

WOLFENSBERGER

Newsletter of the Wolfensberger Family Association

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WINTER ON THE WOLFSBERG



A recent photo of the Wolfensberger family monument on the Wolfsberg near Bauma, Switzerland was taken a few days ago and e-mailed to us by WFA Board member Peter Wolfensberger of Zumikon, Switzerland. The area of the monument is covered by a 15 - 30 cm layer of hard frozen snow. Foxes, roe deer and squirrels have left proof of their presence in the proximity of the stone.



Myna Liddell of Whidby, WA was elected President of the Wolfensberger Family Association by the Board at their January meeting. Myrna has served as Vice-President and Historian for the past several years. Her translation of Deutsch-Schweizerishes Geschlecterbuch into English was a great assist to researchers of our Swiss family.

President's Letter:

by Myrna Liddell, President Dear Family,

Our Wolfensberger Family Association is indeed a family, full of multitudes of people all over the earth. It is amazing to imagine the grand scale of descendants, whose very existence began with those early ancestors who lived in the Bauma area, near the Zurichsee (Lake Zurich). Some of our family members may have originated in other areas of Europe, however, we need more research.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those descendants in the last few generations who have kept and preserved, searched and discovered the family legends, pedigrees, stories, and vital records. Some say it only takes one family member in a generation to discover a family's roots. However, Wolfensberger Family descendants include many, many researchers who have spent countless hours (and years) finding and recording stories and data about the lives and generations of this family.

We plan to honor these Wolfensberger Family Genealogists this year, and we need your help. Please let us know who your "Wolfensberger Family" genealogist is or was. We will need a short paragraph telling us about them, and what they did. Those we already are aware of: Jacob Alfred

Wolfensberger (Switzerland), Paul Wolfensberger (Switzerland), Myrtle Braun (Wolfensberger), Raymond Bell (Wolfensberger/Esminger), William (cont. page 7)

Bob Wolfenbarger Steps Down

Dear Wolfensberger Family Association members.

In this issue of *The Wolfensberger*, you'll read that our WFA board members have elected a new slate of officers for 2004 from among their membership. As outgoing president, I'd like to wish Myrna Liddell and her team of officers my very best wishes for a successful year. They will build on the foundations laid by Larry Jones, our initial president, and those who served with him and with me.

During my term as President, your board initiated a number of activities which go well beyond the kinds of efforts I once believed possible when this Association was first formed in the mid-1990s. We made this newsletter into an ongoing medium of communications within the family and we launched a new website to extend our reach. We became an international organization, with Swiss members like Heini Wolfensberger of Bauma, Dr. Rudi Wolfensberger of Solothurn, Max Wolfensberger of Stafa, Peter Wolfensberger of Zumikon, and others.

During these early years, we learned a great deal about our family's origins in Europe. Our roots, we learned, are in the rolling hills of northeastern Switzerland. Our original family members built a timbered castle on the Wolfensberg, a fertile green mountain east of Zurich in Zurich Canton. In September 2001 we dedicated a memorial, which is pictured elsewhere in this newsletter, to the family which dates back to the 14th Century. The memorial is a companion to another site in Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania, heralding the immigrant family that came to America in 1730.

The Wolfensbergers are a family in which we can all take pride. We helped build modern Switzerland from the family seat in Bauma. And we moved west with the American frontier, fighting in America's wars since the American Revolution. We'll try to tell you more about your history as the years pass. But we need your active membership to help maintain an active, committed family organization.

Sincerely yours, Bob Wolfenbarger



One of the highlights of Bob's tenure as President of the WFA is depicted in this photo of Bob and Frau Jucker of Bauma, Switzerland at the Wolfensberger memorial dedication in September 2001



PHOTO CAPTION: Original cast members, from the left, Jim Nabors, Don Knotts, Andy Griffith, and Ron Howard get together in *The Andy Griffith Show Reunion: Back to Mayberry* on November 11th last year on CBS. (Photo from the Houston Chronicle)

Back to Mount Airy

by Richard Evans

I'm sure many Sparger and Spargur descendants, as well as other Wolfensberger cousins, spent time in front of their TVs in the evening of November 11th last year to watch a stroll down memory lane as Andy Griffith, Jim Nabors, Don Knotts and Ron Howard relived the long running TV show, *The Andy Griffith Show that premiered on Oct. 3, 1960*, in a reunion presented by CBS. Andy said he based much of Mayberry on his raising in Mount Airy during the depression. This was especially timely for Nancy and I since we were just there in Mayberry, I mean Mount Airy, last August for the Sparger family reunion.

