



WOLFENSBERGER

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WFA Board Welcomes Swiss Members

As a result of his long held desire to include the Swiss members in the regularly scheduled WFA Board meetings, Pres. Bob Wolfenbarger was able to arrange for Board members Dr. Rudolf A Wolfensberger of Solothurn, Switzerland and Peter Wolfensberger of Zumikon, Switzerland to attend the November 21st meeting of the WFA Board. These two Swiss Board members did not fly to the USA and the American members did not visit Switzerland for this to occur. WFA Board meetings are held by a conference call set up by the President at 7:30 PM Eastern time where each member calls an 800 number and checks into the meeting. Because of the time difference, Dr. Rudi and Peter had to be alert at 1:30 AM Swiss time to attend.

With their attendance, the WFA Board took on a very international flavor as they discussed the various items on Pres. Wolfenbarger's agenda. Pres. Wolfenbarger first welcomed Dr. Rudi and Peter to the meeting and they were greeted by the other Board members. Members from Summit, New Jersey to Palo Alto, California and other cities around the US assembled electronically as well as Vice Pres. Myrna Liddell using her cell phone as she was enroute by car from her home on Washington to Utah for a family gathering.

The Board's agenda included approving the minutes of the previous meeting prepared and mailed to each member by Secretary Bill Spargur, a Treasurer's report from Treasurer Al Creasy in Tryon, North Carolina was received and approved, and a newsletter report was given by Editor Richard Evans of Houston, Texas. A discussion was held concerning the election of a new board

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From the President....

Robt. J Wolfenbarger

The
Wolfensberger
Family Association
wishes each of you
a very
Merry Christmas
&
a
Happy New Year

It Is That Time Again!

Page 7 & 8 of this Newsletter is the Renewal Notice and Official Ballot to elect the Board for next year 2004!

Please remove this page, fill out the renewal form, mark your ballot, attach your check and mail as shown on the form.

Have a Happy New Year!

WFA Board Welcomes Swiss Members

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for 2004 and the election of officers to follow at the next Board meeting. Editor Richard Evans reported on the progress in having a Wolfensberger flag made by the Balch Flag Co. of Syracuse, NY which was approved. Pres. Wolfenbarger reported on the appointment of Kelly Marsh of Columbia, MO as the new web site manager and the board approved the purchase of a new domain name and website rental for one year. Kelly Marsh is the grandson-in-law of Richard Evans and is attending graduate school at the Univ. of Missouri.

Both Rudi and Peter took an active role in these discussions and contributed to the success of the meeting. A discussion was held concerning having a meeting time on a Sunday afternoon to provide a more suitable time for our Swiss members to be present. Pres. Wolfenbarger will consider this when scheduling our next meeting in January next year. As the meeting ajourned, the

attending members said goodbye to the two members from Switzerland and look forward to their joining the Board meeting again soon.

It is truly amazing how the electronic communication capabilities we have available today make possible such an event. RLE



WFA Board member Rudolf A. Wolfensberger, PhD, of Solothurn, Switzerland



WFA Memorial Dedication Video

The VHS cassette of the dedication ceremony held in Bauma Switzerland in 2001 and prepared by Gretchen Doll is still available. Send \$10.00 for each one desired (price includes shipping) to Al Creasy, WFA Treasurer, 500 Beau Valley Lane, Tryon, NC 28782. The beautiful scenes accompanied by new music back-ground will provide a wonderful re-enactment of this memorial ceremony. Order yours today!



Wolfensberger

WOLFENSBERGER FAMILY FLAG

For the past year, the Wolfensberger family Association has been searching for a quality flag from a reputable firm. We have found such a supplier and an order has been placed for an initial order of 50 of these flags. Delivery is expected by the week of December 22nd. The flag and specifications are shown at left. This is a printed two sided flag,, 32X48 in., that is the same on both sides. Our supplier is the Balch Flag Co. of Syracuse, NY. They are a long time supplier of flags, banners and grave markers with an excellent reputation. We are sure you will be pleased with this family flag!

The price of this flag is \$65.00 which includes shipping costs. If you would like to have one or more of these quality family flags, send your check to Al Creasy, WFA Treasurer, 500 Beau Valley Lane, Tryon, NC 28782. If you are not completely satisfied with your purchase, you may return the flag and receive a full refund!

