

Wolfensberger

Newsletter of the WOLFENSBERGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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There's one near you! **REUNION**

JUNE 26
Wyandotte
Oklahoma
Wolfenbarger-
Wolfinbarger

SEPTEMBER 4
Irvine,
Kentucky
Wolfinbarger

SEPT. 18
Knoxville,
Tennessee
Wolfenbarger

AUGUST 29
Galax,
Virginia
Sparger

AUGUST 28
Palo Alto
California
Entire
Family

SEPT. 12
Blue Springs,
Missouri
Wilkerson-
Wolfenbarger

AUGUST 22
Weatherford,
Texas
Wolfenbarger



West Coast reunion is set in Palo Alto for day, August 28

Interested in touring the San Francisco Bay area late this summer? Want to combine a vacation with a family reunion? Well, you need to register now.

The Wolfensberger Association's main family reunion is

a festive event scheduled on August 28, in Palo Alto, California, site of Stanford University and the historic New Year's Day Rose Bowl football game.

The event begins at 10 a.m. on

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Saturday morning at the Elks Club picnic area in Palo Alto and includes a catered picnic lunch.

If you plan to attend, you should first register with – and pay in advance – to Wolfensberger Family Association board member Bill Wolfinbarger of Palo Alto. To register, send a check and a registration form to Bill. Please register before August 7.

The cost of the meal is \$15 per person for adults and \$7 per child under the age of 12. Attendees will receive a lunch ticket when they arrive at the event.

Advance Registration

To meet the Elks Club requirements, advance registration and payment will be necessary, said Bill. "This lunch will be a fully catered affair by the Elks Club, and the food is great.

"When I receive your registration, I'll send you a detailed map and list of motels close to the site."

Attendees will also receive a name badge for themselves and members of their families. "Anyone who plans to attend should complete the registration form so we can make name badges for you, your spouse and other family members," said Bill.

Bill is the overall coordinator of the 1999 reunion. His telephone number is (650) 326-7764.

He is assisted by Earl Spargur, 5802 Zileman Drive, San Jose, CA 95123, Earl's telephone number is (408) 629-1949.

REGISTRATION FOR PALO ALTO

Bill Wolfinbarger
2641 Bryant Street
Palo Alto CA 94306

(650) 326-7764

Dear Bill,

Enclosed is advance payment and registration for myself and members of my family for the Palo Alto Wolfensberger Family Reunion at the Elks Lodge Picnic Area on August 28, 1999.

I am enclosing \$15.00 for each adult member of my family and \$7.00 for each child under age 12. My check is payable to BILL WOLFENBARGER. Attending will be the following family members:

BADGE NAMES

Man Name _____

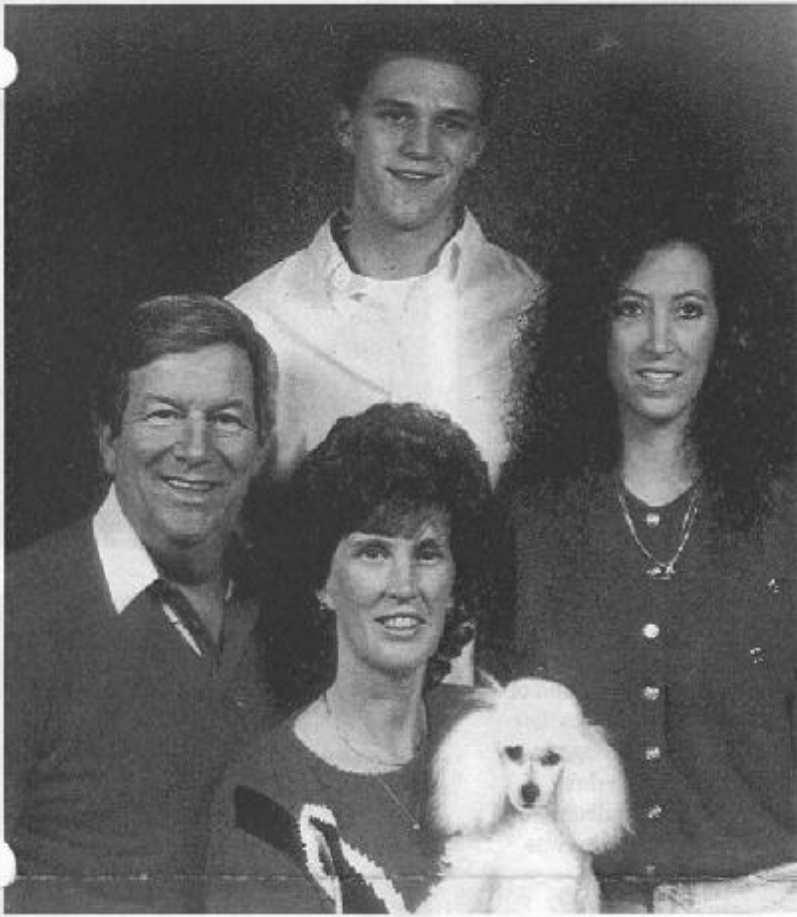
Spouse _____

Woman Name _____

Spouse _____

Children Name(s) _____

My address and phone number is:



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1. **Kenneth DUNCAN, Joy Elaine Rogers DUNCAN, Joy Denise Duncan CONRAD and Kenneth Shane DUNCAN.** Kenneth was born on 12 May 1933 in Winchester, KY. They now make their home in Advance, NC. Kenneth is the son of Cecil P. DUNCAN and Ola ASHCRAFT the daughter of Paulina WOLFINBARGER the daughter of Peter Abraham WOLFINBARGER who was born 1862 in Grainger County, TN.



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2. **Joseph E. SPARGUR and wife Frances.** Live at 4833 Lazy Pines Road, Moose Lake, MN 55767. Before retirement Joseph had his own business of presenting sales Seminars. Joseph is the son of Edie Earl SPARGUR, the son of Cassius Clay SPARGUR, the son of Albert Cassius SPARGUR, the son of Reuben W. SPARGUR, who was born 18 August 1826 in Highland County, OH

3. **Bettie Jo Spargur HACKFORD** lives at 410 N. white Ave. Rangely, CO 81640 Bettie Jo attended the reunion in Clatskanie, OR in 1997 and is the daughter of Robert Claire SPARGUR and Vera Mae COTTON. Robert Claire was the son of Cassius W. SPARGUR born in 1860 in Highland County, OH



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1. **Otis WOLFENBARGER, Maggie WOLFENBARGER and Rubie WOLFENBARGER.** Otis was born 12 April 1909 in Estill County, KY, the son of John Wilburn WOLFENBARGER and Nancy Ann HORN. Otis and Rubie now live in Dry Ridge, KY. Otis fathered Irene, Darlene and James by his first marriage to Birdie ROSE and fathered two sons: Wayne and Clayton and daughters Wilma (Cavins), Juanita, and Peggy by his marriage to Rubie INGRAM. John Wilburn WOLFENBARGER was a brother of Peter Abraham WOLFENBARGER who was the father of Maggie WOLFENBARGER. There was an article in a previous newsletter featuring Maggie.

2. **Janis Faye Wolfenbarger WOOD** is the daughter of John Hamilton WOLFENBARGER and Almeda TILSON and the spouse of Michael Hall WOOD. They reside in Mt Juliet, TN. Janice has three sisters Freda JoAnn Wolfenbarger TAVALLIN, Johnnie Alberta Wolfenbarger TOMERLIN, Sheila Irene Wolfenbarger MOUSER and brother William Allen WOLFENBARGER. Janice is a great great granddaughter of Peter Amos WOLFENBARGER.

3. **Johnnie Alberta Wolfenbarger TOMERLIN** is a daughter of John Hamilton WOLFENBARGER and Almeda TILSON and the spouse of Jerry Arthur Leon TOMERLIN. Johnnie and Jerry have one son and two daughters and reside in Antioch, TN. Johnnie has three sisters and a brother and is a great great granddaughter of Peter Amos WOLFENBARGER born in 1796 in Greenbriar Co, WV

4. **John Wilburn WOLFENBARGER** was born 13 January 1866 in Grainger County, TN, the son of Peter WOLFENBARGER and Sarah HELTON and was a great Grandson of Peter Amos WOLFENBARGER who was born in 1796. John had a daughter Delilah and sons Peter Edford, Arthur and Elbert by his first marriage to Rachel DEES and four sons Virgle, Otis, Hubert and Tracy by his second wife Nancy Ann HORN.