I must admit I am no longer a fan of evening TV. My TV watching includes the evening local and national news and 30 minutes of *Wheel of Fortune* while we eat supper. I would much prefer the type of entertainment we enjoyed back in the 1960's when *The Andy Griffith Show* was making it big on TV. I noted in an article about this show in the local Houston paper, that Andy, who is a few years older than I, said he doesn't watch much TV anymore either.

While watching this show, I recalled sitting in a small restuarant with Nancy and Al and Fran Creasy on the main street of Mount Airy sipping from a glass of iced tea

watching the activity outside as people were preparing and gathering for a classic car parade down the street. We waited in expectation to see the shiny black and white police car with Barnie at the wheel come cruising down the street. But the police car was carefully parked in front of the Police Station.

I did not know about my Mount Airy ties when our family watched The Andy Griffith Show many years ago as it was years later that I began my search for my family and discovered that my great grandparents, Tom and Mary Sparger Evans, came to Texas from the Mount Airy area in 1895. This made our visit to Mount Airy in August an even more meaningful event as we visited Guy and Mary Sparger's Antique Shoppe and home, discovered the Mount Airy Granite quarry, drove down Main Street with Al and Fran Creasy and walked through the carefully maintained cemeteries of the city and the Salem United Methodist Church searching for the resting places of our Sparger ancestors. The Sparger monument in the Church cemetery is especially worth the visit. A few weeks before the show, a bronze statue of Andy and Opie was erected in Raleigh, N.C. Too bad they didn't put it in Mount Airy where it belonged.

This seems like a good time to remind our members again to make a contribution to the Salem Church Cemetery and other cemeteries where our Wolfensberger ancestors are buried to help maintain these final resting places. RLE.

THE LIKELY ETHNIC ORIGINS OF THE WOLFSBERG CLAN

By Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, Syracuse, NY

The Swiss von Wolfsberg ancestors of the Wolfensberger Family Association were most likely descended from a Germanic tribe that together with many other Germanic tribes, and some nonGermanic ones, came for unknown reasons from Asia or what is now Russia into Central and Western Europe over a period of centuries, creating much turmoil. Around the time of Christ, this particular tribe settled in northern Germany between what is now roughly Berlin and the Baltic Sea. They were called the Sueben, and the Baltic Sea was actually called the Mare Suebicum_(Swabian Sea) by the Romans. Around the year 200 AD, also for reasons unknown, the Suebians began to slowly trek southward in a wave of somewhere between 60,000-80,000 people, with thousands of oxen drawn wagons. They probably advanced a number of miles every season and then camped in between. They reached the Main River which divides northern from southern Germany around 213 AD, the middle of the Neckar River further south around 233 AD, and the borders of the Roman Empire north of the Alps around 260 AD, resulting in several hundred years of warfare with the Romans and the peoples then allied with them, such as the Celts. In the late 400s, after having overcome the Roman border, they reached the southern area of the Rhine River and the edge of the Alps, which includes much of today's Switzerland, and they also penetrated across the Rhine River into the Alsace to the west.

Neighboring peoples called these invaders Alemans, though they called themselves Suevi, Suavi, or Swaben, out of which came the contemporary word Schwaben (the "Sch" is pronounced like a "Sh").