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| COLORS | background.....red |
| | wolf.....white |
| | letters.....red |
| | letter bar.....white |
| | mt.peaks.....green |
| | hi-lites.....black |
| SIZE | 32 in. X 48 in. |
| MATERIAL | nylon |
| NOTES: | Pole hem on top,
hem finish. |

Kelly Marsh Appointed Website Manager

Acting on the recommendations of WFA Pres. Bob Wolfenbarger after some discussion, the WFA Board at their regular meeting November 21st approved the appointment of Kelly Marsh of Columbia, MO as the manager of the Wolfensberger Family Association website. Kelly is the grandson-in-law of newsletter editor, Richard Evans and is currently in graduate school at the Univ. of Missouri working on his PhD degree in Communications. Kelly's wife is Lindsay Johnson Marsh who is a descendant of Mary Sparger Evans of Mount Airy, NC. Kelly is also the father of Rachel Lindsay Marsh who was born November 10th, 2002 and is one of the youngest descendants of Mary Sparger. The family is shown at right

The WFA web site has been dormant for several years and will be rejuvenated with a new domain name under Kelly's supervision.



In addition to approving this appointment, the WFA Board also authorized the funds to purchase the domain name, www.wolfensberger.org, and the rental for one year of the web site location. Kelly will carry out this work on the web site.

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Editor's Note: This "Thank You" note was received recently from the Salem Methodist Church Cemetery Committee in response to the mention made in the August WFA Newsletter. Let me add my thanks to those who have made a gift to the Committee for the maintenance of the beautiful cemetery in Mount Airy, NC.

To Wolfensberger Nov. 16, 2003

Family Association,

The Salem Cemetery Committee wishes to express our gratitude for your generous donation to the cemetery fund. We especially want to thank you for putting our plea for contributions in your newsletter and as a result, have already received several gifts. Our goal is to improve the appearance of the cemetery as funds allow.

We would also like to be added to your newsletter mailing, if at all possible..

thank you again for all you have done.

Salem Cemetery Committee

Clinton Gravley, Treas.

Bobby Simmons

Doug Marshall

New Members

The following "cousins" have been added to the membership rolls since the last newsletter was mailed. We welcome these new members to the WFA and hope they take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the Association to learn more about the history of the Wolfensberger family. They are:

Charles E. BOUNDS
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WOLFENSBERGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Year 2004 proposed Board of Directors

Editor's Note: We are listing below, the names of those members proposed and nominated for the WFA Board of Directors for year 2004. These names are listed on the ballot included in this newsletter. Each of these members have agreed to serve on the Board. However, any member in good standing can nominate any other member in this election if that member is willing to serve on the Board. Nominees are:

Mickey Burleson (Sparger), 5101 Burger Rd., Temple, TX 76501

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS, WFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Heini Wolfensberger**, Spitalstrasse 25, CH 8495, Bauma, Switzerland

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Keep Our Story Alive!

by Wm.F. Spargur

I would like to announce that over the next several years there will be a project to document as many of the written and oral histories as possible of the Wolfensberger Family Association. To accomplish this task we will be collecting written stories and pictures to document the family's history.

There are many stories that are interesting, but are lost over time. My father told me stories about his father, hitching a wagon team and delivering mail around the farming community of Burlington Junction, Missouri, through the winter snow, summer heat, and the rain. My mother told me stories about being raised on a dairy farm in Huntington Beach, CA, like the story about the many canaries in their cages that adorned her mother's living room wall. Another story, which was adamantly denied by my grandmother, but acknowledged by her children, that she rode a motorcycle through the desert while racing a train. There is the story about my Uncle Lee jumping from the wing of a biplane while holding a parachute in his arms at barnstorming shows to get a little money. Also, the story told by my father about his much older brothers that skated down the river many miles to visit a town, nearby in today's terms, but quite a distance and an adventure for these young men and the boy, my father, they took with them.

In our memories we have many little histories in the form of family stories that we can and should preserve for many years to come. Some of us may remember events as far as WWI through those that have been in our current combat zones such as Macedonia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. These

stories become vague and lose detail over time and now we wish to document them. They are interesting, they are true, and many of them funny. Grandma did what?!

