205.00
			Balance	\$873.30
		Cash on Hand For 2009		\$873.30

Reunion checking account stands at \$873.30

Swope Newsletter Mailing List

Revised --- Saturday, December 06, 2008

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