Little is known as to exactly what happened between the years 500-700 AD, and how the Suebians lived except that once they settled in the south, they were very fecund (fertile, productive), and therefore tried to expand once again back toward the north. Once they reached the lower Rhine River in the 490's they encountered the Franks (another Germanic tribe) in what is now the lower Rhineland. The Franks at that time occupied part of what is now France and Belgium, and part of what is now Germany. A huge battle took place at Zulpich at that time in which the Alemans/ Suebians suffered a devastating defeat, as a result of which they were pushed back south below the Main River. The Suebians might have been completely annihilated or absorbed by the Franks if Theoderic, the king of the Germanic tribe of the Ostrogoths in Italy,

had not interceded on their behalf and threatened the Franks if they did not stop their pursuit. The border that was then established between the Franks and the Suebians has remained an ethnic and dialect border to this very day. However, not long after, around 536 AD, the Alemans nonetheless had to accept the overlordship of the Franks, and their ruler was then no longer an independent king but a Swabian duke under a Frankish king. This dukeship covered almost the entire area of what is now southwest Germany, plus much of what is now Switzerland and the (now French) Alsace, bordering on the Germanic Bavarians in the east.

It is believed that the Suebians became Christians around the year 600 AD, implying that the Wolfensbergers have probably been Christian for 1400 years.

Until World War II, the people who lived in what had once been the territory of the old dukedom of Swabia within the German empire were primarily Alemanic, and thus the descendants of the von Wolfsberg are distinguished by their Alemanic origin from the other Germanic tribes in Germany, such as the Franks, the Saxons, the Bavarians, the Frisians, and so on. Since then, there has been so much migration into and out of at least the German portion of old Swabia that many people in it are no longer of Alemanic stock.

Today, the old Swabian territory is very fractionated, with parts in Switzerland, parts in France, parts in the Bavarian province of Germany, and most of it in what is now the German state of Wurttemberg-Baden.

The medieval wars of liberation of the Swiss against the Austrians and the dukedom of Swabia were not so much a war against the German empire as they were a war against the nobility and its overlordship.

Until the 13th century, a unitary old Swabian language was spoken in the entirety of the old Swabian dukedom. This language was very similar to the one that one still finds in Switzerland, the Alsace, and the southernmost sliver of southwestern Germany just north of the Lake of Constance. This old Swabian language is what the Swabian emperors of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (i.e., the Hohenstaufen emperors) spoke, as well as many of the medieval German troubadours (the Minnesinger). Then the Swabian language began to divide somewhat into different subdialects. (cont page 7)



WOLFENSBERGER MEDALLIONS are still available!

To obtain one of these heavy pewter medallions to mark a grave, decorate your door or

use as a paper weight, send \$25.00 to WFA Treas. Al Creasy for each one. (Price includes postage. For shipment to Europe, ask Al Creasy for prices.)



WOLFENSBERGER CLOTH PATCH

We have a supply of the Wolfensberger cloth patch you received when

you became a member of the WFA. If you would like to have another for your new jacket, send \$2.00 (includes postage) to WFA Treas. Al Creasy for each one desired



WOLFENSBERGER FAMILY FLAGS are on the way!

The 32X48 in. flag is now available for shipment.

Decorate your entry-way or den with this beautiful flag! Send \$37.00 to WFATreas. Al Creasy for each one. (The price includes postage)



WFA MEMORIAL DEDICATION VIDEO

This VHS cassette of the ceremony on the Wolfsberg near Bauma, Switzerland in

Sept. 2001 is still available. Send \$10.00 for each one to WFA Treas. Al Creasy. (Price includes postage)

THE FLAGS ARE HERE!

Finally, after what seemed to me, a very long delay, the Wolfensberger Family Flags ordered last December have arrived and are ready to ship. But, there is some bad news and some good news concerning them. First, the good news. The price of the 32 in. X 48 in. banner is \$37.00 delivered by U.S Postal Mail instead of the \$65.00 previously stated and the quality, size, art work and colors are as originally stated. They are just a super family banner. The bad news is the "Wolfensberger" name across the lower part of the flag is not double sided but is reversed on the back side. These flags are printed on nylon material and the back side is simply reversed.

For most of us, that is not much of a problem as many will use this banner as a wall hanging and only one side will be viewed. For those flying it outside, as it flaps in the breeze, the reversed lettering on one side will not be noticeable except to the most discerning eye. For those of you who want to see the flag before deciding to purchase, we are sending a picture to be posted on the WFA Web Site where you will be able to judge this beautiful banner in all its colorful array being held by Buzz Evans, the Newsletter Editor. Just log on to www.wolfensberger.org to find the flag on display.