These stories will be compiled into a single publication and made available for the Wolfensberger Family Association membership for the cost of publishing the final product. All submissions should be about 500 words (one type written page), but shorter stories are welcome and longer stories would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Some stories just cannot be shortened. Multiple stories from the same submitter are welcome. Stories should have a photograph to accompany it, but if pictures are not available those stories are welcome also. If stories are accompanied with photographs, the stories' photographs cannot be returned. The stories and photographs that are provided become the property of the publication editor. Stories and pictures cannot be returned, so please send photograph quality copies. Photographs can be submitted in printed form or in digital form as a JPEG or GIF file. Other electronic graphic file must be coordinated to insure compatibilities. Stories and pictures can be sent to the editor at the following address.

William F. Spargur
4561 Grandview Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551-1165
E-mail: wfs1220@qnet.com

We will, through this publication, document for the future oral histories and stories, and preserve ourselves and our families throughout time. We hope to hear from you soon. WFS

2004 Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again to remind our members, if they have not already done so, to renew their membership in the Wolfensberger Family Association. The membership expiration date is December 31st of each year. To continue to receive this fine WFA Newsletter and the other benefits of WFA membership, please send \$10.00 for a one year renewal, \$18.00 for a two year renewal and \$26.00 for a three year renewal, along with this completed form to Al Creasy, WFA Treasurer. By doing so, you show your support for your family association. While you are at it, mark your ballot on the reverse side and vote for your Board members.

Mail this completed form to:

Al Creasy, Treasurer
500 Beau Valley Lane
Tryon, NC 28782

Your name _____

Your Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Membership for _____ Year(s). Amt. enclosed _____

Telephone No. _____

E-Mail _____

Wolfensberger Family Association

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Board of Directors Year 2004

Mail this ballot, along with your membership renewal, to Al Creasy, WFA Treasurer, at the address shown on the reverse side.

___ ALL NOMINEES * Denotes incumbent

___ Mickey Burleson, Temple, TX (Sparger)

___ *Albert H. Creasy, Tryon, NC (Sparger)

___ Gretchen Doll, Grapevine, TX (Wolfenberger)

___ *Richard L. (Buzz) Evans, Houston, TX (Sparger)

___ Barbara Jackson, Norfolk, NE (Wolfenbarger)

___ *Myrna Liddell, Langley, WA (Wolfinbarger)

___ Wendell J. Wolfenbarger O'Reilly, Chattanooga, TN

___ *William F. Spargur, Palmdale, CA

___ *Robert J. Wolfenbarger, Summit, NJ

___ *W. Frank Wolfenbarger, Irving, TX

___ Peter Wolfensberger, Zumikon, Switzerland

___ Rudolf A. Wolfensberger, PhD, Solothurn, Switzerland

___ Wolf Wolfensberger, PhD, Syracuse, NY

___ David Wolfersberger, St. Louis, MO

___ Bill Wolfinbarger, Palo Alto, CA

Write-In Nominations: (In addition to those marked above)

Kelly Marsh..... (Cont. from page 3)

Kelly was born and grew up in central and western New York state and attended Fredonia College. He earned a Masters Degree at Indiana State in Terre Haute, IN and began his teaching career at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. He also supervised the William Jewell's radio station while teaching there. To further his career in education, Kelly enrolled in the University of Missouri graduate school this fall to earn his doctorate degree. The Kellys will be in Columbia for several years while he completes his studies at the Univ. of Missouri. We look forward to an attractive and useful web site.

Editor's Note: One of the delights of the Thanksgiving holiday was the hours Nancy and I were able to baby-sit our great grand-daughter Rachel Marsh and watch her learn to walk. Rachel, who was one year old in November, is the first great grandchild of my family. I hope the membership will excuse a great grandfather's pride in showing Rachel in this issue. RLE

**WOLFENSBERGER
MEDALLIONS
are still available!**

To obtain the heavy metal medallions to mark an ancestor's grave, decorate your front door, or use as a paper weight, send \$25.00 to Al Creasy, WFA Treasurer, (see page 7 for address) for each one.

New Web-Site Coming Soon!

The next issue of the WFA Newsletter will announce the opening, location and Domain Name of the the new Wolfensberger Family Association web-site. With the appointment of Kelly Marsh, Web-Site Manager, we expect to have an attractive and informative web page . Look for it!

Wolfensberger Family Association Officers & Directors - Year 2003

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