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Deanna Wise, 58, of Grove, Oklahoma, dies after surgery

Deanna Ingram Merrill Wise, born December 2, 1941, in Denver, Colorado, died on March 29, 1999, after several years of illness.

In March, Deanna had double bypass heart surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, then four days later another heart surgery which she did not survive.

Deanna is survived by her husband, Richard Wise, sons William Todd Merrill, Shaun Colby Merrill, Tye Casey Merrill, and daughter Tiffany Dawn Merrill. She is also survived by her parents Henry Clyde Ingram and Anna Maye Jones Ingram of Grove, Oklahoma, a sister Terry Hollis, and a brother Henry Clyde "Butch"

Background on Dr. Raymond M. Bell, noted genealogist, family and church historian

The last issue of this newsletter contained an article about the whereabouts of an eminent family historian, Dr. Raymond Martin Bell. Since then, we've learned more about the distinguished Dr. Bell, who now lives in retirement in Coralville, Iowa.

Born in 1907 in Weatherly, Pennsylvania, Dr. Bell earned a

Ingram. Deanna lived in Grove, Oklahoma, and was buried in the Welch, Oklahoma cemetery.

She was a great great grand daughter of William Walker Wolfenbarger, a distinguished jurist in Oklahoma's earliest history.

bachelor's degree from A. B. Dickinson College in 1928, and a PhD in physics from Penn State.

In 1942, he married Lillian Mae Kelly and had three children: Carol, Martha and Edward.

Throughout his 38-year academic career at Washington & Jefferson College, Dr. Bell maintained a strong interest in genealogy and in the history of his family, and the Methodist Church. In fact, the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference named him Historian Emeritus of the conference. The American Society of Genealogists named him a Fellow.

Dr. Bell lives at 1506 First Avenue North, #3, Coralville, IA 52241-1199

By Larry Jones, WFA President

Hope to attend most family reunions this year

If you recall, your last newsletter was about two weeks later than usual. That wasn't the editor's fault – it was mine. The main reason has to do with the emotional problems that were caused by three surgeries on my left knee. My knee is greatly improved and I can walk with no pain, although the knee has little strength and I can not step up a curb or climb a stair. At least I can drive my automobile without pain.

I am hoping to get my knee to bend 90 degrees soon. I still may have to have an artificial right knee but, if so, it won't be before this fall or winter.

The information for this newsletter was scheduled to be sent to Bob on April first, so I am going to be late again. My reasons for being late again is all domestic and I do not know when those problems will end. As you know my wife is very ill and her health is causing many other problems.

I am still able to keep up with most of the work associated with our WFA, although I had to cancel the scheduled teleconference meeting of our Board of Directors on March 6. I am still planning to attend most of the family reunions this summer and fall, but whether I can will be determined on a day to

day basis depending on my physical condition.

With all my problems I have had a difficult time in obtaining and developing articles for our newsletter. I request help in obtaining information on these articles. I do have several articles that can be developed from a history that Vendrell Spargur has provided. You may send these articles to me or to Bob.

Our home page has been changed so that it no longer lists all of the members that have e-mail facilities. This was too difficult to keep up to date and many e-mail addresses changed monthly.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE EMBROIDERED FAMILY BADGE!

WFA Membership Application

Join Now!

Send this completed form and a check for \$10 to:
Wolfensberger Family Association
6400 North Ann Arbor Terrace
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Date _____

Please send us a photo of you and your family.

Memberships are for a calendar year. Annual dues are \$10 per person. Memberships expire at the end of each calendar year, regardless of when you join.

Members who re-join later in the year will receive all four quarterly issues of this newsletter.

New members receive a six-color embroidered family badge based on the Wolfensberger coat of arms. Absolutely free!

Membership is open, but not limited, to members of these families:

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