



A. E. Swope

# SWOPE NEWS

## 2001 REUNION *Date Later*

Kate Swope



Mayme



Ralph



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Laura



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### HELLO SWOPE DESCENDANTS AND SPOUSES!

We were happy to see the ones of you that were at the reunion and we missed the ones that were not! There was a rather small crowd this year. It may have been that Sue and I had a 50th anniversary get together the day before and some could not attend both. If that is the case we are sorry that it happened. The date for next years Swope reunion has to be revised because of conflicts. The REVISED date will be made available later this year. Please watch for a new date. Ideas please, place and time?

Remember, pass this News Letter to the rest of your family, not all receive a copy.

### ADDRESS LISTS

I have enclosed the News Letter mailing address list. If there is someone else in your family that needs a mailing please let me know.

Those with e-mail address I try and keep current by e-mail. If you are someone in your family has an e-mail address and have not been receiving e-mail messages, please let me know. I send out information by e-mail between news letters.

### FAMILY TREE

The family tree was displayed at the reunion again this year. Please keep me up to date with new arrivals so

they all show on the tree. Also if there were any errors or information not included we need to get that listed. If anyone gets the "Family Tree Maker" program on their computer I would be happy to furnish them a disk with what I have. It would be a shame for this to all be lost.

If anyone one would be interested in a book on everything I have on the Swope family I can print one for you for \$10.00.

### PICTURES

We had the slide show of family pictures going at this years reunion as we have at the past few reunions. There are families not represented in the show. We would like to have a representation of all families. If you get your pictures to me I will have them in for next year. If you would like a copy of this slide show let me know and I will give you a disk.

### JO SCHLOTTMANN

Know that you all have had your reunion. Had to miss this one too. This makes the second one straight. Have business here in Texas I couldn't get away for that weekend, wanted to come to this one cause I feel like it will be harder and harder to come the older I get. Hope that everything went well and would love it if

you would send me a newsletter.

We have been busy getting kids "Off the Streets and On the Creeks" with our non profit organization. Last year we had over one four thousand kids. Way too many in one day. This year because of the possible rain we didn't have as many but had a great time. Every thing went off perfect and I was certainly glad since I am in charge of all that. Our library lasts the whole year and benefits so many churches and groups, so feel like we are helping some.

With that behind me, we got ready for parades and bake sales for the church last weekend so I couldn't leave. Parade was a success and kicked off another season for the fair. Our church was able to make out well selling cakes and to my horror even my homemade brownies.

My husband Manfred Fritz Wilhelm Schlottmann, yes we just call him Hopper, drives for CTS which is an affiliate of Sherwin-Williams. I was going with him full time, but in the middle of some political things right now so I am sitting back and waiting to go full time later.

Moved out to the country. Kind of like Grandma Laura McCutchans house, on a good paved road, corn field across the street, farmers coming and going but great neighbors on both sides. Even ended up with two new "adopted" grandchildren next door. There other set of grandparents are in Ill. and they don't see them that often, so I am a fill in. Have even gone to school on grandparents day. That was an experience.

Enough for now. Miss the fall colors, miss McCutchanville, but love Waco and my life here. It is great to be old enough to relax and enjoy life for a while.

Doris "Jo" Sosbe Schlottmann

### JAMIE LOYD

Hey, this is Jamie. I just thought I would write and let you know everything is going good in the Loyd household. Brianna is walking and gibbering now, and thinks that she can swim herself, and Blake is growing like a weed. He is a grown boy now, and is trying to use the potty himself. Other than that, we miss

everyone and cannot wait to see everyone.

Love Jamie Swope Loyd

### DEBBIE WEBSTER

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Thanks for the pictures, and the e-mail list. I know you were disappointed with the low turn out at the reunion, but I was glad to meet you and your family. It's so much nicer now to have faces to go with the names I see on all of your lists and correspondences. The whole day was a pleasant experience and I'm glad we came. Thanks so much for you hospitality and inviting me to your home so we could meet Sue...and Candy! I haven't developed my pictures yet, but will attempt to send some to you via the internet...we'll see! Your family got my sisters and me thinking about our upcoming 50th anniversary celebration next June. After leaving your house we headed across the boarder into KY and had dinner. Then relaxed at the hotel and got up VERY early the next morning so we could go to Dublin (way over east of Indianapolis) and go home. It was a lot of miles in one day, but the trip was worth it. My Dad hadn't been to the vault since his father's death in 1972! I just learned that on the trip! So, he was long overdue to visit. We made some arrangements to have some gardening and repair work done, ate a late lunch and returned to Joliet. Got home around 7:30 PM.

We all had stiff legs after sitting so long!

I returned to California Tuesday night, after a delay in St. Louis due to weather. It's nice and sunny here!

When I get my pictures, I'll share them. Thanks again for the opportunity to come meet your family. I really enjoyed their company!

Give my regards to Sue.

Debbie Webster

### NEWS FROM SOUTH JERSEY

We just got back from Indiana for Larry's 30 year high school class reunion.

We will be returning to Indiana in August for my 30 year high school class reunion.

Larry continues to fly for SmithKline Beecham, soon to be changed to Glaxo SmithKline through a merger (SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo Wellcome). I am still

at the Greenery flower shop.

This fall, Rachel will be starting her third year at Rutgers University/Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ. Amy will be going into her Junior year in high school. She will be on the cross country team again this fall.