I believe the lower price will more than offset the "reversed lettering" and after careful consideration, the decision was made to offer the flag as received instead of returning the shipment to the manufacturer to have the omission corrected. This would have delayed them even more. I am sure all our members will be proud to display this beautiful family banner.

As a suggestion to those family groups holding reunions this year, we suggest you consider having a raffle or giving a door prize of one or more of the WFA Family Flags. This will add a little zest to the gathering if you display the flag during the reunion and hold the drawing for the flag as the reunion comes to a close.

Finally, we are pleased to advise our members that the Board, at the January meeting voted to send our Founder and Past President Larry Jones, Flag No.1. I am certain this banner will brighten Larry's day as he was one of the members who really wanted a Family Flag and worked to make it possible RLE.

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NOTICE! NOTICE! Have You Paid Your Dues!

As you read your WFA Newsletter, take a moment and look at the mailing label to see when your membership runs out. If it says "Paid thru 2002", your membership has expired and this will be the last newsletter you will receive. If it says "Paid thru 2003" your membership has expired and we will continue to send you a newsletter hoping you will renew this year. Won't you take a minute and put your check in the mail toTreas. Al Creasy to renew your membership in this great family association and continue to receive this very fine newsletter. It's only \$10.00 per year, \$18.00 for 2 years, or \$26.00 for 3 years. You will be glad you did. Al Creasy, WFA Treas. & Richard Evans, Newsletter Editor

Lost Members

The November Newsletter to the following members was returned "not delivered".

Kit Seay, Austin, TX
Rubie Lee Wolfenbarger,
Homestead FL
Jess & Jodi Wolfenbarger,
Monroe MI
Let us know if you know where these folks are.

President's Letter: (cont. from page 1)

Murlin Creasy (Sparger), James Bingman Sparger, Vendrell Spargur. See contact information, below. Be sure to let us know how to contact you with any questions.

When we met as a Board of Directors in January, we made special mention of appreciation to our immediate Past President, Robert Joseph (Bob) Wolfenbarger, of New Jersey. We want to extend our appreciation to him, for the dedication he has had for so many years to the WFA, as our original newsletter editor, and first Vice President, and then as President of WFA. Through the prompting of Myrtle Braun, a long time Wolfensberger family genealogist, he was able to help "discover' the family roots, in Switzerland, through a series of providential events. He has helped bring WFA to our Swiss relatives, and will continue to do so. He facilitated Larry Jones' long time dream of dedicating a memorial at the Castle site on "The Wolfensberg", working with Max Wolfensberger and Heini Wolfensberger of Switzerland. We express our thanks for all he has accomplished, and to those who assisted him.

Also, William (Bill) Spargur of Palmdale, CA has served for several years as our WFA Secretary, and we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for his many hours of service. Bill will remain on the Board of Directors, and will be working on the WFA Family Stories project, and it is our hope that each family will submit their "story" to this great Wolfensberger family history.

We express appreciation to the 2004 WFA board members, and to those who have accepted new positions as officers, particularly Buzz Evans, Vice President, Newsletter Editor, and Al Creasy, Treasurer and Membership, and David Wolfersberger, Secretary. Thank you, also, to W. Frank Wolfenbarger as Financial Advisor, and Kevin Marsh as Webmaster. It takes many hands to run an association, and we acknowledge with gratitude all those who assist.

Please let us know if and when and where you are planning a reunion for 2004.

We look forward to a great year.

Myrna Bingham Liddell WFAPresident

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Ethnic Origins....(cont from page 4)

Today, there are roughly five dialects of the old Swabian language, one of which is called south Alemanic that is spoken in German Switzerland, in the Alsace, and in a sliver of the southern Black Forest. This is more or less the language our ancestors spoke, though the Alsatians tongue is rapidly being driven out by French.

However, of every Swabian dialect, there now exist subdialects, some of which exist in only very small locales. The most striking examples of these exist in various small areas of Switzerland that at one time were very isolated, such as highlying mountain valleys. These dialects can be difficult to understand even for people nearby.

