

## **Sundt Family Reunion 2014 - Austin, Texas**

Our family gathered for another wonderful reunion, this year in Austin, Texas from July 10- 13. Once again, part of the Harold tribe, Dick Sundt's family, hosted the reunion with 81 in attendance. A highlight of the gathering was Duke Sundt sharing the bronze Texas Capital Vietnam Veterans Monument he designed for the grounds of the Texas Capital. Family members also enjoyed tours of the Capitol building, an evening boat ride on the Colorado River and Lady Bird Lake, an afternoon visit to the Bullock Texas State History Museum, a tour of the LBJ Presidential Library and, of course, sharing lots of family time viewing our wonderful family scrapbooks and generally reconnecting with each other. Unscheduled activities included a night out two-step dancing at the Broken Spoke, shopping on South Congress Street and viewing a video and photo montage created by Jackie Sundt of the dedication weekend ceremonies of Duke's Vietnam Veteran's monument! All in all, another wonderful family gathering!

### **Family Business Meeting**

President Dan S. Sundt opened the meeting by thanking Dick, Nete, Jackie and Jennifer Sundt for hosting the reunion in Austin, Texas. Dick Sundt Moved to start the meeting and Andy Mirdik Seconded the motion.

### **Memorial Service**

Dolores Sundt opened our service with a prayer. The family recognized two members who passed since our last reunion: Jim Chappell (2012) and Greer Glass (just recently). Marilyn Sundt delivered a sentimental and humorous remembrance of Jim and she commended him for the support he offered her with her divorce and other family needs.

### **List of Current Family Officers**

President: Dan S. Sundt  
Vice-President: Duke Sundt  
Secretary: Sharon Campbell  
Treasurer: Dick Sundt  
Historians: Dolores Sundt and Ann Berg  
Communications: Jim and Betty Kay Constand

### **Minutes of the 2012 Reunion**

Sharon Campbell read the minutes. Several corrections to the minutes were offered. Linda Davis said the 'Foundations Board of Highlands', not Highlands University, might be interested in scanning documents from our oldest family albums. Casey Sundt noted that his winning of the golf trophy had been omitted. Daniel N. Sundt

and Nete Sundt Moved that the minutes and corrections be accepted and Shirley Butts Seconded the motion. The Motion Carried and minutes and corrections were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dick Sundt, current treasurer, gave the following report.

The family account was \$3,247.93 on 7/8/12 (Savings account \$3,246.89 and Checking account \$1.04).

Dick also covered the following expenses since the last reunion, bringing total expenses to \$1,287.06:

2 annual website fees of \$43.45 each (9/13/12 and 8/2/13)

New scrapbook covers totaling \$1.150.00 (12/30/11)

Postage fee to mail the Dan Tribe their family album of \$50.16 (1/19/13)

Income of \$7,372.20 for the account included the following:

Interest \$3.00

2012 reunion reimbursement of \$323.70

2014 reunion fees collected of \$7045.50.

Dick estimated the total family account balance as of 7/9/14 to be \$9,156.61, which included \$395 cash due at the 2014 reunion. Dick also estimated the 2014 reunion expenses to total \$6,457.44.

Following the report, a few items were offered for discussion. Nete Sundt mentioned that Dick picked up all the parking fees for the reunion. Nete also suggested that the family should incur the expense of mailing the photo DVDs of this reunion to the tribes not present: Lenora and Maren. Chuck Sundt Moved to send the DVDs and Linda Davis Seconded the motion.

Chuck Sundt also Moved to accept the treasurer's report and Linda Davis Seconded the motion.

### **Letter from Bob and Frances Sundt**

Dan S. Sundt read a letter from Bob and Frances as they were not in attendance at this reunion. In the letter, Bob mentioned that he attended the first reunion held in 1936! The letter also showed a photo of Bob with a recent award and a photo of him and Frances. After the letter was shared, Dick Sundt Moved to place the letter in the album for the 2014 reunion and all were in favor of the motion.

### **Reunion Attendance Report**

Dick Sundt recorded 81 in attendance in Austin!

### **Golf Tournament Results**

Dick Sundt gave an expected humorous report...and he won the tournament again this year! A photo was taken of both him and Casey Sundt, the winner of the 2012 family golf tournament. Lead results from this years tournament included the following net results: Dick Sundt 73; Sy Campell, Chuck Sundt and Andy Mirdik 75;

Dan S. Sundt 76; Jennifer Sundt, Clint Sundt and Seth (family friend of Clint Sundt's family) 77.