Tammy (France) White

### **The Dunbar Family-Texas**

It sure was good to see everyone who attended the celebration of Mom and Dad's 50th anniversary. Thanks to all of you who showed up to make it such an enjoyable time for them. Karen

### **FROM NEIL McCUTCHAN**

Dear Families:

Judy & I enjoyed a 16 day trip in the northeast starting the last of June. We have now gotten to all of the states but Alaska. We haven't visited all the sites in every state we've been to so some will get return visits. The mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire reminded us of the hills of Brown County Indiana (on steroids). We had seen various areas of the Rockies and weren't prepared to lower tree covered mountains. By traveling a lot of the back roads, over 2,400 miles worth, we drove past many of ski areas in NH and VT. If you get to the area take a trip up Mt. Washington. At 6,500+ the trip is worth it. I'd advise taking the vans up and not driving the mountain road so you can see more of the vista views. The mountain was cloud covered the day we were there (not unusual). It has the worst weather in the 48 states. The mountain trip started at about 1,000 feet 'stage' station and was in the mid-80s. The mountain top was 40 with a 20 mph wind.

Judy & I visited with Philip Dauble, Leigh and Kristian while in Manchester, NH. And then in Maine linked up with an internet friend who flew HH-43 Huskies as a firefighter. I flew them as a pilot (back when). We had a day with them in the Bar Harbor, Maine area, where they toured us through Acadia National Forest and then the city of Bar Harbor.

Let's see we like Brattleboro, VT and the drive to Bennington, VT. Then Shelburn Farms on Lake Champlain was great. We decided to drive north in VT

to link up with a small road into NH. It was strange driving a road, US Highway 2, that went through Grand Forks, ND, where we used to live. The walk along Lake Champlain was nice.

On the drive to Bangor, Maine we were amazed at how many trees we were going through. North of Lewiston, ME seemed as if it was all trees. The drive along ME coastline was nice. We stopped at Kennebunk for two days. Yes, we saw the Bush estate. There is a nice beach at Kennebunkport.

All of our family is fine. I've been working part time for the census. Judy subbed alot this past year. Allen works for an Italian food specialties company locally. Next year my high school class has a reunion in June so we may not make the family reunion.

Neil McCutchan

### **FROM MARY (SOSBE) KRAMER**

It is very hot and dry here in Montana this year. Fires are breaking out due to lightening storms and careless campers. Still no rain in sight and the temperatures are expected around 102 the first week of August. Unusually dry year for us here. Water restrictions will take place if the hot weather continues much longer. We have a very special visitor with our family this year. Laura Martin, Kathy Sosbe's daughter stayed with K.C., Shannone (my daughter) and Jackson Hart this summer and worked to earn more money for college. We don't want her to go back and have even mentioned that she could attend college here at the University of Montana. Sarah, continues to worry about her baby sister in the wilds of Montana! We have had a couple of cases of bears and mountain lions coming into the yards of Missoula residents and Sarah has called to make sure she is alright! Laura worked babysitting during the days, nights at the Pay N Sav and doing cleaning during her spare time! She will be returning home August 5th to continue to college education towards a business degree.. Sarah continues to work and go to college to become an attorney. Of course Aunt Mary and Uncle Jack love them both and are extremely proud of them!!

K.C and Shannone move into their new and bigger

home. They are now located at 2785 Meriweather, Missoula MT 59803. Shannone has passed her financial broker's test and K.C. is a realtor for Fidelity Realty in Missoula. Needless to say we are extremely proud of them both.

We have enjoyed the summer this year, traveling throughout Montana just about every weekend. Jack bought a used 15 foot fiberglass boat and we have learned to fish and enjoy the many lakes in Montana. I have learned new ways to cook trout. We have our huge family joining us on these weekends. We will be attending the Accordion Jamboree in Philipsburg the first weekend in August and we are really looking forward to that.

Marjorie Hart is doing well. While the Alzheimer's has robbed her memory, her health continues to remain good. She is enjoying the shaded garden area and especially the flowers. Thank you for continuing to send cards and letters to her, she does enjoy them very much.

Mary Kramer

**FROM MAE RIGGS**

Maribeth, Jay and Big Brother Grant Williams brought home Faith Kathryn -born on July 19,2000. Ross and Mae Riggs are the proud grandparents.

Gabrilie Marie Riggs -proud parents are Jill and Matthew Riggs was born May 2, 2000. Grandparents are Michael and Anna Riggs and Great Grandparents are Ross and Mae Riggs.

Levi Riggs -son of Roy and Katie Riggs won the Championship Showmanship Class for Dairy at the Hendricks County Fair.

Mae

**FROM PAUL SWOPE**

On July the fifteenth Sue and I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary. Our children and their spouses arranged it and hosted it at the McCutchanville Church Education building. We were very happy to see a lot of relation, old friends, and people we had worked with or played with over the years. Those of our wedding party that were there hadn't changed a bit over the last fifty years. ;-)

We were happy that all four of our children could be there. Young people seem to have so much going on these days it is hard for them to get together on a date. They decided on celebrating on the fifteenth because they could also be in town for the Swope reunion on the sixteenth.

Sue is not doing to well but I and the rest of the family is fine.

Paul

**NEW ARRIVAL**



Ronnie and Dawn France have a new arrival. Katie Samantha France was born July 17 at 1:37 AM. Katie was 6 pounds 3.5 ounces and 18.5 inches long. The grandparents, Curtis and

Ruth France are holding up well.

**JEAN EVANS HAUGHEY**

Recently had to have an operation. A growth was found on her thyroid gland that had to be removed. There was concern that it might have grown around the nerve to the voice box. If that had been the case it would have been very delicate operation because of the fear that the nerve might be severed. If it had been severed she would have lost her voice. As it was all went well, the growth was removed with no damage to the nerve. The growth was benign.

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**JAMES ASBURY SWOPE**

J. A. Swope Was one of the first settlers of Vanderburgh County. He came to Vanderburgh County from Pennsylvania, Bought a farm in the wilderness, cleared it, and on it he continued to live until his death, which occurred when his children were still small, and he left four sons, and one daughter, and his widow, Mrs. Jane Swope, to survive him.

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