While the dialect spoken by the people in the Rhine Palatinate is a south German one, and very different from that spoken in Northern Germany, it is not part of the Swabian/Alemanic dialect, but Frankish in origin.

In France, it has become politically correct to never refer to the Alsatians as German or Germanic, but only as Alemanic. Similarly, the German-Swiss (keeping in mind that part of Switzerland is also ethnically French, Italian, and Rhaetic) also now like to describe themselves as Alemanic rather than Swabian, because the latter carries to them overtones of political claims that are felt to be a bit threatening to Swiss independence.

By the way, people of Swabian/Alemanic stock tend to be "roundheads," in contrast to other Germanic tribes (and the Celts) that tend to be "flatheads".

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POLICIES OF THE WOLFENSBERGER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

<u>PURPOSE</u> The purpose of the Wolfensberger Family Association is to provide communications about family-related events, affairs, history and other items of interest to members of this historic Swiss family. Communications will be carried out through a quarterly newsletter, *The Wolfensberger*, and an association site on the Internet World Wide Web. As it has since the mid-1990s, the association encourages continued in-depth research into the histories of these families in Europe, America and wherever our families may have lived. The purpose of these policies is to provide a guide for the consistent administration of the association.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> Any person who is a descendant of a Wolfensberger family, the name given residents of the family's original home, or has an interest in the family is eligible for membership in this association. Currently, these families are recognized to be named Wolfensberger, Wolfensberger, Wolfensperger, Wolfensperger, Wolfenbarger, Wolfenbarger, Spargur or any other variations of the spelling of the original name. Dues for members are \$10.00 per year or any portion thereof. Dues for persons living outside the USA is \$15.00 per year or any portion thereof. The directors may adjust this rate for cause. When a person joins the association he or she will receive four quarterly newsletters. If they join in the second, third or fourth quarter, they will receive back issues for the entire year.

<u>MEMBERSHIP CLASSES</u> There are three classes of membership: Honorary, Society and Regular.

Honorary Membership is awarded to regular members who have performed a great service to the family over a long period of time. They are declared to be awarded life time free membership in the association by the Board of Directors. The Honorary Membership has the same privileges as Regular Membership

Society Membership is for Genealogical Societies, Historical Societies and Libraries. These organizations may be added or deleted at any time as appears to be proper by the President. These are free memberships and will receive the newsletters.

Regular Memberships are all paid members that do not fall in one of the above categories.

<u>OFFICERS</u> Officers of the association are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Publisher and Immediate Past President. All officers will be members of the association and shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a period of one year or until the end of that fiscal year. The officers will be elected by the Board of Director at their first meeting of that fiscal year.

<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> Collectively, the Officers shall also be known as the Executive Committee. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to provide a smaller group where any of the Board of Directors may check on the feasibility of an idea. The Executive Committee does not have the authority to approve for the Board of Directors but may recommend to the Board the approval or disapproval of any idea coming before them.

<u>PRESIDENT</u> The President will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the association. This will include managing the finances and all other tasks that may be required to provide a smooth and continuous operation of the association. The President may assign tasks to the members of the Board of Directors or other members of the association on a temporary or annual basis.

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u> The duties of the Vice-President are to assume all of the duties of the President in the absence of the President and may serve in additional capacities as determined by the Board of Directors or President.

<u>SECRETARY</u> The duties of the Secretary are to produce the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and send these minutes to the President, who shall reproduce and distribute these minutes to Board members. Also the Secretary will receive a copy of all correspondence addressed to the President or to the association and correspondence generated by the President

TREASURER All income and expenses for the association will be recorded. These records will always be open to the members of the association. A bank account in the name of the Wolfensberger Family Association will be maintained and all income and expenses will go through this account. The income for the association shall consist of membership dues, contributions, the sale of incidental items and other sources with the approval of the Board of Directors. The expenses will be for the production and distribution of the newsletter, incidental expenses and project expenses. Any project must have the approval of the Board of Directors. The annual membership dues for the association will be established by the Board of Directors at a sufficient level to finance the newsletter and expenses of the association. When a project is selected by the Board of Directors there may be a need to call on the membership for additional contributions. Checks on the association will be signed by the Treasurer. In the absence of the Treasurer the checks may be signed by the President or Vice President.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT The duties of the Immediate Past President shall be to serve as chairperson of the Membership Committee and Nominating Committee, to serve as general coordinator of all family reunions, and to serve as Historian for the association and in any other capacities as requested by the President.