### **Old Business**

1. Scrapbooks – Dolores reported that the Julia, Dan, and Harold tribes are all in possession of their own books now. The following historians are either continuing responsibility for their tribes books or newly taking on the responsibility (or at least being responsible for collecting the books at the end of this reunion):

Joe Tribe – (same) Deborah Skitt, Lisa Linden

Cora Tribe – (same) Cara Morgan

Bertie Tribe – (same) Jo Ann Johnson

Martin Tribe – (same) Dolores Sundt

Thoralf Tribe - (same) Thor Sundt

Julia Tribe - (same) Linda Davis, Karen Mitchell, Kristy Davis

John Tribe - Marilyn agreed to responsibility

Alice Tribe – Alice will take home this year

Lenora Tribe – Dan will take home this year

Dan Tribe – Sharon will take home this year

Harold Tribe – Duke will take home this year

Maren – up in the air

Linda Davis offered to continue pursuing the possibility of digitally scanning the oldest family books at the Foundation of Highlands, but that we will keep ownership of the books in the family for now.

2. Varslekt – Leslie Stratton is working on a new version of the Varslekt and needs updates from family members. Status of updates by tribe were reported as follows: Up to date – Alice, Dan and Maren all up to date; Berthe and Julie up to date 1 year ago; Martin tribe is up to date on William and Cornelius; Joe, Cora, John, Harold, Lenora and Thoralf are not up to date. Dick Sundt mentioned that we should have the new Varslekt by the next reunion. Anyone with new addresses or phone numbers for the website should forward them to Betty Kay Constand. Dan S. Sundt offered to cattle prod family members along on sending in updates!

### **New Business**

1. Nomination of Officers – the following slate of new officers were presented for 2014-2016:

President – Dan S. Sundt

Vice-President – Clint Sundt

Treasurer – Tom Mitchell

Secretary – Sharon Campbell

Historian – Dolores Sundt and Ann Berg

## Communications – Jim and Betty Kay Constand

There were no other nominations from the floor. Moved by Chuck Sundt for the nominations be closed and was Seconded by Duke Sundt. The new officers were confirmed by a family voice vote.

2. Site of Next Family Reunion – As usual several sites were discussed as possibilities for the 2016 reunion:
  - Karen Mitchell offered hosting in Amarillo, Texas. She offered up the Quarter Horse Museum and Kids Discovery Center as interesting activities, the proximity of the airport as an advantage. She wasn't sure which hotel would be best but several new one had opened recently.
  - Denver with its nice cooler temperature was suggested by a family member.
  - Nashville was also mentioned again.
  - Duke Sundt suggested we consider returning to Las Vegas in 4 years as the Old Constaneda Hotel, a Harvey House hotel, was purchased recently and being renovated. The developer also purchased the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. (Duke told the story of MM Sundt building scaffolding outside the Plaza Hotel.)
  - Cayman Islands were suggested again.

The family discussed the generous offer by the Mitchell to host in Amarillo and everyone agreed to the location. Shirley Butts Moved to hold the next reunion in Amarillo, Texas and Linda Davis Seconded the motion.
3. Tor Andre' Johnsen extended the invitation to host anyone to visit Norway anytime!
4. Shirley Butts opened a discussion on the importance of sharing the family heritage of MM and Thea Sundt with the younger generation, maybe through an audio presentation.
5. Jackie Sundt suggested the family consider purchase a projector so that we can 1) view photos of the prior year's reunion during future reunions, 2) view photos sent in by reunion non-attendees during reunions and 3) have a tool to share oral family history. She suggested the machine could travel to reunions with the current family president.
6. Dan S. Sundt opened a discussion on the future of our family reunions, frequency, etc.
7. Clint Sundt suggested we consider using Facebook, creating a MM Sundt page to reach the younger generation of family members.
8. Tom (??) Mitchell discussed the idea of purchasing sturdy cases for transporting family albums during air travel. Musiciansfriend.com is one possibility but cases start at \$239 (case for a music sound board).

9. Dan S. Sundt thanked this year's reunion committee and pointed out this was the first reunion where no family member actually lived in the reunion location! He also challenged the family to break 100 in attendance at the next reunion and for everyone to encourage attendance by younger family members!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chuck Sundt and Andy Mirdik Seconded the motion. The Motion Carried.

Dan S. Sundt closed the meeting.

(Minutes recorded by Sharon Campbell, Secretary)