<u>MEMBERSHIP CHAIR PERSON</u> The membership chair person will be responsible for membership requests, membership records, recruiting of new members, distribution of family badges and providing pedigree charts for new members when their family records are received and entered, providing descendant reports when requested and providing a complete print out of all members of the association at least once a year to the Board of Directors. Any monies received will be forwarded to the Treasurer. All expenses incurred will be forwarded to the Treasurer along with records showing details of the expenditures.

The membership chairperson will also print out address labels for use in attaching to newsletters to be mailed and mail them to the Newsletter Editor and Publisher.

<u>FAMILY REUNION COORDINATOR</u> The duties of the family reunion coordinator will be to encourage all subfamilies to hold family reunions, provide suggestions as to program and agenda, attend as many reunions as possible and provide reunion schedules and attendance information for newsletters.

<u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than fifteen persons who are all members of the association. All directors are elected for one year terms. There shall be at least three meetings of the Board of Directors per year. A year is from February through January. The dates of these meetings shall be selected by the President with written notification to each board member at least two weeks prior to that meeting. These meetings may be by conference telephone call. Generally these will be on a Saturday evening.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The Wolfensberger newsletter Editor and Publisher is responsible for the publishing of the newsletter for the association. All Members of the Board of Directors shall endeavor to provide at least one article for the newsletter each year. The Editor and the President should continually request articles for the newsletter from the membership. The Editor produces and mails the Newsletters to all registered members and to others as seems appropriate. Every effort should be made to mail the quarterly newsletters in January, April, July and October of each year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee shall consist of the chairperson and two other members of the Board of Directors as selected by the President. The nominating committee will be responsible for providing a list of nominees to the Board of Directors, the list of Officers and the list of standing committee chairpersons for the next fiscal year. The standing committees are Membership and Nominating.

<u>QUORUM</u> A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be those attending any meeting of the Board of Directors.

<u>AMENDMENTS TO THESE POLICIES</u>
These policies may be modified, changed or added to at any time as approved by the Board of Directors.

<u>USE OF MAILING LIST FOR WFA SALES</u> The WFA mailing list is to be available only for official family business or by endorsement as directed and approved by the Officers of the Association and/or by the Board of Directors in quorum. Any other use of the mailing list is strictly prohibited. The mailing list itself will not be dispensed to any member of the Association, unless they are a member of the Board of Directors.

Any "announcement" of available resources or sale of products which require payment to cover expense of production, will be made through the WFA newsletter itself, or will be produced by the Officers as directed by the President

Endorsement of WFA symbols, such as flags, maps, books, memorabilia, etc.

will be made only after careful consideration by the Officers and the Board

of Directors. Such items must relate to the WFA. All other

projects, such as cemetery enhancements, also require this same endorsement.

<u>DEFINITION OF TERMS</u> "Project": Any Policy which requires funds be sent from the membership to purchase or pay a service or product.

"Primary-Source Provider": original provider/producer of the "project".

"Liaison Contact Intermediary": "project" director who is a member of the association.

"Cause": Conduct detrimental to the Association and/or its members, misuse of Association resources, use of the Association membership list for activities not approved by the Board of Directors, or other inappropriate activity which is detrimental to the reputation of the members of the Association and/or the Board.

<u>POLICY NO. 1</u> The Executive Committee shall consider any project and vote as a committee, via email, or by other means as approved by the President. If approved, projects shall be presented as a Policy to the Board of Directors, for vote as specified in WFA Policies.

<u>POLICY NO. 2</u> Any project adopted by the Board of Directors of the Wolfensberger Family Association, shall require the following: All monies collected for any project supported by WFA shall be "received by" the Treasurer, and all expenses supported by receipt documents shall be "paid out" by the Treasurer as specified in the Policies of the Wolfensberger Family Association.

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